The Regiments that Claremen died with in WW1 came from the following Provinces and Countries:

- Connaught,
- Leinster,
- Munster,
- Ulster,
- Australia,
- Canada,
- England,
- France,
- India,
- New Zealand,
- Scotland,
- South Africa,
- U.S.A,
- Wales,
- Royal Navy,
- Merchant Navy,
- Irish Guards

Also

British Soldiers not born in Clare
The New Great War Memorial in Ennis, Co Clare

The Memorial commemorates over 680 Claremen and women who died in the Great War. They are listed by parish or town on three glass panels, that have the silhouette of ‘A Tommy’ an ‘Anzac’ and a ‘Doughboy’.

The Memorial Stone and benches are all made of Portland Stone, the same stone used to make WW1 headstones throughout the world.
Lieutenant Desmond Arthur (1884–1913) Born in Glenomera, O’Briensbridge. He was an Irish aviator in the Royal Flying Corps. Following his crash in Scotland’s first fatal aircraft accident (27th May 1913) his name is connected to a ghost believed to haunt the airfield at RAF Montrose in Montrose, Angus, Scotland. The case is considered one of the most famous ghost stories from the First World War, and was investigated by the British government. He was buried in Montrose in Scotland.

The inquiry after the crash covered up the reason for the crash (a shoddy repair to a wing) blaming Desmond and so from then until they had another inquiry which exonerated Desmond from any fault in the crash, his ghost was said to haunt the aerodrome at Montrose. He was killed in 1913 and was probably the first Irishman to be killed in a military aircraft accident. (Michael Kelly)

Michael Maloney/Moloney: O’Briens Bridge, died at home 13th Aug 1914 age 18 (Possibly from illness), Royal Munster Fusiliers 5th. Buried in Cork Military Cemetery where he is listed on the WW1 Memorial. He is also commemorated on a headstone in Grangegorman Cemetery. (TB) The 5th RMF were based in Queenstown / Cobh at the time he died. (Maloney on Memorial. Moloney in Memorial Records) (TB) Son of M. Maloney, of Fairyhall, Montpelier, O’Brien’s Bridge.

27th Aug 1914 Étreux – 5 Claremen killed and 50 Claremen were taken as POW’s.

‘By 5 p.m., the battalion was in danger of being overrun and began to retire south toward Étreux in order to rejoin the main force of British troops which had been retreating for most of the day. Yet as they approached Étreux, the Munsters discovered that much of the town had already been occupied by German troops who now began to lay down heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. Cut off from its own
army and greatly outnumbered by the enemy, the rearguard now began to suffer serious casualties as it tried to fight its way through the German lines. British troops charged again and again at the houses in the northern outskirts of the village, which were full of German soldiers, but were beaten back by intense enemy fire. By 7 p.m. the rearguard was under attack from all sides, the commanding officer had been killed, and the surviving officers and men had retired to an apple orchard from where they continued to resist the advancing German forces. Shortly after 9.15 p.m. those who were still standing, about 250 men, finally surrendered.’

John Cunneen: Newmarket on Fergus, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 age 26 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France. Son of Patrick and Johanna, Latoon Newmarket on Fergus. (TB)

Private James Hanrahan: Born, lived and enlisted Ennis, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 age 48 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France. Son of James and Mary Hanrahan and husband of Mary Cullinan Hanrahan. (TB)

John O’Connor: Born in Liscannor lived in Ennistymon, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 age 29 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France. (TB)
Christopher Spillane: Born in Athlone, lived in Ennis, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France. (TB)

The Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France

James Williams: Ennis, killed in action 27th August 1914 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France. (TB)

The Etreux British Cemetery, Aisne in France

Private Patrick Flaherty: Ennis, died of wounds 30th Sept 1914 (possibly from Etreux), 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M in France. (TB)

The La Kreule Military Cemetery in France

Private John Keane: Born in Ballyvaughan, lived in Lisdoonvarna, died 27th Aug 1914 in India, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Yangon (Rangoon) Myanmar (Burma). The 1st Bn RMF were based in Rangoon (the Capital of Burma at the time) in August 1914. He died before they returned to Britain. (TB)

The Taukkyan War Memorial in Burma
John Thynne: Born and lived in Ennistymon, killed in action 27th Aug 1914, near Caudry after the Battle Of Le Cateau (26/08/1914). Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 10330, 8th Brigade, 3rd Division. G/M in Chambieres French National Cemetery, Metz. Tragically his two brothers also died in the war, Michael and Patrick Thynne (died May 1915). Son of John and Catherine Thynne, Church Hill Ennistymon. (TB) (Guss O’Halloran)

Michael O’Brien: Ennis, died 4th Sept 1914 age 35, Royal Garrison Artillery, G/M in Drumcliffe Ennis. (TB) He died at home after wounds he received in the Battle of Mons. (Clare People Dec 2015)

‘Both sides had success at the Battle of Mons: the British had been outnumbered by about 3:1 but managed to withstand the German First Army for 48 hours, inflict more casualties on the Germans and then retired in good order.’

Private Edward Comber: Born and lived in Lahinch, died of wounds 7th Sept 1914 age 28, from wounds he received in the Battle of Mons (23 Aug 1914). Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 7726, G/M in Mons Belgium. ‘The Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn performed a courageous rearguard action at Mons on August 23rd 1914, which saved the British army from disaster.’ (TB) Son of Thomas J Comber of Lahinch. He had been in Melbourne for five years returning a year before the outbreak of the war.
Lt Ronald Elphinstone Parker: Ballyvalley, Killaloe, killed in action 9th Sept 1914 age 28 in the Battle of the Marne, Royal Horse Artillery D Battery, supporting the 3rd Cavalry Brigade. G/M in Perreuse Chateau Franco-British National Cemetery France. (TB) He is also commemorated on a Memorial in St Flannan’s Cathedral Killaloe. Brother of Major R G Parker.

Patrick Michael Hastings: Born on Canon Island, Kildysart, killed in action 14th Sept 1914, Scot’s Guards 1st Bn 7958, G/M on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial France. (TB) He enlisted in Edinburgh, and died in the Battle of Aisne that raged from 12-15 Sept 1914. The battle was an Anglo-French counter-offensive following the Battle of the Marne. (Clare People Sept 2015)

William Murchie: Born in Glasgow, killed in action 15th Sept 1914 age 25, in the First Battle of the Aisne (13 – 28 Sept 1914), Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 1st Bn 984. His wife was Ellen Murchie from Sixmilebridge (TB) (PMcN) G/M on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial France.

Edward Lucitt: Born in Labasheeda lived in Tralee, died of wounds 14th Sept 1914 age 30, Irish Guards 1st Bn 2225, 4th (Guards) Brigade, 2nd Div, G/M in France. (TB) Brother of John also Irish Guards 1st Bn (died Nov 1914) and Joseph (Born in Tralee died April 1918). Son of E and Margaret Lucitt, No 3 Bridge St, Tralee. He died of wounds in the Battle of Aisne that raged from 12-15 Sept 1914.
The battle was an Anglo-French counter-offensive following the Battle of the Marne. (Clare People Sept 2015)

**Thomas Connolly:** Born in Ennis (1861) lived in Dundalk, died 3rd Oct 1914 age 53 in Tidworth Military Hospital. Household Cavalry (Old) 7th Reserve Cavalry Regiment (9th and 21st Lancers) 8500. This was a Cavalry training unit based in Tidworth (with training grounds on the Salisbury Plain). Thomas Connolly possibly died of illness in Tidworth, where he was training recruits for the cavalry. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. He was previously with the 13th Hussars 6084. G/M in Tidworth Military Cemetery in England. (TB)

**Stoker William Moran:** Born on Scattery Island lived in Cappa, died 6th Oct 1914 age 39 on the battleship HMS Majestic off Gallipoli, Royal Navy 181311, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Husband of Annie Moran of Cappa.(TB) (Drowned KM) He had 5 children (CC) Son of Patrick and Margaret Hannah Moran Scattery Island. At the time of William’s death (6th Oct 1914), the Majestic was accompanying the First Canadian Troop Convoy. It was later torpedoed (27th May 1915) by U-21 off the Gallipoli Peninsula with the loss of 49 men.(TB)

**Martin Sculley/Scully:** Born in Limerick lived in Kilkee, died 17th Oct 1914, in The Battle of Messines (12 Oct – 2 Nov 1914). Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn 7465, 10th Brigade in 4th Division. G/M in
Nantes (La Bouteillerie) Cemetery, France. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. He was the first Clare soldier reported killed in the war. He had previously been wounded in the Boer War. (Peadar McNamara)

20th Oct 1914 - The Battle of Armentieres (13th Oct - 2nd Nov 1914) – 6 Claremen were killed.

October 1914: The 2nd Leinsters were sent north to the suburbs of Armentières. They were ordered to take the village of Premesque on 18 October 1914. By 10 a.m. they had done so. There was heavy resistance from entrenched German positions. The captured fortress of Lille was nearby. The Germans counterattacked on the 20th October. Heavy artillery bombardment: the primitive trenches offered little protection. By evening the Leinsters had retreated …… after five days of fighting….. Heavy casualties sustained: 434, of which 155 were killed. The Battle of Armentieres was one of several actions in the Ypres sector which became known as the First Battle of Ypres (12th October to 22nd November, 1914).

William Cunningham: Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 age 29, in The Battle of Armentieres (13th Oct to 2nd Nov 1914). 2nd Bn Leinster Regiment, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Brother of Lance Sergeant John Cunningham who died at Rue de Bois in May 1915. (TB) Private William Cunningham was a married, pre-war regular soldier based in Cork with the 2nd Battalion, Leinster Regiment at the outbreak of the war. He arrived at St. Nazaire, France on 12th September, 1914, as part of the 6th Division, British Expeditionary Force. He went missing in action, presumed killed, in Belgium on 20th October 1914 and has no known grave. (Clare Museum)

Peter Frawley: Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 age 27 in the First Battle of Ypres, Leinster Regiment D Company 2nd Bn 9309, G/M in Cité Bonjean Military Cemetery, France. (TB) Brother of Patrick, who also died. One of six brothers who served, two of whom were killed.
Matthew Griffey: Born and enlisted in Ennis, lived in Jail Street (O’Connell St) Ennis, killed in action 20\textsuperscript{th} Oct 1914 age 29 near Armentières, Leinster Regiment 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Son of Matthew and Mary Anne Griffey, and husband of Maria Griffey. (TB)

Corporal Patrick Keane: Lived in Loophead Co Clare, killed in action 20\textsuperscript{th} Oct 1914, Leinster Regiment 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 6460, 6\textsuperscript{th} Div, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. (TB)

Martin Hallinan: Born in Barefield, enlisted in Ennis. Lived at Ennis Railway Station, killed in action 20\textsuperscript{th} Oct 1914 near Armentieres, Leinster Regiment 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Son of Mr J Hallinan. (TB)
Patrick Kelly (served as Patrick Considine). Born and enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 age 35 near Armentieres, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 6205, 6th Div, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Son of Patrick Kelly, Lifford, Ennis.(TB)

John Copeland: Born in Limerick, lived on Old Mill Street in Ennis, killed in action 26th Oct 1914 age 30, during The First Battle of Ypres (19 Oct – 22 Nov 1914). Scots Guards 5116, 7th Division. G/M in Belgium. ‘News has reached Ennis that Pte John Copeland, Pte Michael Scully (Ballyea), Irish Guards; and Pte Murphy, Clarecastle, Irish Guards, have been killed in action’. Clare Journal Dec 1914. (TB) The Ypres Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge.

Gunner Joseph Doyle: Ennis, killed in action 30th Oct 1914 in The Battle of La Bassée (10 October – 2 November 1914), Royal Horse Artillery 11th Battery, G/M in France at the Le Touret Memorial. (TB) Gnr. Joseph Doyle, 12th Battery, 35th Brigade Royal Field Artillery, was killed in action on 30th October 1914.

 Originally from Ennis, Co. Clare, he enlisted at Drumcliffe, Co. Clare on 19th January 1903. In 1914 his wife, (Sheila) Margaret, lived at 81 Windermere Road, Forest Fields, Nottingham.
Captain Alexander Moore Vandeleur: Lived in Cahercon, Kildysart, killed in action 30th Oct 1914 age 30, the 2nd Life Guards, G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. (TB) He was killed in action in the Battle of Gheluvelt (28th-31st Oct 1914 First Battle of Ypres) in Zanvoorde in Belgium, where fierce fighting led to the British Expeditionary Force suffering many casualties. He left behind a three year old son and heir Giles Alexander Meysey and his wife of four years Violet Ethel Meysey-Thompson. The Vandaleur family, of Dutch descent, were the big landowners in west Clare since the early 1800’s. (Clare People)

1st Nov 1914 - The Battle of Coronel – 6 Claremen die.

The HMS Monmouth and HMS Good Hope participated in the Battle of Coronel off the coast of Chile on 1 November 1914. Early in the battle, a shell from SMS Gneisenau penetrated the armour of the forward gun turret of HMS Monmouth. When it was clear that Monmouth was out of action, Gneisenau shifted fire to HMS Good Hope. A short while later, drifting and on fire, Monmouth was attacked by the newly arrived light cruiser SMS Nürnberg. Monmouth and Good Hope both sank with a combined loss of 1,570 lives. There were no survivors from either ship.

Stoker 1st Class John Behan (Beham SS112719): Born in Kilkee 27th Nov 1891, died 1st Nov 1914 age 23 on the HMS Monmouth, Royal Navy, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Austin and Annie Behan and husband of Mary Kate Behan Miltown Road. (TB) He was the first Clare sailor reported killed in the war. He had 3 children.
Able Seaman Patrick Conway: Pound Street, Kilrush, died on the 1st Nov 1914 age 32 on the HMS Monmouth, Royal Navy, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. (TB) Son of Michael and Bridget Conway Pound Street, Kilrush.

Able Seaman Francis Kinsley: Born in Kilrush 9th March 1885. Lived in Seafield, Quilty, killed in action 1st Nov 1914 age 26 on the HMS Monmouth, Royal Navy, 212039, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Son of Peter and Maria Kinsley of the Coast Guard Station, Seafield.(TB)

Engine Room Artificer Edward Leggatt: Born 27th Feb 1870 in Kilrush, died 1st Nov 1914 age 44 on the HMS Good Hope, Royal Navy 159975, G/M on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial in England. He died before the sinking of the Good Hope. Son of George and Mary Ann Leggatt Kilrush.(TB)
Batt Shea: Born in Trough 30th July 1877, Clonlara Co Clare, died 1st Nov 1914 age 36 on the HMS Good Hope off Chile, Royal Navy 284107, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Son of John and Margaret Shea Glenbeigh Co Kerry. (TB)

Able Seaman Albert Richard Thompson: Cappaduff, Mountshannon. Royal Navy. Died on the 1st November 1914 on board HMS Good Hope in the Battle of Colonel off the coast of Chile. Albert was aged 29 years and left a young wife behind him. His name is remembered on the Royal Naval Memorial in Portsmouth, England. For years a memorial plate for Albert was on the wall of St Caimins Church in Mountshannon. But it was removed during one of the Art festivals and never replaced.’ (World War 1 Stories written by Sean Glennon)

Lt Lancelot Alexander Montgomery: Grandson of John Lecky Phelps of Waterpark, Clonlara. Elder son of Major General Robert Arundel Kerr Montgomery C.B. DSO and Annie his wife. He was torpedoed on HMS Good Hope, Flagship of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, which sank with all hands in the Battle of Coronel, South Pacific, All Saints Day 1st Nov 1914. Born at Meernt April 2nd 1888.’ (Kiltenanlea Parish Church Clonlara) G/M on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial in England. He is also remembered on a Memorial in St Senan’s Church Clonlara.
1st – 6th Nov 1914 - Klein Zillebeke in the 1st Battle of Ypres - 9 Claremen were killed - the Battle of Nonne Bosschen (1st to 11th Nov 1914)

‘On 29 October six Bavarian divisions, scrutinised by the Kaiser himself, launched an all-out attack on the hamlet of Gheluvelt... For their part, the Irish Guards held trenches east of Zillebeke Wood against superior forces. Driven back to the tree line by heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, ‘the Micks’ readied themselves for a last stand. As explained by the regimental historian, Rudyard Kipling, at this point ‘the officers, every cook, orderly and man who could stand, took rifle and fought’. Reduced to tatters, the Guards held out, but at a terrible cost. By the end of the action, total casualties—including 88 men killed in a single trench completely blown in by shellfire—surpassed 600 men.’ History Ireland Issue 4

Michael Browne: Born in Kilmacduane, Moyarta, (near Carrigaholt), killed in action 1st Nov 1914 at Klein Zillebeke (1st Battle of Ypres), Irish Guards 1st Bn, G/M on the Menin Gate, Ypres Belgium. (TB)

Michael Egan: Kilkishen, killed in action 1st Nov 1914 at Klein Zillebeke in the 1st Battle of Ypres, Irish Guards 1st Bn 3829, G/M on the Menin Gate, Ypres Belgium. (TB)

Michael Scully: Born in Clarecastle, lived in Kilkee, killed in action 1st Nov 1914 age 23, in the First Battle of Ypres, at Klein Zillebeke. Irish Guards 1st Bn 4460, 4th (Guards) Brigade of the 2nd Division. G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. Son of Patrick and Mary Scully, Tiermaclane Ennis. (TB) ‘He was a man of splendid physique and height, and went through the South African War, where he was wounded, having volunteered for service there out of the R I C which he had originally joined. He again volunteered for service with Lord Kitchener’s Expeditionary Force.’ From the Clare Journal 1914. (TB)

William Leahy: Born in Dysart lived in Erinagh, Fountain Cross, Ennis, killed in action 6th Nov 1914, at Zillebeke, in the First Battle of Ypres (19 Oct – 22 Nov 1914), Irish Guards 1st Bn 4155, 4th (Guards) Brigade, 2nd Div, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres in Belgium. Son of John Leahy, Erinagh Co Clare. (TB)


Thomas (King) McGann: Born in Ennistymon, enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 6th Nov 1914 age 30 during the First Battle of Ypres, Irish Guards 1st Bn 3356, 2nd Div, G/M on the Menin Gate
Memorial, Ypres Belgium. Son of Patrick and Jane McGann Ennistymon. Grand-uncle of Tom Coughlan. (Guss O’Halloran) (TB)

‘The story is that Thomas McGann was saving hay in Blackwell’s field when the train came in to Ennistymon Railway Station with soldiers going to war and the band playing. He stuck the fork in the ground and went off saying “Tell my mother I’ll write” jumped on the train and enlisted. He was killed soon afterwards.’ (Guss O’Halloran)


John Patrick Corbett: Born and lived in Tulla, killed in action 2nd Nov 1914 age 24, the Battle of Messines (12 Oct – 2 Nov 1914). 1st Bn East Lancashire Regiment, 11th Brigade of the 4th Division. G/M in the Lancashire Cottage Cemetery in Belgium. Son of James and Ellen Corbett Main Street Tulla.(TB) The Ypres Salient was formed during the First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914, when a small British Expeditionary Force succeeded in securing the town pushing the German forces back to the Passchendaele Ridge.
James Lenane: Lisdoonvarna, died of wounds 2nd Nov 1914 (During the First Battle of Ypres), Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery Belgium. (TB)

Michael Neylon: Born in Ennis, enlisted in Manchester, died of wounds 2nd Nov 1914, during the First Battle of Ypres (19 Oct – 22 Nov 1914). Royal Army Medical Corps 2nd Field Ambulance 3675, 1st Div, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres Belgium. Son of Patrick and Anne Neylon, Skagh, Inagh. (TB) NCS.

Lt Frederick Ralph George: Offaly, killed in action 5th Nov 1914 age 31, Connaught Rangers 1st Bn, G/M in the Rue-du-Bacquerot No. 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie, in France. (TB) ‘Son of the late Barry George, 13th Foot, was born at Mountshannon House Co Clare, the residence of his uncle, on 9th Sept 1883.... He was very fond of all kinds of sport, polo, hunting, shooting, fishing and football. He played rugby for Trinity. He was also fond of sailing. Lt George volunteered to take part in a bayonet attack on the night of the 5th November and was shot during the charge.’ From Bond of Sacrifice.
Battle of Messiuies: ‘He was killed in action on the 5th November 1914 during a bayonet charge on a German trench, in front of their position near Neuve Chapell. In the attack Lt George was severely wounded as he rushed forward, but a Sgt Thomas Kelly (Mountshannon House) cleared the parapet and in the face of very heavy fire lifted the officer to carry him to safety. As he was doing so another bullet killed Lt George in his arms. For his bravery Sgt Kelly was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Sgt Kelly’s citation published in the London Gazette was ‘For conspicuous Gallantry during an attack on the enemies trenches…. Sgt Kelly was killed later in action with the Battalion in Mesopotamia in January 1916.’ Lt George is buried in a row with 20 other Connaught Rangers. (World War 1 Stories Sean Glennon) Did Sgt Kelly work for the George family before the War?

Michael Whelan: Born in Ballyvaughan Workhouse lived in Kilnaboy, killed in action 7th Nov 1914 age 21, Connaught Rangers 2nd Bn 3938, 5th Brigade in the 2nd Division. G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. Son of Mrs Winifred Whelan, Faherlaughroe Cottage, Carron, Kilnaboy, Co Clare. (TB) The Connaught Rangers 2nd Battalion landed at Boulogne-sur-Mer, to cheering French crowds, with the British Expeditionary Force in August 1914 for service on the Western Front. Its marching song It’s a Long Way to Tipperary became famous.

Thomas McMahon: Born in Madras India, lived in Ennis, killed in action 11th Nov 1914 in the First Battle of Ypres (19 Oct–22 Nov 1914), Duke of Wellington’s (West Riding Regiment 2nd Bn) 3/9910, 5th Div, G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. (TB)
Thomas O’Halloran: Born in Ennis lived in Kildysart, killed in action 11th Nov 1914 age 21, in the First Battle of Ypres, Scots Guards 1st Bn 6607, 1st (Guards) Brigade of the 1st Division. G/M on the Menin Gate in Belgium. (TB) He was only three weeks at the front. Brother of Johnny and Jimmy O’Halloran. (Holly Mularkey)

Thomas Lennon: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 12th Nov 1914 age 20 (in the First Battle of Ypres), Connaught Rangers 1st Bn 10135, 7th (Ferozepore) Brigade, 3rd (Lahore) Division, G/M in the Rue-du-Bacquerot, No. 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie in France. Son of Margaret Lennon, Burton Street Kilrush. (TB)

Cornelius O’Donoghue: Born in Kilkisheen, lived in Clarecastle. Killed in action in the woods near Klein Zillebeke in Ypres 12th Nov 1914 age 32, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Menin Gate in Ypres Belgium. Son of Mrs Catherine Murphy. (TB)

'He left India with his Regiment for France, 21 September 1914, and on arrival was detailed Railway Transport Officer until early in November, when he rejoined his regiment in the trenches. He was Killed in action at Bethune a few days later, 13-14 Nov 1914. His Colonel wrote; “He had charged right up most valiantly to the enemy’s trench and in a yard or two would have been in it..’ British Roll of Honour 1914-1916.

**Francis Quaile:** Born in Killaloe, died **14th Nov 1914** in India, Royal Irish Regiment 1st Bn 8925, G/M on the Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial Mumbai (Bombay) in India. (TB) The 1st Battalion was in Nasirabad, India in 1914 and embarked at Bombay on 19 October 1914. Francis Quaile probably contracted Influenza in October 1914 (as many others did in Nasirabad) and was unable to take this journey. He died on the 14th Nov 1914, and was most likely buried in Nasirabad Cemetery, Rajasthan, India, where there are 3 WW1 graves.

**Corporal Patrick Farnan:** Lived in Kilkee born in Kildare. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn (4th Div). Died of wounds **21st Nov 1914** age 27. G/M in Bailleul Communal Cemetery France. Son of John and Mary Farnan, Co Kildare. (TB)

**Thomas Keane:** Born in Ennis, lived in Clarecastle, killed in action **23rd Nov 1914** age 25, 1st Bn. Connaught Rangers 8696, 3rd (Lahore) Division, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of James and Bridget Keane, Clarecastle. (TB)
Martin Morgan: Born in Ennis lived in Sixmilebridge, killed in action 23rd Nov 1914, in the Defence of Festubert 23-24th November 1914, Connaught Rangers 1st Bn 5230, G/M in the Browns Road Military Cemetery Festubert in France. (TB)

Able Seaman John Griffin: Born and lived in Kilrush, died 26th Nov 1914 age 29 on the HMS Bulwark, Royal Navy 215611. G/M in the Woodlands Cemetery Gillingham in England. 738 lives were lost. Son of John and Mary Griffin of Pound Street Kilrush. (TB)

‘It was announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the battleship ‘Bulwark’ was blown up in Sherness Harbour this morning. Only twelve lives were saved... It is believed that the cause of the disaster was an internal magazine explosion, which rent the ship asunder. There was no upheaval of water, and when the smoke cleared, the ship had entirely disappeared.’ 738 lives were lost. Enniscorthy Guardian Nov 1914.

Terence Hynes: Born in the Burren Co Clare, enlisted in Lancashire, killed in action 16th Dec 1914 during the Winter Operations 1914-15, Royal Irish Rifles 2nd Bn. 7233, 3rd Division, G/M in Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium. (TB)
Dec 21\textsuperscript{st} /22\textsuperscript{nd} 1914: Festubert – 5 Claremen Died - Royal Munster Fusiliers 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn

‘Slowly but surely the advance continued... Suddenly a shot rang out, followed by another and then an inferno seemed to be let loose... The Munsters were 500 yards in advance of the troops on either flank!... Officers and men were falling everywhere; in ten minutes 11 officers and over 200 men were hit..... Slowly, reluctantly and methodically, at about 4am on the 23\textsuperscript{rd}, the shattered remnants of the four companies filed back to their starting point, unconquered and unconquerable.’ (The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Munsters in France HS Jervis)

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Patrick Edwards: Ennistymon, killed in action 21\textsuperscript{st} Dec 1914 in Festubert, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB)

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Thomas Griffin: Born and lived in O’Brien’s Bridge, killed in action 21\textsuperscript{st} Dec 1914 age 20 at Festurbet, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 5298, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Ellen Griffin. (TB) Brother of Michael also RMF 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn.
**Patrick Hartigan:** Lived in Parteen, born in Limerick, killed in action **21st Dec 1914** age 33 in Festubert, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Hartigan. (TB)

**Private Michael McCarthy:** Grace Street Kilrush, killed in action **21st Dec 1914** age 25 in Festubert, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 5360, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of John and Bridget McCarthy, Grace St. (TB)

**Thomas Sullivan:** Kilrush, killed in action **21st Dec 1914** at Festubet, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 5842, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB)

**Pat Keanelly (Kenneally):** Born in Kilkee, killed in action **5th Jan 1915**, age 38. North Staffordshire Regiment 1st Bn 7504, G/M on The Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. (PMcN) (KCT) (TB). He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. He was an
unmarried farm Labourer and the eldest of 5 children. Son of Mrs Nora Kenneally, Lisdeen, Kilkee. (Clare People)

‘The North Staffordshire Regiment 1st Battalion went to France in September 1914 as part of 17th Brigade in 6th Division. It took part in the First Battle of Ypres being based in the Armentières sector on the southern flank of the battle. In December 1914 it was in trenches in the Rue-du-Bois area (near Fleurbaix), and participated in the Christmas truce, where British and German soldiers fraternised in no man's land.’

John (Duff NCS) O’Loughlin MID: Born in Ennistymon, killed in action 14th Jan 1915 (during the Winter Operations 1914-1915) age 32, Royal Engineers Unit, 56th Field Company 4827, 3rd Division. G/M in Wytschaete Cemetery Belgium. (TB) Mentioned in Despatches (Feb 1915).

‘Ennistymon Volunteers have learned with deepest regret of the death at the Front in Belgium of their late instructor Sapper John O’Loughlin who was attached to the Royal Engineers…. A native of Ennistymon, the deceased was only 35 years old and besides his widow leaves 4 little ones ranging from 4 months to 6 years of age to mourn his loss. The local Volunteer Corps for whom the late sapper did so much during his period as instructor has arranged for a memorial mass to be offered for him.’ The Clare Journal Feb 1915.

Thomas Rowan: Kilrush, died Jan 21st 1915 age 34, Petty Officer on the submarine HMS/ME-10 (E-10) that sank off the coast of Heligoland, G/M on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial in England. (TB) He left behind his wife Theresa who lives in Portsmouth and his father James in Kilrush. On the 18th Jan the E-10 submarine sailed from Harwich for operations north west of Heligoland. It is believed the submarine was destroyed by an enemy mine. (Clare People)
Lt. George Eric Guy Stacpoole DSO: Born in London Jan 1891, lived at Edenvale Ballyea. Killed in action at St Eloi in Ypres 27th Jan 1915 age 23. Royal Irish Regiment 1st Bn, 82nd Brigade in the 27th Division. G/M on the Dickebusch Old Military Cemetery in Belgium. (TB) A brother of R H Stacpool MC. He was the great grandson of John de la Zouche Stacpoole (who fought at Waterloo). He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) in 1915. (Joe Power)

Patrick McMahon: Born in Ennis enlisted in Galway, died 31st Jan 1915 during the Winter Operations 1914-15, South Lancashire Regiment 2nd Bn 9464, 3rd Div, G/M in Ypres on the Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium. (TB)

Captain Dudley Eyre Persee: Born in Galway, died of wounds 1st Feb 1915 age 22, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn, 10th Brigade in 4th Division. G/M in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery in France. He died in the No 2 Casualty Clearing Station at Bailleul. (TB) Son of Alfred Lovaine and Florence G Persee of Cragmoher, Corofin. Dudley Eyre Persee: Corofin, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. (PMcN) ‘He saw some Germans going into a wood some distance off and wanted to telephone to the General. There was no telephone in the trench, so he ran 80 yards across the open in a hail of bullets and telephoned from another trench. The General ordered the wood to be shelled at once and commended him for what he had done. He also found that the Germans were mining the trench, and started counter-mining, which stopped the enemy’s game, so he did all he could bravely, poor boy.’ De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.
Patrick King: Born in Kildysart, lived in the Turnpike, Ennis, died of wounds 2\textsuperscript{nd} Feb 1915 age 27, South Lancashire Regiment 2\textsuperscript{nd} 7330, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Div, G/M in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension in France. Husband of Mary Anne King of the Turnpike. Son of George and Alice King. (TB)

Sergeant Thomas Howard: Miltown Malbay, died of wounds 4\textsuperscript{th} Feb 1915 at Bologne, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 4437. G/M in the Wimereux Communal Cemetery, in France. (TB)

The Hon Desmond O’Brien: Born in Dromoland Castle, killed in action 16\textsuperscript{th} Feb 1915 age 19. Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Air Service, G/M on the Chatham Naval Memorial in England. He is also remembered on a Memorial in Kilnasoolagh Church in Newmarket on Fergus. (TB) He was a pilot. Desmond was taking part on a air raid on the Belgium coast when he died.

The role of honor from his school, Charterhouse reads “Flight Lieutenant. Born 14th May 1895, 6th son of Edward Donough O’Brien, 14th Baron Inchiquin, of Dromoland Castle and Lady Inchiquin. He was at
Charterhouse [S] 1909 - 1911. In the Great War he joined the R.N.A.S. He was killed in action on 16th February 1915 in what a contemporary claims to have been the first air attack launched on German naval bases. "Keir McNamara

Captain Bertram Weldon Molony: Born in 1888 in Kiltannon Tulla Co Clare, killed in action 28th Feb 1915 age 26, East Lancashire Regiment 1st Bn, 4th Division. G/M in Lancashire Cottage Cemetery in Belgium. (TB) Bertram joined the army in 1911 and was made a Captain in Nov 1914. He came from the well know Molony family from Kiltannon House, Tulla who had substantial lands in Tulla, Feakle and beyond. Son of Weldon Charles and Eleanor A Molony.

2nd Lt Charles Richard Griffin Vance: Born in Belfast, lived in Limerick. Killed in action 9th March 1915 age 22 in Ypres. 3rd Cheshire Regiment. He was in command of a trench at the time he was shot, a bullet hitting him on the head and killing him instantly. Youngest son of Rev Chancellor Vance M A, Rector of Ardagh Co Limerick. His brother is also at the front. He was the nephew of Thomas R Griffin, Liscrona House Kilkee, ‘where part of many happy years of youthful life were spent in the land of the West’. (Clare Journal) G/M in Ramparts Cemetery - Lille Gate in Ypres.

Henry Colpoys Gloster: Born in Kensington, London. His mother was Aphra Jane (Keane), Trafalgar Lodge, Kilkee. Killed in action 13th March 1915 age 20, in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. Gordon Highlanders 6th Bn, 7th Div, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB) He was well known in Kilkee.
**Charles Shaw:** Born in Clarecastle lived in Newport Wales, killed in action **13th March 1915** age 20, in The Battle of Neuve Chapelle (10–13 March 1915). Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1st Bn 10587, 22nd Brigade in 7th Division. G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB) Brother of Basil who died in 1918.

**Cornelius Moloney/Maloney:** Born in Feakle, killed in action **14th March 1915** age 32 near Armetieres, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 3592, 6th Div, G/M in the Ferme Buterne Military Cemetery, Houplines France. Son of Pat and Kate Moloney, Carheen, Flagmount Co Clare. (TB)

In March 1915 the 6th Division was in Armetieres (very near Houplines where Cornelius Moloney is buried). There was a minor operation by the North Staffordshire Regiment on the 12th March 1915, resulting in the inclusion in their line of the unsavoury Epinette Salient, which was near Armentieres.

**Private Joseph Costello:** Whitegate. Died of wounds on the **14th March 1915**. 2nd Bn Leinster Regiment 6941. 17th Brigade of the 6th Division. G/M in the Cité Bonjean Military Cemetery Armentieres in France. (World war 1 Stories Sean Glennon)

**Patrick Griffin:** Kilkee, died of wounds **27th March 1915** age 26 near Festurbet, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery in France. Son of Mrs Kate Griffin
‘who was deaf and dumb’, 45 O’Connell St Kilkee.(TB) He is also remembered on the The Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. ‘Griffin was with a digging party in the trenches when he received his death wound, and as the bleeding could not be stopped, the poor fellow only lived for two hours, but died a splendid death.’

Sergeant Patrick Fitzmartin: Born in Kilmurry Co Clare, lived in Co Laois, killed in action 11th April 1915 age 21, Leinster Regiment 4th Bn 3262 (The same number as Thomas Fitzpatrick) 6th Div, G/M in the Ferme Buterne Military Cemetery in France. Son of Bridget and John Fitzmartin, Durrow, Co Laois. (TB)

Joseph McCarthy: Born in Co Clare (Clarecastle) lived in Nenagh, killed in action 21st April 1915 in the Battle of Hill 60 (17 April – 7 May 1915), Leinster Regiment 1st Bn 4195, 27th Division, G/M in Menin Gate Ypres Belgium. (TB)

25th April 1915 – The landings at V Beach in Gallipoli – 5 Claremen are killed.

‘At 1am on April 25th the River Clyde (with 2,100 men on board) left her moorings and slowly moved to her objective... When the gangways were ready...the men instantly responded, and dashed for the shore under a tornado of shot and shell...very few of the men got ashore, those who did took cover behind a
bank about eight feet high that ran along the beach ten yards from the water’s edge. In front of this bank was a line of barbed wire entanglements about 25 yards distant. The cross fire was so heavy...that any man who left the cover of the bank for an instant was killed...' The ‘History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922’ by Captain S. McCance

The SS River Clyde was beached for the landing at Cape Helles during the Battle of Gallipoli. The ship carried 2,000 soldiers mainly from the 1st Battalion of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, and the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. However, the plan failed and the River Clyde, lying under the guns of the Turkish defenders, became a death trap.

Patrick Frawley, Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 25th April 1915 at the landings on V Beach in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) Brother of Peter who also died. One of six brothers who served, two of whom were killed.

John Griffin: Born and lived in Ballyvaughan, killed in action 25th April 1915 age 24 at the landings on V Beach in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. Son of John and Bridget Griffin Ballyvaughan. Name listed on Panel 185 to 190.

Martin Earls/Earles: Kilfarboy, Miltown Malbay, killed in action 25th April 1915 at V Beach landing in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, G/M in V Beach Cemetery Turkey. Husband of Bridget Earls.
George O’Brien: The Upper Market Ennis, died of wounds **25th April 1915** in the landings at V Beach in Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Turkey. Son of Mr Martin O’Brien. (TB) Also reported wounded in Nov 1914 in Lincoln Hospital.

John P O’Loughlin: Born in Co Clare, killed in action **25th April 1915** age 21, in The Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915). Royal Horse Artillery 46th Brigade 51134, 14th (Light) Division. G/M in France. (TB)

‘During the Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915), the Germans released a second gas attack on the morning of the 24th April as part of an effort to take St. Julien. Though the Canadian troops attempted to improvise protective measures such as covering their mouths and noses with water or urine-soaked handkerchiefs, they were ultimately forced to fall back though they exacted a high price from the Germans.’

26th April 1915 – The attack on Sedd-el-Bahr Gallipoli – 3 Claremen are killed.

‘By 12.30am on the 26th April all the troops from the River Clyde had been got ashore and nearly all the wounded had been got back to the vessel... At daybreak they forced their way into the courtyard of the Fort; by 8am the Fort was occupied, and the advance through the village of Sedd-el-Bahr commenced...In spite of a stubborn opposition and heavy losses the troops on the right pushed forward...to the attack of Hill 141... The summit was gained before 2pm, and the enemy driven from the old Fort... By 5pm the Battalion was in outpost position half a mile in advance of the old Fort. During the night the Turks attacked in force two or three times, but were driven off....’ (History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922. Captain S Mc Cance)
**Patrick Carpenter:** Born in Ennis, lived in the Clare Road Cottages Ennis. Killed in action in the attack at Sedd-el-Bahr 26th April 1915 in Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 8015. G/M on the Redoubt Cemetery Special Memorial, Helles Gallipoli in Turkey. (TB)

**Private Michael Keane:** The Glen Kilrush, killed in action in the attack on Sedd-el-Bahr 26th April 1915 in Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. His four brothers also enlisted. Son of Patrick and Mary Keane. Brother of Pat and Thomas. ‘In reference to his Majesty’s congratulations to Mr Wm Slade, commercial porter at Reading, for having six sons in his Majesty’s Forces, we call attention to the fact that Mr Pat Keane, Kilrush, Co Clare, has five gallant sons in his Majesty’s Forces.’ Clare Journal Nov 1914. (TB) KM

**Michael Magee/McGee:** Born and lived in Scariff, killed in action 26th April 1915 age 36 at Sedd-el-Bahr in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. Son of Michael and Johanna McGee, St John’s Street, Killaloe. (TB)

**Edward Tuohy:** Born in Co Clare lived in Gort, killed in action 26th April 1915, possibly during the Battle of St Julien 24 April – 4 May 1915, which was a phase of the Second Battle of Ypres. Connaught Rangers 1st Bn 3984, in 3rd (Lahore) Division. G/M in Ypres on the Menin Gate, Belgium. (TB)
‘St Julien was taken by the Germans during their attack using gas for the first time on the 24th of April 1915, and then they held it for two years. It was only recaptured during the Third Battle of Ypres.’

**Patrick Halloran:** 6 Victoria Terrace, Ennistymon, died of wounds **29th April 1915,** Connaught Rangers 1st Battalion The 3rd (Lahore) Division, G/M in Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery in France. (TB) Son of Michael Halloran. 5 of his brothers and two brothers in law fought in WW1. He fought in the Second Battle of Ypres, and was wounded and died at 11 hours and 13 minutes on the morning of Thursday the 29th April 1915. (Guss O’Halloran) Patrick Halloran features in the poignant photograph "The Last Goodbye", as he holds hands with his mother and sister for the last time.

**Martin O’Dell:** Born in Ogonnelloe lived in Western Australia, killed in action **30th April 1915** in Gallipoli, Australian Infantry 16th Bn 116, 4th Brigade, New Zealand and Australian Division. G/M in Quinn's Post Cemetery, Turkey. He enlisted in Oct 1914 when he was 33 years old. (TB) MA He was a Lumper aged 33 when he enlisted in Oct 1914 in Helene Valley WA into C Company. His mother was Mrs M O’Dell, Killaloe Co Clare. His sister was Delia Moran, Coolgardie, Australia. His brothers were Patrick O’Dell Corhula Killaloe and Michael O’Dell Carlhubane, Killaloe. (UNSW)

‘At dawn on 26 April, the warships shelled ‘Russell’s Top’, breaking up the Turkish ranks, and during the next two days there were attempts to reinforce the battalion. On the evening of **30 April**, after five days of intense fighting, the 16th Battalion was relieved by the 15th Battalion and were able to rest for two days.’
Gallipoli: May 1st – 19th 1915 – 11 Claremen die.

‘On the night of 1 May the Turks, almost out of ammunition but spurred by the then young Atatürk carried out a tremendous attack. “They crept up in the dark into our trenches bayoneting our men before we knew it had begun. Bayoneting on both sides was terrible. At dawn (May 2nd) the Turks were mowed down, and heaps of bodies and streams of blood remaining everywhere.” The battalion was reduced to 4 officers and 430 men, who attempted further attacks the following days.’

‘On May 1st the Turks attacked in force about 10.30pm….A platoon of W Company which was in reserve…put up a great fight… The Turks charged time after time, but were beaten back each time with the bayonet. At dawn the Battalion was reinforced by the 1st Essex, and a final charge forced the Turks to retire, leaving piles of dead in front of the trench… As the Battalion had no bombs of any sort, the men were at great disadvantage, but outfought the enemy when it came to close-quarter work.’ (History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922. Captain S Mc Cance)

Michael Kearney: Born in Ennis, lived on Drumbiggle Road Ennis, killed in action 1st May 1915 age 30 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. Son of Mrs Ann Kearney.

John Leahy: Corrovorin, Ennis, killed in action 1st May 1915 age 30 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of Mrs Hannah Leahy.

Private Michael Lynch: Born in Ballynote Kilrush lived in Kilkee, killed in action 1st May 1915 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (TB)

John McNamara: Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 1st May 1915 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 8790, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (TB)

John Moloney: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 1st May 1915 age 33 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Husband of Johannah Moloney, Crofton Street, Kilrush. (TB)

Patrick Lyons: Born and lived in Newmarket on Fergus, killed in action 3rd May 1915 at Krithia in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (TB)

John Regan: Born in Kilrush, killed in action 3rd May 1915 (2nd May in the newspapers) in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (TB) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 45. Private John Regan: Chapel Street Kilrush. RMF. KM

Michael Thynne: Church Hill Ennistymon, died of wounds on the 4th May 1915 age 30 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Turkey. (TB) Brother of John and Patrick (died 17th May 1915) who both also died in the War. Son of John and Catherine Thynne. (Guss O'Halloran)

Lawrence Curtin: Born in Kilbahaer, Carrigaholt, lived in Kilrush, died of wounds 12th May 1915 age 17 in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st 9787. G/M in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery in Egypt. Son of Mrs Mary Curtin Grace St Kilrush. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
Private Peter Loftus DCM MID: Ennistymon, died of wounds in Gallipoli on the 19th May 1915 age 19 (possibly wounded during the Turkish attack on May 1st), Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 9483, G/M in the Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery in Alexandria, Egypt. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (3rd of July 1915). (TB) ‘On the 26th April 1915 at Sedd-EL-Bahr, for gallant conduct in volunteering to advance to a forward position under heavy fire, where he established himself, thus enabling the attack to make headway when the position was captured.’ Son of W and Annie Loftus. He was also Mentioned in Despatches (5th Aug 1915). (Guss O’Halloran)

William Carroll: Born in Killaloe lived in Edenvale, killed in action 2nd May 1915 in the Second Battle of Ypres (22nd April – 28th May 1915) age 24. 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers Household Cavalry 3961. G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Belgium. (TB) Son of John and German born Mrs Augusta Carroll, Edenvale near Ennis. Mrs Carroll had to report weekly to the RIC.

**Robert Martin Frazer:** Born and lived in Ennis, died of wounds 4th May 1915 in Rouen (after the Second Battle of Ypres), Royal Irish Fusiliers 1st Bn 8272 4th Div, G/M in St. Sever Cemetery France. (TB) ‘Corporal Robert Frazer… who in a recent engagement, was terribly wounded in the legs, and while one was being amputated, succumbed under the operation’.

**Thomas Donnellen:** Ennis, killed in action 4th May 1915 at Gallipoli, Australian Imperial Force, G/M in Lone Pine Cemetery, Anzac Gallipoli Turkey. (TB) MA Thomas Donnellan: Clare 4326.(Al) He was a Labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in Rosebery Park NSW in 1914 into H Company (13th Bn.). He had previously served for 3 years in the RGA. Killed In Action 4/5/1915. (UNSW)

**Private James Brassil (Brazel):** Hector St Kilrush, died 4th May 1915 age 29 (2nd Battle of Ypres), Canadian Infantry. James Brazel (Brassil): Kilrush. (Cl) G/M Reference: I.V.A. 9 Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery Ypres in Belgium. Son of James and Bridget Brazil Hector St Kilrush.
**John Green**: Born in Kilkee, lived in Fulham, killed in action 4th **May 1915**, 4th Bn Rifle Brigade 27th Div, in the Battle of St. Julien (24 April – 5 May 1915), G/M in Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church (TB).

The Menin Gate Memorial Ypres in Belgium

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The Lusitania leaving New York on its last voyage – 5 Claremen die – 11 bodies washed ashore in Clare

On May 7, 1915, the **RMS Lusitania**, was torpedoed by a German U-boat and sunk, off the Old Head of Kinsale. Of the 1,959 people on board, 1,198 died, including 128 Americans.

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**Dr Joseph Garry (1890-1915)**: Shanabea Kildysart, died May 7th **1915** age 35 on the **RMS Lusitania**, Assistant Surgeon Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. (TB) He was the son of Patrick Garry Esq, a Justice of the Peace and Mary Garry. He was the brother of Dr M P Garry, a well known Irish Rugby International. Joe was the TB Sanitorium Doctor for Clare. A report said he gave away his lifebelt and attended to the wounded when the boat was sinking. (DMC) His body was never recovered. A memorial was erected in Cobh Old Church Cemetery Co Cork, for all those lost on the Lusitania.

Cobh Old Church Cemetery Co Cork
Thomas Howe: Claremount, Clarecastle. Lived in Ontario Canada. He was on the ill fated Lusitania that was sunk on May 7th 1915. Local story says that he was on his way home to get married. Lost and not found at sea as far as I can find out. (Eric Shaw)

Edmond (Eddie) Ireton: Lassana, Clooney, Quin. Born in 1879. He emigrated to the USA in Feb 1914. In April 1915 he decided to return to Ireland and sailed on the ill-fated Lusitania. He died May 7th 1915 age 36, when the liner was sunk off the south coast of Ireland, by a torpedo from the German U-Boat U-20. (Clare Champion)

Michael Galvin: Kilmurry-McMahon, died 7th May 1915 age 20 on the RMS Lusitania, civilian. Missing presumed drowned. (TB) Michael Galvin had emigrated to New York on 21 September 1906 when he was aged 16 and was coming home to visit his family. His body was never recovered. A memorial was erected in Cobh Old Church Cemetery Co Cork, for all those lost on the Lusitania. (Joe Power)

Patrick Sheedy: Darragh, Ballyea. He died May 7th 1915 age 30, when the Lusitania was sunk off the south coast of Ireland, by a torpedo from the German U-Boat U-20. Of the 1,959 people on board, 1,198 died, including 128 Americans. The sinking of the Lusitania enraged the Americans. (Clare Champion)

Mr William Harvey: Age 53. A 3rd Class passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915. His body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline and he was buried in Gleninagh Cemetery Ballyvaughan. (Brian Doyle)

Male: An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Murrough, Fanore on the 23rd July 1915. He was buried in Gleninagh Graveyard, Ballyvaughan. (Brian Doyle)

Captain James Blaine Miller: A 1st Class passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915. His body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline and he was buried in Ennistymon Workhouse Cemetery (Disinterred and sent to Erie, Pennsylvania, 4 December 1915). (Brian Doyle)
Mr Andrej Orydniec: Russia. Age 48. A 3rd Class passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915. His body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline and he was buried in Killilagh Churchyard, Doolin. (Brian Doyle)

Male: An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Ballaghaline, Doolin. He was buried in Killilagh Churchyard, Doolin. (Brian Doyle)

Mr James Shineman: A 2nd Class passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915. His body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline and he was buried in Kiltrellig Graveyard, Kilbaha. (Brian Doyle)

Female: An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Ross, Carrigaholt on 20th July 1915. She was buried in Kiltrellig Graveyard, Kilbaha. (Brian Doyle)

Male: An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on May 7th 1915, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Carrowmore North, Doonbeg on the 20th July 1915. He was buried in Clohanes Graveyard, Doonbeg. (Brian Doyle)
**Female:** An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on **May 7th 1915**, whose body was washed ashore at Lahinch, on 20th July 1915. She was buried in Ennistymon Workhouse Cemetery. (Brian Doyle)

**Male:** An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on **May 7th 1915**, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Quilty on the 23rd July 1915. He was buried in Leitrim Cemetery, Doonbeg. (Brian Doyle)

**Male:** An unidentified passenger on the Lusitania which sank on **May 7th 1915**, whose body was washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Murrough, Fanore on the 30th July 1915. He was buried in Craggagh Graveyard, Fanore. (Brian Doyle)

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**The Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915) 4 Claremen Died**

Began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres.

**Charles Cullinan:** Ennis, died of wounds **7th May 1915** age 41, during the Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915). 1st Bn Leinster Regiment, 82nd Brigade in 27th Division. G/M in the Divisional Cemetery Ypres (Ieper) Belgium. Also known as Charles Cunnienne. Son of Patrick and Ann Cullinan. (TB)

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James Murphy (served as James Clarke): Born in Ennis lived on Old Mill Street Ennis, killed in action 14th May 1915 age 29, in the Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915). Leinster Regiment 1st Bn 7208, 27th Div, G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. Husband of Mrs. Annie Murphy (nee Sullivan) Old Mill St Ennis. (TB)

Joseph Shank: Born in Ennis, (Clarecastle & Ballyea) killed in action 8th May 1915 age 27, in the Battle of Frezenburg (8-13th May 1915). Royal Field Artillery 62nd Battery 49252, 28th Division. G/M in the New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium. (TB) He is also remembered on a gravestone in Tulla Cemetery that reads ‘Their only son Joseph P S Shank. Killed in action at the 2nd Battle of Ypres. 8 May 1915 Aged 27, and interred in Jean Cemetery Flanders.’ His parents were James and Susan Shank. James Shank: Clare. Royal Field Artillery.

The Battle of Aubers Ridge (9th May 1915) 20 Claremen were killed in the Battle, 19 of whom died at Rue du Bois.

This battle was an unmitigated disaster for the British army. No ground was won and no tactical advantage gained. Intelligence about the newly strengthened German positions was not available or given sufficient attention. No surprise was achieved. The British bombardment was wholly insufficient to break the German wire and breastwork defences, or to destroy or suppress the front-line machine-guns. German artillery and free movement of reserves were also insufficiently suppressed. Trench layout, traffic flows and organisation behind the British front line did not allow for easy movement of reinforcements and casualties. British artillery equipment and ammunition were in poor condition: the first through over-use, the second through faulty manufacture. It soon became impossible to tell where British troops were; accurate close-support artillery fire was impossible. British casualties - 11,619 men.
“On a lonely dark road-side, lit up now and then by flashes from our own and German flares, arose to Heaven the voices of **800 men singing that glorious hymn, ‘Hail Queen of Heaven’**. Every man had his rosary beads out, reciting the prayers in response to Fr Gleeson.” He then went down among the men, blessing and encouraging them. At dawn the next morning, in the short period of the attack, the Munsters lost **nineteen officers and 374 men**. That evening those who survived returned to the same place for prayer.

**Michael Breen**: Born in Kilrush, lived in Knock, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 30 at Rue Du Bois, in the Battle of Aubers Ridge. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6217, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of Thomas and Bridget Breen, Lower Burrane, Knock.

**James Buckley**: Born in Kilrush lived in Kilkee, killed in action 9th May 1915 at Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial France. (TB) Son of John and Annie Buckley Dunlickey Road Kilkee.

**Lance Sergeant John Cunningham**: Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 25 in Rue du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of John and Margaret Cunningham, Turnpike. (TB) Brother of William Cunningham. (Clare Library)
Private John Honan: Born, enlisted and lived in Grace Street Kilrush, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois age 24 in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of Michael and Honor Honan, Russells Lane Kilrush. (TB)

Corporal Michael Kinsley: Born in Fothera Co Clare, lived in Cross, Carrigaholt, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 23, in Rue Du Bois, in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn. 5572, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial Richebourg-l’Avoue France. Son of Mary and Patrick Kinsley, Cross. He is also remembered on the WW1 Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. (TB)


John McGrath: Kilrush, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery Souchez in France. (TB) Private John McGrath: Pound St /Hector St Kilrush. KM
**John Hanrahan:** Born and lived in Barefield, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery France. (TB)

**Lance Corporal John McCarthy:** Ennis, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6596, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial France. (TB)

**Private Charles McMahon:** Malt House Lane Kilrush, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, 31st Brigade in 10th (Irish) Division. G/M in France. (TB) KM

**Patrick McMahon:** Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 9th May 1915 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB)

**Francis Noonan:** Killaloe, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 20 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of Francis and Mary Noonan, No 6 Cottage Newtown Killaloe. (TB)
Martin O’Brien: Kilkee, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 18 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner Cuinchy in France. Son of Michael and Mary O’Brien, Ball Alley, Kilkee. (TB)

Thomas O’Loughlin: Born and lived on the Ennistymon Road, Miltown Malbay, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 29 in the Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. His brother Martin also belonged to the same company. Son of Martin and Katie O’Loughlin. (TB) A former GAA player with the St Joseph’s football team. (The Story of the RMF 1914-1918 by Martin Staunton)

Corporal James Reynolds: Corovorrin Ennis, died 9th May 1915 age 23 in Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn (5514), G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. He was the son of James and Margaret Reynolds. (TB) He was a brother of Stephen. (Eric Shaw)
(Geoffry) Goff Taylor: Kilrush, killed in action 9th May 1915 at Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB) Private Geoffry Taylor: Moore Street Kilrush. RMF. Killed in Action in France. KM

Cornelius Costello: Kilkee, died of wounds 13th May 1915 at Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Lillers Communal Cemetery France. (TB)

John Cullinan: Ennis, died of wounds 18th May 1915 age 35 at Rue Du Bois in the Battle of Aubers Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Wimereux Communal Cemetery France. He was the son of Patrick and Annie Cullinan. (TB)

John O’Sullivan: Church Hill Ennistymon, died of wounds 3rd June 1915 age 23 (Possibly from Rue Du Bois), Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 5795, G/M in England. (TB) Son of Stephen and Margaret O’Sullivan Church Hill, Ennistymon. (Guss O’Halloran)
**Thomas Sharry/Sherry**: Born in the Burren (New Quay) Co Clare, killed in action 9th May 1915 age 27, in the Battle of Aubers Ridge (9th May 1915). Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn 2511, 25th Infantry Brigade, 8th Division. G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Son of Michael and C Sharry New Quay. (TB)

**The Battle of Festubert (15–25 May 1915) 6 Claremen Die**

**James Hussey**: Born in Feakle, killed in action 16th May 1915 age 30 (in the Battle of Festubert (15–25 May 1915), Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1st Bn 6203, 7th Div, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of John Hussey, Annagh, Feakle. (TB)

**Sapper Thomas Joseph/John Lynch**: Born in Deerpark Doora, lived in Falmouth, died of wounds 16th May 1915 age 32, during The Battle of Festubert (15–25 May 1915), Royal Engineers 11th Field Company 13419, 2nd Div, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Son of John and Bridget (nee Hickey) Lynch, Doora, Quin. Husband of Catherine Lynch, Falmouth. (TB) He is also remembered on the family headstone in Quin Abbey. ‘And their son, Thomas Joseph, Royal Engineers, who was killed in action in France, 15th May 1915, aged 29’. One of 5 brothers (James, John, Thomas, Michael and Patrick) who served in WW1. They were all in the Royal Engineers. (Eric Shaw)
Sapper Oliver Cusack: Born in Thurles, lived in Clarecastle, he died of shrapnel wounds 28th June 1915 (possibly from the Battle Of Festubet 15–25 May 1915) age 20 in Edmonton Hospital, Royal Engineers 11th Field Coy 26169 (2nd Div), G/M in Tottenham Cemetery, Tottenham England. (TB)

Thomas McInerney: Broadford. Born in Co Wicklow, killed in action 16th May 1915 near Armentieres, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 8719, 6th Division, G/M in Ferme Buterne Military Cemetery in France. Son of Mrs M McInerney Killwran Broadford, Co Clare. (TB)

George Pepper: Born in Tulla, killed in action 16th May 1915, in The Battle of Festubert (15–25 May 1915). Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 2nd Bn 4364, 5th Brigade in the 2nd Division. G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB)
Patrick Thynne: Born in Ennistymon lived in Brighton, Killed in action in Festurbet, 17th May 1915, Irish Guards 1st Bn 3179, 4th (Guards) Brigade of the 2nd Division. G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. Brother of Michael (May 1915) and John (Dec 1918) who both also died in the War. Son of John and Catherine Thynne, Church Hill, Ennistymon. (TB)

2nd battle of Ypres – 7 Claremen Die

The Second Battle of Ypres was fought from 22 April – 25 May 1915 and comprised the only major attack launched by the German forces on the Western Front in 1915, Eric von Falkenhayn preferring to concentrate German efforts against the Russians on the Eastern Front. It eventually concluded in failure in May and as a consequence the German army gave up its attempts to take the town, choosing instead to demolish it through constant bombardment. By the end of the war Ypres had been largely reduced to piles of rubble, the town's magnificent Cloth Hall a wreck. During the battle the British, French and Canadians suffered 60,000 casualties, the Germans only 35,000.

Patrick Farrell: Born in Kilrush, lived in Wexford, killed in action 24th May 1915 age 22 at Mouse Trap Farm in the 2nd Battle of Ypres, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd, 4th Div, G/M in Menin Gate,Ypres, Belgium. His father Peter also died on May 25th 1915 in France. He was in the Royal Irish Regiment and died of wounds. Son of Mary and Peter Farrell, Ferns, Co Wexford. (TB)

Edward Collins: Born in Galway lived in Co Clare, killed in action 24th May 1915, at Mouse Trap Farm in the Second Battle of Ypres. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn 7836, 10th Brigade in the 4th Division. G/M in Menin Gate, Ypres Belgium. (TB)
James Larkin: Born in Killaloe lived in Wexford, died of wounds 24th May 1915 age 29 in The Second Battle of Ypres 22nd April – 25th May 1915, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 8120, 4th Div, G/M in France. (TB) ‘Private James Larkin...was the victim of gas poisoning in an engagement near Ypres on the 24th May... Private Larkin, who was scarcely 29 years old was of fine physical stature. The deepest sympathy is felt for his parents and relatives in their great loss.’ From the Enniscorthy Guardian.

Michael McDonald: Born in Ennis lived in Kilmaley, killed in action 24th May 1915, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 7015, 12th Brigade, 4th Div, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Belgium.(TB)

James McDonald: Born in Kilrush lived in Waterford, died of wounds 25th May 1915 age 35, during the Second Battle of Ypres, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 8189, 12th Brigade, 4th Div, G/M in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension in France.(TB)
2nd Lieutenant James O’Grady Delmege: Castlepark Limerick. Killed in action 27th May 1915 age 24 in the Second Battle of Ypres. 4th Dragoon Guards (Royal Irish). G/M in Belgium. Son of James O’Grady Delmege and Mrs Delmege. The Delmeges were landlords of half of the parish of Meelick. The family seat however was at Castlepark in Co Limerick, one hundred yards from the Clare boundary. This house is now in ruins and adjacent to Moyross.

Lt Edward Henry Lovett Henn: Grandson of Thomas Rice Henn K.C., D.L., of Paradise, Kildysart Co Clare. The only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Lovett Henn of Sidi Mirrong Algeria. Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort’s Own), 9th Bn., 14th (Light) Division. Killed in action 29th May 1915 age 23. G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium. (TB)

France 1915 – 6 Claremen Die

Edward Graham Mylne MID: Sixmilebridge. Born in Bombay. Died of wounds 12th June 1915 age 32, Irish Guards 1st Bn, 2nd Div. G/M in the St. Sever Cemetery in France. He died of wounds received (in the Second Battle of Artois 3 May – 18 June 1915) on May 13 in No. 11 Red Cross Hospital, Rouen. He was Mentioned in Despatches. Former District Inspector with the RIC in Sixmilebridge. (TB)

Churchyard Extension Cambrin France. Cambrin is very close to Festurbet. Son of Mrs Noonan, Canal Bank, Killaloe. (TB)

Patrick McCormack: Born, lived and enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 19th June 1915, 1st Connaught Rangers 10755, 7th (Ferozepore) Brigade 3rd (Lahore) Division, G/M on the Le Touret Memorial in France. (TB) Patrick McCormack: Toorna (Toonagh). Born in 1895. (Sharon Carberry /ancestry.com)

Captain Annesley St. George Gore: Derrymore, O’Callaghans Mills. 9th Gurkha Rifles. He was killed in action June 26th 1915 aged 30. He died leading an attack to recover the body of one of his Scouts, and to drive the Germans back. (He was initially reported unofficially as having fallen in action.) G/M in the Saint Vaast Post Military Cemetery, in France. He first joined the Royal Irish Regiment at Rawal Pindi, and afterwards the 10th Maharatta Light Infantry (Gurkhas).

John Keane (John Savage): Born in Ennis, killed in action 14th July 1915, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 4892, 6th Division, G/M in the Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium. Son of Mr P Savage Ennis. (TB)
Private John Mahony/Mahoney: Born and lived in Pound St /Hector St Kilrush, died of wounds at La Basse Canal 16th July 1915, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Bethune Town Cemetery France. Son of Mrs Mahoney Crofton Street.(TB)

Gallipoli 1915 – 36 Claremen Die – May to Oct 1915

Third attack on Anzac Cove (19th – 24th May): On 19 May 1915, 42,000 Turks launched an attack at Anzac in an effort to push 17,000 Australians and New Zealanders "back into the sea". The Turks had c. 13,000 casualties, of which 3,000 men were killed; Australian and New Zealand casualties were 160 killed and 468 wounded.

William Byrne: Born in Ennis lived in Western Australia, killed in action 20th May 1915 age 23 in Gallipoli, in the Third attack on Anzac Cove. Australian Infantry 12th Bn. 1015, G/M in the Shell Green Cemetery, Gallipoli in Turkey. He went to Australia when he was 20. He was reported missing in action in the Dardanelles, later pronounced killed in action. (TB)(MA) He was a Farmer aged 21 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Blackboy Hill WA into the 12th Bn. 1015. He was Killed in Action at Gaba Tepe on 20/5/1915. His mother was Mary Byrne Straffan Co Kildare.
**Thomas Francis McMahon:** Born in Kilmaley enlisted in Liverpool, killed in action **20th May 1915** age 29 in Gallipoli, in the Third attack on Anzac Cove. Australian Infantry 2nd Bn 1602, G/M in the Lone Pine Cemetery, Anzac, Gallipoli. (TB) Son of John and Mary Ann McMahon, Kilmaley. His brother John was also killed in 1917. MA He was a Labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in 1914 in Liverpool NSW into the 2nd Bn. 1602.

**Michael Burley:** Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action **24th May 1915** age 22 in Krithia Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. 9536, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of Peter and Mary Burley, Cornmarket St Ennis. He died on his first day on the battlefields. (TB) Pte Burley: Ennis, RMF 1st, died April 1915 in the Dardanelles. (P McN)

**John Stokes:** Ennis, killed in action **28th May 1915** in Krithia Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB)

**Trooper Patrick Foley:** Tulla. 5th Australian light Horse Regiment, Killed In Action in Gallipoli June **2nd 1915.** (Keir McNamara) He was a labourer aged 25 when he enlisted in 1914 in Casino NSW into the C Squadron. His father was Patrick Foley, Glendree Feakle. G/M on the on the Lone Pine Cemetery Memorial.

**John O’Brien:** Doonbeg, died **15th June 1915** in Gallipoli, possibly of wounds after The Third Battle of Krithia (4th June 1915). Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery Gallipoli. (TB)
Drummer Edmond Colgan: Born in Tralee lived in Ennis, died of wounds 30th June 1915 at Krithia in Gallipoli, 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M in the Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery in Gallipoli. Son of Mrs. M. E. Colgan Clonroad Cottage Ennis.

Martin O’Brien: Kildysart, killed in action 28th June 1915 in Krithia Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) ‘On June 28th the Battalion left the Eske lines for Bruce’s Ravine at 9.45am, and assembled for the attack. The 87th Brigade captured the first three lines of trenches, and at 11.30am the Battalion and the rest of the 86th Brigade .... captured a further two lines of trenches—a total advance of 1000 yards....two further lines of enemy trenches ...were gained. The casualties for the 28th and 29th were 20 killed; wounded 8 officers and 112 other ranks; missing 19 other ranks.’

Thomas Davis: Turnpike Road, Ennis, executed in Gallipoli 2nd July 1915 age 21 for allegedly deserting his post due to dysentry, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) ‘On 2 July Pte. T. Davis of the 1RMF was executed, having been found guilty of ‘quitting his post’ while on duty without the orders of a superior officer on 20 June. As one of a number of men on guard duty at Battalion H.Q., his task had been to patrol the perimeter as a ‘flying sentry’ for a two hour patrol starting at 1am. A sergeant discovered him missing an hour and a half later and reported him to the guard room. Pte. Davis turned up three hours later and was charged. At his trial on the 22nd he said he had needed to find a latrine but was disbelieved in the light of a bad previous military record which included a ten year suspended sentence to penal servitude. Five men of the 1RMF had previously had death sentences on a charge of ‘behaving in such a manner as to show cowardice before the enemy’ on 9 May, commuted in the light of the gallant performance of the rest of their Battalion....’ (The Story of the RMF 1914-1918 by Martin Staunton)
Patrick Tierney: Ennis, died of wounds 6th July 1915 in Krithia Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Lancashire Landing Cemetery in Gallipoli. (TB)

John Dwyer: Born in Co Clare, lived in Brisbane, died 4th Aug 1915, Australian Imperial Force, G/M in Australia. (TB) MA John Dwyer is John O'Dwyer from Miltown. He died of alcoholism just after enlisting. He had made attempts to enlist in Australia in 1914 and May 1915 as John O'Dwyer before his third attempt in Dec 1915. He had 12 years prior experience in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Similarities in the signatures and service record in the enlistment documents for the three attempts match up. Names father as John and brother as Thomas in next of kin sections. (Keir McNamara)

The landings at Suvla Bay August 1917

The Suvla landing was reinforced by the arrival of the 10th (Irish) Division on 7th August just north of Anzac, and the climax of the campaign came in early August when simultaneous assaults were launched on all three fronts.

Sergeant Major William E Harvey: 9th Australian Light Horse. Killed in action in Gallipoli on Aug 7th 1915 age 39 (in the The Battle of the Nek). Nephew of John Harvey, Clerk of the Crown of Co Clare. He had a distinguished record of service in the Boer War where he Mentioned in Despatches. At the time of the Coronation of King Edward VII, he was one 200 picked men sent over to London to represent South Africa, and was given the Coronation Medal by King Edward. (CJ) William E Harvey Australian Light Horse, died in Gallipoli. (P McN) G/M in Ari Burnu Cemetery, Anzac Cove Gallipoli.
William Foran: Born in Miltown Malbay; killed in action 7th Aug 1915 age 18 at Gallipoli in The Battle of Krithia Vineyard (6–13 August 1915), Manchester Regiment, A Company 1st/8th Battalion, 2579, 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, G/M on the on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of Matthew and Margaret Foran.(TB)

Private Michael Fitzgibbon: Ennis, killed in action 7th-12th Aug 1915 at Lone Pine Gallipoli, Australian Infantry Force 1551. (TB) He was a Labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Sydney into H Company 3rd Bn.1551. His father was J Fitzgibbon Melbourne. He landed in Gallipoli and was declared missing on the 12th Aug 1915, and later declared killed in action.(National Archives of Australia) G/M on the Lone Pine Cemetery Memorial in Gallipoli.

John Francis Dwyer: Born in Ennistymon, lived in Queensland, killed in action 7th August 1915 in Gallipoli age 41, Australian Light Horse 2nd Regiment 741, G/M in Quinn’s Post Cemetery, Anzac Gallipoli. He was a Labourer aged 40 when he enlisted in Nov 1914 in Cunnamulla Queensland into the 2nd Light Horse Regiment. KIA 7/8/1915 near Quinn’s Post Gallipoli. His father was Patrick John Dwyer Ennistymon. (UNSW) He was sent from Egypt for duty in Turkey on the 6th Aug 1915.(TB)
**Captain Robert Hornidge Cullinan**: Bindon St Ennis, died 8th Aug 1915 age 34 at Suvla Bay, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of John and Martha Cullinan 6 Bindon Street Ennis. ‘He was one of the first officers of our lot hit, and he was knocked over quite close to the Turkish position. He would not let anyone near him bandage him up for fear of snipers who got him might get anyone else who tried to help him. He was still cheering his men on when he was shot through the head. It was the fourth bullet that had hit him.’ Clare Journal Sept 1915. (TB) He is also remembered on a Memorial Plaque in St Columba’s Church Ennis.

**Sergeant James Edward Moloney**: Market St, Ennis, killed in action 8th Aug 1915 age 22 in the Battle of Sari Bair, fought 6-10 August 1915, Auckland Mounted Rifles, New Zealand Expeditionary Force 13/555, G/M in Turkey. Son of Edmond and Catherine Moloney Mill Street Sixmilebridge. (TB) (DOB 5/5/1885) He was an Engineer when he enlisted into the Auckland Mounted Rifles 13/555. He embarked with the NZEF on the 16th Oct 1914 in Auckland for Suez Egypt.

**James Donnellan**: Ennis, killed in action 9th Aug 1915, Royal Engineers 12th Field Company (6th Div) during the second attack on Hooge Crater, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Belgium. (TB)

Captain Poole Henry Hickman: Kilmore House, Knock, Kilrush, died Aug 15th 1915 age 35 in Gallipoli, 7th Bn Royal Dublin Fusiliers, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. He was the son of Francis William and Elizabeth B Gore Hickman. His 2 brothers Norman and Thomas also served. He was a Barrister aged 34 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 into the 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers 14124.

Michael Hallinan: Born and lived in O'Callaghan's Mills, killed in action 15th Aug 1915 in Suvla Bay Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th, G/M on on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB)

Christopher McMahon: Born in Ennis lived in Dublin, killed in action 16th Aug 1915, Royal Irish Fusiliers 5th Bn 16182, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) Royal Irish Fusiliers 5th Bn. During 15 to 16 August 1915 the battalion was engaged in heavy fighting against Turkish Infantry on the Kiretch Tepe Ridge suffering losses of 10 officers and 210 other ranks killed, wounded or missing.
Michael Pierce: Born and lived at Old Mill Street, Ennis. Killed in action 16th Aug 1915 age 33 in Suvla Bay Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th Bn 3519, 10th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of Mrs Bridget Pierce. (TB)

Martin McGrath (Also known as Patrick): Born and lived in Kilrush, died of wounds at sea 17th Aug 1915 (Gallipoli), possibly received in the action at Kiretch Teke Sirt. Royal Irish Regiment 5th Bn 3435, 10th (Irish) Division, G/M on Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) (Private Martin McGrath: Pound St / Hector St Kilrush. KM Martin McGrath: High Street Kilrush. He was a Farrier aged 23 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 into the 5th Royal Irish Regiment 5/3435. All his possessions were sent to his mother Mrs C McGrath, High St Kilrush on the 15th Jan 1916. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

CSM John Minogue: Born in Feakle, died of wounds 17th Aug 1915 in Suvla Bay Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th, G/M on Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB)

Sergeant George Perry: Born in Tulla lived in Ennis. Died of wounds 19th Aug 1915 received at Suvla Bay Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Bn 4308. G/M in the East Mudros Military Cemetery in Greece. He served in the Boer War and was awarded the Queen’s South Africa Medal with four clasps. (Eric Shaw) He embarked with 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers for France on 13th August 1914 where he saw action on the Western Front. He subsequently transferred to the 6th Battalion and was engaged in the Gallipoli Campaign.

John Fitzpatrick: Born in Ennistymon, killed in action 21st Aug 1915 age 21 at the attack on Scimitar Hill in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. (TB) Son of John Fitzpatrick of 5 New Road Ennistymon. Brother of Eileen O’Brien of New Road. (Guss O’Halloran)
**John Clohessy:** Born and lived in Ennistymon, killed in action **21st August 1915** in the attack on Scimitar Hill Gallipoli, age 28, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, 3856. G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Son of Mrs Anne Foran of Deerpark.

**Private John Ensko:** Lifford, Ennis, killed in action **21st Aug 1915** at the attack on Scimitar Hill in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 6437, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli.

**Michael Meade:** Kilrush, killed in action **21st Aug 1915** age 35 in Suvla Bay, Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli. Husband of Annie Kearn Meade. (TB) He had also served in South Africa and after that on the North West Frontier in India.

‘During the Suvla Bay offensive of August 1915, CQMS Michael Meade was again in the thick of battle, the 1st battalion was gathered on the slopes of ‘Chocolate Hill’, in preparation for the attack on Scimitar Hill on **August 21st**. Fighting on that day was intense, made difficult by dense prickly scrub. ‘X’ and ‘Y’ Companies, who had gone into action approximately 180 strong, came back out numbering 23 and 18 respectively, 143 men were reported as missing, among them CQMS Michael Meade.’ (Geraldine Quinn of London and John Meade of Cork.)
Joseph Brennan: Burton St Kilrush, killed in action on Scimitar Hill Suvla Bay, 21st August 1915 aged 44, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M on the Helles Memorial Gallipoli. Husband of Bridget Brennan Kilrush. He is also commemorated on a headstone in Old Shanakyle Cemetery, Kilrush.

Simon Smyth: Born and lived in Lisgreen (Lisdeen, Kilkee), died of wounds 21st Aug 1915 in Suvla Bay Gallipoli after the attack on Scimitar Hill. 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M the Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Gallipoli. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Harry Martin: Born and enlisted in Clare (Could be a different Clare), killed in action 21st Aug 1915 in Gallipoli, 5th Bn Suffolk Regiment 1346. 54th (East Anglian) Division. (TB)
2nd Lieut. John Arthur Harold Taylor: Born in Limerick, lived in Dublin. Killed in action 24th Sept 1915 in Gallipoli (by a Sniper), 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers. (PMcN) He was the son of the late Rector of Kilnasoolagh Church (Newmarket on Fergus) the Rev Thomas Taylor and Laura Isabel Taylor. He had three brothers who also fought in the war and survived. They were Lt Col. T Edgar Taylor, Capt W Alfred Taylor and Lt N Vivian Taylor. (Kilnasoolagh Church Booklet) ‘During the next few days there was very little rifle fire from the Turks, simply intermittent shelling and persistent sniping, Second-Lieutenant J.A.H. Taylor being killed by a sniper on the night of 23rd-24th.’ Neill’s Blue Caps, Volume III, Page 55. (Mal Murray) G/M in the Azmak Cemetery, Suvla in Gallipoli. He is also remembered on a Memorial in Kilnasoolagh Church in Newmarket on Fergus.

John Philip Shipley: Born in Manchester lived in Claureen Ennis, killed in action 16th Oct 1915 age 32 in Gallipoli, Manchester Regiment 1st/7th Bn 2243, 127th Brigade, 42nd (East Lancashire) Division. G/M in the Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery Gallipoli. Husband of A K Shipley, Claureen, Ennis. (TB)

John Donnelly: Lisdeen, Kilkee. Co Clare, died of wounds received in Suvla Bay Gallipoli 19th Oct 1915 age 39, Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th. G/M in the Kirkdale Cemetery in Liverpool. Son of James and Susan Donnelly, Lisdeen. (TB) His brother Michael served with the Royal Garrison Artillery. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
**John Howard:** Ennistymon, killed in action by shrapnel 19th Oct 1915 at Suvla Bay in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Azmak Cemetery, Suvla Gallipoli.

**James Donnellan:** Ennis, killed in action 9th Aug 1915, Royal Engineers 12th Field Company (6th Div) during the second attack on Hooge Crater, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Belgium. (TB)

**Lt Frank Edward Sparrow:** He was Poor Law Inspector (and Local Government Board Inspector) for Ennis when he enlisted. Died of wounds 13th Aug 1916 in the Battle of Delville Wood (15 July – 3 Sept 1916) age 37, G/M in the Dive Copse Cemetery, France. Corps of Royal Engineers 129th Field Company (24th Div). He is also commemorated on the Great War Memorial St Canice’s Cathedral, Kilkenny (TB) ‘Served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, and was killed in action 13th August 1916, while inspecting new ground just taken from the enemy at the Battle of the Somme’. From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.
Thomas McMahon: Ballyea. He drowned on August 15th 1915 on the SS Arabic. The 15,800 ton White Star liner S S Arabic was going from Liverpool to New York, when it was torpedoed by the U-24 and sank off the Fastnet. It floated for only eleven minutes after the attack. Arabic was the first White Star Line ship to be lost in World War I. Forty-four lives were lost (3 were American) and 390 were saved. American reaction to the Arabic sinking was the proximate cause for Germany suspending unrestricted submarine warfare until 1917. Two bodies from the Arabic were washed ashore on the Clare coastline at Loophead in October 1915, a male and a female.

James Joseph Murray: Born and lived in Cappa Kilrush, died 23rd Sept 1915, from illness, Tuberculosis (fold3.com). East Yorkshire Regiment 11th Bn 11/373, 92nd Brigade, 31st Division. G/M in Ripon Cemetery Ripon, England. (TB) His mother was Maria Murray, Cappa.

The Battle of Loos – 7 Claremen Die

The Loos offensive began on 25 September 1915. At first the 2nd RMF was in reserve. They then had to hold the line with over 200 casualties, leaving them with around 350 all ranks, reduced to 250 by the time the battle died down on 13 October.
**Michael Breen:** Born (1888) and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 25th Sept 1915 age 27 in the Battle of Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn. 4155, G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Son of John and Margaret Breen, Burton Street. (TB) (He died the same day in the same place and the same Regiment as John Tuttle)

**John Tuttle:** Ennis, killed in action 25th Sept 1915 age 21, at the Battle of Loos. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Son of Edmund and Bridget Hehir Tuttle, Lysaght’s Lane. He had also fought in the Battles of La-Basee and Ypres. (TB)

**Michael Griffin:** Born and lived in O Brien’s Bridge, died of wounds 6th Oct 1915 age 30 at Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Vermelles British Cemetery in France. Son of Patrick and Ellen Griffin. (TB) Brother of Thomas Griffin.

**Private Michael McMahon:** Kilrush, died of wounds 10th Oct 1915 age 23 (After the Battle of Loos), Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Chocques Military Cemetery in France. Son of Thomas and Margaret McMahon Burton Street. (TB) Private Michael McMahon: Malt House Lane Kilrush. KIA in France. KM
James McMahon: Born and lived Tuamgraney, killed in action 27th Sept 1915 age 26 in the Battle of Loos, Irish Guards 2nd Bn 6650, Guards Division. G/M in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery in France. Son of Thomas and Mary McMahon, Tuamgraney. He was in the RIC before he enlisted in 1914. (TB)

Martin Conway: Born in Old Mill St Ennis. Killed in action 30th Sept 1915 age 28, in the Battle of Loos. Irish Guards 2nd Bn 541, G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Son of Peter and Mary Conway Old Mill Street Ennis. (TB) In September 1915, the 2nd Irish Guards, who had reached France in August, took part in the Battle of Loos, which lasted from 25 September until early October. Brother of Patrick who died in July 1916.

**Captain Bindon Blood MID:** He was born on 30th Dec 1881, lived in Rockforest House, Corofin, Co Clare. He died 29th Sept 1915 age 33, Royal Flying Corps. He was burnt to death. Mentioned in Despatches. G/M in Woking Crematorium England. He is also commemorated on a Memorial Plaque in St Columba’s Church in Ennis. He was the eldest son of Bagot Blood and Florence Studdert and a brother of Charles Newman. He also fought in the Boer War as a Captain with the 8th Cavalry, Indian Army. (Eric Shaw)

**Lance Sergeant Henry Fokes:** Born 1864 in Ennis, lived in Leeds, died 15th Oct 1915 (possibly due to illness), The Queen’s Royal West Surrey Regiment 3rd Bn G/6241, G/M in the Fort Pitt Military Cemetery Rochester England. Enlisted in Leeds on the 9th September 1914. Discharged at his own request on the 5th June 1915. Died at home. (TB)

**John Conway:** Born in Ennistymon 13/7/1874, killed in action 17th Oct 1915 age 38, Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment) 28th Bn 73535, 2nd Canadian Division. He was the eldest son of Patrick Conway, Ivy College, Ennistymon. Ex Sergeant in the RIC. His mother was Hanna Conway. G/M in the Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military, Ypres Belgium.
Patrick Moloney: Born in Co Tipperary, killed in action 26th Oct 1915 age 23, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn, 4th Division. G/M in the Auchonvillers Military, Picardie in France. (TB) Son of John and Bridget Moloney Kildysart, Co Clare.

James Costello: Born in Mullagh, lived in Kilrush, died of wounds 3rd Nov 1915 in Greek Macedonia (Possibly at Kosturino), Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th Bn, G/M in the Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery Thessaloniki Greece. He was the son of Mrs Norah McGrath Ennis Road Kilrush. (TB) At the invitation of the Greek Prime Minister, M.Venizelos, Salonika (now Thessalonika) was occupied by three French Divisions and the 10th (Irish) Division from Gallipoli in October 1915.

Theodore Fitzgerald Studdert: Born in Kilkee, lived in Port Arthur Canada. Died 3rd Nov 1915 age 29, from pneumonia contracted while training. Canadian Infantry 52nd Overseas (New Ontario) Bn 438574. G/M in the Hospital Plot, Thunder Bay, (St Andrew’s) Roman Catholic Cemetery, Ontario Canada. The 52nd Battalion embarked for Britain on 23 November 1915. He died before they left. Son of Jonas William and Emma Mary Studdert, Atlantic House, Kilkee. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Thomas O’Brien: Born in Kilmurry Ibrickane, lived in Co Wexford, killed in action 8th Nov 1915. Royal Welsh Fusiliers 9th Bn 13264, 19th (Western) Division. G/M on the Loos Memorial in France.
2nd Lt Cecil Stacpoole Kenny: (born in Limerick 1889), died 11th Nov 1915 age 27, King’s 9th Bn Shropshire Light Infantry, G/M on the Hollybrook Memorial, Shirley, Southampton Unitary Authority, Hampshire, in England. (TB) The youngest son of Mr Thomas H Kenny and Mrs Louise M Stacpoole Kenny Limerick and Moymore House, Liscannon Co Clare. He accidentally drowned at sea between Holyhead Wales and Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) Co Dublin. (Margaret Gallery) ‘He left his regiment on leave, pending resignation, apparently, due to trauma or mental illness. While travelling back by troopship, SS Greenore, he fell overboard and was drowned….the body could not be found.’ From Wigs and Gowns 2005. He is also remembered on the Reading Room Memorial in Trinity College Dublin.

Thomas O Halloran: Born in Kilkee lived in Moyasta, killed in action 30th Nov 1915 age 25, in Salonika, Connaught Rangers 5th Bn 6137, 29th Brigade in 10th (Irish). G/M on the Doiran Memorial in Greece. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Patrick and Winifred O’Halloran, Dunlickey Road, Kilkee.

Michael Joseph Murray: Born in Ennis lived in 1 Harmony Row, Ennis, died 4th Dec 1915 age 16, Royal Irish Rifles 3rd Bn 8998. He is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery. His name is also recorded on the Glasnevin Cemetery War Memorial. (TB) (CJ) He was struck with a brush handle by a Corporal James Anderson for not obeying an order and subsequently died. A Court decided that it was an accident and the accused Corporal was discharged. Son of Michael Murray, of Harmony Row, Ennis. His father was an Organist & Professor of Music. He married Margaret Mary Murray.
2nd Lt Patrick Senon/Stan McMahon: Lived in Knockaun House, Newmarket on Fergus, died of wounds 29th Dec 1915 age 28 near Verquin, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, 16th Irish Div, G/M in France. (TB) He was wounded by a stray bullet while with a working party on reserve trenches, and died at Bethune Hospital. Son of John McMahon, Knockaun House, Newmarket on Fergus. ‘A well known athlethe and won fame as a runner under GAA rules.’

Lance Corporal William J Holmes: Born in Killaloe, killed in action 31st Dec 1915 age 21, Irish Guards 1st Bn 5816, Guards Div, G/M in Rue-du-Bacquerot No. 1 Military Cemetery, Laventie in France. Son of Abel and Rebecca Holmes, of Great Oak, Callan, Kilkenny. (TB)

Sergeant Thomas Kelly DCM: Born in Leixlip Co Kildare, lived in Mountshannon House, Co Galway. (Mountshannon at that time was in Galway!) 1st Bn Connaught Rangers 9188, 7th (Ferozepore) Brigade in 3rd (Lahore) Division. He was killed in action on the 23rd January 1916 near Kut in Mesopotamia. He is named on the Basra Memorial. (World War 1 Stories Sean Glennon) ‘Battle of Messieuies: On the 5th November 1914 during a bayonet charge on a German trench, in front of their position near Neuve Chapelle…Lt F R George (Born in Mountshannon House the home of his uncle) was
severely wounded as he rushed forward, but a Sgt T Kelly cleared the parapet and in the face of a very heavy fire lifted the officer to carry him to safety. As he was doing so another bullet killed Lt George in his arms. For his bravery Sgt Kelly was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Did he work for Lt George’s uncle before the War?

**John Costello**: Ennis, died 5th Feb 1916 in Loos, 6th Connaught Rangers, 47th Brigade in the 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. (TB)

**Driver Martin Scanlan**: Born in Kilrush. Died of disease (contracted while on service) 9th Feb 1916 age 28, (9th Jan 1916 on Headstone). Royal Field Artillery 3778, G/M in Kilrush. Son of Mrs Mary Scanlan, 71 Moore St, Kilrush. (TB) He is also commemorated on a panel on the Grangegorman Memorial. Brother of Thomas who died in March 1920 and Patrick Scanlan. (See Profiles of the Clare War Dead N-W) Gunner Martin Scanlan: Moore Street Kilrush. He was aged 18 when he enlisted in March 1908 into the Royal Field Reserve Artillery 3545. He was discharged in May 1915 as he was no longer fit for war service. His mother was Mary and his brother John. (British Army WW1 Records fold3.com)

**Elizabeth Grace Stewart**: From Limerick. Nurse at the military hospital in Aldershot, her brother was a well known jeweller on Church St, Ennis. Daughter of H L Stewart Limerick. She died of typhus at the Cambridge Military Hospital Aldershot on the 15th Feb 1916. ‘She had volunteered to
nurse soldiers with Spotted Fever, a form of Typhus. Her noble act resulted in her contracting the virus, which led to her death.’ PMcN

Charles Frederick Molony: Born in Dublin lived in Ennis, killed in action 5th March 1916 age 24, King’s Royal Rifle Corps, D Company 8th Bn R/15572, 14th (Light) Division, G/M in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France. Son of Patrick Considine JP and Mrs J W M Molony (nee Molyneux) Rathgar Dublin. (TB)

John Joseph Flanagan: Born and lived in Ennistymon, killed in action 8th March 1916 age 37 at Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 5663 , G/M in the Maroc British Cemetery, Grenay in France. (TB) Son of John and Catherine Flanagan. (Guss O’Halloran) ‘From February (Loos 1916) the trench warfare recommenced, taking the heavy monthly toll of brave men’s lives, each of the five succeeding months taking an average of 50 killed and wounded alone, to say nothing of those incapacitated by trench fever and other disease.’ (The 2nd Munsters in France HS Jervis)

Peter Moloney: Lived in Cloughleigh Ennis, killed in action 12th March 1916 age 21 in Loos, Machine Gun Corps 3rd Company 19414, 1st Div, (Formerly with the 2nd RMF), G/M in in the Maroc British Cemetery, Grenay in France (which is very close to Loos).(TB) Brother of Garry. Son of John and Alice Moloney. The 1st Division stayed in the Loos sector until early 1916, launching a diversionary attack on the Double Crassier on 30th June.
Lt James Mathew White: Lived in Tulla, died of pneumonia 16\textsuperscript{th} March 1916 age 32, a vet in the Army Veterinary Corps, G/M in the Henu Churchyard, Henu in France. The third son of Thomas and Anne White, Tulla, Co Clare.\textsuperscript{(TB)} He qualified at the Royal Veterinary College, Dublin, in 1910, and subsequently entered the service of the British South African Co., Rhodesia. On the outbreak of the war he returned at his own expense to join the colours. He contracted pneumonia while on active service in France and died on March 16th, 1916. Lieutenant White was a young man of splendid physique and a noted football and golf player. Date of Publication: Friday, June 9, 1916. Our Heroes website.

Edward Patrick Doherty: Born in Knock Co Mayo, lived in Co Clare, died \textbf{21\textsuperscript{st} March 1916} age 21 (possibly from illness), East Lancashire Regiment 3\textsuperscript{rd} Bn 9305, G/M in Efford Cemetery and Crematorium, Plymouth, England. (TB)

Gunner Rody McNamara: Born in Mountshannon, lived in Waterpark House Scariff, died in Moore Barracks Hospital Shorncliffe, which was a large military camp near Cheriton in Kent, 27th March 1916 age 34. Royal Field Artillery, 9th Brigade 36589. G/M in Moynoe Cemetery, Scariff. Son of Daniel and Catherine McNamara Waterpark, Scariff, and his brothers were John and Dan. He was awarded the 1914 Star.

Moynoe Cemetery in Scariff Co Clare

Thomas Collins: Born in Sixmilebridge lived in Parteen, died 31st March 1916 at the Somme (possibly from illness after his return from Egypt), Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Maison-Roland Churchyard in France.

The Maison-Roland Churchyard in France

Cornelius Doherty: Born (1875) and lived in Miltown Malbay, killed in action 4th April 1916, Royal Munster Fusiliers 9th Bn, G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Brother of John Doherty Ennistymon Road. (TB)

The Loos Memorial in France

Private Thomas Coughlan/Coghlan: Born in Tubber lived on Chapel St Ennis. Died at home on the 5th April 1916, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 6516, 17th Brigade of the 6th Division. G/M in Grangegorman Military Cemetery in Dublin. Son of Mrs E O’Leary. (TB)
Joe Duggan: Born in Feakle, enlisted in Birkenhead, killed in action 9th April 1916 in Mesopotamia in The Battle of Kut al Amara, (7 December 1915 – 29 April 1916), 8th Bn Cheshire Regiment, G/M on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.(TB)

Patrick Toomey/Twomey: Born and lived in Kilkee, killed in action 10th April 1916, in the Hulluch Sector. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 3860, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in the Bois-Carre Military Cemetery in France. (TB)(KCT) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. April 1916: ‘The Battalion took over the left half section of the Hulluch Sector on April 5th 1916 from the 9th Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers.’

Patrick McInerney: Born and lived in Meelick, killed in action 15th April 1916 age 21, Irish Guards 1st Bn 4078, 1st (Guards) Brigade, 2nd Division. G/M in the Hooge Crater Cemetery Zillebeke in Belgium. Son of Timothy and Annie McInerney of Derramore, Meelick. Brother of Michael above who died in March 1918. (TB)
2nd Lt James Mitchell: Cappa Kilrush, killed in action 26th April 1916 age 34, Royal Flying Corps (18th Squadron), G/M in the Bruay Communal Cemetery Extension in France. Son of James and Ellen Mitchell, Cappa.(TB) He was an Observer.

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Michael Moloney: Born in Quilty, killed in action 27th April 1916 age 18, during the Battle of Hulluch, 27–29 April, (during the Easter Rising in Ireland). Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 7th Bn 26452, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in the Philosophe British Cemetery in France. Son of Martin and Bridget Moloney Quilty West. His father Martin (Royal Navy Reserve Unit) died in Jan 1917. (TB) His brother Martin (Pro Treaty) 1st Western Division, National Army, was wounded in Limerick in July 1922 and died on the 18th September 1922, aged 20. He was a member of the Cruise Hotel garrison.
Patrick Michael (O’) Connell: Born in Kilrush, killed in action 27th April 1916 age 41 during the Battle of Hulluch, 27–29 April, (during the Easter Rising in Ireland), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 7th Bn 27702, 49th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Son of Peter and Annie O’Connell No 5 Cecil Street Limerick. (TB)


Patrick Nevin: Born and lived in Kilkee, killed in action 28th April 1916, age 24 in the Hulluch Sector, Royal Munster Fusiliers 9th Bn (16th Div), G/M in the Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle in France. (TB) Son of Patrick and Margaret Nevin, 40 O’Connell St. Kilkee. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Patrick McGee: Born and lived in Killaloe, killed in action 28th April 1916 in the Hulluch Sector, Royal Munster Fusiliers 9th (16th Div). G/M in the Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohelle in France. (TB)
Private T (Patrick O) Shea: Born in Miltown Malbay, lived in Lancashire, killed in action 29th April 1916, at Vlamertinghe near Ypres. Irish Guards 2nd Bn 7430, 2nd (Guards) Brigade of the Guards Division. G/M in the White House Cemetery, Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium. His father was the Head Constable in Miltown Malbay. (TB) (CJ)

Private Michael Joseph Coughlan: Burton Street Kilrush, died of wounds 14th May 1916 age 24 at Hulluch, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in Bethune Town Cemetery in France. Son of Mrs M Coughlan Burton Street Kilrush. (TB) KM

John Morris: Kilmihil, killed in action 4th May 1916 age 21 at Hulluch, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn (16th Div) G/M in the Philosophe British Cemetery in France. He was in the RIC in Kilmihil and originally from Kerry. (TB) 'The Battalion ... moved into the line on the night of April 29th 1916, and had a very difficult time burying the dead, in shell holes at night, a task that took some days.'
‘At the beginning of May the Germans received information of the outbreak of the rebellion in Dublin and put up two placards in their trenches facing the Battalion; the first read “Irishmen! Heavy uproar in Ireland. English guns are firing at your wives and children! May 1st 1916.” The second read: “Interesting War News of April 29th 1916. Kut-el-Amara has been taken by the Turks and the whole English army therein – 13,000 men-taken prisoners.” …on the night of the 10th May 1916 at 1am... a party went out on patrol, cut their way through the enemy wire, strafed the Huns, and captured both placards…. These placards were presented to His Majesty The King... on July 25th 1916.’ These Placards were then presented to the Irish People by the Queen on her visit in 2011, and are now on display in Collins Barracks Museum in Dublin.

**James McMahon**: Clarecastle, killed in action 15th May 1916 in the Hulluch Sector, Royal Munster Fusiliers 9th (16th Div), G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. Son of Mrs Anne McMahon Craggaun Clarecastle. (TB)

The Loos Memorial in France

**Walter George Morrissey/Morrissey**: Born in Ennis lived in Sheffield, died 4th May 1916 age 34 in India, Connaught Rangers 1st Bn 5358, G/M on the Basra Memorial in Iraq. Attached to the Indian Ordnance Department. Husband of Louisa Mary Morrissey Matlock, Derbyshire. Son of Timothy and Rachael Morrissey. (TB)

The Basra War Memorial in Iraq

**Michael Walsh**: Born in Kilrush, died 6th May 1916 in Mesopotamia, due to neglect in Turkish hands as a POW after Kut. Royal Garrison Artillery 86th Heavy Battery 34518, 12th Indian Division. G/M in the Kut War Cemetery in Iraq. (TB)
Of the 2,592 British troops captured at Kut, about 1,750 died on the march or later in the camps, and of the 6,988 Indian troops, about 2,500 died in similar fashion. **On 6 May 1916**, the Turks began the 1,200-mile forced march of the British and Indian prisoners across the Syrian Desert from Kut. Mounted Arab and Kurdish guards prodded over 2,500 British soldiers with rifle butts and whips on the long death march. Starvation, thirst, disease, and exhaustion thinned out the British column, and only 837 soldiers survived the march and the years in captivity. Gunner Michael Walsh died on the 6th May 1916.

**Michael McEvoy:** Born (1898) and lived in Killaloe, died **4th July 1916** age 18 in Mesopotamia, Army Service Corps 596th Mechanical Transport Company DM2/162831. Son of Mrs J McEvoy, Canal Bank, Killaloe. (TB) He is buried in Basra War Cemetery, Al Basrah, Basra, Iraq. Plot: V. Q. 10. He is also remembered on the family gravestone in St Flannan’s Graveyard in Killaloe.

The Basra War Cemetery, Al Basrah, Basra, in Iraq

**Gunner Simon Moloney:** Born and lived in Kilrush, died **3rd Aug 1916** in Mesopotamia, Royal Garrison Artillery 2nd Bn 57579, G/M in Basra War Cemetery, Al Basrah, Basra, in Iraq. Son of Mrs Susan Moloney Grace Street. (TB) He was possibly with the 13th (Western) Division, which as the strongest unit available, became the spearhead the Tigris Corps’ attempt to relieve the Kut garrison beginning on 6 April 1916. They spent the rest of the spring, summer, and early fall of 1916 recovering from the fighting, and preparing for further operations to capture Baghdad.

**Driver Patrick Manning:** Born in Kilrush, died **10th Sept 1916** age 25 in Turkey, Royal Field Artillery 76th Battery 53082, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, in Iraq. He was taken prisoner by the Turks when the Kut garrison surrendered on the 29th April 1916. He was subsequently marched to Turkey, died in September 1916, and was buried in Anatolia, Turkey. After the war his remains were taken to Baghdad and buried in the North Gate Cemetery. (Similar to Corney Carroll and Michael Coleman) He was also listed as wounded in June 1916. Son of Patrick and Maria Manning, 9 Pound Street, Kilrush. (TB) Gunner PJ Manning: Pound St / Hector St Kilrush. Royal Field Artillery.
On 29 April 1916 the gunners were taken prisoner when the garrison of Kut surrendered. General Townshend arranged a ceasefire on the 26th and, after failed negotiations, he simply surrendered on 29 April 1916 after a siege of 147 days. Around 13,000 Allied soldiers survived to be made prisoners. 70% of the British and 50% of the Indian troops died of disease or at the hands of their Ottoman guards during captivity.

**Michael Coleman:** Born in Kilrush, died **30th Nov 1916** in Turkey, Royal Field Artillery, 82nd Battery 53840, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery Baghdad, in Iraq. (TB) He was taken prisoner by the Turks when the Kut garrison surrendered on the 29th April 1916. He was subsequently marched to Turkey, died there in November 1916, and was buried in Anatolia, Turkey. After the war his remains were taken to Baghdad and buried in the North Gate Cemetery. (Similar to Corney Carroll and Patrick Manning)

**Corney Carroll:** Born in Co Clare enlisted in Ennis, died **2nd Feb 1917** in Turkey, Royal Horse Artillery, 76th Battery 52389, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery Baghdad, in Baghdad Iraq. (TB) He was taken prisoner by the Turks when the Kut garrison surrendered on the 29th April 1916. He was subsequently marched to Turkey, died there in February 1917, and was buried in Anatolia, Turkey. After the war his remains were taken to Baghdad and buried in the North Gate Cemetery. (Similar to Michael Coleman and Patrick Manning) Corney Carroll: Co Clare, died Feb 1917 in Turkey, Royal Horse Artillery, G/M in Iraq.

**Patrick Hogan:** Born in Limerick, lived in Killaloe, killed in action **16th May 1916** age 28, Lancashire Fusiliers 11th Bn 7127 & 7727, 25th Div, G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of Thomas and Mary Hogan, Newtown, Killaloe. (TB)

‘On Tuesday morning three soldiers out of a large number which arrived that morning in Killaloe, went boating from the Lakeside shore. The men, who had no local knowledge of the very fast and dangerous currents which prevailed at the time, were quickly in difficulties, and the boat was swept along at a dangerous rate until it struck one of the gates. One man succeeded in gripping a support of the structure, and was quickly rescued. The other two disappeared, but a second was rescued by some fishermen several hundred yards down the stream. The body of the other man has not yet been discovered.’ Tipperary Star May 1916

Thomas Joseph Ryan: Born and lived in Newmarket on Fergus, killed in action 19th May 1916 age 17 at Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6543, G/M in the Maroc British Cemetery, Grenay in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Ryan. (TB) ‘British War Medal, British Victory Medal, box for same and original ribbons, Identity disc, Memorial plaque. His death occurred on a quiet part of the line and he may have been randomly killed during the day-to-day exchanges which characterised trench warfare. He was the cousin of Private John Cunneen, also of 2nd battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers, who had been killed at Etreux on 27th August, 1914.’ (Clare Museum)

Patrick Riordan: Born in Ennistymon lived in Australia (emigrated to Australia when he was 27 as a bootmaker), enlisted in Queensland, died of wounds (gunshot to the breast) 20th May 1916 age 29, in action near Armentieres. Australian Infantry 25th Bn 3300, 2nd Division. G/M in the Ration Farm Military Cemetery in France. Son of John and Johanna Riordan, Church Street Ennistymon. (TB)MA. (Guss O’Halloran) He was a Labourer aged 25 when he enlisted in Dec 1915 in Enoggera Queensland into the 7th Reinf 25th Bn. 3300. His brother was Michael Riordan, Ennistymon. He is buried in the Ration Farm Cemetery 1.5 miles South of Armentiers in France. (UNSW)

Sergeant Peter Casey: Born in Miltown Malbay lived in Kilkee, died of wounds 28th May 1916. Royal Munster Fusiliers 9th 3347. G/M in the Calais Southern Cemetery, Calais in France. Sgt P Casey: Kilkee. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded at the front in May 1916. (CJ)(TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Lance Corporal John Sullivan: Born in Killaloe, killed in action 29th May 1916 near Hulluch. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in the Philosophe British Cemetery Mazingarbe in France. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
The Battle of Jutland May 1916

James Burns: Born in Liscannor, died 31st May 1916 age 30 on the HMS Indefatigable at the Battle of Jutland, Royal Navy 226313, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Son of Michael and Mary Burns. (TB)

HMS Indefatigable was sunk on 31 May 1916 during the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval battle of the war. Part of Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty's Battlecruiser Fleet, she was hit several times in the first minutes of the "Run to the South", the opening phase of the battlecruiser action. Shells from the German battlecruiser Von der Tann caused an explosion ripping a hole in her hull, and a second explosion hurled large pieces of the ship 200 feet (60 m) in the air. Only two of the crew of 1,019 survived.

Leading Stoker Martin Mc Mahon: Born 14th July 1885 in Co Clare. Killed in the Battle of Jutland on the 31st May 1916 on the HMS Queen Mary. Body not recovered. His wife was Bridget Malony. (UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919) Martin McMahon: Born 14th July 1885 in Co Clare. Royal Navy SS108844 from July 1909 – 31st May 1916. The first ship he served on was the Nelson. The last ship was the Queen Mary. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928) G/M on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.
Austin Francis Ryan: Ballyvaughan, died at home 9th June 1916 age 22, Royal Munster Fusiliers 3rd Bn 6740, G/M in Cobh Old Church Cemetery, Co Cork. Son of Mrs Ryan Fanore. (TB) The 3rd Bn were based in Aghada at the time he died.

Pioneer Michael Nash: Lived in Newmarket on Fergus, died 11th June 1916 age 63, Corps of Royal Engineers 12th Labour Battalion 163287, G/M in Grangegorman Military Cemetery Dublin. Died at home. (TB) He died after 2 years in France.

Loos Sector 8th Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers June/July 1916 –11 Claremen Die

‘Whilst in the line (June 1916) the 8th Battalion was employed on clearing the trenches, reinforcing the parapets, strengthening shelters, wiring etc. The drummers of the Battalion sounded the “Last Post” at the memorial service for the late Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener of Khartoum held.. on June 13th 1916...... Casualties whilst in the Loos Sector, June 17th to July 3rd: Killed – 36; Wounded – 130.’

William MacNamara/McNamara: Born and lived in Whitegate, killed in action 18th June 1916 near Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 5716, G/M in Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Loos France. (TB)
Michael Hynes: 4 Fergus Row Ennis, killed in action 20th June 1916 age 30 near Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Loos in France. Son of Thomas and Eliza Hynes 4 Fergus Row, Ennis. ‘Private Michael Hynes, who responded to the call of his country at the outbreak of the war, has had his name added to the roll of honour, and it has been creditably recorded of him that he was a credit to his Company and to the Munsters, to which Regiment he belonged.’ Sat Record July 1916. (TB)

Private Thomas Browne: Born in Clare Abbey Clarecastle, killed in action 22nd June 1916 near Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Loos in France. (TB) ‘Killed by a shell in the front trench.’ CJ

Patrick Dillon: Born and lived in Corofin, killed in action 28th June 1916 age 22, in the Loos Sector. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th, G/M in Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Loos, in France. Son of Timothy and Bridget Callinan Dillon Kilnaboy. (TB) P Killon (should be P Dillon): Corofin. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Killed In Action. (PMcN)

Patrick McGreen: Born and lived in Kilkee, died of wounds 30th June 1916 in the Loos Sector, age 20, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th, G/M in the Bethune Town Cemetery in France. Son of Thomas and Mary McGreen, Ball Alley Lane, Kilkee. (TB) P McGrinn (McGreen): Kilkee. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died of wounds July 1916 age 20. (CJ) (KCT) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

‘On July 20th/21st July 1916, at 11.50pm, following an intense bombardment, the raiding parties again left their trenches. As before the enterprise was covered by salvoes of rifle grenades....”A” and “B” parties again failed to penetrate the enemy wire... “C” Party under Second-Lieutenant O’Brien (Ballyalla Ennis), penetrated into the the fire trench and bombed it successfully; all dug-outs were were bombed....“D” party reached the fire trench... An officer surrendered himself to one of the section leaders of “C” Party, but wounded the non-commissioned officer with his revolver after his surrender had been accepted, and was shot. Casualties: Killed - 5 other ranks; wounded 23 other ranks.’

Patrick Conway: Old Mill St Ennis, died of wounds 20th July 1916 in Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in the Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery Extension in France. (TB) Brother of Martin
who died in Sept 1915. Son of Peter and Mary Conway Old Mill Street Ennis. ‘He was mortally wounded on the night of the 18th July, at the same time as Lieutenant Becher…. close up to the German trench, which they were attacking. I believe they both died next evening in hospital…He was a bomber, which is one of the most dangerous jobs, but also one the most honourable… I am told this is your second son killed… Lt Hugh M V O’Brien (Ballyalla)’

Private Michael (Mick) Corbett: Born and lived in Grace Street Kilrush, killed in action 20th July 1916 in the Loos Sector. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn. G/M on the Loos Memorial in France. (TB)

Myles Cullen: Born in Enniscorthy Co Wexford (Born in Ennis on Ireland’s Memorial Records), died of wounds 22nd July 1916 age 25 on the Loos Salient, 6th Bn Royal Irish Regiment (16th Div), G/M in the Bethune Town Cemetery, Bethune in France. Two of his brothers also died in WW1, , Ptes Thomas and Maurice Cullen. (TB)

John McNamara: Born in Co Clare lived in Ennis, died of wounds 27th July 1916 in Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th, G/M in the Bethune Town Cemetery, Bethune in France. Son of Martin McNamara Carnaclohy, Crusheen. (TB)

John Mahony: DOB 16/4/1891. Born and lived on Old Mill Street Ennis, killed in action 29th July 1916 near Loos (shot by a sniper), Royal Munster Fusilier 8th Bn, G/M in the Mazingarbe
Communal Cemetery Extension, in France. (TB) He carried a Martin Woods after he was wounded on his back for one mile along a narrow trench, and did not leave him until his wounds were treated. (CJ) Maj General W B Hickie complimented his gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on July 28th 1916 and ordered his name and deed be enterered in the record of the Irish Division.

James Brennan: Born in Bunratty lived in Limerick, killed in action 27th July 1916, in the Loos Salient, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. 4352, G/M in the Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe in France. (TB) The 1st RMF remained in the area of the Loos salient in July and August 1916 with some intermittent casualties.

Private Michael Coleman: Born and lived in Sixmilebridge, died of wounds 1st August 1916 age 23, in the Loos Sector. Connaught Rangers 6th Bn 5818, 47th Brigade 16th Div. G/M in the Bethune Town Cemetery, Bethune in France. The 16th Division raided German trenches all through May, June and July 1916. ‘Intelligence has been received by his relatives in Sixmilebridge that Private Michael Coleman, Connaught Rangers (Maxim One Section), has died of wounds received in action during the recent British advance in France. The deceased was most popular in his native district and the news of his death has caused much regret. He was the first of a number of Sixmilebridge volunteers to fall in the fighting.’ Limerick Leader August 1916.
Co Clare 1916

**Andrew Jones:** Born in Cahir Co Tipperary, lived at No 6 Fahy’s Lane Ennis, died at home **24th June 1916** age 47 (possibly from wounds at the Gas attacks at Wulverghem), Royal Engineers Unit, 24th Div, G/M in Clare Abbey Cemetry Clarecastle. (TB) Pioneer Andrew Jones. 163594, 12th Labour Bn., Royal Engineers. Brother of Patrick Jones, Upper Jail St., Ennis, Co. Clare. The 12th (Service) Battalion (Pioneers) landed in France as pioneer battalion for the 24th Division in August 1915 for service on the Western Front.

**Simon/Sinon Neylon:** Ennistymon, died **22nd July 1916**, Royal Munster Fusiliers 5th Bn, Service Number 5/6832. G/M in Ennistymon Cemetery. (TB) He fell from a train travelling from Limerick to the Curragh. His parents sued the GSW Railway for £500 ‘After the train had passed Lisnagary station where it did not stop, Pte Neylon felt very sick and leaned out of the carriage window to prevent vomiting in the carriage. The door opened, and as Pte Neylon was falling out one of escort caught him but had to let go or they would have gone with him. He fell on the track and sustained injuries from which he later died.’ Clare Journal March 1917.

**James Ryan:** Clarecastle, died **28th July 1916**, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in St Lawrence’s Cemetry, in Limerick. He is also commemorated on the Grangegorman Memorial. He jumped into a river in Limerick on the way to the RMF Barracks in Tralee and drowned. He was home on leave due to wounds. (Probably in Loos Sector in June 1916) He left behind his wife M Ryan and eight helpless children, aged from 2 to 12, Clarecommons Clarecastle. (TB)(CJ)
Patrick Cooney: Kilrush, died 26th June 1916, Royal Irish Fusiliers 1st Garrison (possibly from illness), G/M on the Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial in India. Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of Thomas and Bridget Downes Cooney and husband of Kate Cooney, Chapel St Kilrush. (TB) Private Pat Cooney: Malt House Lane. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Killed in Action in France. KM The 1st Garrison Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers was deployed to India in Feb 1916.


Corporal Vincent Mitchinson (VM) Cox: Born in Kilrush, lived in Rhodesia where he worked as an Engineer for the London and Rhodesian Mining Co. In the Machine Gun Section of the 2nd Rhodesian Regiment 616. Killed in action in German East Africa (Tanzania) on Aug 17th 1916, age 26. G/M in the Morogoro Cemetery in Tanzania. Morogoro is situated 195 kilometres west of Dar-Es-Salaam. Second son of Mr and Mrs Vincent Cox Kilrush. (CJ)

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Michael O’Leary: Lived in Ennis, died 5th July 1916 in Salonika, possibly from illness, Connaught Rangers 5th Bn 2878, 29th Brigade in 10th (Irish) Division. G/M in Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Thessaloniki in Greece. He wrote a letter that appeared in the Clare Journal in Feb 1915. (TB) The 5th battalion Connaught Rangers remained at the Salonika Front during 1916 & 1917 with little progress made by either side. The Allied presence in northern Greece prevented the Bulgarian army invading Greece but the inhospitable mountainous terrain and adverse weather, unbearable heat and malaria in summer and ice and snow in winter, made an offensive almost impossible.

James Fennell: Born and lived in Kilkee, died 31st July 1916 (probably due to illness), Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Bn, G/M in the in Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Thessaloniki in Greece. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Michael Purtell/Purtill: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 10th Sept 1916 age 34 in Salonica Greek Macedonia, (probably from shelling), Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Bn 483, G/M in the Struma Military Cemetery, Kalokastron in Greece. Son of Thomas and Mary Purtill, Moore Street. (TB)

Pioneer Martin Hartigan: Born and enlisted in Ennis, died 19th Sept 1916 in Salonika (illness?), Corps of Royal Engineers 12th Labour Battalion, G/M in the in Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Thessaloniki in Salonika. (TB)
John McAuley: Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 3rd Oct 1916 in Greek Macedonia, Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Bn 6347, G/M in the Struma Military Cemetery, Kalokastron in Greece. (TB) He featured in the Battalions war diary during Oct 1916. ‘On October 3rd 1916 an attack was made... the objective included the taking of the village of Jenikov. Casualties – killed 11; wounded 34... No 6347 Private John McCauley, of “C” Company, would have also received an award on the same occasion, but unfortunately he was killed the same day when carrying a message to Colonel Worship. His Company Commander describes him as the bravest man I have ever met, and being an old soldier who had served with the 1st Battalion in Gallipoli had a wonderful steadying effect on the other men.”

Thomas Gardiner: Born in Ennis, lived in Co Tipperary, killed in action 12th Aug 1916 age 25, Irish Guards 1st Bn 3812, 2nd Div (which moved to the Somme late July 1916 - how did he die in Flanders?), G/M in the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2 Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium. Son of Patrick and Anne Gardiner Co Tipperary. (TB)

Martin Halloran: Born in Kilkee, killed in action 12th Oct 1917, Scots Rifles 9th Bn (Cameronians), 266353, G/M in Gaza, Israel. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
The Battle of the Somme - July 1st 1916 to November 18th 1916

- The Battle of the Somme was a series of 13 battles in 3 phases that raged from July to November. Claremen fought in all 13 Battles.
- Claremen fought in 28 of the 51 British and Commonwealth Divisions, and one of the French Divisions that fought at the Somme.
- At least 77 Claremen were killed in action or died from wounds at the Somme in 1916. Hundred’s of Claremen fought in the Battle.

The Battle of Albert (1–13 July 1916) On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive, The Battle of the Somme, on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. The French Sixth army and the right wing of the British Fourth Army inflicted a considerable defeat on the German 2nd Army but from the Albert-Bapaume road to Gommecourt the British attack was a disaster, where most of the c. 60,000 British casualties of the day were incurred.

Richard Corry: Co Clare (Cregluce), killed in action 1st July 1916, 10th Bn North Lancashire Regiment 10th Bn 17124 (37th Div), G/M in the Bienvillers Military Cemetery in France. (TB) The 37th Division took part in the Subsidiary Attack at Gommecourt Salient on the 1st July 1916 at the Somme. The attack was a part of the Battle of the Somme offensive, which resulted in a severe defeat for the attacking force.

Henry George Browne: Born in Ennis lived in Hampshire, killed in action 1st July 1916 age 29 (1st day in the Battle of the Somme), Bedfordshire Regiment 7th Bn 20097 (18th Eastern Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Henry George and Jane Browne, Hertfordshire. (TB) (Battle of Albert, 1–13 July at the Somme)
**Mortimer Kelly**: Born in Ennis, enlisted in Dublin, died of wounds 1st July 1916, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 9th Bn 14822, 16th Div, G/M in the Bethune Town Cemetery, Bethune (near the Belgian border) France. (TB) KELLY - Mortimer, in action in France, of General Post Office, Dublin. Sixth son of the late John Kelly, Dysart, Ennis, Co., Clare, Ireland, brother of P. J. of Bronx, J. F. of Brooklyn and Mary of Richmond Hill. July, 1914. Clare Obituaries and Deaths from the Chicago Examiner 1908 – 1918 Clare Library.

**Private John Joseph Cleary**: Killaloe, died on the 2nd July 1916 age 41, Australian Imperial Force, G/M in the Estaires Communal Cemetery in France. (TB) He died of wounds received in action (gunshot wound to the head, compound fracture of the skull) at the 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station. He was a Miner aged 40 when he enlisted in Aug 1915 in Charters Towers Queensland into the 9th Bn. 4160. His mother was Abby Cleary. (UNSW)

**John Nelson**: Born in Ennis, killed in action 3rd July 1916 at the Somme, in the Battle of Albert (1–13 July), Gloucestershire Regiment 8th Service Bn. 13582, (19th Western Division) G/M in Thiepval France. (TB)

**2nd Lt Herbert Parker Peacocke**: Lived in Kilrush, killed in action 3rd July 1916 age 20 at the Somme in the Battle of Albert (1–13 July). South Lancashire Regiment 8th, (25th Div) G/M in Thiepval France. Son of Mr T. Twiss and Mary E M Peacocke Kilrush. (TB) "While cheering his men on he was..."
wounded. His Commanding Officer writes: Lieutenant Peacocke led his men in a gallant charge against the German lines. Lieutenant Peacocke was in the Provincial Bank at Cork when he volunteered and joined the Cadet Corps of the Leinster Regiment, from which he was gazetted into the South Lancashires.’ (Kilrush County Clare: Notes from c 1760 to 1960 by Senan Scanlan. Clare Library)

James Ryan: Born in Ballina Co Tipperary but lived in Killaloe, killed in action 5th July 1916 (Battle of Albert, 1–13 July at the Somme), Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn. (7th Div), G/M in the Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz in France. (TB)

George Doherty: Born in Liscannor, killed in action 7th July 1916, in the Battle of Albert 1–13 July at the Somme. Royal Irish Rifles 2nd Bn 8687 (36th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) (Guss O’Halloran)

One of the outstanding feats on the 1st July, a day of failure, carnage and death, was the success of the 36th (Ulster) Division in capturing their German front line objectives, including the supposedly impregnable Schwaben Redoubt opposite Thiepval Wood. Raised from the Ulster Volunteers, this was the largest unit of Irish soldiers to fight on that day, consisting of nine battalions of the Royal Irish Rifles, three of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and one of the Royal Irish Fusiliers.
Francis Blake: Lived in Ennis, died of wounds 20th July 1916 age 31, (probably from the Battle of Albert, 1–13 July at the Somme) Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn, 23497 (4th Div), G/M in the Glasgow Western Necropolis in Scotland. ‘Pte Blake was son of Mr James Blake, Corbally Quin, and much sympathy is felt with him in his bereavement. He died at Bellahouston Hospital, Glasgow.’ From the Sat Record July 1916. (TB)

Driver Christopher McCormack: Born and lived in Ennis, died of wounds 23rd July 1916 (after the Capture of La Boisselle during the Battle of Albert), Royal Horse Artillery 19th Division Ammunition Col. 100572, G/M in the Heilly Station Cemetery in France. (TB) The 19th Division fought in the Capture of La Boisselle (1–6 July 1916) which was a British local operation during the Battle of Albert. The 19th (Western) Division was rushed forward from reserve, in case of a German counter-attack on Albert. The 19th Division continued the attack and captured most of the village by 4 July, completing the operation by 6 July.

The Battle of Delville Wood 14 July – 15 Sept 1916

The Battle of Delville Wood was an operation to secure the British right flank, while the centre advanced to capture the higher lying areas of High Wood and Pozières. After the Battle of Albert the offensive had evolved to the capture of fortified villages, woods, and other terrain that offered
observation for artillery fire, jumping-off points for more attacks, and other tactical advantages. The mutually costly fighting at Delville Wood eventually secured the British right flank, and marked the Western Front début of the South African 1st Infantry Brigade (incorporating a Southern Rhodesian contingent), which held the wood from 15–20 July. When relieved the brigade had lost 2,536 men, similar to the casualties of many brigades on 1 July.

**Denis Alphonsus Hayes:** Born in Parteen, lived in Kilmallock Co Limerick, died of wounds 9th July 1916 age 29 in Loos, 7th Leinster Regiment 16th Div, G/M in the Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery Saint-Omer in France. Son of Thomas and Mary Hayes Kilmallock. (TB)(At the end of August 1916, the 16th Division moved from Loos down to the Somme sector.)

**Michael Duffy:** Born in Tulla, lived in Liverpool, died of wounds 16th July 1916 age 36 at the Somme in the Battle of Delville Wood, 14 July – 15 Sept. The King’s (Liverpool Regiment) 13th Bn 18898 (3rd Division), G/M in the Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Corbie in France. Son of Michael and Johanna Duffy, Rathclooney, Carrahan, Quin, and husband of Edith Duffy, Liverpool. He volunteered in September 1914. (TB)

**James Cusack:** Sixmilebridge. Died 18th July 1916 age 39 in the Battle of Delville Wood, South African Infantry 1st Regiment 1125, (9th Division) G/M on the Thiepval Memorial, France. Son of James and Catherine Cusack, Old Mill Road, Sixmilebridge. (TB)
**Alfred Murray**: Born in Co Clare enlisted in Norwich, killed in action **19th July 1916** at the Somme, in the Battle of Delville Wood (14 July – 15 Sept 1916). Norfolk Regiment 8th Bn 13091, (18th Eastern Division) G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) Alfred Murray: DOB Aug 14th 1891. He was a Railway Clerk aged 23 when he enlisted in July 1914 into the Norfolk Regiment. He went to France in July 1915. KIA 19/7/1916. His father was W Murray, Oxford. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)


**Martin Moroney**: Born and lived on Main Street, Miltown Malbay, killed in action **27th July 1916** age 20 at the Somme, in Battle of Delville Wood, 14 July – 15 September. Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 99th Company 12070 (2nd Div), G/M in Thiepval France. Only son of Martin and Bridget Moroney General Merchants, Main Street, Miltown Malbay.(TB) Sgt M Moroney: Miltown, Killed In Action France. (PMcN)
**Sergeant Patrick Danaher**: Born in Nenagh, lived in Killaloe, killed in action **5th August 1916** age 35, in the Battle of Delville Wood, 14 July – 15 Sept. Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 3258 (7th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Dan and Catherine Danaher and husband of Bridget Danaher, New Street, Killaloe. (TB)


**Thomas Breslin**: Born in Co Clare (also down as Co Carlow), died **19th July 1916** on the Somme, the Battle of Fromelles, 19–20 July. Australian Infantry 59th Bn.1914 (5th Aus Div), G/M in the Ration Farm Military Cemetery in France. Husband of Mary Breslin Edinburgh. (TB)
**Leroy Laurence Tracey:** Born in Dublin lived in The Cottage, Boherglass, Bodyke, Co Clare, killed in action 20th July 1916 age 29 on the Somme (In the Attacks on High Wood: 20–25 July), Royal Army Medical Corps 57th Field Ambulance 51507 (19th Western Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) Brother of Joseph P. Tracy who served in the Royal Engineers.

**Martin Lynch:** Born and lived in Miltown Malbay, killed in action 23rd July 1916 age 21 at Guillemont on the Somme, Manchester Regiment 19th Bn 26713, (30th Div) G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Thomas Lynch, Main Street, Miltown Malbay. (TB)

**Battle of Pozières Ridge, 23 July – 7 August at the Somme**

The Battle of Pozières began with the capture of the village by the 1st Australian Division (Australian Imperial Force) of the Reserve Army, the only British success in the Allied fiasco of 22/23 July, when a general attack combined with the French further south, degenerated into a series of separate attacks due to communication failures, supply failures and poor weather. German bombardments and counter-attacks began on 23 July and continued until 7 August. The fighting ended with the Reserve Army taking the plateau north and east of the village, overlooking the fortified village of Thiepval from the rear.

Thomas Naylon/Neylon: Born in Kilshanny, lived in Brisbane Australia, killed in action 29th July 1916 at Pozieres age 42, during the Battle of Pozières Ridge (23 July – 7 Aug). Australian Infantry 25th Bn 192 (2nd Aus Div), G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. Reported missing, later changed to killed in action. Son of Lawrence and Eliza Naylon. He emigrated to Australia when he was aged 17. (TB) Thomas Naylon: Ennistymon. Australian Army.MA (AI) He was a Driver aged 41 when he enlisted in 1915 in Brisbane into the 25th Bn. 7th Infantry. He subsequently was sent to France. (UNSW)

Private Martin Mineter: Scariff, killed in action 5th Aug 1916, during the Battle of Pozières Ridge 23 July – 7 Aug at the Somme, Australian Infantry 48th Bn 473, G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. (TB) MA He was an unmarried Tailor aged 41 when he enlisted in March 1915 in Perth into the 48th Bn. 473 (4th Aus Div). He landed in Gallipoli in Oct 1915. He was KIA in France on the 5th Aug 1916. (UNSW)
Private Patrick Lynch: Kilmoon, Lisdoonvarna, died 6th Aug 1916 age 34 in the The Battle of Pozières (23 July – 7 August), Australian Imperial Force, G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. (TB) MA Son of Patrick and Margaret Lynch Lisdoonvarna. (Guss O’Halloran) They owned Lynch’s Hotel. He was a butcher aged 28 when he enlisted in Feb 1915 in Broadmeadows Victoria into the 3rd Reinf 14th Bn. 1660 1654 (and later the 4th Pioneer Bn. 4th Aus Div). He landed in Gallipoli in May 1915.(UNSW) He is also commemorated on the family gravestone in Ennistymon.

Patrick John O’Dea: Born in Co Clare lived in Adelaide, killed in action 8th Aug 1916, Australian Infantry 48th Bn 1792 (4th Aus Div) in the Battle of Pozières at the Somme, G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. (TB) Patrick John O’Dea: Australian Army. MA He was a Labourer aged 36 when he enlisted in 1915 in Adelaide into the C Coy 2nd Depot Bn. 1792 (and later in the 48th Bn.). His mother was Anne O’Dea Adelaide. He was KIA on the 8th Aug 1916. ‘Last seen by his mates on No Mans Land just before the battle’. (UNSW)

Attack on Mouquet Farm 10th Aug – Sept 3 1916 at the Somme

Following the attack on Pozières (23rd July – 5th Aug) the Australians were called upon to attack Mouquet Farm in August. All three divisions of I Anzac Corps were committed in an effort to force a breach in the German lines behind Thiepval, to the north of Pozières.

Thomas Stuart: Born in 1887 in Bodyke. Australian Imperial Force. MA. He was a Farm Hand aged 27 when he enlisted in Sept 1915 in Toowoomba Queensland into the 50th Bn. 3905 and later the 52nd Bn. (4th Aus. Div.). He was wounded in action at the Somme (gun shot wounds to the Abdomen) on the 3-4th Sept 1916. (Attack on Mouquet Farm10th Aug – Sept 3 1916) He died of these wounds on the
12th Sept 1916 in the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station. His mother was Kate Stuart, Bodyke. (UNSW) G/M in Puchevillers British Cemetery France.

Michael Joseph Breen MID: Born in Cooraclare lived in Queensland Australia, died of gunshot wounds to the back, age 41 on the 14th Sept 1916. These were possibly received at the Attack on Mouquet Farm 10th Aug – Sept 3 1916. Australian Infantry 25th Bn 312, (2nd Aus Div). G/M in Wandsworth Cemetery in England. Mentioned in Despatches. Breen was also recommended for the Military Medal. (TB) Michael Breen: He was a labourer aged 34 when he enlisted in Feb 1915 in Brisbane into the 25th Bn. 312. His brother Patrick J Breen was in the Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn (1st Div)- Aug 1916 The Somme

‘The 2nd Battalion was transferred with its Division down to the Somme in July for the opening of the Battle of the Somme, entering the lines on 14 July capturing its objectives two days later, and repulsing the German counterattack on 18 July, in all with an officer and 26 men killed, 127 wounded and 50 gassed. They were in reserve until 20 August, when they entered the lines again for steady fighting but ran into heavy off-target and ineffective British bombardment, killing 4 officers and 29 other ranks.’

John Cosgrove: Born and lived in Trough (Truagh?), Castlebank (Ardnacrusha), Co Clare, killed in action 17th August 1916, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 9681 (1st Div). G/M in the Albert Communal Cemetery Extension in France. (TB)
On 24th August 1916, orders were received by the Battalion that an attack was to be made on the 400 yards of the old German trench still remaining in enemy hands. The effort was doomed to failure from the start. It is said that another Commanding Officer had declined to deliver the attack. The artillery preparations was misdirected and inaccurately delivered; the outer sectors of the objective were to have been blown in by trench mortars, which completely failed; the attack was ordered by daylight and as a consequence of faulty preparations the enemy was completely unshaken. At 7 a.m. the assault was delivered and the Germans immediately opened a heavy fire from concealed machine-gun emplacements and held up the attack.' (Pat McNamara Parteen)

Private Thomas Gleeson: Born and lived in Clarecastle (Clare Abbey), killed in action Aug 24th 1916 age 20 on the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6776 (1st Div). G/M in Thiepval France. Son of John and Mary Gleeson, Clare Abbey.(TB)

2nd Lt. Gerald Lefroy MID: Grandson of Henry Maunsell Lefroy of Fern's Hollow, Killaloe, killed in action 24th Aug 1916 on the Somme (at High Wood), aged 20, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn (1st Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Mentioned in Despatches London Gazette Jan 1916 (possibly for the Battle of Loos Sept 1915). Eldest son of Mr James A.C. and Margaret Lefroy, Japan. (TB) He is also commemorated on a memorial in St Flannan’s Cathedral Killaloe.

Patrick Moloney: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 24th August 1916 on the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 4921 (1st Div), G/M in Thiepval France. (TB)
William Hourigan: Born and lived in Newmarket on Fergus, died 18th Dec 1916, Machine Gun Corps 17th Bn (the 117th 39th Div) 22784, G/M in the Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas-De-Calais in France. Wounded in Aug 1916. He died in Wimereux. Son of Mrs J Hourigan Ralahine, Newmarket on Fergus. (TB) (CJ)

The Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Pas-De-Calais in France

Battle of Guillemont, 3–6 September at the Somme

The Battle of Guillemont was an attack on the village which was captured by the Fourth Army on the first day. Guillemont was on the right flank of the British sector, near the boundary with the French Sixth Army. The German defence in the area was based on the second line and numerous fortified villages and farms north from Maurepas at Combles, Guillemont, Falfemont Farm, Delville Wood and High Wood, which were mutually supporting. The battle for Guillemont was considered by some observers to be the supreme effort of the German army during the battle.

John Joseph Garrahy: Born and lived in Lahinch, killed in action Sept 3rd 1916, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 5888 (7th Div), G/M in France. Formerly in the Leinster Regiment.(TB) NCS (Battle of Guillemont, 3–6 September at the Somme)(TB)

William Reybauld: Born and lived in Ennis (Clonroad), killed in action 3rd Sept 1916 at Guillemont on the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 4675 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB)


William Rochford: Born in Drumbiggle Ennis, killed in action 4th Sept 1916 age 30 on the Somme at Guillemont, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 5749 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Margaret Rochford Drumbiggle. (TB) He was reported missing in action in Sept 1916 in the Clare Journal. (CJ)
**John L Woods**: Born in Galway lived in Doolin, killed in action 4th Sept 1916 at Guillemon on the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 5815 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB)

**Tom Hill**: Born in Miltown Malbay (Glendine House), lived in Limerick, killed in action 6th Sept 1916 age 21 (in the build up to the Battle of Ginchy, 9th September at the Somme), Royal Dublin Fusiliers 8th Bn 16234 (16th Div), G/M in the Guillemon Road Cemetery in Guillemon, France. Son of Dr John Hill. (TB) He is also remembered on the family vault in Miltown Malbay.

### The Battle of Ginchy, 9 September 1916 at the Somme

On the 9th Sept 1916 the 1st RMF took part in the attack and triumphant capture of Ginchy by the 16th Division but at a high cost for its battalions, the 1RMF reduced to 5 officers and 305 other ranks. A London newspaper headlined ‘How the Irish took Ginchy – Splendid daring of the Irish troops’.

**Ginchy Sept 9th 1916**: ‘At zero time (4.45pm) it left the trenches in four waves...With the exception of 2nd Lt Baily all the company officers and the Second-in – Command were either killed or wounded within the first 50 yards... on continuing the advance, he found the enemy strongly entrenched, so dug in opposite them, and with the assistance of one machine gun, held his position until relieved... The Battalion marched back to Carnoy on the 10th. Strength after the attack, 5 officers, 305 other ranks.’ (History of the RMF 1861 to 1922. Captain S Mc Cance)

**John Coughlan/Coghlan**: Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 9th Sept 1916 in the attack on Ginchy, age 26 in the Battle of the Somme. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 6359 (16th Div), G/M in the Delville Wood Cemetery in France. Son of Michael and Mary Coughlan ‘The Cottage’ Circular Road, Ennis. Missing in Action Sept 1916. (TB)(CJ)
**Thomas Kelly**: Clarecastle, died **9th Sept 1916** on the Somme (Battle of Ginchy, 9 September at the Somme), Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 9373 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) Was taken prisoner in Etreux in August 1914 with 500 others and taken to Germany. POW Dec 1915

**Corporal Michael Butler DCM**: Cloughleigh Road, Ennis. Killed in action **Sept 9th 1916** age 30 at Ginchy. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 1/8121. G/M on the Thiepval Addenda Panel (CWGC). He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (2nd RMF 14/1/1916) for helping a comrade under heavy shell, maxim and rifle fire at Rue Du Bois in May 1915. (CJ) His mother was Ellen, older sister Bridget and younger brother Thomas.

**Private John Keane MM**: Burton St Kilrush, killed in action **9th Sept 1916** age 20 in the Battle of Ginchy, 9 September at the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 4612 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. He won the Military Medal 21/10/1916. ‘The death is announced of a brave Kilrush soldier, Private J Keane, of the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers, who was killed in action. He received the Military Medal and Parchment Certificate for bravery. Deceased is the son of Mr and Mrs Pat Keane Burton Street.’ Claret Journal 1917. (TB) Brother of Michael.

**Patrick O’Neill**: Lived in Feakle enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 9th Sept 1916, in the Battle of Ginchy, age 26. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 5571 (16th Div), G/M in the Queant Communal Cemetery in France. Son of William O’Neill Ballylongford, Co Kerry. (TB)

**John Moloney**: Born in Clonlara, killed in action 9th Sept 1916 on the Somme, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 8th Bn 20351 (16th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) Battle of Ginchy, 9 September.
John McDonnell: Born and lived Kilrush, died of wounds 14th Oct 1916 (probably received at the Battle of Ginchy 9th Sept 1916) in Cardiff Hospital, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 4337 (16th Div), G/M in the Kilrush Church of Ireland Churchyard. He is also commemorated on Grangegorman Memorial. ‘Among the actions in which he took part in France and Flanders were Festubert, Neuve Chapelle, Le Basse, Lens, Loos, Guinche, Richburg, Vimy, Hulluch, Vermeilles, the Brickfields, Ypres, Arras and Contelmaison; and Guillemont, Ginchy, Combles and Espinal, in the big battles of the Somme. He was wounded in the latter battle, and died of wounds in Cardiff Hospital.’(CJ) (TB)


Lance Corporal Martin Leyden/Lyden: Born in Killuran (Tulla) lived in O’Callaghan’s Mills, died in Queen Mary’s Hospital Lancashire 19th Dec 1916 age 42 (Probably from wounds in the Battle of Guillemont, 3–6 Sept at the Somme), Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 5054, 7th Div, G/M in the Whalley (Queen Mary’s Hospital) Military Cemetery England.(TB) L Corp Matt Leyden: Royal Irish Regiment. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ) Son of Denis and Bridget Leyden, Iragh, O’Callaghan’s Mills. He had also served in the North-West frontier of India in 1895.

100th Anniversary - Guillemont 2016
2100 poppy crosses in the shape of a shamrock for all the 16th Irish Division dead that liberated Guillemont and Ginchy. Each cross had the name of an Irish soldier from the 16th Div who died.
John Glynn: Born in Ballyorughia (Ballyoughtra Tulla?) Co Clare, killed in action Sept 13th 1916 age 32 on the Somme, Grenadier Guards 2nd Bn 14423 (Guards Div), G/M in Thiepval France. (TB) (Just before the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September)

Michael Guthrie/ Gutherie: Born in Ennis, killed in action 14th Sept 1916 age 27, Grenadier Guards 2nd Bn 20229 (Guards Div), G/M in Thiepval France. (TB) (Just before the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September at the Somme)

Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 Sept 1916 – 14 Claremen Died at the Somme

The Battle of Flers–Courcelette (15th – 22nd Sept) was the third and final general offensive mounted by the British Army, which attacked an intermediate line and the German third line to take Morval, Lesboeufs and Gueudecourt, which was combined with a French attack on Frégicourt and Rancourt to encircle Combles and a supporting attack on the south bank of the Somme. The strategic objective of a breakthrough was not achieved but the tactical gains were considerable, the front line being advanced by 2,500–3,500 yards (2,300–3,200 m) and many casualties were inflicted on the German defenders. The battle was the début of the Canadian Corps, New Zealand Division and tanks of the Heavy Branch of the Machine Gun Corps on the Somme. The 1st and 2nd Irish Guards had very heavy losses in this Battle.
**Thomas McKnight:** Born and lived in Moylesky, Mullagh, killed in action **13th Sept 1916** on the Somme (In the lead up to the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September), Irish Guards 2nd Bn 3198 (Guards Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) The 1st and 2nd Irish Guards had very heavy losses in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette.

**Daniel Carey:** Born in Kilmacduane Cooraclare, killed in action **15th Sept 1916** at the Somme in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 Sept. Irish Guards 1st Bn 9440, G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. He was in the RIC. (TB) Pte. Daniel Carey: In the RIC. Enlisted in Dublin in the Irish Guards 1st (9440). (Irishmedals.orgRIC)

**Owen Devins:** Ennis, killed in action **15th Sept 1916** on the Somme (Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September), Irish Guards 1st Bn 2981 (Guards Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB)

Joseph McNamara: Born in Kilmihil enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 15th Sept 1916 age 29 on the Somme (Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 Sept), Irish Guards 2nd Bn 7259 (Guards Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Michael and Mary McNamara Knockalough Ennis. (TB)


Albert Muir: Lived in Killaloe, killed in action 16th Sept 1916 at the Somme, in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September. Irish Guards 2nd Bn 6481 (Guards Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB)
Michael Houlihan: Lived in Pound St /Hector St Kilrush, died of wounds 18th Sept 1916 age 29, Irish Guards 2nd Bn 7835 (Guards Div), in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September, G/M in the Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte in France. Son of Thomas and Mary Houlihan, Crofton St Kilrush. He died of wounds in the Battle of the Somme. (TB)

John Kenneally: Born in Tulla, died of wounds 26th Sept 1916 on the Somme, (Probably after the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September 1916) Irish Guards 1st Bn 9495 (Guards Div), G/M in the Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte in France. (TB)

Private James Francis Chambers: From Cooraclare lived in New Zealand, killed in action 15th Sept 1916 at the Somme in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette (15–22 Sept 1916). New Zealand Expeditionary Force Wellington Regiment 2nd Bn 11828 (New Zealand Div), G/M on the Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial Albert, in France. (Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September) Son of John Chambers Clonfineen, Cooraclare. (TB) (DOB 27/11/1883) He was a Bushman who lived in Wanganui when he enlisted in Jan 1916 into the 2nd Bn.Wellington Regiment 11828. His brother was John Chambers, Wellington. (WW1 Archives-New Zealand)

John Forde: Lived in Newmarket on Fergus, killed in action 15th Sept 1916 age 21, London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) 8th Battalion, 4032, (47th Div) G/M in the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery
Longueval in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Forde Newmarket on Fergus. (TB) (Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September at the Somme)

Patrick (Paddy) Droney: Born in Ballymagh (Balliny North Fanore) Co Clare, enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 22nd Sept 1916 on the Somme in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 Sept at the Somme. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6831 (1st Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB)


Thomas Glynn: Born and lived in Ballyvaughan, died of wounds 26th Sept 1916 age 30 on the Somme (after The Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September), Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 9511 (1st Div), G/M in the Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz in France. Son of James and Bridget Glynn, Ballyvaughan. (TB)

Private Thomas Cusack: Born (1878) and lived in Kilrush, died of wounds 24th Oct 1916 age 38 at the Somme, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6173 (1st Div). G/M in the Feuquieres-en-Vimeau
Communal Cemetery in France. He died of wounds (Possibly from the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September). Son of Tom and Mary Cusack, Glynn Street Kilrush (previously in Ballally Lane). Husband of Anne Cusack, Pound Street. (TB) He is commemorated on the back of a headstone grave no. 31 in Old Shanakyle Cemetery (East Section) in Kilrush.

I am gone from your grave but my thoughts are still there. My prayers will not cease until we meet in the Kingdom of Peace and when others forget I still remember thee.


The Battle of Thiepval Ridge (26–28 Sept 1916) at the Somme

The Battle of Thiepval Ridge (26–28 Sept 1916) was the first large offensive mounted by the Reserve Army (Lieutenant General Hubert Gough), during the Battle of the Somme. Thiepval Ridge was well fortified and the German defenders fought with great determination. The final British objectives were not reached until a reorganisation of the Reserve Army and the Battle of the Ancre Heights.

Lieutenant P J O’Kelly: Feakle. Killed in action Sept 26th 1916 in the Battle of Thiepval Ridge (26–28 Sept 1916). 58th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, 11th (Northern) Division. G/M in the Ovillers Military Cemetery in France. Son of Mr P Kelly Caher, Feakle. ‘Lieutenant P J Kelly, R.F.A., whose death is reported from Athlone where he had been in the legal business before getting a commission, was a prominent member of the Athlone Boat Club. He was a Clareman, being, we understand, son of Mr P Kelly, Caher Feakle, East Clare.’ Clare Journal Oct 1916. (TB) Lt. P J Kelly: Feakle, died Oct 1916, Royal Field Artillery. Son of Mr P Kelly Caher, Feakle. (TB)
The Battle of the Transloy Ridges (1 Oct – 11 Nov) at the Somme

The Battle of Le Transloy began in good weather and Le Sars was captured on 7 October. Pauses were made from 8–11 October due to rain and 13–18 October to allow time for a methodical bombardment.

**Thomas Heppel Crowe**: Born 27th July 1892 in Newcastle on Tyne, lived in Canada. His father was Michael Joseph Crowe who was a surveyor of Excise and Customs in Ennis. Killed in action 9th Oct 1916 age 24 in the Battle of the Transloy Ridges (1 Oct – 11 Nov), Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) 420031, G/M on the Vimy Memorial in France. He was an accountant when he enlisted in Winnipeg, Canada in Jan 1915. (TB)

**Denis Bergin**: Born in Ennis lived in Kent, killed in action 12th Oct 1916 in the Battle of the Transloy Ridges (1 Oct – 11 Nov) at the Somme, Royal Irish Fusiliers 1st Bn 11101 (4th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) The Somme July 1st: The 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers captured the position known as the Quadrilateral but they also had to withdraw due to the isolation of their position.

**Patrick Bennett**: Born in Scariff lived in Killaloe, killed in action 13th Oct 1916 age 30 in the Battle of the Transloy Ridges (1 Oct – 11 Nov) at the Somme. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn 43152 (4th Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Bennett Killaloe. (TB)

Frederick McMahon: Born and lived in Ennis, died of wounds 22nd Oct 1916 age 38 (The Battle of the Transloy Ridges Oct 1st-Nov 11th), Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Bn 43088 (29th Div), G/M in the Heilly Station Cemetery, Heilly in France. He was also in the Royal Munster Fusiliers (6724). Husband of Mary McMahon Lifford, Ennis. (TB)

Edward Roughan: Born and lived in Tulla, killed in action 11th Oct 1916, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 10th Bn 26292 (63rd Royal Naval Division), G/M in the Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, in France. (TB)

‘On 11th October they march out of billets to relieve the 4th Beds on the front at ”White City”. The White City is an area near Beaumont Hamel, including the Sunken Road and the Redan Crater. It is on the Auchonvillers (known to Tommy Atkins as”Ocean Villas”) to Beaumont Hamel road. Much work had been carried out here in constructing dugouts and tunnels by digging into the extensive chalk cliff of about forty feet in height. The whiteness of the excavated chalk and the extent of the accommodation gave rise to its name. Battalion HQ remained at the White City, the rest of the battalion took over new positions to the east of Beaumont Hamel.’ (War Diary Transcripts 10th RDF)
Michael Kildea: Miltown Malbay, killed in action 19th Oct 1916 age 18, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st 4483, G/M in the La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium. Son of Annie Kildea Ennistymon Road. (TB) ‘I go into battle, after saying a few prayers and a light heart.’ (After the Battle of Ginchy on the Somme, the RMF 1st Bn was moved northwards to the South of Ypres in Belgium.)

Patrick Barry: Born in Kilnamona lived in New South Wales Australia, killed in action 22nd Oct 1916 age 44, Australian Imperial Force 55th Bn. 5339 (5th Aus Div), G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. (TB) MA. Patrick Barry was a labourer aged 43 when he enlisted in 1916 in Liverpool NSW into C Company 3rd Bn. (Depot 5339) and later in the 55th Infantry Bn. His brother David Barry lived in Newtown NSW. (UNSW)

The 5th Aus. Div. had fought at the Battle of Fromelles, 19–20 July at the Somme. The battle was responsible for the greatest loss of Australian lives in one 24-hour period - 5,533 Australian casualties. The 5th Division was not ready for combat again until October 1916, when it joined the other Australian divisions on the Somme, in extreme winter conditions.

Charles McNamara: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 23rd Oct 1916 on the Somme, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles 2nd Bn) 6893, 8th Div. G/M on the Thiepval Memorial, France. (TB)
Thomas Brogan: Born in Clarecastle lived in Sydney Australia, killed in action 25th Oct 1916 in The Battle of the Transloy Ridges (Oct 1st-Nov 11th), Lancashire Fusiliers 1st Bn 561 (29th Div), G/M in the Bulls Road Cemetery in France. (TB)

Lt Col. John O’Brien Minogue (CMG): Born in 1861 in Scariff, died 26th Oct 1916, West Yorkshire Unit, G/M in the Mortlake (St Mary Magdalen), Roman Catholic Church Churchyard, Surrey in England. He was given command of a battalion of Yorkshire Infantry in May 1915. (CJ) In Feb 1916 he became an ‘additional member of the Third Class for Companions of the most distinguished Order of St Michael and St George’ for military services in the field. He had a brilliant career rising from the ranks. He was a teacher in Carrigaholt. (TB) (CJ)

Agnes McMahon: Born in Sixmilebridge, died 27th Oct 1918 age 22, Queen Mary’s Auxiliary Army Corps, G/M in St Lawrence’s Cemetery Limerick. Daughter of Mrs Mary McMahon, Limerick. (TB) Agnes would have seen her brothers heading off to war and on seeing the posters calling women too Agnes packed up her bags and headed to the Officer’s Cadet School in Kildare. She served with Queen Mary’s Army Auxiliary Corps under the service number 18691. She was ranked as a volunteer when she died, aged 22, on the 27 October 1918 at 14 Ellen Street Limerick. She was buried in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery on the 29th October 1918. (Sharon Slater in People & Genealogy)
KM. Private Pat Clohessy: Crag Street Kilrush. He was a Labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in Nov 1915 into the 4th Royal Munster Fusiliers 7818. He married Margaret Ryan in 1907. He was discharged in March 1916 due to Tuberculosis of the lungs and died on the 29th Oct 1916. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) Grave unknown.

Patrick Milican: Born in Kilrush, died 4th Nov 1916 age 19 on the SS Huntsvale, Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. Son of Michael and Bridget Milican. (TB) The 5,609 ton British cargo/transport SS Huntsville was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UB-43, 200 miles east of Malta en route from Salonika to Algiers. Seven men were lost.

Sergeant William O’Halloran: His family lived in the Turnpike Ennis. He was killed in action on the 4th Nov 1916. G/M in the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery in Belgium. The Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 4800 (16th Div). Brother of John Joseph. He fought in Gallipoli and then in France with the 16th Irish Division at Guillemont and at Ginchy at the Somme in Sept 1916. He died in an area south of Ypres in the Messines Sector. He also served in India and in the Boer War. He married Rose Anne Lynch in 1905. (Eddie Lough)
Arthur Edward Baxter: Born in Sixmilebridge lived in Sydney Australia, killed in action 12th Nov 1916 age 23, Australian Imperial Force 20th Bn. 4371 (2nd Aus Div), G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. (TB) MA (TB) He was a Labourer aged 22 when he enlisted in Nov 1915 in Sydney into the 20th Bn. 4371. His mother was Margaret Baxter Scotland. He was KIA 12/11/1916 ‘In the Fula’. (UNSW) On 5 September, I Anzac was withdrawn from the Somme and sent to Ypres for rest. The 2nd Australian Division anticipated spending winter quarters in Flanders but was recalled to the Somme for the final stages of the British offensive. This time they joined the British Fourth Army, holding a sector south of Pozières near the village of Flers. The battlefield had been reduced to a slough of mud but the 2nd Division was required to mount a number of attacks, with the 7th Brigade attacking the German series of trenches called "The Maze" on 5 November. While part of the German trenches were captured and held, the exhausted soldiers were ejected from their gains a few days later.

John Power: Born in Dublin lived in Clarecastle, killed in action 13th Nov 1916 age 25, in the Battle of the Ancre (13–18 Nov) at the Somme. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 10th Bn ('Pals’ Division) 26017 (63rd Div), G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Patrick Power (Coal Importer) Clarecastle. (TB) He was a dental student at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin.

Edward Shannon: Born in Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) lived in Kilkee, killed in action 20th Dec 1916 age 25 on the Somme, 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 5/6720 (1st Div), G/M in the Warlencourt British Cemetery, Warlencourt-Eaucourt in France. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Edward and Mary Shannon, No 8 O’Connell St Kilkee. (TB)

After a month’s break in October 1916, the 2RMF returned to the Somme for maintenance duties, then into front-line trenches full of mud from 27 November onwards, with steady frostbite and raids continuing to the end of December. ‘About November 20th the Battalion took up a position in the front line between Eaucourt L’Abbaye and Flers...In December (1916) a raid on a portion of the enemy’s lines
named the Maze was ordered....the patrol (2 officers and 12 men) went out and found the enemy not unnaturally had evacuated the trench (due to an artillery barrage). They returned and reported the matter...and were told to go out again and see if the German's had returned...to what was certain death or capture...’ (The 2nd Munsters in France HS Jervis)

Martin McInerney: Born in Kilmurry Ibrickane lived in Quilty, killed in action 22nd Dec 1916 age 51, Royal Field Artillery 1st Reserve Brigade 89623, G/M in the St Andrews & Jesmond Cemetery in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. Husband of Catherine McInenrey, Quilty West. Son of Martin and Mary (nee Stack) McInerney. (TB) He was a fisherman before the war, and left behind his wife Catherine and three young children. (Clare People Jan 3rd 2017) The Royal Field Artillery 1st Reserve Brigade consisting of 1, 2 and 3 Batteries was based in Newcastle upon Tyne during WW1.

Michael Foran: Kilkee, killed in action in the Messines Sector 27th Dec 1916, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Pond Farm Cemetery in Belgium. (TB) Next of kin Mrs Curtin Pound St Kilkee. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. 1st Bn RMF: ‘Christmas 1916 was spent in the trenches, but as the New Year arrived, an official report relates “as if by mutual consent both sides ceased fire a minute or two before the close of the old year. On the stroke of midnight the pipers tuned up and gave us The Old Year out and the New Year in, A Nation Once Again, God Save Ireland, and a few more songs of the old country, N.C.O.s and men joining lustily in the choruses.”
Private Michael Delohery: Born in Kilrush 20th Sept 1875, lived on Chapel Street Kilrush, died 30th Dec 1916 age 38, Royal Irish Regiment 3rd Bn (Reserve), G/M in the Kilrush Church of Ireland Churchyard, in Kilrush. Also commemorated on a panel at Grangegorman Memorial. Died at home of illness contracted during service. Husband of Ellen Delohery. (TB)KM They had 4 children, 1 of whom died, Christy, Margaret and Catherine. Son of Daniel Delohery and Margaret (O’Neill) Delohery, of Labasheeda, Kildysart, Co. Clare.

The Royal Irish Regiment 3rd Bn (Reserve) was a training unit, and remained in Ireland throughout the war. It moved within a few days of declaration of war to Dublin. In September 1916 moved to Templemore (Co. Tipperary).

Patrick Barron: Kilmoon, Lisdoonvarna (Drumcliffe), died 1st Jan 1917 age 39, Royal Irish Regiment, G/M on the Mikra Memorial in Greece. Husband of Mary Barron. (TB) Lost at Sea in the sinking of HT ‘Ivernia’. On 1 January 1917 the Ivernia was carrying some 2,400 British troops from Marseille to Alexandria, when at 10:12am she was torpedoed by the German submarine UB-47 58 miles south-east of Cape Matapan in Greece, in the Kythira Strait. The ship went down fairly quickly with a loss of 36 crew members and 84 troops.’

Michael Burke: Born in Ennis lived in Clarecastle, killed in action 12th Jan 1917, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. 8202 (16th Div), G/M in Belgium. (TB)
Alfred McCormack: Born in Limerick lived in O’Briens Bridge, died 19th Jan 1917 age 28 on the submarine HMS/M.E-36, Royal Navy 231071, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. The E-36 was a British submarine on Patrol in the North Sea. She left Harwick to patrol around Terschelling and was struck by another submarine the E-43. After it sank nothing of the submarine or her crew was ever heard of again. The wreck was never located. Son of James and Margaret McCormack Fairy Hill O’Brien’s Bridge. (TB)

Martin Moloney: Lived in Quilty, died 25th Jan 1917 age 40, Royal Navy Reserve Unit, HMS Laurentic 5237B, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Martin Maloney/Malony: Born in Quilty 11th Nov 1877. Royal Naval Reserve Service A2062. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) Husband of Bridget Moloney, Quilty West. Their eldest son Michael Moloney was killed in action on the 27th April 1916 during the Battle of Hulluch, 27–29 April, (during the Easter Rising in Ireland), with the Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 7th Bn. Their other son Martin Moloney (Pro Treaty) was a member of the Cruise Hotel garrison in Limerick and was proceeding to William Street Barracks on 20th July 1922 when he was shot by a sniper during the Civil War.

The SS Laurentic was a British ocean liner of the White Star Line, that sank after striking two mines north of Ireland on 25 January 1917, with the loss of 354 lives.
Christopher Kiely: Born in Limerick, lived in Kilrush, killed in action 4th Feb 1917 on the Somme, Royal Irish Regiment 7th Bn 25469, G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) Formerly with the South Irish Horse. Trooper Chris Kiely: Pound St / Hector St Kilrush. South Irish Horse. Served in France. KM

John Moloney: Lived and enlisted in Liverpool, died 4th Feb 1917 in India, Rifle Brigade 23rd (North Western) Bn T/205316, G/M on the Karachi 1914-1918 War Memorial in Pakistan. Son of Andrew and Mary Moloney Ennis. (TB)

2nd Lt Charles Martin Armstrong: Glebe House Kilrush. Killed in action 8th Feb 1917 age 23. 'The Pals T.C.D.' 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers (and later the 10th Bn, 190th Brigade in 63rd Royal Naval Division), G/M in the Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel in France. The eight son of Canon S C Armstrong Kilrush. He served in Gallipoli and France. (TB)

John Walsh MID: Born (1883) in Caherogan Miltown Malbay lived in London, died of wounds 19th Feb 1917 age 34, at the Somme. Royal Fusiliers (City of London) 22nd Bn (Kensington), 99th Brigade 2nd Division. G/M in Ovillers Military Cemetery in France. (TB) He was promoted to Major in March 1916. (CJ) Major John Walsh, who had been Mentioned in Despatches (possibly for the Battle of
Ancre 13-18 Nov 1916) before he was killed in action near Miraumont on the Somme, and is buried at Ovillers Military Cemetery. Son of Michael Walsh (of Ballygastel Lisdoonvarna), the principal of Dunsallagh National School, which was in existence from 1885 to 1975.

**2nd Lt George Wyndham Maunsell**: Islandmagrath House, Clarecastle, died 23rd Feb 1917 age 28, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, G/M on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.

He was an Excecutive Engineer with the 2nd Queen Victoria’s Own Sappers and Miners. He died in Kut Mesopotamia. (TB)(CJ) Wyndham was killed in the Battle of the River Tigris. ‘Your son was killed on the morning of 23rd February whilst working with my company of Sappers (Royal Engineers) on the crossing of the Tigris River at Shamran bend. We were working the centre of three ferries under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Your son was out on an exposed beach with the men, and with my other subalterns (2nd Lieutenants), organising the Sapper rowing parties embarking men of the 9th Gurkhas in the pontoons doing splendid work, when he was hit through the heart and died instantly.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour. He is also remembered on a Memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis.

**Lt James Richard Colfer**: Born in New Ross Co Wexford. Worked in the M & L Bank in Ennis. Killed in action 26th Feb 1917 age 25, 9th Royal Munster Fusiliers (then the 8th and lastly the 1st Bn RMF), G/M in Wimereux Communal Cemetery in France. (TB)
**Thomas Sharry**: Born in Ennis, killed in action 28th Feb 1917, (during the attack at Sailly-Saillisel Feb 28th 1917 at the Somme) Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Bn 40092, 86th Brigade in 29th Div. G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. (TB) **Operations on the Ancre** took place from 11 January – 13 March 1917, between the British Fifth Army and the German 1st Army, on the Somme front.

**Sailly-Saillisel**: On 28th February 1917, 86th Brigade of 29th Division in XIV Corps, conducted an attack on German trenches, Potsdam Trench and Palz Trench close to the village of Sailly-Saillisel. 2nd Royal Fusiliers, 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers and 1st Lancashire Fusiliers conducting the attack, the majority of the gains were held against the subsequent German counter-attacks.

**Private William Johnson**: Born and lived in Grace Street Kilrush, killed in action 1st March 1917 (just after the attack at Sailly-Saillisel Feb 28th 1917 at the Somme), Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Bn, 29th Div, G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of John and Bridget Johnson. (TB)

**The Arras Offensive (9th April to 16th May 1917)**

British, Canadian, South African, New Zealand, Newfoundland, and Australian troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. There were major gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British casualties and about 125,000 German casualties. The Scottish 9th Div fought in the **Arras Offensive**.

**John L Francis**: Killaloe, killed in action 21st March 1917 in the lead up to the Arras Offensive (9 April to 16 May 1917), Royal Scots 11th Bn 11968 (R/968) 9th Scottish Div, G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. (TB)
Thomas Cunningham: Ennis, killed in action 22nd March 1917, 18th Bn Manchester Regiment, G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. (TB) On the 19th March 1917 the 18th Bn Manchester Regiment marched to Monchiet and relieved the 18th Kings Liverpool’s in Brigade reserve. On the 21st March the Battalion went to Agny to relieve the 20th Kings Liverpool’s in the outpost line at Neuville-Vitasse. On the 22nd March the line was advanced about 500 yards.

Private John Browne: Born and lived in Ballynacally, died of illness on the 29th March 1917 age 27, South Irish Horse 1942 (XVIII Corps Cavalry Regiment), G/M in the Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, in France. Son of John and Mary Browne, Ballynacally. (TB) He is also remembered on the family headstone in Kilchreest Ballynacally

Lance Corporal Bernard Joseph Spinnett: His father was Mr A Spinnett from Lifford in Ennis. Yorkshire Regiment. Killed in action. (Sean Ryan) According to the UK Soldiers Died in the Great War database (ancestry.com), he was born in Whitegate Connaught. (Whitegate was in Galway during WW1) He was killed in action on the 2nd April 1917 with the 2nd Bn Yorkshire Hussars 27039 (Alexandra, Princes of Wales’ Own). He had enlisted in Bradford. He is buried in Henin Communal Cemetery in France. (findagrave.com) According to the Ireland Civil Registrations Birth Index (ancestry.com) He was born in the Scariff District, and registered in Oct/Nov/Dec 1892.
The Battle of Vimy Ridge Apr 9, 1917 – Apr 12, 1917 had incredible significance for Canada as a young nation. For the first time ever the Canadian Corps, with all four of its divisions attacked as one, under Canadian leadership with sole members from Canada. This tactical victory clearly showed how effective and powerful the Canadian Expeditionary Forces had become.

**Lance Corporal Patrick (Paddy) Mahoney:** Born (13/3/1890) in Pound St /Hector St Kilrush, lived in Quebec, killed in action in the Battle of Vimy Ridge 9th April 1917 age 27, Canadian Infantry 14th Bn 448723, G/M in the Ecoivres Military Cemetery in France. (TB) (CI) He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Quebec in Oct 1915 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 448723. His wife was Minnie May Mahoney, Quebec. (Library and Archives Canada)

**Michael Doherty:** Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 12th April 1917 age 24, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 17th Brigade of the 24th Division, G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of Mr and Mrs William Doherty. (TB) The Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

**Michael Barry:** Born in Kilmaley lived in Upper Market Street Ennis, died 12th April 1917 during The Battle of Vimy Ridge (9–12 April 1917), Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 5241, 17th Brigade of the 24th Division. G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. (TB) The Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

**William A Muir:** Born in Ballycoyney Co Clare (Ballyconry-Ballyvaughan), lived in Leeds, died of wounds 12th April 1917 age 40, Royal Irish Regiment 6th Bn 9864, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension in France. (TB) Bailleul is on the Belgian French border.
Private Patrick Joseph Burke: Born in Rock Cottage Clonlara, killed in action 15<sup>th</sup> April 1917 age 25 in the German attack on Lagnicourt (15 April 1917 Battle of Arras). Australian Imperial Force 4<sup>th</sup> Bn 1<sup>st</sup> Aus Div. 1325, G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Elizabeth Burke, Rock Cottage, Clonlara. He was a shop assistant, draper and tram conductor. He went to Australia when he was 19. He won several silver and gold medals at athletic sports for running events in Ireland, and for weight throwing. (TB) He was a Draper aged 23 when he enlisted in Nov 1914 in Liverpool NSW into the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 1325. He suffered from shell shock in May 1915 in Gallipoli. The right side of his face and right arm were paralysed. He returned to duty in July 1916. KIA 15/4/1917. (UNSW)

Sergeant Thomas Howley DCM: Born in Twoclay, North Clare, enlisted in Cashel Co Tipperary, died of wounds 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. (TB) He was buried in Niederzwehren Cemetery, which was begun by the Germans in 1915 for the burial of prisoners of war who died at the local camp.

John (Jack) Joseph Barrett: Clarecastle, killed in action 20<sup>th</sup> April 1917, French Foreign Legion, G/M in France. He saw service during the 1916 Somme battle (including the famous assault on Belloy en Santerre on 4th July 1916). Transferred to the 3e Battalion RMLE (possibly following promotion to corporal after the Somme battle). He died when advancing at the head of his squad of riflemen on assault of a heavily defended trench. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star. He is buried in the Necrople Nationale of Le Bois du Puits, just off the D931 east of Reims. (TB) He is also
remembered on a family headstone in Killone Abbey Cemetery in Clarecastle, and on a WW1 Plaque in Heuston Station Dublin.

Lance Corporal Thomas O’Gorman: Born in Tullycrine, Kilmurry McMahon. Died 22nd April 1917 age 32. Royal Engineers 1st A Wireless Company 26617, Albuera Cemetery, Bailleul-Sire-Berhoul, France. He was one of six children, his father was a national school teacher. (Arthur Forde) The cemetery was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields of Arras (Battle of Arras April 9th-May 16th 1917).


John Baxter: Lived in Killaloe, killed in action 24th April 1917 age 45, in the The Battle of Arras. Royal Garrison Artillery 206th Siege Battery 3575, G/M in the Sainte Catherine British Cemetery in France. Son of Michael and Mrs M Baxter Killaloe and husband of E Baxter Killaloe. (TB) According to the
official war diaries for this battery for May 1917 show they were near ARRAS, having moved position from VLAMERTINGHE, suffering heavy enemy bombardment.

**Rifleman Thomas Gallagher:** Born 19th Dec 1874. Lived and enlisted in Ennis, died of wounds **April 24th 1917** age 35, Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn 8797 8th Div, G/M on the Thiepval Memorial in France. Son of Thomas and Anne Gallagher The Borheen, and husband of Susan Gallagher No 32 St Flannan's Terrace. (TB) She died on the 13th June 1943. Susan was the daughter of Thomas Hynes, Shop Keeper.

**John McMahon:** Born in Dublin lived in Kilmaley, killed in action **26th April 1917** age 42, possibly in the Battle of Arras, Royal Garrison Artillery, G/M in the Vermelles British Cemetery in France. Son of John and Mary Ann McMahon Kilmaley. (TB) His brother Thomas Francis died in the Dardanelles in May 1915.

**Harry Edgar Haynes:** Born in Ballybhon (Ballyvaughan) Co Clare, enlisted in Leeds while living in Carlisle, killed in action **3rd May 1917** age 22 in the Third Battle of the Scarpe (3–4 May 1917) which was a part of the Battle of Arras, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) 15th Bn (Formed in Leeds) 15/440, 31st Div., G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of James and Mary Ann Haynes Southampton. (TB)
Robert Burke Forster: Born in Co Leitrim lived at Elva View, Lisdoonvarna, killed in action 11th May 1917 in the Arras Offensive, Machine Gun Corps 11th Company, Infantry 66624 (4th Division), G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. (TB)

Private Michael O’Neil/O’Neill: Born in Kilkee, lived in New South Wales, died of wounds 18th May 1917 age 24. Australian Infantry 21st Battalion 6073, 2nd Aus Div, G/M in the Saint Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen in France. He was wounded in action on the 3rd May 1917 (gun shot wounds to the back), in the Second Battle of Bullecourt (part of the Arras Offensive), and died in the 9th General Hospital in Rouen on the 18th May 1917. Son of Patrick and Ellen O’Neill (nee Melican), Lismuse Lisdeen. (TB) MA He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Baptised in Kilkee parish 4 Sep 1892. He lived in Redfern NSW. He was a Labourer aged 23 when he enlisted in Feb 1916 in Sydney into the 4th Bn. 6073 (and later in the 21st Bn.). (UNSW)

2nd Lt Cyril Dermott Fouace Somers: Lived in Mountshannon Rectory, died of wounds on Sunday 20th May 1917 aged 20, received in action in the Battle of Arras, possibly in the Third Battle of the Scarpe (3–4 May 1917). Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 1st Bn, 87th Brigade in the 29th Division. G/M in France. (TB) He is also commemorated on a Memorial, on the wall in Mountshannon Church of Ireland. ‘He joined his battalion in France in October, 1916, and took part in the fighting on the Somme. He was invalided home suffering from blood poisoning, but again went to France in April 1917, and died of wounds received in action just a month afterwards.’ Our Heroes website.
**John Hough:** Born in Co Clare, died 11th April 1917 age 39 on the SS *Gretaston* (Glasgow), Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. (TB) The 3,395 ton *SS Gretaston* was a cargo/transport vessel. It was supposedly sunk off the Iberian coast, by a German mine-laying submarine UC-72 with the loss of 29 lives. The sinking could also have been due to bad weather. She was en route from Heluva (SW Spain) to Garston (Liverpool) and lies at a depth of 48m with her cargo of copper ore.

**Private John Breen:** Burton Street Kilrush, died 15th April 1917, Connaught Rangers, (RMF) G/M on the Chatby Memorial, Alexandria in Egypt. (TB) (Drowned in torpedoed transport KM) Drowned on the SS *Arcadian*. On 15 April 1917 *Arcadian* was en route from Salonika to Alexandria with a company of 1,335 troops and crew and escorted by a Japanese Navy destroyer. Shortly after completing a boat drill, while 26 miles north east of the Greek island of Milos, *Arcadian* was hit by a single torpedo from the German submarine SM *UC-74* and sank within six minutes with the loss of 279 lives.

**William Robert Crawford:** Miltown Malbay, died at sea 4th May 1917 age 36, Royal Engineers, G/M in the Mazargues War Cemetery in Marseille France. Son of William Robert and Elizabeth J L Crawford Miltown Malbay. (TB) (Was he on the SS *Transylvania*?) The SS *Transylvania* was a passenger liner of the Cunard subsidiary Anchor Line, and a sister ship to SS *Tuscania*. She was torpedoed and sunk...
on **May 4, 1917** by the German U-boat *U-63* while carrying Allied troops to Egypt and sank with a loss of 412 lives. 2,708 passengers did survive. Soon after the disaster, the surviving soldiers were transported to Marseille. Many victims were later discovered in France, Monaco and Spain.

**Chief Stoker Patrick McNamara**: Born in Killaspuglonane Ennistymon 6<sup>th</sup> March 1879, died 15<sup>th</sup> May 1917 age 38, Royal Navy 292326 on *HMS Pylades*. G/M in the Ford Park Cemetery (Plymouth Old Cemetery) in England. (TB) NCS Son of Michael and Ellen McNamara of Killispuglinane Ennistymon. (Guss O’Halloran) H.M.S. *Pylades* was one of one hundred and three destroyers of the "M" class built for the Royal Navy during the Great War.

**Arthur Simms**: Born in Killaloe lived in Banbridge Co Down. Died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1917 age 26. Mercantile Marine on the SS *Lewisham*. G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in London. His two brothers also died in WW1. Gordon Lutwitch Simms (Mercantile Marine *SS Isleworth* in 1918) and John Edward Simms (Australian Infantry in Ypres 1917). (TB) The SS *Lewisham* was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Fastnet. 24 men died. Three survivors were taken as prisoners of war.

**Major George Macnamara MID**: Ennistymon House, died of wounds 27<sup>th</sup> May 1917 age 27 near Loos. Wiltshire Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. G/M in the Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery in France. Just before he died he was Mentioned in Despatches. (TB) (CJ) ‘He was subsequently posted to a unit of the North Staffordshire Regiment as Acting Major and second in command and with it when he
was killed....He met his death at the conclusion of a most successful enterprise carried out by the
battalion of which he was largely instrumental...Just before he was killed his name appeared in the list of
those mentioned in Despatches’ Sat Record June 1917

![The Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery in France](image)

**John McMahon:** Born and lived in Kilrush, died at home 2\textsuperscript{nd} June 1917, Royal Munster
Fusiliers 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 6718, G/M in the Kilrush Church of Ireland Churchyard. Son of Michael McMahon,
Grace Street. (TB) He is also commemorated on the Grangegorman Memorial in Dublin.

![The Kilrush Church of Ireland Churchyard Co Clare](image)

**Sapper Edwin Ernest Johnson:** Born in Kilkee, killed in action near Vimy Ridge 7\textsuperscript{th} June 1917
age 23, 560th (Hants.) Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers 519428, G/M in the Aix-Noulette
Communal Cemetery Extension in France. Husband to Nellie and father to Ernst born 28\textsuperscript{th} March 1917.
‘Served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from Sept 1916 and was killed in action
near Vimy Ridge, 7\textsuperscript{th} June 1917.’ From De Ruvigney’s Roll of Honour.(TB) He is also remembered on the
Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

![the Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery Extension in France](image)
The Battle of Messines Ridge (7-14th June 1917)

The Battle of Messines (7th – 14th June 1917) began at 3.10am on Thursday the 7th June 1917 with the detonation of nineteen huge mines previously burrowed under the German lines. From an Irish perspective the Battle saw the involvement of the 16th Irish Division who advanced alongside the the 36th Ulster Division, the largest ever concentration of Irish soldiers on a battlefield (over 12,000 men). There were UVF men in the 36th Division and National Volunteers in the 16th Division, two diametrically opposed armed political militias who would have killed each other had it not been for the outbreak of the war. They fought side by side and took Wytschaete together.

The 16th (Irish) Division attacked between Maedelstede Farm and the Vierstraat–Wytschaete road. The mines at Maedelstede and the two at Petit Bois devastated the defence; the mines at Petit Bois on the left were about 12 seconds late and knocked over some of the advancing British infantry. The 47th and 49th Brigades led the attack at Messines Ridge, the 48th in reserve.

Martin Walsh MM: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 1st June 1917, just before the Battle of Messines Ridge (7-14th June 1917). Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn 6745, 48th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in Belgium. He won the Military Medal. Son of Mrs Johanna Walsh.(TB) He was awarded the MM with the RDF 2nd Bn 6745. (fold3.com)

James Lynch: Born in and lived in Sixmilebridge, killed in action 7th June 1917 age 22, during The Battle of Messines (Jun 7, 1917 – Jun 14, 1917) 7th / 8th Royal Irish Fusiliers 43181, 49th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres Belgium. Son of Peter and Ellen Lynch, Feenagh, Sixmilebridge. (TB) He enlisted in 1916. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Lance Corporal John Burke MM: Born in Foynes, enlisted in Ennis, lived in Limerick, killed in action 7th June 1917, in the Battle of Messines (7–14 June 1917). Royal Irish Regiment 6th Bn 8503, 47th
Brigade, **16th** (Irish) Division. G/M in the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland in Belgium. He was awarded the Military Medal. (TB)

**William Hoey Kearney Redmond: MP** for East Clare 1892-1917. Died of wounds **7th June 1917** age 56, during the Battle of Messines. 6th Bn Royal Irish Regiment, 47th Brigade, **16th** (Irish) Division, G/M in the Locre Hospice Cemetery in Belgium. Awarded the Legion of Honour (France), British War Medal and Victory Medals with oak leaf (Mentioned in Despatches). (TB) In the subsequent historic by-election, Eamon DeValera took his seat. His name is on the foundation stone at Steele’s Terrace, Ennis. He is also remembered on a plaque at the Dublin Four Courts.

**Lance Corporal John Walsh:** Born and lived in Ennistymon. Killed in action **7th June 1917** age 32 at Wytschaete Ridge, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, 47th Brigade **16th** Irish Division, G/M in the Wytschaete Military Cemetery in Belgium. Son of Michael Walsh, Ballygastel, Lisdoonvarna. (TB)

**Martin Donelan:** Born in Ennis lived in Swansea, killed in action **13th June 1917** in The Battle of Messines 7–14 June 1917. Royal Engineers (171st Tunnelling Company), G/M in the Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery in Belgium. (TB)
At the end of January 1917, the **171st Tunnelling Company** began work on the deep mine at Ontario Farm. The ground at the site selected for this mine proved very difficult as much of it was sandy clay. Despite these obstacles, the tunnellers arrived under Ontario Farm at the end of May 1917 and installed the 27,000 kilograms (60,000 lb) ammonal charge with a day to spare. When it was detonated on 7 June 1917, the shock wave did great damage to the German position. The explosion caught two battalions of the 17th Bavarian Infantry Regiment during a relief, half of which were "as good as annihilated".

**The SS Keeper 10th June 1917**

The SS Keeper, was on a voyage from Belfast to Limerick carrying grain for Bannatyne’s of Limerick, when she was sunk by a German submarine UC-66 off the coast of Antrim on 10th June 1917. Among those drowned (12), were three sailors from Clare Castle, A.Considine, R. Cole and J McMahon, along with the captain, William McCready, besides eight others aboard the merchant ship

**William McCready:** Born in Antrim, died **10th June 1917** age 31 on the SS Keeper, Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. Husband of Delia Murphy from Clarecastle.(TB) He is also remembered on the SS Keeper Monument in Clarecastle which was unveiled in 2017. (Eric Shaw)

**Richard Cole:** Clarecastle, died **10th June 1917** age 23 on the SS Keeper (owned by J Bannatyne Limerick), Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M in England. (TB) He is also remembered on the SS Keeper Monument in Clarecastle which was unveiled in 2017. (Eric Shaw)
Arthur Considine: Clarecastle, died 10th June 1917 on the SS Keeper (owned by J Bannatyne Limerick), Mercantile Marine Unit. G/M in England. (TB) He is also remembered on the SS Keeper Monument in Clarecastle which was unveiled in 2017. (Eric Shaw)

Firemen J McMahon: Lived in Clarecastle, died 10th June 1917 on the SS Keeper, Mercantile Mariner Unit, G/M in England. (TB) He is also remembered on the SS Keeper Monument in Clarecastle which was unveiled in 2017. (Eric Shaw)


Able Seaman Thomas Lynch: Born in Carrigaholt, died 28th June 1917 age 43, HMS Vivid III (a shore establishment and part of the Naval Base at Devonport) Royal Navy 155798, G/M in Falmouth Cemetery England. (TB)(KCT) Son of Mr E and Mrs J Lynch, Kilcredane, Carrigaholt and husband to Catherine Lynch. Falmouth became a drifter base in January 1915 and in 1918, a centre for ship repairs.

Joseph Ives/Ivis (in Census 1911): Killaloe, died July 1917 age 30, Royal Army Medical Corps, G/M in Templechally Cemetery Ballina Co Tipperary. Son of William and Louisa Ives, Canal Bank, Killaloe. (TB) He died in London from the effects of a disease he picked up while on duty in Egypt. His body was
repatriated to Killaloe. He had 2 younger brothers Jeremiah and David, and a younger sister Bridget.

(Census 1911) Private Joseph Ivis: Canal Bank, Killaloe. He was a fisherman aged 30 when he enlisted in August 1915 in the Royal Army Medical Corps 63319. He was with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from Feb to July 1916. He was hospitalized in April 1916 in Alexandria with a hernia problem. He was discharged in July 1916, as he was no longer physically fit. His parents were William and Louisa Ivis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

George Brady: Born and enlisted in Ennis. Lived at The Butter Market, killed in action 5th July 1917 in Salonika, Leinster Regiment 1st Bn. 7616, 29th Brigade of the 10th Division. G/M in the Lahana Military Cemetery in Greece. (TB)

Signalman Arthur Maurice Braham: Born on the 12th Sept 1898 in Kilrush. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Bristol Z/9513. He was Killed in Action on Sat July 7th 1917 whilst serving as a signaller on the HMS Ettrick. On 7 July 1917 she was torpedoed by the German submarine UC-61, 15 miles south by west of Beachy Head in the English Channel with the loss of 49 officers and men. He was the son of Coastguard Boatman William Durrant Braham who worked in Carrigaholt (Kilcredone) near Loop Head. G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Plymouth. (Richard Devonshire whose Great Uncle was Maurice Braham) His Mother was A Jane Braham, 40, Varna Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Drummer John McMahon: Born and lived in Luton. Drowned on the 7th July 1917 aged 17, Kings Own Scottish Borderers 2nd/5th Bn, G/M in Drumcliffe Cemetery Ennis. (TB) A detachment of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers had been in Ennis for the East Clare election and based in Ordnance House. Drummer John McMahon’s body was found floating in the upper river, near Drehignagower Bridge in North Clare. It seems he left Ordnance House on a Saturday with a towel in his hand and said he was going swimming on his own.

Sergeant Francis (Frank) Joseph Macnamara: Born in Kilrush, died 8th July 1917 age 25, King’s African Rifles 2nd 11565, G/M in Dar El Salaam War Cemetery, Tanzania. Son of William and Anne Macnamara Moore St Kilrush. (TB) The King’s African Rifles including the 2nd Bn of 4 companies, served with distinction mainly in German East Africa (Tanzania). They were involved predominantly with the 1st Division of Smut's invasion force throughout 1916 and along with the Gold Coast and Baluchi Regiments became the mainstay of the force throughout 1917 and 1918.

**HMS Redbreast** was a passenger/cargo ship requisitioned by the British Government during World War I, and used as a messenger ship and antisubmarine Q ship. She was torpedoed and sunk by UC-38 in the Aegean Sea on 15 July 1917 whilst on passage from Skyros to the Doro Channel. **Forty two crew were killed.**

**Eileen (Mary) Brady-Browne:** Born in 1893. She lived in Newgrove House, Tulla. She was a nurse during the War. She died on the **24th July 1917** from a kidney infection, and is buried in Tulla Church of Ireland Graveyard. (Eric Shaw) Her brothers Thomas Henry Brady-Browne and Windham Alexander Brady-Browne served in WW1 and survived the war.

**James Hayes:** Born in Ennis, lived in Quin, died of wounds **7th July 1917** age 27, Irish Guards 1st Bn 5332 (just before the Battle of Passchendaele), 1st Guards Brigade, Guards Div, G/M in the Dozinghem Military Cemetery in Belgium. Son of Patrick and Margaret Hayes, Ballymacloon Quin. (TB)

**Private John Madigan:** Born and lived in Vandeleur Street Kilrush, killed in action **10th July 1917** age 24, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, 3rd Brigade in 1st Division. G/M in the Coxyde Military Cemetery in Belgium. Son of Michael and Nora Madigan Kiltrellig, Kilbaha. (TB) KM He is also remembered on the WW1 Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. In May 1917 the 2nd RMF moved to near Nieuwpoort in Flanders for an intended amphibious landing with an impressive 43 officers and 1,070 men, which was aborted by a surprise German attack on 10th July. They went through severe shelling and gas.

‘The Germans had projected a raid on a large scale on the British trenches near Nieuport, and as a feint on the **10th (July 1917)** concentrated a violent bombardment on the Munsters’ camp... Scarceley a hut in the camp escaped damage...Four officers were wounded, **seven rank and file were killed**, and thirty – seven wounded.’ (The 2nd Munsters in France HS Jervis)
Lt. Edward Vivian Morgan Crofton: Born in Dublin, killed in action 14th July 1917 age 28 (just before the 3rd Battle of Ypres), Royal Engineers, 61st Field Company. G/M in the Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery in Belgium. Son of Everard Hugh Robert Crofton and Wilhelmina Frances Westropp Harrison Moreland (Raheen Manor Tuamgraney). (TB) ‘...Before the attack of 9 April 1917, your son was responsible for laying out certain assembly trenches in no mans land, and a covering party had been arranged for, but failed to get into position; nevertheless, your son, at great personal risk, went out and correctly laid out and finally dug the trenches; he did this with great fearlessness and efficiency, and one of his NCO’s received the Military Medal for this very work.... Your son was one of the most fearless officers I have met.... He was killed in action 14 July 1917 near Vlerstraat.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.

Michael Joseph O’Brien: Born in Kilkee (Caherfeenick) lived in Liverpool, died of wounds 18th July 1917, The King’s Unit (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/8th (Irish) Bn (known as the Liverpool Irish), 307325, 165th Brigade, 55th (West Lancashire) Division. G/M in the Lijsenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium.(TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Frank and Mary O’Brien, Caherfeenick, Doonbeg.
**Thomas Christopher King**: Born in Offaly lived in Kilrush, died of wounds **22nd July 1917**, in the build up to The Battle of Pilckem Ridge (31 July – 2 Aug 1917), age 39, Royal Scots Fusiliers 6th/7th Bn 23631, 15th (Scottish) Division, G/M in the Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinge in Belgium. (TB)

**Lt Thomas Baker**: Ennis. Born in Co Clare lived in Lancaster, killed in action **28th July 1917** age 39, Royal Garrison Artillery unit 203rd Siege Battery, G/M in the Coxyde Military Cemetery in Belgium. (TB) The **203 Siege Battery** was with 25 Heavy Artillery Group which were part of 5th Army HQ. In July 1917 they were moved to the Ypres area in preparation for the Third Battle of Ypres

**The Third Battle of Ypres (31st July – 6th Nov 1917) Passchendaele**

The Messines operation was a prelude to the **Third Battle of Ypres (31st July – 6th Nov 1917)**, or the Battle of Passchendaele as it came to be known. It has become a byword for military failure, characterised by high casualties and sheer misery. The offensive opened on July 31st without a fraction of the preparation of the Messines operation.

A series of different battles followed which were poorly supported and co-ordinated, and casualty figures mounted for little gain. There were 1.7 million Allied soldiers against 2.5 million Germans.
By July 1917, both Irish divisions were totally exhausted after 13 days of moving weighty equipment under heavy shelling, Gough ordered the battalions to advance through deep mud towards well fortified German positions left untouched by totally inadequate artillery preparation. By mid August, the 16th Irish Division had suffered over 4,200 casualties, the 36th Ulster Division almost 3,600, or more than 50% of their numbers. Field Marshal Haig was very critical of Gough for "playing the Irish card".

In later operations the troops struggled to fight and advance through the clinging mud of Flanders and were decimated in repeated, and mostly futile attacks until November 6th, when Passchendaele village fell to Canadian infantry following a bitter fight. Total Allied casualties numbered more than 310,000, for no strategic gain, with the Germans losing at least the same number. It seemed that the only purpose for all the slaughter was just like at the Somme, and that was to take pressure off the French. During the Battle of the Somme the French were getting pummelled at Verdun. This time half of all the French Infantry Divisions on the Western Front had mutinied in May 1917.

**The Battle of Pilckem Ridge (31 July – 2 Aug 1917)**, was the opening attack of the main part of the Third Battle of Ypres. The attack had mixed results; a substantial amount of ground was captured by the British and French, except on the Gheluvelt Plateau on the right flank, where only the blue line (first objective) and part of the black line (second objective) were captured. A large number of casualties were inflicted on the German defenders and 5,626 German prisoners were taken.

**John Dooley**: Starrell, Co Clare, killed in action **31st July 1917**, Irish Guards 2nd Bn 2nd Guards Brigade, Guards Division. in the Battle of Pilckem Ridge, (31 July – 2 August 1917), G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial Ypres Belgium. (TB)

Until July 1917, the village of Boesinghe (now Boezinge) directly faced the German front line over the Yser canal, but at the end of that month, the Battle of Pilckem Ridge pushed the German line back and Artillery Wood, just east of the canal, was captured by the Guards Division. They began the cemetery just north of the wood when the fighting was over and it continued as a front line cemetery until March 1918.

2nd Lt Patrick Doherty: Kilshanny, died of wounds 1st Aug 1917 age 26, during the Battle of Pilckem Ridge (31 July – 2 Aug 1917) Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn 8th Division. G/M in Belgium. Son of John and Lizzie Doherty Caherkinalla Kilshanny. (TB)

On 31st July, 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, attached to 25th Brigade, 8th Division was in the front line of a major assault on Pilckem Ridge which saw the Allies gain between 500 and 1,000 yards at the cost of 32,000 killed, wounded or missing. One of these casualties was Second Lieutenant Patrick Doherty who received his wounds during the attack, and died on the following day, 1st August, at a casualty clearing station at Lijssenthoek. He is buried in the associated cemetery. (Clare Museum)

John Kelly: Born in Parteen Co Clare lived in Limerick, killed in action 10th Aug 1917 age 38, 8th Bn Royal Dublin Fusiliers 41232, 16th Irish Div, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium. Son of Patrick and Bridget Kelly of Shannakyle, Limerick; husband of Alice Kelly, Limerick. (TB)

Private Michael McNamara: Whitegate. He died of wounds on the 10th August 1917. 7th Bn Leinster Regiment 7014, 16th Div. (World War 1 Stories Sean Glennon) G/M in the Brandhoek New Military in Belgium.
Patrick Mulcahy: Born in Newmarket Co Clare, lived in Co Offaly, died of fever 12th Aug 1917 age 33 in Quetta, Pakistan (in India during WW1), South Lancashire Regiment 1st Bn 6887, 2nd Quetta Brigade, 4th Quetta Div, G/M on the India Gate Memorial, New Delhi in India. He had 5 other brothers who served and survived the war. These were Stephen, John, Peter, Daniel and Michael, all sons of John Mulcahy Pound Street, Birr, Offaly. The South Lancashire Regiment 1st Battalion spent the war on garrison duty in Quetta, Baluchistan, on the North-West Frontier, as part of the 4th Quetta Division.

The 1st Bn RMF at Frezenberg Ridge Aug 1917 - Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

On the 6th August 1917 ...the 1st Bn RMF proceeded to Brandhoek. Casualties: 6 killed; wounded 20; to hospital 20 other ranks. They relieved the 6th Dublins on the 11th August in the front line by the Frezenberg Redoubt, being under heavy fire day and night. Killed 6; wounded 17; on the 13th, wounded 11; on the 14th August wounded 13. During the operations of the Frezenberg Ridge on the 16th the Battalion... lost 1 killed; 15 wounded.

Daniel Falvey: Born in Limerick, lived in Ennis, died of wounds 10th Aug 1917 at Passchendaele, age 25, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 47th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division, G/M in the Saint Sever Cemetery Extension Rouen in France. Son of Daniel and Ann Falvey Inchbeg, Kilmaley.
**Robert Walsh:** Kilrush, died of wounds on the 12th August 1917 at Frezenberg Ridge, Passchendaele. He was 18 years old. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, 47th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division, G/M in the Brandhoek New Military Cemetery in Belgium. Son of John and Bridget Walsh, Hector Street. (TB) Robert Walsh: Kilrush. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CJ)

**Alfred Quinlivan:** Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action on the 15th August 1917 age 33 at the Frezenberg Ridge near Passchendaele. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, 47th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium. Son of Mrs Mary Quinlivan Market Street, Ennis. (TB)

**Lance Corporal Thomas Russell:** Born and lived in Kilmaley, killed in action on the 15th August 1917 age 21 (at the Frezenberg Ridge near Passchendaele), Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 6825, 47th Brigade in 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres Belgium. Son of John and Catherine Russell, Culleen Kilmaley. (TB) Corporal T Russell: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. On the wounded list in Oct 1916 (Ginchy). (CJ) [He was a L/Cpl. 8 Bn. And then 1 Bn.]
The Battle of Langemarck 16–18 Aug 1917 - Passchendaele

Nov 1917; A memorial to Irish soldiers who died during the Battle of Passchendaele has been unveiled on the spot in Belgium where hundreds were killed in 1917. The monument is on the boundary between where the mainly nationalist 16th (Irish) Division and the unionist 36th (Ulster) Division left their trenches during an attack on August 16th, 1917. Almost 1,200 men from both divisions were killed at Frezenberg Ridge outside Ypres on that day, making it one of the worst days for Irish casualties during the first World War.


Rifleman Henry Wiseman: Cappaduff Mountshannon. He was killed in action on the 16th August 1917, near Langemarck in The Battle of Langemarck (16–18 August 1917). 1st Bn Royal Irish Rifles 12371. 8th Div. G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel No 138, in Belgium. ‘Henry was with the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, which being a regular Battalion was part of the 8th Regular Division... On the 16th August 1917 Henry Wiseman and 70 of his comrades were killed in a bayonet charge on German trenches near Langemarck... The Royal Irish Rifles were attacking up a hill against German machine guns in concrete bunkers. One of the machine gun bunkers is still there. I remember walking the area a few years ago and came to the conclusion that they hadn’t a chance.’ (World War 1 Stories Sean Glennon)
**John Duggan:** Ennis, died of heart failure after being badly wounded at Hooge 18th Aug 1917, in the Third Battle of Ypres. Royal Garrison Artillery 141st Heavy Battery 3633, G/M in the Ebblinghem Military Cemetery in France. (TB)(SR) **The Battle for Hooge** in summer 1915 covered two actions; a German assault on the 30 & 31 July 1915 (the first use of the flamethrower against the British) and the British "revenge" attack over the same ground on the 9th August.

**Michael McMahon:** Born in Sixmilebridge, lived in Clarecastle, died of wounds 20th Aug 1917 age 25, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Bn 40124, 29th Div, G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of Pat and Kate McMahon, and husband of Mary (Taylor) McMahon (she remained a war widow for the rest of her life), Main Street, Clarecastle. (TB)

**Patrick Fitzgerald:** Born in Tulla, lived in Essex, killed in action 26th Aug 1917 (3rd Battle of Ypres/ Passchendaele July-Nov 1917), Worcestershire Regiment 1st/7th Bn 41313, 48th (South Midland) Division, G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Son of Charles and Margaret Fitzgerald, Dromleigh. Husband of Gladys Fitzgerald. (TB)
Battle of the Menin Road Ridge (20 – 25 Sep 1917) Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

On 20th September, the Allies attacked on a 14,500 yards (13,300 m) front and captured most of their objectives, to a depth of about 1,500 yards (1,400 m) by mid-morning. The Germans made many counter-attacks, beginning around 3:00 p.m. until early evening, all of which failed to gain ground or made only a temporary penetration of the new British positions. The German defence had failed to stop a well-prepared attack made in good weather.


William Fitzgerald: Kilrush, killed in action 20th Sept 1917 (3rd Battle of Ypres/ Passchendaele July-Nov 1917), Royal Engineers 90th Field Company 121416 (9th Scottish Division), G/M in the Dochy Farm New British Cemetery in Belgium. He left his personal effects to Mrs Mary Fitzgerald, Moore St, Kilrush. (TB)

Martin Blake: Born in Scariff lived Killaloe, died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917 age 35, in the Battle of Menin Road Ridge (20 – 23 Sept 1917) The King’s (Liverpool Regiment) 1st/7th 267371, 165th Brigade, 55th (West Lancashire) Division. G/M in the Nine Elms British Cemetery in Belgium. Son of Martin and Mary Blake, Long Gardens, Killaloe. (TB)
**Lt John Frederick Cullinan Fogerty:** No 1 Bank Place, Ennis, killed in action **25th Sept 1917** age 21 in Ypres, Royal Engineers, G/M in the Voormezeele Cemetery in Belgium and on a memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis. Son of William Henry (Solicitor) and Emily Georgina Fogerty. Served with Expeditionary Force in France (the Somme) and Flanders from July 1st 1916 and was killed in action near Hill 60 in Ypres, 25th September 1917, while returning from night duty.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.

**Connaught Rangers in Mesopotamia 1917**

Baghdad fell on March 11, 1917. The Turkish army fled north. Following the retreat of the Turkish army the **Connaught Rangers** were garrisoned in Feluja and Baghdad. Throughout early 1917 they and other regiments were used to subdue hostile native tribes in the region. Later in the campaign the **Rangers** manned the front line at Samara facing Turkish armies at Tekrit. The Mesopotamia campaign became increasing frustrating as the Turkish army was constantly retreating, receding like a mirage leaving another stretch of sand and dust to be garrisoned and more hostile Arab tribes to subdue.

On April 2, 1918 the **1st battalion Connaught Rangers** embarked at Nahr Umar and left **Mesopotamia** for Egypt having served 2 years and 3 months. During that time the battalion had **286 fatalities** about one third victim of disease and heat stroke. About 2,000 Connaught Rangers served in Mesopotamia.
Michael Maher: Born in Tipperary, lived in Killaloe, died of wounds 11th Aug 1917 in Mesopotamia (Iraq), Connaught Rangers 1st Bn 7759, G/M on the Basra Memorial in Iraq. Son of Mrs Bridget Maher, Townlough, Ballina Killaloe. (TB)

Michael Halloran: Born in Tulla, lived in Ennis, died 17th Aug 1917 in Mesopotamia, Connaught Rangers 1st Bn, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery in Iraq. (TB)

The Battle of Polygon Wood (26 Sept – 3 Oct 1917) Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

The 5th Australian Division took over from the 1st Division following the Battle of Menin Road on 20 September. The next step was taken on 26 September in the Battle of Polygon Wood with two Australian divisions (4th and 5th) attacking in the centre of seven divisions. In keeping with current policy, the attacking divisions were immediately relieved and the 5th Division was spared involvement in most of the worst fighting that followed as the British line edged towards Passchendaele.

Michael Cooney: Killuran, Broadford, died 24th Sept 1917 age 23, Australian Machine Gun Corps 1st Company, G/M in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium. He died of a gunshot wound to the right shoulder that penetrated his chest, at the Battle of Polygon Wood in the Third Battle of Ypres. He died at the 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station. Son of Patrick and Katie Cooney Killuran, Broadford. (TB) He was a Labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in 1916 in Sydney into the 1st Machine Corps 459. (UNSW)
Private Michael John Tuttle: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA Killed in Action on the 26th Sept 1917 in the Battle of Polygon Wood (26 Sept – 3 Oct 1917). He was a labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in 1915 in Adelaide into the 2nd Depot Bn. 3033 (and later the 29th Bn. 5th Australian Div). He served in France. He was buried in the vicinity of Polygon Wood. His wife was Ellen Tuttle, Adelaide. G/M in Belgium Menin Gate. John Tuttle: He was a Labourer aged 25 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Morphettville SA into the 12th Bn. 635. He was discharged in Oct 1914, as he was deemed medically unfit. His wife was Allen Tuttle Adelaide. Same person? (UNSW) John Tuttle: Ennis. Australian Army. MA

Private Patrick Keating: Tulla, died of wounds 27th Sept 1917 age 32, in the Third Battle of Ypres (Polygon Wood), Australian Imperial Force 51st Bn, G/M in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. Poperinge in Belgium. Son of Patrick and Mary Keating, Ballyblood Tulla. He died of gun shot wounds to the hip and shoulder. (TB) MA He was a Labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in 1916 in Rockhampton Queensland into the 17th Bn. 5413 (and later 51st Bn.). (UNSW)

James Toohey: Born in Killuran, Broadford, died of shotgun wounds to the head (possibly from the Battle of Polygon Wood), on the 11th Dec 1917 after the Third Battle of Ypres, Australian Infantry 56th Bn 5461, Australian 5th Division. G/M in the Irish House Cemetery, Heuvelland in Belgium. (TB) He was a labourer aged 32 when he enlisted with the Australian Army in New South Wales in Jan 1916. He was attached to the Anzac Light Railways. (Australia WW1 Service Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) (and also the 17th Reinf 4th Bn. 5461) His sister Mary Butler lived in Newtown NSW.
Corporal John Francis Byrne: Born in Ballyvalley Killaloe, lived in Australia, died 5th Jan 1918 of Pleurisy age 29 in England. Possibly due to conditions during the Battle of Polygon Wood 26/27 Sept 1917. Australian Infantry 58th Bn. 2182, 5th Australian Division. G/M in England. Son of Patrick and Alicia Byrne of Bally Valley, Killaloe. He went to Australia when he was 26. (TB)

Michael Joseph Walsh: Lived in Cappa Kilrush, died 3rd Oct 1917 (of illness), Gunner on H.M.S. "Vivid." (which was a Naval Land Base), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, G/M in the Scattery Island Graveyard. Husband of Mrs Walsh Cappa Pier. (TB)

The Battle of Broodseinde (4th October 1917) Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

This was the last assault launched by Plumer in good weather. The operation aimed to complete the capture of the Gheluvelt Plateau and occupy Broodseinde Ridge. The Germans sought to recapture their defences around Zonnebeke, with a methodical counter-attack also to begin on 4 October. The British inflicted devastating casualties.
Frank Lennane: Born in Co Clare lived in Dublin, killed in action 4th Oct 1917 age 35, Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Bn 32733, 5th Div (which fought in The Battle of Broodseinde 4th Oct 1917), G/M in Belgium. (TB) G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.


Patrick J O’Brien: Poulcarron, Co Clare. Queens Westminister Rifles Officer Training Corps (56th Div). He was awarded the Silver War Badge for services rendered in the strenuous fighting at Leuze Wood in Sept 1916 where he also suffered shell shock, in the Battle of Morval (25th – 28th Sept 1916) at the Somme. He had a brother in the Irish Guards 2nd Bn. who was wounded also at Leuze Wood, in the same battle. (CJ) He died on the 7th Oct 1917 and was buried in Carron. (SR) He was an Accountant when he enlisted in the 16th London Regiment 5648 (RWR) in 1915. He fought with the British Expeditionary Force in France, and was discharged on the 17th March 1917 due to ‘general paralysis of the insane’. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
John Sullivan: Lived in Carrigaholt. Died 7th Oct 1917 age 27 on the SS Aylevarroo, Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in London. Son of Patrick and Mary Sullivan Rienvalla, Kilballyowen, Carrigaholt. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Private John Sullivan: Ranvilla Carrigaholt, Co Clare. He was a Seaman aged 23 when he enlisted in March 1915 into the 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 4025. He was discharged in June 1915. His father was Patrick Sullivan. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

The Aylevarroo and her twenty crew, including the ship's master, were lost off the Ballycotton Islands near Cork on 8th October 1917. The torpedo breached the hull of the Aylevarroo and the two hundred and seventy pound warhead exploded.

The Battle Of Poelcapelle (9/10/1917) Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

The incessant rain which hampered preparations had turned the battlefield into a sea of mud. At 05.20am on 9th October, British and Australian troops attacked across a waterlogged landscape devoid of any form of cover except water filled shell holes. Many of the artillery shells landing in the soft ground failed to impact hard enough to explode. Around mid day the attack halted, was forced to withdraw and by the end of the day the survivors had returned to their lines. Of an attacking force of 30,000 men, around 7,000 were killed, wounded or posted missing and only one of the main objectives was taken.

The Guards Division was to cross the Broembeek and close up to Houthoulst Forest, on a front from the Ypres–Staden railway, to the junction with the French army near Craonne Farm. The barrage came down prompt at 5:30 a.m. and after four minutes began to creep forward at a rate of 100 yards (91 m) in eight minutes. Crossing the Broembeek was easier than expected, as the German infantry nearby surrendered readily. Little German resistance was encountered on the right, except from a German pill-box at Egypt House, whence the Guards pulled their right flank back under sniper fire, as they waited for Newfoundland troops of 29th Division to come up. The left brigade bypassed a German strong-point and reached the final objective, taking the strong-point later in the afternoon.


**Martin McMahon**: Born in Kilmurry McMahon enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 10th Oct 1917, possibly in counter attacks after the Battle of Poelkapelle 9th Oct 1917 (3rd Battle of Ypres), Irish Guards 1st Bn 11283 1st Guards Brigade, Guards Div, G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. (TB) (Photo – Mary Hester from his niece Phil Kelly, Kildysart.)

**Thomas Moody**: Waterpark Ennis, died at Derby War Hospital 27th Nov 1917 age 25, Irish Guards 2nd Bn, G/M in Drumcliff Cemetery Ennis. Son of William and Frances Moody Waterpark. (TB) He was wounded in the abdomen on the 9th Oct 1917 at the Battle of Poelcapelle (part of the 3rd Battle of Ypres also known as Passchendael). He was admitted to the hospital on 19th Oct 1917. He subsequently died from his wounds at Derby War Hospital Warrington at 5.45am on 27th Nov 1917. His mother Frances
travelled to Warrington where she nursed him and brought his body home to Ennis to be buried in the family burial plot at Drumcliffe on the 30th November 1917. (Larry Brennan) He is also remembered on a Memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis.

Sergeant Frank Coalpoise (Colpoise): Born and lived in Ennistymon, died of wounds 17th Nov 1917, possibly received at the Broembeek (8th-16th Oct 1917). Irish Guards 1st Bn. 4586, G/M in the Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery in Belgium. He was one of the Irish Guards who at the famous charge at Ypres, helped to wipe out the Kaiser’s favourite regiment, the Prussian Guards (11th Nov 1914). His father was employed at O’Dwyer’s Mills.

Patrick Mulcahy: Born and lived in Bindon St Ennis, died of wounds 10th Oct 1917 age 20, Royal Army Medical Corps 108th Field Ambulance, G/M in the Ruyaulcourt Military Cemetery in France. He is also remembered on a Memorial in St Columba’s in Ennis. Son of Maurice Michael (Sexton of St Columba’s Church Bindon St) and Mary Isabella Mulcahy. His father was aboard the SS Ocean when it was torpedoed off the Dardanelles. (TB) He was in an advanced dressing station, in a trench which was blown in. He was dug out and brought to the casualty clearing station where he passed away.

Martin Halloran: Born in Kilkee, killed in action 12th Oct 1917, Scots Rifles 9th Bn (Camerons), 266353, G/M in the Gaza War Cemetery in Gaza, Israel. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
Michael Ronan: Born in Kilshanny lived in South Australia, killed in action 17th Oct 1917 age 27 in the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). Australian Infantry 50th Bn 1582, 4th Australian Division. G/M on the Menin Gate in Ypres in Belgium. In June 1917 (during The Battle of Messines 7–14 June 1917), he received gunshot wounds to the head and was hospitalised in Boulogne. Rejoined his unit in September 1917. (TB) MA He was a Labourer aged 24 when he enlisted in 1914 in Oaklands SA into the 50th Bn. 1582. He had fought in Gallipoli and after that served in France and Belgium. (UNSW)


Michael Williams: Born and lived in Ennis, died 27th Oct 1917 age 42, in the Third Battle of Ypres, Royal Garrison Artillery Unit 159th Heavy Battery 3682, G/M in the Huts Cemetery, Ypres in Belgium. Nearly two-thirds of the burials are of gunners as many artillery positions existed nearby. Son of John and Susan Williams. (TB)
Captain James Golding Harding: Bank House (no 23 Parliament St), Ennistymon, killed in action 30th Oct 1917 age 21 (in The Second Battle of Passchendaele 26 Oct-10 Nov 1917), Royal Field Artillery, 21st Trench Mortar Battery 21st Div, G/M in the Hooge Crater Cemetery in Belgium. His father Charles Furlouge (mother Elanor Harding) was the Manager of the National Bank in Ennistymon. (TB) (Guss O’Halloran)

Captain John O’Gorman: Born in Carrigaholt lived in Co Antrim, died 2nd Nov 1917 age 35 on the SS Jessie, Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M in the Carnlough (Cavalry) Roman Catholic Cemetery in Antrim. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of John and Bridget O’Gorman, Carrigaholt. (TB)

Trooper Patrick Mannix: Born (dob 20/3/1877) in Ballyvaughan, lived in New Zealand, killed in action in Palestine 5th Nov 1917 age 40 (just after the Capture of Beersheba 31st Oct 1917), Auckland Mounted Rifles AMR, New Zealand Expeditionary Force 36118, G/M in the Beersheba War Cemetery in Israel. Son of Michael and Mary Mannix Ballyvaughan. (TB) He was a Miner who enlisted in Nov 1916 into the 26th Auckland Mounted Rifles 36118. He lived in Okahahura. His father Michael lived in Queensland and his mother Mary O’Grady lived in Ballyvaughan. (WW1 Archives-New Zealand)
Corporal Samuel Kerr: Clare. Killed in action 8th Nov 1917, age 34, Highland Light Infantry (HLI) 203051. G/M in the Gaza War Cemetery, in Israel. (PMcN) (findagrave website).

The Gaza War Cemetery in Israel

Paschendaele Ridge – Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn - Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

On the 10th November 1917 the Battalion joined in the battle raging round the Paschendaele Ridge. ‘The barrage opened at 5.55 a.m., and zero hour was at 6 o’clock.... By 6.45 a.m. the whole of the objectives allotted to the Battalion were in our hands, and all ranks were in high fettle...the impatient Commanders ...decided to exploit their success and continue the advance. The order was received with a cheer. The main ridge, which overlooked the whole battle field was only 800 yards away, and the advance continued... About 7.30 a.m. the advance came to a standstill.. On came the enemy, their attack being carried out by an entirely fresh unit just arrived smart and clean on the battlefield, the celebrated “Cockchafers” ... 30 men attacked Tournant Farm about 9.30 a.m....after a sharp struggle the enemy gave up the task.... The roll-call showed that of the 20 officers and 630 enlisted men who marched into action but 7 officers and 240 men remained....’

George Friel: Lahinch, killed in action 10th Nov 1917 in Passchendaele, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Poelcapelle British Cemetery in Belgium. (TB)

The Poelcapelle British Cemetery in Belgium
John McInerney: Born and lived in Killaloe, killed in action 10th Nov 1917 age 21 in Passchendaele, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd, G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Son of Annie McInerney John Street, Killaloe. (TB) ‘He was born 23 Oct 1897. The family spent many years in London where at least some of the children were born. John enrolled in Killaloe Boy’s school in October 1904 and left in June 1908. His father, was a water bailiff died sometime before 1911. John enlisted at Killaloe in 1914.’ (The Killaloe Anthology Sean Kierse)

Patrick McNamara: Corofin, killed in action Nov 10th 1917 age 21 in Passchendaele, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. Son of Nora McNamara Back Street Corofin. (TB)

2nd Lt Daniel Joseph O’Brien: Clare Abbey House Clarecastle, killed in action 10th Nov 1917 age 33 in Passchendaele, during the attack on Tournant Farm. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. (TB) He was a member of Clare County Council (two other Councillor’s also enlisted: Mr John Joe Connolly and Mr P.E. Kenneally) and a leader of the Clarecastle National Volunteers. He was accidentally wounded in training in Oct 1915. (CJ) Son of Mrs Margaret O’Brien. (SR)

The Battle of Cambrai (20 Nov-7 Dec 1917)

Patrick Scanlan: Born in Kilrush 1879, lived in Limerick, killed in action 20th Nov 1917 in the Battle of Cambrai, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 6750, G/M in the Croisilles Railway Cemetery in France. (TB)
At zero (6.20 am 20\textsuperscript{th} Nov 1917) the barrage opened. At zero plus two minutes the front wave left the trenches.....At 6.24 the first wave entered the German trench...The charge for the enemy’s trench was made so swiftly, and with such dash that no time was given to the enemy to man his parapet... At 7am consolidation commenced and continued all day....Casualties 13 killed; wounded 60; missing 5......The enemy counterattacked on November 30\textsuperscript{th}...and we had to withdraw to Bourlon Wood and and give up about half the ground we had gained.... On December 2\textsuperscript{nd} the Battalion was relieved..

Peter O’Brien: Born in Inch lived in Ennis, killed in action 27\textsuperscript{th} Nov 1917, in the Battle of Cambrai (20 Nov-7 Dec 1917), Irish Guards 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 10048, 2nd (Guards) Brigade of the Guards Division. G/M on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval in France. (TB)

Bourlon Wood (27\textsuperscript{th} Nov 1917): ‘By five in the morning, after a most wearing night, the Battalion was in position; and the Wood in front alive with concealed machine-guns and spattered with shells. They led off at 6.20 behind their own barrage, in two waves;.... A barrage of big stuff, supplemented by field-guns, was steadily threshing out the centre and north of the Wood, and, somewhere to the rear of the Battalion a nest of machine-guns broke out viciously and unexpectedly. Then the whole fabric of the fight appeared to crumble, as, through one or other of the many gaps between the Battalions, the enemy thrust in, and the 2nd Irish Guards, hanging on to their thin front line, realized him suddenly at their backs. What remained of them split up into little fighting groups; sometimes taking prisoners, sometimes themselves being taken, and again breaking away from their captors, dodging, turning, and ducking in dripping coppices and over the slippery soil, while the shells impartially smote both parties.’ 
"The Irish Guards in the great war" Rudyard Kipling

Timothy O Dea MM: From Cooraclare, killed in action 27\textsuperscript{th} Nov 1917 age 39, in the Battle of Cambrai (same day, place, Regiment and Battalion as Peter O’Brien). Irish Guards 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn 10251, 2nd (Guards) Brigade of the Guards Division. G/M on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval in France. He won the Military Medal. Son of Michael and Honor O’Dea Tullabrack, Cooraclare. (TB)
Mark S Mescal: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 1st Dec 1917 age 23, Irish Guards 1st Bn 11452 in the Battle of Cambrai (Nov 20 - Dec 6 1917), 2nd Div, G/M on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval in France. Son of Michael Mescal, Vandaleur Street Kilrush. (TB) He is also remembered on the family gravestone in the Old Shanakyle Cemetery in Kilrush. Private Mark Mescall: Vandeleur Street Kilrush. Irish Guards. KIA in France. KM

Joseph Riordan: Born in Ennistymon, killed in action 29th Nov 1917 age 26, in the Battle of Cambrai (20 Nov - 7 Dec 1917). Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 1st Bn 26467, 87th Brigade in 29th Division. G/M on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval in France. Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of J Riordan RIC. (TB)

From 23 to 28 November, the fighting was concentrated almost entirely around Bourlon Wood and by 29th November, it was clear that the Germans were ready for a major counter attack. During the fierce fighting of the next five days, much of the ground gained in the initial days of the attack was lost.

Francis Beresford Gloster: Born in 1896, lived at Parteen House, killed in action 3rd Dec 1917 age 20, Royal Flying Corps, G/M on the Arras Flying Services Memorial in France. (TB) He was an observer in a reconnaissance plane that was shot down. Francis and his pilot were buried on the spot where they fell behind enemy lines. His family received some measure of comfort from a letter of sympathy written
by a German officer Lt. C. Mayweg, which was dropped from a plane onto a British held position. Son of George and Mrs A J Gloster.

Henry Donohue/Donohoe: Born in Ennis, died 6th Dec 1917 in Egypt, 1st Bn Leinster Regiment, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery in Iraq. (TB)

Private James Toohey: Born in Killuran, Broadford, died of shotgun wounds to the head (on admission to the 8th Field Ambulance), on the 11th Dec 1917 after the Third Battle of Ypres, Australian Infantry 56th Bn 5461, Australian 5th Division. G/M in the Irish House Cemetery, Heuvelland Arrondissement Ieper West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. (TB) He was a labourer aged 32 when he enlisted with the Australian Army in New South Wales Jan 1916. He was attached to the Anzac Light Railways. (Australia WW1 Service Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) (and also the 17th Reinf 4th Bn. 5461) His sister Mary Butler lived in Newtown NSW.

Daniel Joseph O’Dea: Ballynacally, died 12th Dec 1917 age 22, at St Emilie, Royal Irish Regiment 7th (South Irish Horse) Bn 25665, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in Templeux-Le-Guerard (right next to St Emilie), France. Son of Thomas and Bridget O’Dea. TB Daniel O’Dea: Ballynacally. He was a labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Dec 1913 with the Royal Regiment of Artillery 40140. He was discharged in Jan 1914. His father was Thomas O’Dea. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) ‘On the 12th Dec 1917: ‘Battln. relieved in evening by 7/8 R. Innis. Fus. & returned to billets at ST EMILIE.

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Billets shelled & 28 men killed & 40 wounded.’ War Diary for the Royal Irish Regiment 7th (South Irish Horse) Bn.

John Larkin: Born in Killaloe, died of Tubercular meningitis 14th Dec 1917 aged 40, Australian Imperial Force 45th Bn 3659, 4th Div, G/M in the West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide Australia. Husband of Margaret Larkin and father of four children, Michael Patrick, Kathleen Mary, Margaret May and Mary Josephine. (TB) He was a Carter aged 40 when he enlisted on April 1917 in Sydney into the 1st Infantry Depot Bn. 3659. He was married to Margaret Larkin Sydney. He returned to Australia in Oct 1917. He died of Tubercular meningitis in Bradford Park Sanatorium on the 14th Dec 1917. (UNSW)

Gunner James Shaughnessy: Born in Inagh, died 15th Dec 1917 in Salonika, possibly due to illness. Royal Garrison Artillery Unit 143rd Heavy Battery 280990, G/M in the Lahana Military Cemetery in Greece. (TB) The 143rd Heavy Battery (Ashton-under-Lyne) were sent to Salonica on the 25th July 1916. During 1917 there was comparatively little activity on the British part of the front in Macedonia, due in part to complex political changes in Greece throughout the year. Disease, in particular malaria, proved endemic throughout the campaign. The BSF alone suffered 162,517 cases of malaria.

Fireman Daniel Cleary: Born in Co Clare, lived in Waterford, died 18th Dec 1917 age 45, on the SS Coningberg, torpedoed by German Submarine U-62. There were no survivors. Mercantile Marine

The Templeux-Le-Guerard Cemetery in France

The West Terrace Cemetery Adelaide Australia

The Lahana Military Cemetery in Greece
Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. Also listed on the Formby-Coninbeg Memorial, Adelphi Quay in Waterford. (TB)

The SS Coningbeg was sunk on the night of 17th December on its way back to Waterford from Liverpool. **All 40 crew and 4 passengers were lost.** A sister ship (SS Formby) was sunk by the same U Boat (U-62) two nights earlier also on its way back from Liverpool to Waterford. All 37 crew and 2 passengers were lost. A Memorial to the 83 was later erected on the Quay in Waterford.

**Trimmer James Enright**: Kilrush. Royal Navy Reserve Force. Killed in action Jan 3rd 1918, by a mine (HMS Blackwhale). KM James Francis Enright died in the Great War. G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. (Tom Burnell) On Jan 3rd 1918, the patrol vessel HMS Blackwhale struck a mine and sank in the North Sea off Fife Ness with the loss of twelve of her crew. She was the only British ship sunk by a mine on that day.

**John Kelly Blake (John Kelly)**: Corry’s Lane, Kilkee. Born in Co Clare lived in Hull in England, killed in action 9th Jan 1918 age 29 in Salonika, Manchester Regiment 13th Bn 7800, 22nd Div, G/M in the Doiran Military Cemetery in Greece. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Bat and Jane Kelly Blake, Corry’s Lane Kilkee. (TB) He was a labourer aged 26 when he enlisted on the 21st Sept 1914 into the 13th Bn Manchester Regiment 7800. He served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Salonica. He was treated for wounds in Malta by the Red Cross in Feb 1917. (fold3.com) The Manchester Regiment **13th (Service) Battalion** moved to Salonika in October 1915.
Edward James McNamara: Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 16\textsuperscript{th} Jan 1918, Royal Irish Rifles 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn 47462, 8\textsuperscript{th} Div, G/M on The Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. (TB) In the Battle of Passchendaele on 31 July 1917, during the opening day of the battle, the Royal Irish Rifles 1\textsuperscript{st} battalion suffered massive casualties. By 16 August, when it had advanced well forward of the rest of the attacking force, it only had one surviving officer and 60 other ranks. The remainder of the battalion spent a gruelling winter on the ridges above Paschendaele before being transferred in February 1918 to the 36th (Ulster) Division near Saint-Quentin.

Sergeant Major Michael Francis McNamara: Born in Newcastle West Co Limerick, lived in Co Kildare enlisted in Ennis, died 20\textsuperscript{th} Jan 1918 age 38 in Mesopotamia. Royal Army Service Corps GHQ Baghdad S/13074, G/M in the Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery in Iraq. (TB) Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5\textsuperscript{th} Bn where he was awarded the Medaille D’Honneur (Bronze) and Diploma in 1915 (Not in RMF Book). He was 6ft 1in and had three brothers who also enlisted (John and Peter). He was the son of Mr P McNamara Market St Ennis.

Private John Joseph Hickey: Born in Limerick, lived in Australia, died 27\textsuperscript{th} Jan 1918 age 23, Australian Imperial Force 60\textsuperscript{th} Bn, 1699. G/M in Bridgetown Catholic Churchyard, Co Clare. His death was due to shock and haemorrhage resulting from being struck by a train. The accident occurred at Newbridge Station, and he died in the Curragh Military Hospital. In July 1916 he received gun shot wounds to the hands and was sent to England for treatment. He returned to his unit and suffered shell-
shock in 1917. Next of kin: Mr John Patrick Hickey (Father) Port Melbourne, Victoria Australia. Nephew of Thomas Hickey, of Ballybrack, Kilmore, Limerick. (TB) (PMCN)

Trimmer Michael Francis Daly: Kilrush, died 10th Feb 1918 age 22 on the HM Romilly, Royal Naval Service, G/M in the Ardrossan Cemetery in Scotland. Son of Michael and Bridget Daly, John St, Kilrush. (TB) (HM Romilly was blown up by a mine KM) A Trimmer moved the coal about in the stokehold to keep the ship in trim and on an even keel. Michael Francis Daly: Born in Ennis 12th May 1896. Royal Naval Reserve Service TS7185. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955)


John Quinn MM: Lived in Lahinch, died of wounds 23rd Feb 1918, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 5897, G/M in the Tincourt New British Cemetery in France. He won the Military Medal 10/4/1918. (TB) (MM Confirmed with fold.3. His MM is not on his headstone) ‘On February 7th 1918 …. Lieut-Colonel R R G Kane DSO (from Tulla) assumed command...On February 18th...’Z’ Company left Tincourt in lorries for the front line. The raid took place at 4am on the 19th, an hour after the Company reported that they
had captured five of the enemy, had killed a considerable number, and had only the following casualties: killed 1; wounded 17.'

**Thomas Twyford**: Born in Kilrush, died 13th March 1918 age 32 on the SS *Castlebar*, Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M on the Tower Hill Memorial in England. Husband of Teresa Twyford (nee Hillian) Carrigrohane Co Cork. (TB) The 508 ton SS *Castlebar* disappeared at sea. She departed Glasgow on 12th March 1918 for Limerick with a cargo of wheat. The vessel was reported to have passed Fanad Head on 14th March. She was listed as missing on 7th August 1918.

**Operation Michael (21 March – 5 April 1918) 25 Claremen Die**

*Operation Michael* was a major German military offensive that began the Spring Offensive on 21 March 1918. It was launched from the Hindenburg Line, in the vicinity of Saint-Quentin, France.

The 16th Division held an exposed position from early 1918 at Ronssoy during the German Army's Spring Offensive. At 4.40am on 21 Mar 1918 the Germans fired 1.16 million shells over a 80 km front in a 5 hour period Their shells were both explosive and gas. Further as dawn broke, a thick mist reduced visibility to 25 metres. At 9.35 am, 500,000 German soldiers advanced through the mist. There were heavy losses. The 16th Div was practically wiped out in the retreat which followed Operation Michael. The retreat lasted 8 days and nights, with stops to briefly hold defensive position.

**Patrick Hourigan**: Corofin, killed in action 21st March 1918 in Epehy, during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. (TB)
Thomas Markham: Born and lived in Meelick, killed in action 21st March 1918 age 25 during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Son of Michael and Catherine Markham. (TB)

Joseph Copely: Lived in Kilrush, killed in action 22nd March 1918 age 19, during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Son of William and Mary Copley Chapel St Kilrush. (TB) Private Joseph Copely: Chapel Street Kilrush. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Missing in action. KM

Michael McInerney: Born and lived in Meelick Co Clare, died of wounds 22nd March 1918 age 22 in the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Son of Timothy and Annie McInerney of Derramore, Meelick. Brother of Patrick who was killed in April 1916. (TB)

James Russell: Ennis, killed in action 22nd March 1918 in the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. (TB)
**John Molony/Moloney:** Born and lived in Kildysart, killed in action 21st March 1918 age 21 at St Emilie during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery in France. Son of Simon and Katie Molony, Derrylea, Kildysart. (TB)

**Joseph Griffin:** Born and lived in Miltown Malbay, killed in action at St Emilie, 22nd March 1918 age 35, during the German Offensive. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 5798, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. (TB) J Griffin 5798, Miltown Malbay wounded at the front in May 1916 (The Somme). Son of Mrs Anne Griffin Armagh, Miltown Malbay.

**Private Stephen McKnight MM:** Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 22nd March 1918 at St Emilie, during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. (TB) KM He won the Military Medal (and 2 parchment Certificates KM) on the 17th Sept 1917. (SR) Son of Patrick and Ellen McKnight, Hector Street. Brother of James. (Morgan Roughan)
Patrick McMahon: Lived in Ennis. killed in action **22nd March 1918** age 20 at St Emilie, during the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, 16th Irish Div. G/M in the Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery in France. Son of James and Margaret McMahon Cahercon, Shanaha. (TB)

James Meaney: Born in Thurles lived in Kilkee, killed in action **2nd April 1918** age 18 (During the German Offensive), Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery in France. Son of Martin and Ellen Meaney Ball Alley Lane, Kilkee. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Matthew Clohessy: Corofin, killed in action **21st March 1918** during the German Offensive, Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Bn 18013, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. (TB)
Michael Shaughnessy: Born in Ennis, killed in action 21st March 1918 age 21, in the German Offensive. Royal Irish Regiment (South Irish Horse) 7th Bn 25771, 49th Brigade, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Son of Frederick and Ellen Shaughnessy. (TB) Michael Shaughnessy: Ennis Co Clare. He enlisted in Aug 1913 with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 10102. He was discharged in Feb 1914 for being underage when he enlisted. His father was Frederick Shaughnessy. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private John Brogan: Born in Ennis, lived in Wigan, killed in action 21st March 1918 age 21 in Palestine, Royal Munster Fusiliers 6th Bn, G/M in the Ramleh War Cemetery in Israel. (TB) ‘The Battalion advanced on March 9th 1918 against the village of Ajul.. On March 20th 1918, 1 officer and 8 men were decorated by HRH the Duke of Connaught near Beit Zeit…..’

Patrick Joseph Niall: Born in Killaloe lived in Birkenhead, killed in action 21st March 1918 age 29, during Operation Michael (21 March – 5 April 1918). King’s Own Unit (Royal Lancaster Regiment) 1st Bn 24635, 12th Brigade, 4th Division. G/M in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras in France. Husband of Rosa Niall Birkenhead. (TB) When the German Offensive came in March 1918 the 4th Division was out on rest near Arras, and towards the end of the month was engaged in the fighting in defence of Arras.
Lance Sergeant Patrick O’Brien: Born in Killaloe lived in Chelsea, killed in action 21st March 1918, near Ronsoy, during the German Army’s Spring Offensive. Connaught Rangers 6th Bn, 18132. 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in the Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery in France. (TB) Formerly in the Royal Sussex Regiment. (The Killaloe Anthology Sean Kierse) On 21 March 1918, the Connaught Rangers 6th (Service) Battalion was "practically annihilated". In one week the battalion lost "22 officers and 618 other ranks".

The Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery in France

Lt. John Keogh: The Cottage (Mount Prospect), Killaloe, died from wounds 22nd March 1918 age 24, during the German Offensive. 2nd Bn Leinster Regiment, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in the Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon in France. Son of Dr John and Emily Keogh, The Cottage Killaloe and brother of William Gerard Keogh who died in Oct 1918. (TB) On the 22nd it was realised that their right flank was exposed. Heavy German fire poured in on their position. At 11 a.m. the battalion was forced to retire to Villers-Faucon. The 2nd Leinsters were decimated: all officers were killed or wounded. They retreated again to Tincourt.

The Sainte Emilie Valley Cemetery, Villers-Faucon in France

Michael Walsh: Born in Ennis, killed in action 22nd March 1918 age 26, during the Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March). 9th (Northumberland Hussars Yeomanry) Bn. 55455. 103rd Brigade, 34th Division. G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of John and Mary Walsh 30 Steeles Terrace. (TB)

The Arras Memorial in France
Lt. O’Moore Charles Creagh MID: Caherbane, Newmarket on Fergus, Co Clare, killed in action 23rd March 1918 age 21 near Mont St Quentin, during the German Offensive. Royal Field Artillery C Battery 108th Army Brigade (32nd Div). G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Mentioned in Despatches 21st May 1918 for his ‘gallant and distinguished service in the field’ (TB)’At the Battle of Messines he was taking signals from the infantry to his headquarters for fifteen hours, and on 1 September was on liason for the third attack, when he was reported killed in action at Fevillacourt, near Mont St Quentin, 23 March 1918. He took part in the actions at Richebourg 17 May 1915, and those at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, Loos, Verden, Ypres, on the Somme (Probably in the Battle of Albert, 1–13 July), at Messines and Passchendael etc, and when he was killed, he was within a few days of obtaining his Captaincy.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.


The Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, led by Brigadier-General Raymond Brutinel, raced along the British front during the Spring Offensive, offering important fire support from its armoured cars.

Lt Maccon John Macnamara: Born 1897 in Baunkyle, Corofin, killed in action 26th March 1918 age 20 during the German Offensive (21 March – 5 April 1918), Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn, 16th (Irish) Division, G/M in France. Son of Dr George and Frances Jane Macnamara, Baunkyle, Corofin. (TB)
Patrick Woulfe: Born in Ennistymon lived in Lahinch, killed in action 28th March 1918 age 29 in The First Battle of Arras 1918 (28th March 1918). The King’s (Liverpool Regiment) 13th Bn 307085, 9th Brigade 3rd Division. G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Woulfe, Lahinch Road Ennistymon. He left the USA to enlist. (TB) The focus of the German attack changed again on 28 March to the Third Army, around Arras. Twenty nine divisions attacked the Third Army and were repulsed.

Sergeant Edward Patrick Cullinan: Born in Ennis lived in Canada, killed in action 30th March 1918 age 30, Lord Strathcona’s Horse, Royal Canadians, G/M on the Vimy Memorial in France. Son of Thomas and Angela P Cullinan. (TB) He died in ‘The Last Great Cavalry Charge’ of WW1, during the German Spring Offensive. This action was crucial in stopping the German Offensive in that area. On enlistment he named Thomas Cullinan of Fountain House, Ennis as his next of kin.

On 30th March 1918, the now Sgt. Cullinan with 24 other men who were part of Lt. Gordon Flowerdew’s C Squadron was ordered to attack the northeast corner of Moreuil Wood. Lt Flowerdew had approx. 100 men and divided them into three squadrons. The aim was to attack the Germans at the rear of the woods and cut off the German’s retreat. However they came face to face with two lines of machine guns, about 20 in all. Lt. Flowerdew ordered the charge and although they suffered massive casualties from a superior German force, the Lord Strathcona’s Horse dislodged them in the Battle. Edward was noted as killed about 10 a.m. instantly in a ‘counter attack’. (Helen O’Connor)
Private Patrick O'Keefe: Broadford. Lived in New Zealand working as a Railway labourer, killed in action 30th March 1918, in the German Spring Offensive (21st March – 18th July 1918). New Zealand Div, Auckland Regiment 2nd Bn, 49736, G/M on the Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial in France. (DOB 21/6/1880) He was a Labourer in the NZ Railways when he enlisted in Feb 1917 into the 2nd Bn. Auckland Regiment 49736. He lived in Frankton. His parents were Michael and Ellen O’Keefe, Broadford Co Clare. The New Zealand Division undertook the first offensive action by the British forces during the Spring Offensive when three battalions seized the high ground of La Signy farm on 30 March. This success, although relatively trivial to the New Zealanders, was a morale booster for the rest of the beleaguered Third Army. Casualties for this period of the war were high; nearly 1,000 of the division’s personnel were killed through March and April and almost 2,700 were wounded.

Christopher Wynne: Born in Ennis, killed in action 30th March 1918 age 29 in Arras, Irish Guards 1st Bn 10850, G/M on the Arras Memorial in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Wynne Mill St Ennis. (TB) (Brother of Agnes Murphy who was married to Mick Murphy Woodquay)

‘On the 30th March the attack rolled up again from the south where it had met no particular encouragement, and barraged the (Irish Guards 1st ) Battalion’s sector with heavies for a couple of hours; causing forty-two casualties.’ Rudyard Kipling The Irish Guards in the Great War.
Lance Corporal Thomas Casserley: Born 1897 in Dublin, lived in Ennis, killed in action 1st April 1918 age 21, just after the First Battle of Arras (28th March). Corps of Royal Engineers, 15th (Scottish) Division. G/M on the Wanquentin Communal Cemetery in France. (TB) Tot (Thomas) Casserly, joined the Ordnance Survey Dept, in Dublin, as a temporary Civilian Assistant in 1914. He resigned his position in 1915 and joined the British Army.

Daniel O’Dea: Born in Kilmihil, killed in action 3rd April 1918 age 19 at Le Hamel, during the German Spring Offensive, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1st Bn 20961, 16th (Irish) Division. G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Only son of Daniel and Maria O’Dea Knockmore, Kilmihil. (TB)

Martin Crowe: Born in Querrin Co Clare 29/2/1889, lived in Roxbury Mass, USA. Died at home 29th March 1918 age 29. Canadian Infantry, 8th (Reserve) Bn (Central Ontario Regiment) 3031023. G/M in Querrin Cemetery (Templemeeagh) Co Clare. Son of Patrick and Honora Crowe, and husband to Margaret Crowe. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. He was a Chaffeur when he enlisted in Toronto on the 9th Nov 1917.
‘Accident to Canadian Soldier: While shooting on Sunday evening on the Querrin shore on the Shannon, about four miles from Kilkee, a Canadian soldier named Crowe accidentally shattered one his legs from the knee to the ankle. He was attended by Dr C C Hickey, Kilkee who ordered his removal to the Kilrush Hospital to have the leg amputated. This report was carried in the Saturday Record, 30 March 1918, making it easy to calculate that the accident occurred on Sunday 24 March and that Private Crowe died five days later.’ (Four Funerals and a Wedding – Paddy Nolan – The Other Clare Vol 41)

Private Pat Sammon: Meenross, Scarriff. Patrick died of Broncho Pneumonia with US forces on the 21st March 1918. His passing is recorded on family gravestone as having died on the 28th Aug 1917 in Moynoe Graveyard, Scarriff. She remembers a plaque from US government on wall of family home in her childhood (since gone). Brother of Jack Sammon. (Keir McNamara) Private First Class Patrick Sammon: Born in Scariff Co Clare, lived in New York. Enlisted in Jan 1916 aged 22 into the 101 CAC (Coast Artillery Corps) in the QMC (Quarter Master Corps). He did not serve overseas. He died of Broncho Pneumonia on the 21st March 1918. His father was Thomas Sammon, Scariff (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919) He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, the final resting place of over 400,00 US Heroes.


On 4 April 1918, Bittern was involved in a collision with SS Kenilworth off the Isle of Portland in thick fog. The destroyer was overwhelmed and sank quickly with the loss of all hands (63 officers and men). A Court of Inquiry found negligence on the part of the master of SS Kenilworth.
Edwin Arthur Nightengale: Born in Plymouth lived in Ennis, killed in action 10th April 1918 in The Battle of Berukin, Palestine (9 – 11 April 1918), Hampshire Regiment 2nd/5th Bn 240214, 75th Division. G/M on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel. (TB) He is also commemorated on a Memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis.

The Battle of the Lys (7–29 April 1918)

The Battle of the Lys (7–29 April 1918), also known as Fourth Battle of Ypres, was part of the 1918 German offensive in Flanders. It was planned with the objective of capturing Ypres, forcing the British forces back to the channel ports and out of the war. In planning, execution and effects, Operation Georgette was similar to (although smaller than) the earlier Operation Michael.

Patrick Courtney: Born in Corofin, killed in action 12th April 1918 in The Battle of Estaires (9 – 11 April 1918, age 19. Irish Guards 2nd Bn 11902, 4th (Guards) Brigade of the 31st Division. G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. Son of Nicholas and Mary Courtney, Limerick. (TB)

Sir Douglas Haig, in his despatches, wrote: "The performance of all the troops engaged in the most gallant stand," which was only an outlying detail of the Battle of the Lys, "and especially that of the 4th Guards Brigade on whose front of some 4000 yards the heaviest attacks fell, is worthy of the highest praise. No more brilliant exploit has taken place since the of the enemy's offensive." Rudyard Kipling

Lance Sergeant Timothy Foley: Ennistymon, killed in action 13th April 1918 age 23, Irish Guards 2nd Bn 8218, G/M on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. (TB) Son of Bridget and Michael Foley, Callura, Ennistymon. (Guss O’Halloran)

Patrick J Hartigan: Lived in Ennistymon (Born in Moymore), killed in action 26th April 1918 age 26 near Ypres in the Second Battle of Kemmel (25–26 April 1918), Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) 2nd Bn, 6th Div, G/M in the Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3 Ypres in Belgium. (TB) Son of James and Anne Hartigan. (Guss O’Halloran)

Private Charles Henry Squirrell: Born in Co Clare. He was aged 23 when he enlisted in 1914 into the Kings (Liverpool Regiment) 19th Bn 17721 (KLCB Army Reserve) 89th Brigade, 30th Division. Killed in action on the 1st May 1918, just after the Battle of Scherpenberg (29th April). G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Son of Alfred and Sarah Jane Squirrell. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
**Corporal Daniel J Scanlon:** Born in Co Clair (Clare). Lived in New York City. He was aged 23 when he enlisted on the 13th April 1917 into Co G 69th Infantry (165th Infantry 42nd Div 90480) until his death. He was accidentally killed on the 21st April 1918. He served overseas from Oct 1917. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919) G/M in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

![Meuse-Argonne Cemetery](image)

**Francis M Egan:** Born in New York USA, lived in Marylebone London, killed in action 16th April 1918 age 19, London Regiment (City of London Rifles) 2nd/6th Bn 345071, G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. Son of T M and Catherine Egan, Main Street, Corofin. (TB) The German Spring Offensive: After being relieved from the line, the London Regiment (City of London Rifles) 2nd/6th Bn was sleeping in the open on the night of 16/17 April 1918 when it was subjected to gas shelling. A large number of casualties were caused by Mustard gas, most of them temporarily blinded, who had to be led away in single file to the dressing stations.

![Pozieres Memorial](image)

**Edward J Falloon MM (and Bar):** Born and lived in Australia, killed in action 18th April 1918 (German Spring Offensive 21st March – 18th July 1918), age 31, Australian Engineers. Son of Edward and Honora Falloon (nee Honora Mary Pilkington, Tarmon Kilkee), Richmond, Victoria. G/M on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. (KCT)
Battle of Seicheprey, April 20, 1918

The American Expeditionary Force fought one of its earliest World War I engagements at the tiny hamlet of Seicheprey, France on April 20, 1918. It was a surprise battle, at least as far as the Americans were concerned. They weren’t expecting a fight when the Germans struck at them from the north in the wee hours of the morning. In front of the Germans was the US 26th Infantry Division. As the Germans moved south, the brunt of their attack fell on the 102nd Regiment largely constituted of brave young men from Connecticut. As the Stormtroopers flowed into and around Seicheprey, the Americans fell back in disarray, taking heavy casualties. At least 80 Americans of the 102nd Infantry were buried in the village in the immediate aftermath of the battle.

Private John P Darcy: Mount Scott, Miltown Malbay. Co C 102\textsuperscript{nd} Infantry US Army (26\textsuperscript{th} Div). Killed in action on the 20\textsuperscript{th} April 1918 at the Battle of Seicheprey. His body was returned to Ireland for burial in 1922. He is buried in Kildeema Burial Ground in Quilty. Next of kin Mr Michael Darcy Miltown Malbay Railway Station, who was his father. His mother was Catherine Darcy, and brothers Michael, James and Tim, and sisters Mary, Mrs J Hardy and Catherine. (Ita Darcy) J P DARCY; NEW HAVEN CONN; 64132. There is no headstone or inscription on his grave.

Corporal Francis Patrick Gordon DSC: Clarecastle, died of wounds 20\textsuperscript{th} April 1918 (in the Battle of Seicheprey, April 20, 1918), US army, 103\textsuperscript{rd} Field Artillery (26\textsuperscript{th} Div), G/M in the Saint Mihiel American Cemetery in France. (TB) He was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross, the highest awards from the French and US Governments. A rare honour to win both. ‘He lost his life when he went out to rescue a Stamford companion named Wilson who had both his legs blown off. Gordon went out to carry him in when a shell took off one of his arms and the two men dropped to the ground and died moments later’. When found Wilson still had his arm around Gordons neck. Gordon’s father worked in the Ordnance House in Ennis.(SR)
**John Donohoe:** Born and lived in Ballyvaughan, killed in action **24th April 1918** at Villers-Bretonneux, Machine Gun Corps 8th Bn (8th Div), G/M on the Pozieres Memorial in France. (TB)

**Michael L Tuohy:** Born and lived in Scariff, killed in action **30th April 1918**, Irish Guards 1st Bn 11319, 1st Guards Brigade, Guards Division. G/M in the Ayette British Cemetery in France. (TB)

**Private 1st Class Timothy Donnellan:** Born in Co Clare 15/7/1895. He was aged 21 when he enlisted in the US Army 69 Infantry 90514 (42nd Div) in June 1917. He lived in New York City. He served overseas from Oct 1917 and was killed in action on the **3rd May 1918**. Next of kin was Brother in Law Thomas Loonam. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry.com) Over the last few hundred years, New York City has designated 54 honorary Squares. Only seven of them were named after War Heroes. Donnellan Square (St Nicholas Av, W 150 St To St Nicholas Av, Manhattan. New York) was named after Timothy Donnellan. ‘This square honors Private First Class Timothy Donnellan (d. 1918), a local resident who died in World War I. Donnellan arrived in the United States from Ireland in 1916 and enlisted in the 69th New York Regiment from which the Army formed the 165th U.S. Infantry of the famous Rainbow Division.’ Grave unknown.
On November 4th, 1921, the steamer SS Orloch Head arrived in Dublin with the remains of 26 men of the US Armed Forces. The Freemans Journal newspaper covered the arrival and listed the names as follows: **Timothy Donnellan**, consigned to Mr. Michael Donnellan, Milltown-Malbay, Co. Clare.

**Private Peter Considine**: Born in Victoria Australia, died 6th May 1918 age 44 of disease, in England. Canterbury Regiment NZEF 29149. G/M in the Tidworth Military Cemetery in England. Son of Maria and Patrick Considine Co Clare (TB) (DOB 29/10/1872) He was a Labourer who lived in Rakaia when he enlisted in June 1916 into the Canterbury Regiment 29149. He died due to a haemorrhage from a Gastric Ulcer. He had previously served in the Boer War. His brother was Mr J Considine Victoria. (WW1 Archives-New Zealand)

**Thomas Coonan MM**: Born in 1895 in Ogonnelloe, killed in action 7th May 1918 age 23, Guards Machine Gun Regiment 4th Bn 76 (3rd Guards Brigade, Guards Division), G/M in the Gommecourt Wood New Cemetery in France. He was awarded the Military Medal at the Somme (Probably in the Battle of Flers–Courcelette, 15–22 September 1916). (TB) He is the grand uncle of Myles Dungan the renowned historian and broadcaster.

**John Coffey**: Born in Kilkishen, killed in action 9th May 1918 (G Coffey 8th May on Headstone 4582), Irish Guards 1st Bn, 1st Guards Brigade, Guards Division. 4583, G/M in the Ayette British Cemetery, in France. (TB)
‘Next day the devil-directed luck of the front line, after a peaceful, fine night, caused the only trench-mortar sent over by the enemy that did not clean miss all our posts, to fall directly in No. 3 Post, right front Company (No. 4), instantly killing Captain Budd, M.C., 2nd Lieutenant E. C. G. Lord and seven men…….Those were the only casualties of the tour. They were buried in the little Military Cemetery near Ayette (The British Cemetery).’ (Rudyard Kipling - The Irish Guards in the Great War)

2nd Lt Michael Vincent McKiernan MM + Bar: Quin. He lived in Co Galway, died of wounds 11th May 1918 age 22, possibly received during the German Spring Offensive, Connaught Rangers 6th Bn, 16th Div, G/M in the Saint Sever Cemetery in France. He won the Military Medal and Bar before he became an officer. Son of James and Anna Maria McKiernan, Clooney, Quin Co Clare. (TB)

On 21 March 1918, the Connaught Rangers 6th Bn was "practically annihilated" during the German Spring Offensive breakthrough. In one week during The Battle of St Quentin (21-23 March) and The Battle of Rosieres (26-27 March), the battalion lost 22 officers and 618 other ranks.

2nd Lt Stephen Griffin: Kilmaley, died 18th May 1918 age 28, Royal Air Force 88th Squadron, G/M in Arras France. Son of Michael Griffin Cahermore Kilmaley. (TB) He was an Observer. Despite its short service at the front, the 88 squadron claimed 147 victories for casualties of two killed in action, five wounded in action, and ten missing. Eleven aces served in the unit.

2nd Lt J. McKeogh: Killaloe, died May 1918. Son of Dr McKeogh. He died of wounds. (TB) His name is not in Ireland’s Memorial Records.

Robert Baird: Born in Clarisford, Killaloe, killed in action 1st June 1918 age 25, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 8040, 188th Brigade, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division. G/M in the Fienvillers British Cemetery in France (North of Amiens). Son of Robert and Elizabeth Baird of Oxton, Birkenhead. (TB)

James Looney: Born in Kilmurry, lived in Miltown Malbay, killed in action 2nd June 1918 age 23, Irish Guards 1st Bn 10138, 2nd Div 1st Guards Brigade, Guards Division. G/M in the Bienvillers Military Cemetery in France. Son of James and Mary J Looney, Knockanalban, Miltown Malbay. (TB)

John Michael Nolan: His parents lived in Killimer Co Clare. He lived in Queensland Australia, where he was a plumber. He died 3rd June 1918 age 42, Australian Infantry 9th Bn 2194, 3rd Brigade. G/M in the Ebblinghem Military Cemetery in France. He was wounded by gas and died the same day during the German Spring Offensive 21st March – 18th July 1918. Son of John and Margaret Nolan, Knockerra, Killimer. In 1916 he received a shell wound to the head. (TB)
Christopher Keane: Born in Clareabbey lived in Clarecastle, enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 4\textsuperscript{th} June 1918, Highland Light Infantry 18th Battalion 43505, 35th Division, G/M in the Martinsart British Cemetery in France. (TB)

Basil Claude Shaw: Born in Clarecastle, lived in Newport Wales, died 4\textsuperscript{th} June 1918, Monmouthshire Regiment 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn 226237, 46th (North Midland) Division as G/M in the Pernes British Cemetery in France. (TB) Brother of Charles Shaw. In September 1915 the Monmouthshire Regiment 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn was assigned to the 46th (North Midland) Division as a pioneer battalion, where they remained for the rest of the war.

Edward Shannon: Died 16\textsuperscript{th} June 1918 age 26, Royal Naval Reserve SS Zelo 5287/A, G/M in the Cathays Cemetery in Wales. Son of James and Susan Shannon Quilty East. (TB) The SS Zelo was a salvage vessel that did U-Boat recovery. (TB) Edward Shannon: Born in Quilty 25\textsuperscript{th} Jan 1890. Royal Naval Reserve Service A5287. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955)
Patrick Grogan: Co Clare, died on the 18th June 1918 age 33, Royal Field Artillery, 2nd Reserve Brigade 95034, 6th Div, G/M in the Luton Church Burial Ground in England. (TB) Son of Mr and Mrs Paul Grogan, husband of Edith Mary Grogan, Alberta, Canada. On 25 March 1918 the 6th Division was withdrawn to the Ypres Salient again as part of the Second Army.


Michael Mullins: Born and lived in Sixmilebridge, died 1st July 1918 age 27 in Egypt (possibly of illness). Royal Garrison Artillery 246th Siege Battery 159378, G/M in the Kantara War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt. Son of Edmond and Margaret Mullins, Enagh, Belvoir, Sixmilebridge. (TB)

John Patrick Ryan: Born in Lissycasey lived in Kildysart, died of wounds 1st July 1918 age 21, Gommecourt Wood. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 6840, G/M in the Bagneux British Cemetery in France. Son of Thomas and Mary Ryan, Effeman Kildysart. (TB) ‘On May 5th 1918 ...the 1st Battalion took up their positions in front of Gommecourt Wood (a quiet sector during the summer). The ordinary trench routine was carried out all May, June and July 1918. Nothing out of the ordinary happened.’

Private 1st Class Patrick Scanlon: Born in Co Clare. He was aged 21 when he enlisted in the US Army 69th Infantry 90672 in June 1917 (42nd Div). He lived in New York City. He served abroad from July 1918. He was killed in action at Chateau Thierry on the 2nd July 1918. He had also fought at Luneville, Baccarat and Champagne. His next of kin was his sister Mary Scanlon who also lived in New York City. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry .com) G/M in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.
James Gissane: Born in Killaloe, died 5th July 1918 age 40, Royal Engineers Base Signal Depot (‘L’ Signal Bn) 31390, G/M in the Sainte Marie Cemetery, Le Havre in France. Served in the South African campaign. Son of Michael and Annie Gissane, New Street, Killaloe. (TB) Le Havre remained the No. 1 Base throughout the war and by the end of May 1917, and contained three general and two stationary hospitals and four convalescent depots.

Private 1st Class John Dynan: Born 15/5/1889 in Mt Shavoon (Mountshannon ?) Co Clair (Clare), lived on 116th Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He was aged 28 when he enlisted on the 5th Dec 1917 into Co I 305th Infantry (546692) to Feb 1918 and then into Co F 30th Infantry (3rd Division) until his death (killed in action) on the 15th July 1918 (July 15-18, 1918-The Champagne-Marne Operation). He went overseas in April 1918. His next of kin was his sister Mary Ryan, Brooklyn, New York. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 fold3.com) He was reinterred on the 29th July 1921 and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery Brooklyn, location 30 7 St George. (New York, Veteran Burial Cards, 1861-1898 for John Dynan)(findagrave.com)
The Aisne-Marne Operation July 18-August 6, 1918

The Aisne-Marne Operation: the American 1st, 2nd, 26th, 3rd, 28th, 4th, 42nd and 32nd Infantry Divisions are organized into the American I and III Corps that participate with the French in the Franco-American offensive that marks the beginning of the German Army's retreat from France. US Casualties: 38,490. (7 Claremen died)

Patrick Eustace: DOB Feb 10 1888. Kilmaley. US Army. Died July 18th 1918. (The Aisne-Marne Operation July 18-August 6, 1918) G/M in the Aisne Marne Cemetery France. ‘Drafted as a mechanic for 58th Infantry, 4th Div, Company E in California. (Paddy Waldron) Prior to his service in World War I, Patrick emigrated to the United States from the village of Ennis on June 27, 1910 to the home of his cousin, Patrick Eustace (son of John and Ellen Thompson Eustace) who was living with James Crehan at 52 Hayden St., Buffalo, New York. Patrick Eustace was 22 when he left Furroor, Kilmaley, Ennis together with Patrick Crehan age 20, also from Kilmaley, Ennis.’ (Eustace Families Post)


Sergeant Thomas O'Shea / Shea: Ruan, killed in action on July 18th 1918, age 28, at Vierzy France. He was hit in the head by enemy shrapnel and died instantly. 9th Infantry US Army (2nd Div). He was buried outside the town of Pierrefond, France. Almost a year later on the 21st of May 1919 his body...
was exhumed and reburied in the Military Cemetery in Ploisy, Aisne, France. The following year the French Government lifted their ban and allowed the US to have the remains of their soldiers return home if their next of kin wished to. Attempts to reach Thomas’s sister in early 1921 were unsuccessful as she has moved at this time. The case was referred to Europe in order to track down Thomas’s family in Ireland. It took a few more months to contact the O’Sheas. On 20th July 1921 Catherine O’Shea, Thomas’s mother, formally requested her son’s remains be returned to Co. Clare. Six months later, on 12th December 1921, Thomas was disinterred for the second time and preparations were made for his final journey home. It took another six months, but on 24th May 1922 Thomas returned home to Ruan, Co. Clare and was buried in the local graveyard. (Paddy Waldron) Brother of Michael J Shea (42nd Div).

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**Private John Scanlan**: From Newtown Killaloe. Lived 1214 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio. 47th Infantry, US Army (4th Div). Killed in action 29th July 1918, in the Aisne-Marne Operation (July 18-August 6, 1918). Buried in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France. He was the son of John and Kate Scanlan (née Burke).
**Private Thomas R Bugler:** Born in Kiltrateera, Mountshannon. He was aged 32 when he enlisted in the US Army 165 Infantry 90493, 69th Regiment, June 1917. He lived in New York. He died on the 1st **August 1918**, killed in action in the Aisne-Marne Operation (July 18-Aug 6, 1918). His next of kin was Andrew P Bugler, South Carolina. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry .com)G/M in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. (42nd Div)

‘Thomas Bugler was the eldest son of Mr & Mrs Patrick Bugler of Kiltrateera, Mountshannon. He went to the United States before the war and lived at 61 Main St, Peabody, New York. In 1917...he joined the American Army...Thomas was in the 165th Infantry which had incorporated the famous Irish fighting 69th Regiment, which had won fame during the American Civil War...Thomas was stationed in the American sector of the front which extended from Soissons to St Quentin. He was killed in action on August 1st 1918 in the Aisne-Marne offensive.....One of the officers in Thomas’s Regiment at the time was George F Patton...Thomas was one of the last of the generations of Irish speakers in his area. (World War 1 Stories Sean Glennon)

**Thomas Andrew Cunningham:** Cree, died **11th Aug 1918**, of wounds received in action in Aisne-Marne offensive. Ent. 28 March. 1918, 151st D. B.; trans. 1 May to Co. D, 59th Inf., 4th Div. Overseas 5 May, 1918. Born 15 Dec, 1889, in County Clare, Ire., son of Michael (died 1912) and Bridget (Collins) Cunningham of Cree, Ire.; brother of Martin, Mary, Margaret, Susan, Delia, Michael, John, James, and Catherine. Railroad employee. Resident in Massachusetts four years. (Massachusetts and the Great War) G/M in Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France. He is also remembered on the family grave at Kill (Leitrim) Graveyard. Cree. His brother Thomas was a Volunteer in the West Clare Brigade of the IRA during the War of Independence, and their house hosted a historic meeting which selected the first Sinn Fein District Court Judges for West Clare on the 1st of November 1919.(Pat Kirby)

**Private Thomas Shannon:** Cahersherkin, Ennistymon. Died in 1918. US Army. (PMcN) He is buried in Killeinagh Cemetery over 1 mile from Ennistymon. (Guss O’Halloran) Born in Co Clare. He was aged 25 when he enlisted in the US Army 69th Infantry, 42nd Div 91144 in June 1917. He lived in New
York City. He served overseas from Oct 1917. He died from wounds received in action at Ourcq on the 12th August 1918, in the The Aisne-Marne Operation (July 18-Aug 6 1918). He had also fought at Luneville, Baccarat, Chasseus-Champagne and Chateau Thierry. His next of kin was his father Patrick Shannon from Cahersherkin Co Clare. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry .com)

On November 4th, 1921, the steamer SS Orloch Head arrived in Dublin with the remains of 26 men of the US Armed Forces. The Freemans Journal newspaper covered the arrival and listed the names as follows: Thomas Shannon, consigned to. Mrs. Anne Shannon, Cahersherkin, Ennistymon, Co. Clare. (John P. Quinlan ww2irishaviation.com)

Michael Reidy: Born in Leitrim, lived in Cooraclare, died of wounds 19th July 1918, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 6194, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division. G/M in the Louvencourt Military Cemetery (not far from Albert) in France. His personal effects were received by Miss Nano Reidy, Cooraclare Co Clare.(TB)

The Battle of Amiens 8th – 11th Aug 1918

The Battle of Amiens, which began on 8 August 1918, was the opening phase of the Allied offensive later known as the Hundred Days Offensive that ultimately led to the end of the First World War. Allied forces advanced over 11 kilometres (7 mi) on the first day, one of the greatest advances of the war. It was the first major battles involving armoured warfare. and marked the end of trench warfare on the Western Front.

Thomas Casey: Born 1878 in Tubber lived in Perth Australia, died 8th August 1918 age 41 in the Battle of Amiens, Australian Infantry 16th Battalion, 6939. G/M in the Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres in France. He went to Australia when he was 35. The tank that Pte Casey was attached was hit by a shell and the crew and Lewis Gun team evacuated the tank. They went forward about 50 X when a shell exploded in the middle of the Lewis Gun team and they were all either killed or wounded.
As far as I can ascertain Pte Casey was not killed outright. This took place on the outskirts of the village of Mericourt.’ Son of Michael and Honora Casey Moyrhee Tubber. **MA (TB)** He was a labourer aged 35 when he enlisted in march 1917 in Western Australia into the 28th Bn. (UNSW)

**Captain Frederick Bertram Keogh MC + Bar:** Birchfield, Liscannor, killed in action 8th Aug 1918, in the Battle of Amiens, Tank Corps 1st Bn., G/M in the Bouchoir New British Cemetery in France. He was the son of Cornelious A Keogh. He was killed in action with his orderly Gunner Henry Smith. He was Awarded the Military Cross for Gallantry in 1917 (in the Battle of Arras?). ‘For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his tank was broken down, he kept in action for twenty four hours, working all his guns and giving great assistance to the infantry in repelling two counter-attacks at a critical time. When the situation was safe he withdrew, handing over his guns to the infantry. He had been for several hours without infantry support’ From the *London Gazette* 20th Aug 1917. (TB) In front of Amiens on **8 August 1918**, tanks played a central role in the crushing success of the Allied attack. 450 of them took part in the Amiens attack, where the Whippets and various armoured cars penetrated deep behind the German defences.

James Moroney: Born in Derrynaveigh Oatfield, Sixmilebridge, died 16\textsuperscript{th} Aug 1918 in Egypt, Leinster Regiment 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn 8220, 10\textsuperscript{th} Div, G/M in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Cemetery in Egypt. His brother was Michael and his sister was Margaret. (TB)

The 10\textsuperscript{th} division moved to Egypt in September 1917 where it joined General Chetwode's XX Corps. The occupation of the Jordan Valley by the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (EEF) began in February 1918 during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign of World War I. From May onwards an increasing numbers of soldiers were struck down by malaria. For the wounded and sick the trip to base hospital in Cairo 300 miles (480 km) away was a long and difficult one during which it was necessary for them to negotiate many stages.

Private Thomas (not Patrick) Fitzpatrick (P Thomas Fitzpatrick on Headstone): Born in King's County (Offaly) on Irelands Memorial Records (born in Kilmurry in Tom Burnell’s ‘The Clare War Dead’). Killed by shellfire August 22\textsuperscript{nd} 1918, age 23, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 3262 (24\textsuperscript{th} Div), G/M in the La Kreule Military Cemetery in France. Eight years service, wounded three times and gassed once. Son of William and Mary Fitzpatrick, Crinkle, Birr, Co Offaly. (TB) Enlisted in Birr. 3262 The same number as Patrick Fitzmartin.

Patrick Crimmins MM: Born in Ennis, lived in Dublin. Killed in action 24\textsuperscript{th} Aug 1918 age 24, 1\textsuperscript{st} Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers 18385 (36\textsuperscript{th} Ulster Div), G/M in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery in France. He won the Military Medal. Husband of Teresa Crimmins, Chancery Lane, Dublin. (TB) The Advance in Flanders (18 August – 6 Sept). The Second (including the 36\textsuperscript{th} Div) and Fifth Armies begin operations in the Lys valley, recapturing the ground lost in April 1918. The 36\textsuperscript{th} Div recaptured Bailleul by the 30\textsuperscript{th} Aug.
**Stoker James White:** Born in Quin 11th Aug 1879. Died from disease 25th Aug 1918 aged 40 on the HMS Fox. He is buried in the Government Cemetery, Deolali, Bombay, India, Plot RC. Row O. Grave 10. (UK, Royal Navy and Royal Marine War Graves Roll, 1914-1919) James White: Born in Quin 11th Aug 1879. Royal Naval Reserve Service S8513. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) "Deolali station: During both world wars this served as a transit camp for troops arriving from or proceeding to Europe. It is also a hill-resort much patronised by Parsis and others from Bombay."

Deolali (also known as Devlali) is a Cantonment in the Nashik District of Maharashtra State. It is about 175 kilometres north-east of Mumbai, a journey which takes approximately 4 hours by road. There are trains to Nashik from both Mumbai and Pune, although the cemetery itself is 12 kilometres away from Nashik Railway Station.

**Edward Victor Allingham:** Miltown Malbay, killed in action 27th August 1918 at St Leger on the Somme age 20, Irish Guards 1st Bn, G/M on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial in France. Son of John and Sarah Allingham. His name is also recorded on the War Memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, Dublin, and on a family headstone in Mount Jerome Cemetery. His brother Robert Carson Allingham died in 1921 from injuries received in WW1. (TB)

**Ronald Lernan:** Born in Co Longford, lived in Clonwhite (Cloonwhite) Doonbeg, killed in action 27th Aug 1918 at St Leger, Irish Guards 1st Bn 5467, 2nd Div, G/M in Mory (just North of Baupame), France. (TB) He is also remembered on the WW1 Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
The Oisne-Aisne Operation (Aug 7-Nov 11, 1918)

1st Lt. William Francis Cahill: A son of Mrs. Cahill Deerpark, Doora, died of wounds August 29th 1918 age 25, in The Oisne-Aisne Operation (Aug 7-Nov 11, 1918). 307th Infantry US Army (77th Div), G/M in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. ‘An Irishman to the core, he would go where the danger was greatest and the battle fiercest.’ He was a graduate of Harvard Law School winning the Gold Medal at the end of his term. A distinguished career awaited him. (TB)

The American III Corps Headquarters, corps troops, 28th, 32nd, 77th Infantry Divisions and the 370th Infantry Regiment are attached to the French 10th, 6th and 5th armies and contribute to the French counter-attacks over four months that cause the Germans to retreat and to ask for an armistice. Casualties: 2,767. (1 Clareman died)

Stephen Cleary: Born in Ennis, lived in Limerick, killed in action 2nd Sept 1918, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Dominion Cemetery, Hendecourt-les-Cagnicourt, in France. (TB)

‘September 2nd was the date for the main attack (on the Drocourt–Queant Line south of the river Scarpe) ..the 1st Battalion advanced again to a system of trenches west of Hendecourt..at 5am...The advance was very successful and the Battalion fought their way with bayonet and bomb down the whole line of the German position and thus cleared the front... By 8.40 consolidation had been commenced... 5 officers were killed and about 300 men mostly wounded.’
Company Sergeant Major Tom Moloney/Maloney MM: Born in Ogonnelloe, killed in action 2nd Sept 1918 age 26, Royal Irish Regiment 7th (South Irish Horse) Bn 5608, 30th Div, G/M in the Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery in Belgium. He won the Military Medal. Son of Mr and Mrs Pat Moloney New Chapel, Ogonnellooe Co Clare. (TB)


Frederick Giles: Born in Ennis, died of wounds 8th Sept 1918 age 30, Royal Horse Artillery 115th Battery Brigade I/21921, G/M in the Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension in France. Son of Florence Jane Giles Brixton, London. (TB)

Leading Seaman Thomas O’Brien: Born in Killane Doonbeg 15th March 1881. Lived in Doonbeg, died 15th Sept 1918 age 39, Royal Naval Reserve Unit 3720C, SV Mary Fanny, G/M on the Plymouth Naval Memorial in England. Son of Thomas and Mary O’Brien and husband of Bridget O’Brien,
Killard, Doonbeg. (TB) He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

Patrick Tuohy/Tuohy: Born in Co Clare enlisted in Sheffield, killed in action 19th Sept 1918, just after the Battle of Épehy. Leicestershire Regiment 6th Bn 47230, 110th Brigade, 21st Division. G/M in the Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery in France. (TB)

Lt (Doctor) Michael Joseph O’Flynn: Born in Sixmilebridge Nov 1879, died of wounds 24th Sept 1918 near Peronne, after the Battle of Épehy. Royal Army Medical Corps, 1st Bn Northamptonshire Regiment, 1st Div. G/M in the Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension in France. (TB) He died from wounds received while attending the wounded near Peronne. He married Florence Davey in 1910 in Glamorgan and they had four children Patrick (1910), Garrett (1913), Geoffrey (1917) and Margaret (1915).

John Henry MacLaurin: Born in Ennis lived in the The Rectory, Ennistymon, died 20th Sept 1918 age 18, Royal Air Force, G/M in Drumcliff Cemetery, Ennis. He is also commemorated on a memorial in St Flannan’s Cathedral Killaloe. The only son of Rev Robert Twiss MacLaurin and Maud
Dolmage (Daughter of Rev Julius Griffith). He died when his aeroplane crashed and burst into flames crash at Wittering Aerodrome, near Stamford in England. (TB) (Irish Regiments of World War One Facebook Page).

Michael McDonagh: Born in Liscannor lived in Dublin, died 21st Sept 1918 in India (possibly due to influenza), Royal Irish Fusiliers 1st Garrison Bn 28279, G/M on the Taukkyan Memorial in Myanmar/Burma. (TB) (Guss O’Halloran)

The Battle of Canal du Nord (Sept 27th – Oct 1st 1918)

Private Arthur Flynn: Born in Adare Co Limerick, lived in Killaloe, died 27th Sept 1918 in Graincourt, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 1490, G/M in the Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery in France. (TB) Arthur Flynn: Killaloe. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1493. (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record) He lived with his mother Ellen in Main Street Killaloe. (The Killaloe Anthology Sean Kierse)

‘On September 27th the 1st Battalion moved to the assembly trenches...At 7.30 am Lt Col R R G Kane DSO (Tulla), reconnoitred the way across the Canal-du-Nord and captured 1 officer and 21 men at Lock No 5. The Battalion afterwards crossed by this lock and moved towards Graincourt... the advance being about 3000 yards... further advance was stopped in front of Cantaing...’
**John William Nelson Stinchcombe**: Born in Wales lived in Ennis, killed in action 27th Sept 1918 age 32, in the Battle of the Canal du Nord. Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 16633, 188th Brigade, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division. G/M in the Moeuvres British Cemetery in Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France. (TB)

![Moeuvres British Cemetery](image)

**Francis McNamara**: Born and lived in the Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 27th Sept 1918 age 21, during the fifth Battle of Ypres, Royal Irish Regiment (South Irish Horse) Bn, 30th Div. G/M in the Queant Road Cemetery in France. Son of Joseph McNamara Turnpike Road Ennis. (TB)

![Queant Road Cemetery](image)

**John Costello**: Kilkee, killed in action 30th Sept 1918 near Graincourt, age 24, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in the Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery in France. Son of Mrs B Costello Gratton Street Kilkee. (TB) He was named in the list of badly wounded in the Clare Journal in June 1916. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of Mrs B Costello Gratton Street, Kilkee.

‘On the 30th September the 1st Battalion crossed the Canal-de-L’Escaut...but was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire.... At noon ..it moved forward and took up a line of posts in Provile. The strength of the Battalion had been reduced to about 10 officers and 150 other ranks...’

![Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery](image)
Patrick Mungovan: Ennis. Born 18/9/1881 in Co Clare, lived in Canada, died 27th Sept 1918 age 36, possibly in the Battle of Canal du Nord (Sept 27 – Oct 1 1918) Canadian Infantry, 46th Bn (Saskatchewan Regiment) 466539. G/M in the Quarry Wood Cemetery in France. (TB) Second son of Mr D and Jane Mungovan Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in July 1915 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 466539 210th O.B. (Library and Archives Canada)

The Quarry Wood Cemetery in France

Thomas Corry: Miltown Malbay, died 30th Sept 1918 age 22, Canadian Expeditionary Force 75th Overseas Battalion 850463, G/M in France. Killed In Action near Cambrai, France. Son of Bridget Corry, Breaffa Miltown Malbay. He enlisted in 1916 when he was living in New York. (TB) Brother of Joseph Corry.

Cantimpre Canadian Cemetery Sailly Nord in France.

Gunner Frank Hogan: Born (30/7/1884) in Killaloe lived in Winnipeg Canada, died (from wounds at Battle of Canal du Nord ?) 1st Nov 1918, 4th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 874831, G/M in Great Orme's Head Cemetery Llandudno in Wales. He died in Petersfield, Hampshire, England. During WWI tens of thousands of Canadian soldiers became part of the community of Bramshott and Liphook in Hampshire. He was 34 and the son of Michael Henry and F. M. Hogan, of "Kincora," 33, St. Mary's Rd., Llandudno, Wales. He was a Book Keeper when he enlisted on the 17th March 1916 in Winnipeg. (TB)

Great Orme's Head Cemetery Llandudno in Wales

**Lt Colonel Robert Romney Godred Kane DSO (and Bar) MID (The Admiral)**: Glendree Tulla, died of wounds 1st Oct 1918 age 29, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in France. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (8/11/15) (and Bar 1/1/19), the Chevalier Legion of Honour (9/10/15) and was Mentioned in Despatches(5/11/15). Son of Judge R R Kane and Eleanor Coffey, Dublin and Glendree Co Clare. ‘Entered army 1908. Joined 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers in 1908 at Rawalapindi, and served in India and Burma (where his sister also lived) until 1914. Present at the Gallipoli landings until 13 July 1915. Wounded in action 4 May 1915...’ From Who Was Who 1916-1930.

‘On February 7th 1918 .... Lieut-Colonel R R G Kane DSO assumed command (of the RMF 1st Bn leaving the 2nd Bn.) ... On September 27th the Battalion moved to the assembly trenches...At 7.30 am Lt Col R R G Kane DSO, reconnoitred the way across the Canal-du-Nord and captured 1 officer and 21 men at Lock No 5. The Battalion afterwards crossed by this lock and moved towards Graincourt... the advance being about 3000 yards... further advance was stopped in front of Cantaing... On the 30th September the Battalion crossed the Canal-de-L’Escaut...but was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire.... At noon ...it moved forward and took up a line of posts in Provile. The strength of the Battalion had been reduced to about 10 officers and 150 other ranks....At 1.30pm the Battalion suffered a great loss, for Lt Col R R G Kane DSO, who had for so long and so brilliantly led it, was mortally wounded in the head by machine-gun fire’ (History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922. Captain S Mc Cance)

**The Meuse-Argonne Offensive September 26-November 11 1918**

On September 26, 1918 nine American divisions began the first assault along a twenty-four mile front from the Argonne Forest to the Meuse River—about 150 miles east of Paris. The intense fighting caused
heavy losses on both sides, but American forces had penetrated the formidable defenses of the “Hindenburg Line” by October 11. The U.S. First Army renewed its assault several times after much-needed pauses for rest, reorganization and replacement. Fresh divisions relieved those that had suffered the most grievous combat losses. A final push began on November 1. German forces began withdrawing across the entire front. Recognizing that they could no longer prevent defeat, the Germans signed an Armistice effective at 11:00 a.m. on November 11. **US Casualties:** 110,508. (10 Claremen died)

**Private Richard Eustace:** Born in Co Clare. He was aged 29 when he enlisted in the US Army 152 Dep Brigade 3198150 (and later to the 162 Infantry), in April 1918. He lived in New York City. He served overseas from July 1918 and was killed in action (September 26-November 11, 1918-The Meuse-Argonne Offensive) on the **2nd October 1918** in the Argonne Sector. His next of kin was his brother James Eustace who also lived in New York. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry.com) G/M in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. (18th Inf 1st Div on his headstone.)

**John Robin Roy:** Ennis. Born in Suffolk, died of wounds (Gas) **2nd Oct 1918** age 38, in the Advance of Flanders (28 Sept – 2 Oct 1918). Royal Army Medical Corps, 98th Field Ambulance. G/M in the La Kreule Military Cemetery in France. (TB) Son of Mary Bertha Roy, of Masonic Hall, Ennis, Co. Clare; husband of Bertha Roy, of 13 Highland Road, Itchen, Hants. (findagrave website)

The 98th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps joined the 30th Division in November 1915. In 1918 they were in action during the **Advance of Flanders** (28 Sept – 2 Oct 1918) a series of battles in northern France and southern Belgium. By 1 October the left bank of the Lys had been captured up to Comines and the Belgians were beyond a line from Moorslede to Staden and Dixmude. The advance continued until **2 October**, when German reinforcements arrived and the offensive outran its supplies.
**Thomas J Crotty**: Born in Kilrush, 8 Henry Street. 61st Battalion, US Army 5th Div. Killed in Action 3rd Oct 1918 age 30 in The Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Sept 26-Nov 11 1918). G/M in the Old Shanakyle Cemetery Kilrush. (Paddy Waldron) Private Thomas Crotty: Born in Kilrush Co Clare about 1887. Lived on Varick St New York City. He was aged 31 when he enlisted on the 29th April 1918 into 2 Co 152 Depot Brigade, and then Sup Co (and later Co D) 61 Infantry until his death 2793941. He served overseas from June 1918. He fought at St Mihiel, and was killed in action on the 13th Oct 1918 (not the 3rd Oct). His next of kin was his father Michael Crotty. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

On November 4th, 1921, the steamer SS Orloch Head arrived in Dublin with the remains of 26 men of the US Armed Forces. The Freemans Journal newspaper covered the arrival and listed the name as follows: Thomas J. Crotty, consigned to Mr. Michael Crotty, Henry Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare. (John P. Quinlan ww2irishaviation.com)

**Michael Ward**: Born and lived in Mountshannon, died of wounds 3rd Oct 1918 age 23 near Graincourt France. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in France. Son of John and Caroline M Ward Drewsboro, Scariff.(TB)

*The 1st RMF* made a 3,000 yard advance on 27 September 1918 when Graincourt was captured. The Germans counter-attacked recapturing many positions. The battalion remained under shellfire even behind the lines and was reduced to 7 officers and 261 men by 3 October 1918.

**SS Eupion 3rd October 1918**

*SS Eupion* was a British steam powered tanker. On the 3rd October 1918 when on route from Philadelphia for Limerick, Ireland she was torpedoed by German submarine UB-123 (just a week before the same submarine sank the Leinster) and sunk 10 miles West of Loop Head, with the loss of 11 crew.
They died of exposure in a raft after their ship was sunk. The bodies of Christopher Clark, Charles (John) Walker and Sidney Frederick Walters were recovered and buried in the Kilrush [Church of Ireland] Graveyard. Clark and Walker are also commemorated on a panel on the Grangegorman Memorial, panel 2.

**Third Mate Christopher Clark:** England, died 3\(^{rd}\) Oct 1918 age 29, on the SS *Eupion* sunk off Loop Head, Mercantile Marine Unit. (TB) Son of Christopher Granger Clark and Hanna Hodgson Clark, of Langholm Road, East Boldon, Sunderland. Born in Yorkshire. Buried in the Kilrush [Church of Ireland] Graveyard, and commemorated on a panel at Grangegorman Memorial.


**Second Mate Sidney Frederick Walters:** England, died 3\(^{rd}\) Oct 1918 age 28 on the SS *Eupion* torpedoed off Loop Head. G/M in the Kilrush [Church of Ireland] Graveyard. (TB) Son of John and Eleanor Walters, of Myrddin House, Lloyd’s Terrace, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire. Born at Newcastle Emlyn.

**George Holter:** Died 3\(^{rd}\) Oct 1918 age 28 on the SS *Eupion* torpedoed off Loop Head. Not buried with Clark, Walker and Walters in Kilrush [Church of Ireland] Graveyard. He was the Wireless Operator, aged 18 and single. Where was he buried?
La Pannerie South  4th October 1918 - Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn

‘At 2 a.m. on the 4th (October 1918) the Battalion received orders to attack Le Catelet and take La Pannerie South, a small village…. The enemy was in force... and in a strong position.... At 5 a.m. the Battalion went forwards... and immediately became involved in street fighting, and suffered heavy casualties from machine gun nests concealed in the village.... In spite of lack of co-operation on both flanks and rear, the Munsters had taken and proceeded to hold La Pannerie South.’

Thomas Killeen: Doonbeg, killed in action 4th Oct 1918 age 27 at Le Catelet, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in the Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery in France. (TB)(KCT) He is also remembered on the WW1 Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.


Peter Russell: Born and lived in Kilkee, killed in action 4th Oct 1918 age 31, at Le Catelet. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 5755, G/M in the Le Catelet Churchyard in France. Son of Martin and Annie Russell Dunlickey Road, Kilkee. He is also remembered in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
**George Alfred Bothwell:** Born in Kilkee, died **4th Oct 1918** age 20, Wireless School (Winchester), Royal Air Force 294023, G/M in the West Hill (Winter) Cemetery, Winchester in England. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. Son of James and Margaret Bothwell of Wiltshire. (TB)

**Patrick Conheady:** Tulla. He emigrated to the US in 1914 and worked as a long-shoreman in the ports of New York. He was drafted into the 308 Infantry US Army 77th Div, in New York in Feb 1918. He was killed in action on **Oct 5th 1918**, in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Sept 26 – Nov 11 1918), and is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, in France. (Nicola Corless /Clare Champion Sept 4 2015) His sister Katie Walsh New York was his next of kin.

**Private Martin Hassett:** Kilfara Kilkee. Co H, 28th Infantry US Army (1st Div) who was killed in action in France on **5th Oct 1918** in The Meuse-Argonne Offensive Sept 26-Nov 11, 1918, age 27. His body was brought back to Ireland in 1922, and buried in Kilfearagh Graveyard in Kilkee. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church. **Missing in Action**

REPORTED ON JUNE 14, 1918: Private Martin Hassett, reported wounded, is a brother of Stephen W. Hassett, a Chicago policeman, living at 1736 String street. He enlisted nine months ago (Oct 1917). WORLD WAR I CASUALTIES OF AMERICAN ARMY OVERSEAS (genealogybuff.com)

Son of Thomas and Ellen Liddane, Rehy. Born in 1893, he was the youngest of ten children and emigrated to the United States, arriving in New York on August 30, 1913, joining his siblings who had emigrated before him. He lived in New Jersey, became an American citizen and obtained a position as a guard at NY Edison – an electricity company. He worked there until he was drafted into the US Army in 1917. He was sent to France with the 327th Infantry Regiment on April 25, 1918 and subsequently died of wounds received in the intense fighting that occurred in the final weeks of the war. The service medals of Dennis Liddane, including a Purple Heart, photographs and a citation signed by President Barack Obama, have been donated to Clare Museum.

The sinking of the RMS Leinster on the 10th October 1918

Shortly before 9.00 am on 10th October 1918 the RMS Leinster left Carlisle Pier, Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire), bound for Holyhead carrying 697 passengers, 76 crew and 22 postal sorters from Dublin Post Office. Of the passengers there were more than 180 civilians and 495 military personnel, going on, or returning, from leave. Just before 10.00 am, having travelled about sixteen miles, a torpedo fired from the German submarine UB-123 struck the port side causing an explosion, before ripping out through the starboard side. Officially, 501 people died in the tragedy. 5 Clare Nurses died along with 4 others. Dun Laoghaire, R.M.S. Leinster Memorial: The anchor of the Leinster was recovered and is now part of a Memorial in Dun Laoghaire to all those that died.

‘IN MEMORY OF THE 501 PASSENGERS, CREW AND POSTAL WORKERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES FOLLOWING THE SINKING OF THE RMS LEINSTER ON 10 OCTOBER 1918.’
**Margaret Cooke:** Born in Tipperary, had worked in Newhall, Ballyea until 1915. She died after the sinking of the RMS Leinster on the 10th October 1918. G/M in Cahir Co Tipperary.

**Private John Coyne:** Born in Galway, lived in Tuamgraney, died 10th Oct 1918 age 40 on the RMS Leinster, Labour Corps, G/M on the Hollybrook Memorial, Hampshire in England. (TB) He was aged 37 when he enlisted in 1917. He was married to Bridget McMahon (of Raheen Road, Tuamgraney, Co. Clare) in March 1905 and they had 4 sons and 4 daughters. He was previously with the Royal Irish Fusiliers 30599, and was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Delia Davoren:** Claureen House Ennis, died 10th Oct 1918 age 37 on the RMS Leinster, a nurse in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe Cemetery Ennis. (TB) Delia was a nurse, along with her sister, Norah of Claureen House, Ennis who were meant to return to England on Tuesday, October 8 but missed the train, the consequence of which was to be disastrous. The following day they caught the midday train from Ennis en route for Kingstown, where they boarded the doomed ship, RMS Leinster, the sinking of which was Ireland's worst maritime disaster. Their bodies were recovered and later identified by their brother.

**Nora Davoren:** Claureen House Ennis, sister Delia above. Died also on the RMS Leinster on the 10th October 1918 and also nursed in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliff Cemetery Ennis. (TB)

**Edwin George Ferber:** Born in Killaloe. He was a Superintendent Engineer employed by the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company. He was onboard, but was not considered to be on duty, when the RMS Leinster was sunk, on the 10th Oct 1918. Aged 63.
Nellie (Noreen) Hogan: Originally from Ralahine, Newmarket on Fergus. She was a nurse and died on board the RMS Leinster, which was sunk by torpedoes in the Irish Sea, 16 miles east of Dublin, shortly before 10am on the morning of 10th October 1918, on its outbound journey of 100km [68 miles] from Kingstown [now Dun Laoghaire], Dublin, to Holyhead, North Wales. Her body was lost at sea. (TB)

James Hynes: Tulla, died 10th Oct 1918 on the SS RMS Leinster, civilians. (TB) (Body lost at sea) James Hynes was a Tailor, and had been born in Tulla, Co. Clare. He owned a tailoring business in Manchester, and was returning to Manchester following a holiday in Tulla. He emigrated to Boston in the 1880’s, where he married and had at least one Daughter, Ellen [subsequently Sr. Bruno], a nun in the Sisters of Charity which she joined in 1916. His son was Dr Bernard Hynes RAMC.

Clare (Claire) Hynes: Tulla. Daughter of James above. Died 10th Oct 1918 on the SS RMS Leinster, civilian. (TB) (Body lost at sea) Clare Hynes was 25 years old, and she and her sister Teresa, aged 21, were living with their Aunt Mary Hynes, aged 50, who owned a Drapery business in Tulla. Clare and her sister had been born in England. She was travelling with her father to Manchester. ‘Locals remember Claire saying ‘she was packing her bags for the fishes’ when she learned that she was to accompany her father to Manchester. It was also recalled how the wailing sounded out from the women at the telegraph office as the news of the sinking came through.’ (DMC)

Margaret O Grady: Quin, died 10th Oct 1918 on the SS RMS Leinster, G/M in Quin Abbey. (TB) Her body was found. Born in 1889. Daughter of Francis O’Grady and Mary J. [née Kitson] O’Grady, of Tomfinlough, Co. Clare. [North-east of Newmarket-on-Fergus] They were married in Ennis district, in early 1883. Margaret was a nurse, working in England, and was returning to the Isolation Hospital at Mitcham.
Mary (May) O Grady: Quin, died 10th Oct 1918 on the SS RMS Leinster, G/M in Quin. Her body was not found. Daughter of Francis and Mary J. [née Kitson] O'Grady, of Tomfinlough, Co. Clare. [North-east of Newmarket-on-Fergus] who were married in Ennis district in early 1883. Mary was a nurse, working in England, and was returning to work after a holiday at home.

Owen Ward: Born in Monaghan. Head Constable (Sergeant) in the RIC 59102, in charge of Ennis, died on the RMS Leinster 10th Oct 1918. Body lost at sea. He is believed to have been travelling to Birmingham on official business. (TB)

Private 1st Class Thomas Joseph Maloney: Born in Miltown Co Clair (Clare). He was aged 28 when he enlisted on the 26th Sept 1917 into Co B 309th Infantry until Nov 1917, and then into the Provisional Rct Bn until Feb 1918 and then into Co B 344 Bn 304 Brigade Tank C until his death. He died of pneumonia on the 11th Oct 1918. He served overseas from Jan 1918. (WW1 New York Army Cards fold3.com) G/M in the Saint Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial, France.(findagrave.com)

Sergeant William F Ryan: Born in County Clare about 1885. Lived in New York City. He was aged 32 when he enlisted on the 23rd May 1917 into Co A 18th Infantry 45804 (1st Div). He served overseas from June 1918 until he was killed in action on the 11th Oct 1918. He was also severely wounded on the 18th July 1918. He fought at Catigny, Chateau Thierry, Soissons Verdun, Metz and finally the Argonne. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. His next of kin was his sister Jennie Reidy, 116th St New York. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

Lt. William Gerald Keogh: Killaloe, died of wounds 12th Oct 1918 in Mesopotamia, Leinster Regiment 6th Bn (attached to 2nd/4th Bn), G/M in the Khartoum War Cemetery in Sudan. Son of Dr John
and Emily Keogh, The Cottage Killaloe and brother of John Keogh above who died in March 1918. (TB) ‘Succumbed to wounds received in Mesopotamia on 12 October 1918.’ (The Killaloe Anthology Sean Kierse)

P. J. Murphy: Mahonburg, Inch. Died 13th Oct 1918, during Canada’s One Hundred Days. Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment)20th Bn 3031945. G/M in the Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux in France. His two brothers also served in WW1. Jack lost a hand and became a postman in Ennistymon. Mick was wounded and returned to live in Wood Quay. (Keir McNamara) Patrick J Murphy: Clare. Canadian Infantry (CI)

On 10-12 October 1918, the 20th Battalion found itself exploiting bridgeheads across the Canal de l'Escaut. In 42 hours of almost incessant fighting there were casualties of 11 officers and 319 other ranks.

The Battle of Courtrai. (14–19 Oct 1918)

John Burke: Born and lived in Kilrush, killed in action 14th Oct 1918 age 18, in the Battle of Courtrai (14–19 Oct 1918). Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn.4737, 88th Brigade of the 29th Division. G/M on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Son of James and Mary Burke, Glen St, Kilrush.(TB)
Thomas Frazer: Lived in Tulla, died of wounds from the Battle of Courtrai 15th Oct 1918, Royal Irish Regiment 7th Bn 10611 30th Div, G/M in Belgium. Husband of Mrs Kate Frazer Main St Tulla. (TB)

Private James Murnane: Lived in Stonehall Newmarket on Fergus. Died of wounds on the 15th October 1918 after being shot on the 11 October 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Sept 26-Nov 11, 1918). Company C 165 Infantry Regiment US Army (42nd Div). G/M in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery in Romagne France. Grand Uncle of John Quinlivan. (Keir McNamara) He served overseas from October 1917 and was killed in action at Hill 212 on the 15th October 1918. He also fought at Luneville, Bacarat, Ourcq and Champagne. His next of kin was Patrick Murnane who lived with him at 656 Carroll Street, Brooklyn.

2nd Lt William Joseph Clancy: Born in Kilrush, died 16th Oct 1918 age 38, Army Service Corps (Liverpool Scottish), G/M in Greenwich Cemetery in England. He died of Meningitis. He had previously held positions in the British South African Police in Rhodesia and with the Chief Railway Engineers Dept in Buenos Aires. ‘He was a big smiling jovial Irishman, with a heart as large as his frame’. (SR)(TB) Lt William J Clancy: ‘Died Oct 16th 1918 at the Military Hospital Woolwich. Dearly loved son of John and Winifred Clancy, Moore Street, Kilrush, Co Clare R.I.P.’ (Death Notice Clare newspaper, Kilrush County Clare: Notes from c 1760 to 1960 by Senan Scanlan. Clare Library) Lieutenant Clancy: Moore Street Kilrush. Army. Wounded and died after an operation. KM
Daniel Meehan: Born in Clonlara, died 17th Oct 1918 (possibly of wounds as a POW), Royal Irish Regiment 7th (South Irish Horse) Bn 25602, 21st Brigade, 30th Division. G/M in Hautmont Communal Cemetery in France. Allied prisoners who died in the local German hospitals were buried there by the authorities of the town. (TB) In 1918 the 7th (South Irish Horse) Battalion were in action during the Final Advance in Flanders (17 October – 11 November 1918).

Dr. John (Jack) Dowling: Born 28th March 1878 in Ballynacally, died 19th Oct 1918, South African Medical Corps, G/M in the Rooidam Military Cemetery in South Africa. Husband of A Dowling Ballynacally, Co Clare. (TB) ‘He was a doctor in the medical corps and fought in the 1914 Boer War and is recorded as having died of war wounds, however my second cousin says he died of pneumonia.’ Danielle (Dowling) Duggan


The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Cornelius J. O’Brien (ASN: 568759), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company E, 2d Engineers, 4th Division, A.E.F., near Ville-Savoye, France, 11 August 1918. While engaged on the construction of a bridge over the Valle River, Sergeant O’Brien voluntarily left shelter during intense fire and carried one of his wounded officers through a heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage to a dressing station. Action Date: 11-8-18.
Francis Saunders: Born in Clare Abbey, Clarecastle lived in Newmarket-on-Fergus. He died of wounds on the 19th Oct 1918 age 17, possibly from The Battle of Cambrai (8th – 10th Oct 1918). Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 7357, 63rd (Royal Naval) Division. G/M in the Nottingham Cemetery Screen Wall. 03259 in England. Son of Robert and Mary Saunders(TB). The Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn fought in The Battle of Cambrai (8th – 10th Oct 1918), which was a battle between troops of the British First, Third and Fourth Armies and German Empire forces during the Hundred Days Offensive.

Private Saunders was evacuated from France and brought to England by hospital ship. He was brought by train to a military hospital in Nottingham. He died of his wounds on October 19, 1918, aged still only 17 years, well below the minimum age for overseas service.

Corporal Patrick H McCarthy: Born in Co Clare. He was aged 25 when he enlisted in the US Army 69 Infantry 90172 in July 1917. He lived in New York City. He served overseas from Oct 1917. He died of Broncho Pneumonia on the 22nd Oct 1918. He had fought at Rouge Bouquet, Birdleaux, Champagne, Chateau Thierry and St Mihiel. His next of kin was his sister Mrs D Ryan in New York. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry .com) G/M in the Saint Mihiel American Cemetery in France.(42nd Div)

John Naughton: lived in Cross, died 22nd October 1918 age 30, during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Sept 26-Nov 11, 1918), 165th Infantry US Army (42nd Div). (KCT) Son of John and Mary Naughton, Tullig. He enlisted in New York. G/M in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.
Private Thomas McMahon: Moyasta Kilrush, Co A, 114th Infantry US Army (59th Brigade 30th Div) 2192956. Died from wounds in France on the 23rd Oct 1918. His body was returned to Ireland in 1922 for burial (grave unknown). (Paddy Waldron) ‘Consulate Cable: Thomas McMAHON died 1918-10-23 from wounds, Private, Co A, 114th Infantry Mg Bn, Mrs Catherine McMAHON, Moyasta, Co Clare, sister Katherine McMAHON, E 64th St, Chicago, IL.1.

SAD HOMECOMING - Sixty Four Bodies From The Battlefields: ‘The bodies of sixtyfour American soldiers, men of Irish birth, arrived in Dublin at noon yesterday on board the SS Millwater, having been exhumed from graves on French battlefields for re-interment in Irish soil. Claimed by relatives for burial in Ireland, the United States Government arranged for the removal of the bodies from France.’ The Freeman’s Journal, Monday May 8, 1922. (Sharon Carberry) Private Thomas F McMahon from Chicago Illinois died of wounds.

Sergeant James Halpin: Born in Tulla (3/12/1891), died of wounds 24th Oct 1918 age 24, US Army, 326th, Infantry, 82nd Division. He was wounded by a sniper in the Argonne Forest, dying of his wounds a few days later during The Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Sept 26-Nov 11, 1918). His body was returned from France for burial to Tulla in 1922 at the height of the Irish Civil War (date unknown). He was once an official driver for William Taft, 27th President of the US, before he enlisted to serve and later died fighting with the US Army in World War One. Son of John and Margaret Halpin, Affick, Tulla. G/M in Tulla Cemetery.

Driver John Joseph Hoare (John Horan): Born and enlisted in Ennis, Clare Road, died 26th Oct 1918 age 33 in Salonika (either due to wounds from the Battle of Doiran or illness), Royal Field Artillery D Battery, 98th Brigade 75728, 22nd Div, G/M in the Mikra British Cemetery in Kalamaria, Central Macedonia, Greece. (TB) His home was where the West County Hotel is now situated. His parents were Patrick and Bridget Horan and his brother and sister were James and Norah. (Alan Cronin)
The third Battle of Doiran was fought from 18–19 September 1918, with the Greeks and the British assaulting the positions of the Bulgarian First Army near Doiran Lake. The battle ended with the Bulgarians repulsing all attacks.

Mary Agnes McMahon: Born in Sixmilebridge, died 27th Oct 1918 age 22, Queen Mary’s Auxiliary Army Corps, G/M in St Lawrence’s Cemetery Limerick. Daughter of Mrs Mary McMahon, Limerick. (TB)

Mary Agnes McMahon, known as Agnes, was born in 1896 and was the middle child of Michael and Mary McMahon’s five children. Agnes would have seen her brothers heading off to war and on seeing the posters calling women too, Agnes packed up her bags and headed to the Officer’s Cadet School in Kildare. She served with Queen Mary’s Army Auxiliary Corps under the service number 18691. She was ranked as a volunteer when she died, aged 22, on the 27 October 1918 at 14 Ellen Street Limerick. She was buried in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery on the 29th October 1918. (Sharon Slater in People & Genealogy)

John Hickey: Born and lived in Kilrush, died of wounds 28th Oct 1918, Royal Irish Regiment, 7th Bn (South Irish Horse), 25370, 39th Div, G/M in the Tournai Communal Cemetery in Belgium. He was also reported missing in June 1918. (TB)(CJ)
**John Talty:** Born and lived in Kilrush, died at home of a disease contracted while on service on the 2nd **Nov 1918** age 23, Royal Army Service Corps M/416111. G/M in the Old Shanakyle Cemetery, Kilrush. (TB) In the 1911 census, John Talty was a 20 year old Railway Clerk, living with his parents and 2 sisters. He was the only son of Michael & Margaret Talty, of Stewart Street, Kilrush, Co. Clare. He was buried privately, and there is no note of his military service on the headstone. Private John Talty: Moore Street Kilrush. RDC. Died of disease contracted while serving. KM

**Lance Corporal Michael Canty:** Born in Norfolk lived in Co Clare, killed in action 3rd **Nov 1918**, in the ‘Pursuit to Mons’. Rifle Brigade, 8th Bn London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) 52032, G/M in the Terlincthun British Cemetery, in France. (TB) The 8th (City of London) Battalion (Post Office Rifles) took part in the final phase the War, the ‘Pursuit to Mons’. This was a running series of battles that ended in Mons in Belgium on November 10–11- 1918.

**Private 1st Class James Cornelius Killeen:** Born 5th Sept 1886 in West Coore, Mullagh, Co Clare. Lived in Meriden, Connecticut, USA. 151 Dep Brigade, and later the 315th Infantry 79th Div, until his death. He was killed in action on the 4th **Nov 1918**, during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.(fold3.com) G/M in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.
**Samuel Johns:** Born in Ballyvaughan, lived in the Curragh Camp, died 5th Nov 1918, Royal Army Service Corps 7th Division M/347903 (possibly from wounds after The Battle of Vittorio Veneto), G/M in the Mazargues War Cemetery, Marseille in France. He died a week before the war ended. (TB)

The **Battle of Vittorio Veneto** was fought from 24 Oct to 3 Nov 1918 near Vittorio Veneto on the Italian Front during World War I. The plan was for the British 7th Division to occupy the northern half of Papadopoli while the Italian 11th Corps took the southern half. On the misty night of the 23rd the Italians rowed the British forces across with a calm assurance and skill which amazed many of those who were more frightened of drowning than of fighting the Austrians. For the sake of silence the soldiers used only their bayonets until the alarm was raised, and soon seized their half of the island. The Italian assault on the south of Papadopoli was unfortunately driven off by heavy machine-gun fire. Nevertheless, the Austrians had been badly unnerved by the savagery of the British attack.

**Philip O Donnell:** Born and lived in Kilrush, died in Edinburgh from wounds received in France, 5th Nov 1918 age 21. Royal Munster Fusiliers 3rd 9983. G/M in Comely Bank Cemetery Edinburgh in Scotland. Son of Philip and Mary O'Donnell. (TB) Private Philip O Donnell: Chapel Street Kilrush. RMF. Wounded in France and died. KM The port of Leith (bnear Edinburgh) was used by hospital ships from north Russia and about 4,500 officers and men passed through it.

**Private Patrick Dillon:** Born in Doonbeg 15/3/1891. Lived in Sacramento, California. He was a Moulder with the Southern Pacific Co before he enlisted, aged 26. (U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 - ancestry.com) Private Patrick Dillon, Sacramento, Cal. Killed in Action. WORLD WAR I CASUALTIES OF AMERICAN ARMY OVERSEAS. REPORTED ON November 9th, 1918. (Genealogybuff.com) Private Patrick Dillon: On July 6th 1918 he left Brooklyn NY, on the SS Briton for France with the 363rd Infantry 2263164 (91st Div). His next of kin was his brother Thomas Dillon, Sacramento California. (U.S.,
Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939 – ancestry.com) Patrick Dillon: His parents were John J Dillon and Ellon Mary Doherty. (California, WWI Soldier Service Cards and Photos, 1917-1918 – ancestry.com) Grave unknown. G/M in Doonbeg (where ??)

On November 4th, 1921, the steamer SS Orloch Head arrived in Dublin with the remains of 26 men of the US Armed Forces. The Freemans Journal newspaper covered the arrival and listed the names as follows: Patrick Dillon, consigned to Mr. John Dillon, Ryanagouaught, Co. Clare. (John P. Quinlan www2irishaviation.com)


Flag American William Bentley: Brick Hill, Cratloe, died 22nd Nov 1918 age 27, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, G/M in the Lille Southern Cemetery in France. Son of Margaret Bentley Cratloe. (TB) William Bentley was the oldest son. He had 3 brothers, Thomas, Stephen and Denis, and sister Mary. (1901 Census) William Bentley was killed 11 days after the Armistice. When clearing out a battlefield, he saw a concertina on the ground and lifted it. It was booby-trapped and he was killed by the explosion. (Padraig Og O’Ruairc) His brother Tom Bentley MM who was in the 2nd RMF fought in the War of Independence.

Flag American Thomas Christopher Somers: Born in Newmarket Co Clare, died 22nd Nov 1918, possibly from wounds during the Capture of Damascus. South Irish Horse attached to the Dorsetshire Yeomanry
73492, G/M in the Ramleh War Cemetery in Israel. (TB) In July 1918 the 1st Line Regiment of the Queens Own Dorset Yeomanry, was part of the 10th Cavalry Brigade and the 4th Cavalry Division. This Division served with the Desert Mounted Corps for the rest of the war, in particular the Capture of Damascus (1 October).

Patrick Griffin: Kilrush, died 24th Nov 1918 age 25 (of wounds ?), 2nd Bn Royal Irish Regiment 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, G/M in the Valenciennes (St. Roch) Communal Cemetery in France. Son of Patrick and Maria Griffin. (TB) The 63rd (RN) Div were fighting till the last minute of the war. They ended the war 11/11/18 capturing their objective for that day, the Mons-Givry Road. The Division were withdrawn to Valenciennes on the 26/11/18.

Frank Hope: Killaloe, died 28th Nov 1918, Royal Army Medical Corps. G/M unknown. Died at home after discharge. His personal effects were sent to Miss E Hope, Abbeyview, Killaloe. (TB) Private Frank Hope: Abbey Street Killaloe. He was a shop assistant aged 23 when he enlisted in April 1915 into the Royal Army Medical Corps 54355. He was discharged in July 1916, as he was no longer physically fit. He had Pleurisy, TB, Pneumonia and Pericarditis caused by exposure to cold and wet in France. His father was William Hope. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
**Francis Davis**: Ennistymon, died 8th Dec 1918 age 29, Royal Irish Fusiliers 2nd, G/M in the Ennistymon Cemetery. (TB) (Died on sick leave NCS) He was discharged on the 21st May 1918. Son of Bridget Davis of Church Hill, Ennistymon, Co Clare. In Sept 1917 the Royal Irish Fusiliers 2nd were deployed to Egypt and Palestine as part of the Palestine campaign. He was a General labourer aged 17 when he enlisted in 1906 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 3973. He died from TB. (fold3.com) He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He was also awarded a Silver War Badge for illness attributed to action.

**Surgeon Lieutenant Michael Meehan**: Kildysart. Surgeon in the Royal Navy, on the H.M. S. *Earl of Peterborough* (A Monitor). He participated in the naval battle in Heligoland Bight in 1914. He died (of Spanish Flu) on the the 13th December 1918 in Venice, and is buried on an island cemetery (San Michele) in Venice. His original grave was in an area on the island that was washed away, and he was moved to a crypt. He is also commemorated on a gravestone in Kildysart.

On the 2⁰ September 1918 the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1ˢᵗ Battalion trained in preparation for the assault on the Cambrai to St. Quentin line. With a 3,000 yard advance on 27 September Graincourt was captured. The Germans counter-attacked recapturing many positions. The battalion remained under shellfire even behind the lines and was reduced to 7 officers and 261 men by 3 October.

James (Sonny) Moroney (Joseph Kennedy): Mill Street, Ennis, died 3rd Jan 1919. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1ˢᵗ Bn 8084. Fifth son of Charles Moroney. G/M in the Saint Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen in France. James Kennedy 8084: Ennis. A POW in June 1918 (SR) ‘We see by our obituary columns today that Private James (Sonny) Moroney RMF, died as a victim of Hun brutality, at Rouen Hospital, France on Friday last. He was taken prisoner at the opening of the big German Push, on March 22 1918, and was kept a prisoner in Germany until the armistice. He was released on Nov 29ᵗʰ 1918, but was so prostrated from bad treatment and starvation, that he had to be sent to a hospital at once in France, being unable to travel home, and never rallied’. From the Sat Record Jan 1919.

Lt Francis (Frank) James Slattery MID: Darragh, Ballyea died 9ᵗʰ Jan 1919, Royal Engineers Unit 8th Field Coy., G/M in Ballynacally (Kilchreest) Cemetery. Son of Thomas Slattery, of Fergus View, Darragh, Ennis. He was Mentioned in Despatches dated April 7ᵗʰ 1918 ‘for gallant and distinguished services in the field’. (TB) He contracted the Spanish Flu in London, while returning home after being in a prisoner of war camp for about nine months. His incarceration may have contributed to his death as he may have been in a weakened state after his prison experience. (Joe Power)
**QMS Michael Sexton:** Born in Miltown Malbay, lived in London, died 26th Jan 1919 age 40, Royal Army Service Corps S/13182, G/M in the New Southgate Cemetery and Crematorium in London. Son of James and Mary Sexton. Husband of Ellen Sexton London. (TB) QMS Michael Sexton: Born in 1879 in Kilmurray, Miltown Malbay. He was a Clerk aged 18 when he enlisted in Feb 1897 into the Army Service Corps S/13182. He went to France in Sept 1914. He was discharged in April 1917 as he was medically unfit due to ‘General Paralysis of the Insane’. His character was exemplary... An excellent Clerk. Honest, sober, reliable. Has been a Non Commissioned Officer since May 1900. He has served for two and a half years in France during the recent war.’ Lt Col C Worthington “A” Co ASC 5th April 1917. He had served in South Africa from 1899-1902 and had received 2 Kings and 2 Queens Clasps. He also received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in August 1917.

He was transferred to the County Asylum in Tooting London on the 21st May 1917, so that his wife could be with him. He married Ellen Power in 1908 and they had 2 boys Frederick and Francis and a girl Cilia, who was born in 1916. He lived at 128 Maryland Road, Woodgreen, London. (British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

**Gunner T O’Shea:** Lived in Labasheeda, died 3rd Jan 1919, Royal Garrison Artillery 283002, G/M in Killofin Cemetery Labasheeda. (TB) Husband of Ellen O’Shea, Kilrush. Gunner Thomas O’Shea: Labasheeda. He was a Labourer aged 33 when he enlisted in 1917. Cork Royal Garrison Artillery G55032 He died from influenza at his home in Labasheeda on 31st Jan 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Corporal Michael Keating: Born in Co Clare 5 Sep 1893. He was aged 24 when he enlisted in the US Army 869th Company, Stevadore Regiment 2358750 in May 1918. He lived at 584 Washington St New York City. He served overseas from June 1918. He died on the 2nd Feb 1919 due to broncho pneumonia. His next of kin was his step sister Mary Fay in New York. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry.com) (Grave unknown) Many of the stevadore units worked in the Ports, off-loading ships.

Bernard Breen: Born in Cooraclare in 1878 approx. Enlisted with the US Army while living in New York. Private 1st Class with the 110th Medical Department (35th Div). He died of electrocution on the 6th Feb 1919. G/M in Saint-Mihiel American Cemetery, Headstone A-6-35 in France. Base Hospital No. 110 was organized in Camp Sevier, S.C., September 11, 1918. On November 12, 1918, they sailed and after a stormy passage and much seasickness arrived at Brest, France, November 22, 1918. After ten days of steady rain, they entrained for Mars-sur-Allier, arriving here on December 5th, 1918. The first patients were admitted December 7th, 1918. (Mary Gleeson)

John Gallagher (Family name is McGann): Born in Clare /Limerick, lived in Co Derry, died 7th Feb 1919 age 23 on the HMS Erin’s Isle (a Minesweeper), Royal Navy K/54407, G/M on the Chatham Naval Memorial, Medway, Kent in England. Killed by a mine explosion in the Thames Estuary. Son of James and Mary McGann,(TB) John Gallagher: Born 14th Aug 1896 in Clare. Royal Navy K54407 from Sept 1918 – 17th Feb 1919. The first ship he served on was the Pembroke II. The last ship he served on was the Acteon. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)
At 0600 hrs on 7 November she was still at anchor and her crew were called to rise. About five minutes later a drifting mine struck the forward part of her starboard side beneath the seamen's quarters, blowing her practically in two. She sank in about two minutes with the loss of 23 lives. 28 survivors were rescued.

**Private First Class John Hillery:** Born in Co Clare. He was aged 23 when he enlisted in the US Army 37 Co 10 Training Battalion 2129711, in April 1918. He lived in Akron Ohio. He served in the American Expeditionary Force (Machine Gun Co 126th Infantry) (32nd Div) from June 1918 (Oisne-Aisne, Meuse Argonne) until his death. He died of self inflicted gunshot wounds not in the line of duty on the **18th Feb 1919**. His next of kin was his brother Michael Hillery who also lived in Akron Ohio. (All Ohio Soldiers in WW1, 1917-1918 Ancestry .com) He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Michael Hynes:** Lived in the Turnpike Ennis, died 28th Jan 1919, Royal Irish Regiment. He died suddenly just after been discharged from the army. He had fought in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. G/M in Ennis.**(TB) (SR)** Formerly with the 8th King’s Liverpool Regiment.

**Private Patrick Kearney:** 12 Steele’s Terrace Ennis. He was a labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn 3823. He was transferred to the 1st Royal Irish Regiment, in August 1915, which in September 1915 was part of the Med Expeditionary Force 10th (Irish ) Division. He died of tuberculosis of the lungs on the **26th Feb 1919**, and is buried in the Cairo War Cemetery. His medals were sent to Mrs Maggie Kearney, Clare St, Limerick. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
On 12 November 1918 the 10th Division concentrated at Sarafand (Palestine), ready for moving back to Egypt. By 1 December it was at Cairo. **Private Patrick Kearney** was admitted to the Citadel Military Hospital in Cairo on the 18th January 1919, suffering from influenza, and died there on the 26th Feb.

**Patrick Francis Macnamara**: Born in Limerick, lived in the USA, buried in Kilquane Cemetery, Parteen Co Clare. Died 4th March 1919 (possibly from wounds during Canada’s Hundred Days), Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment) 42nd Bn 3080114, 7th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division. Son of Mrs. MacNamara, of Quarry Rd., Thomond Gate, Limerick. Also commemorated on a panel at Grangegorman Memorial. He stated that he was a male nurse, and was living at Dorchester, Mass, USA. He named an Aunt in Dorchester as his next of kin. (TB)(PMcN)

**Hubert Gerald Bayliss**: Born in Co Clare, died 12th March 1919 age 25, Royal Horse Artillery 7th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. Ammunition Column 68238, G/M in Christchurch Cemetery Newport in Wales. Son of Thomas Alfred and Sarah Ann Bayliss.

**Private 1st Class Patrick McMahon**: Monmore (Moyasta) Co Clare. He was aged 27 when he enlisted on the 28th Sept 1917 into Co D 305th Infantry and later with Co A 325th Infantry (82nd Div) until his death. He served overseas from the 25th April 1918. He fought at Sagney (Scronville) Simey; Seille; St Mihiel; and the Meuse-Argonne where he was wounded severely on the 15th October 1918. He died of Lobar Pneumonia on the 20th March 1919. His next of kin was his sister Miss Lelia Martin McMahon,
Moyasta Post Office, Finagh, Monmore, Co Clare. (WW1 New York Army Cards - fold3.com) Grave unknown. On November 4th, 1921, the steamer SS Orloch Head arrived in Dublin with the remains of 26 men of the US Armed Forces. The Freemans Journal newspaper covered the arrival and listed the names as follows: Patrick McMahon, consigned to Mrs. Martin McMahon, Murroe, Kilrush, Co. Clare. (John P. Quinlan ww2irishaviation.com)

Thomas Heavy (Served as Thomas Barlow): He died on the 8th April 1919 due to TB, age 36, Royal Army Service Corps DM2/225827. Buried in Ennistymon Cemetery. He was also a Driver with the RASC. NCS (P McN) (TB) He enlisted in the army on the 21/9/1916 and was discharged on the 2/12/1918. (TB)

Private William Considine: Danganelly, Cooraclare (Served as Thomas O’Connor Al), died at sea 1st May 1919 age 29, Australian Infantry, G/M in the Maitland Cemetery, Capetown in South Africa. (TB) (D Murrihy) He was a Labourer aged 33 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Egypt into the 13th Bn. 302. He was wounded in Gallipoli in April 1915. He was captured in Reincourt and became a POW in April 1917 in Limburg, and returned to England in Dec 1918. (UNSW)

Robert Richard Topham: Born (and lived in Clarisford) Killaloe on the 22nd May 1897 to Robert William and Minnie Topham (formerly Moore). Robert joined The Royal Munster Fusiliers in Limerick as number 5/6596 on 14th October 1915. Robert transferred (willingly or otherwise) to the newly formed Machine Gun Corps with the allotted number 26755. Following training he crossed to France and joined the 9th Machine Gun Company (3rd Division) on 26th March 1916. Robert reported sick and was admitted to a Casualty Clearing Station on 26th August 1916. He was later diagnosed as having diabetes and discharged from the Machine Gun Training Centre, Grantham as being no longer physically fit for active service on 29th January 1917. It was considered by the Medical Authorities that the diabetes had been brought on by shock. Robert did not long outlive the war. He died in Barrington’s
Hospital, Limerick on **2nd July 1919**, aged 22. The cause of death was given as Diabetes, Phthisis. (Jim Cunningham)

**John Reidy**: Born 1888 in Ennistymon, died **5th July 1919** at home age 31 of TB, (15th on Death Certificate), Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers 24444, 5th Battalion (in the UK, WWI Service Medal and Award Rolls, 1914-1920), G/M in Ennistymon Cemetery. (TB) Son of Mrs. Margaret Reidy, of Bogberry, Ennistymon. He entered the war on the 17/10/1915 and was discharged on the 27/3/1919.(Guss O’Halloran)

**Private John Hourigan**: Quin. He was a Casual Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in 1913 into the 5th RMF 5897, the 2nd Bn (BEF) in Jan 1915 and in 1917 into the Royal Irish Rifles 174720. He was wounded in action (with the 2nd RMF) in July and Sept 1916 and also suffered from Shell Shock. He was discharged in April 1918 for medical reasons. He died on the **29th July 1919**. His father was James Hourigan, Quin. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Timothy Killeen**: Doonbeg, died **31st July 1919** in the Military Hospital at the Curragh. 2nd Bn Irish Guards 10511 (Guards Division), G/M in Doonbeg Catholic Churchyard. Brother of George and Mick Killeen, of Doonbeg, Co. Clare. (TB) Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Killeen. He was a farmers son aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915. He was hospitalized from 24th April 1917 – 2nd Feb 1918 with gunshot wounds to the head, chest and arms. The Guards Division followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line from the 14th March – 5th April 1917. He is also remembered on the Memorial Stone in the grounds of Kilkee Catholic Church.

‘He was hit by a shell which must have exploded close to him. He was running along the trench, for they were hitting his dugout in which he was preparing tea a little while before. He was knocked out immediately but stayed on his feet till taken away. He had two pieces of shrapnel forced over his left eye but they were not very noticeable. He had a wound in the chest which healed quickly. He had a wound...
in the thigh, also healed. His left arm was cut off about three inches below the elbow joint and not completely healed. It still hurt. Now just under his left shoulder blade there was a hole torn about five inches square and exposing his lungs. How he lived so long in that condition God only knows. He is my dearest brother and I am sorry to lose him but glad that he died and ended his suffering... He would have lived but for one severe wound and the deadly TB put the quietus on him... He died that others may live. No one can do more. We love him.’ (Mick Killeen – brother – US Army)

**Lieutenant William Perrott Fogerty**: Born in Limerick, lived at 1 Bank Place Ennis, died 19th Oct 1919 age 20 in Alexandria, 57th Wilde’s Rifles (Frontier Force), G/M in Egypt. (TB) He is also commemorated on a memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis. His brother John Frederick Cullinan Fogerty died in 1917.

‘Lt Fogerty had been on active service in Palestine and Egypt since October 1918. He had gone into the desert on the 11th October with a friend on a hunting expedition. Just after the train started one of the dogs sprang out, and Lt Fogerty after having jumped after him, and lifted the animal onto the truck, was endeavouring to follow, when he fell, and one of the wheels passed over his left leg, breaking both bones above the ankle. He was brought to Alexandria Military Hospital, but the shock and loss of blood proved too much for his strength, and he passed away a week later, on the 19th in his 21st year.’ Nov 1919 Sat Record

**Herbert George Adams**: Ennis, Died 26th Oct 1919 age 18, RAF, Grave/Memorial in Turkey. Son of Joseph and Catherine Adams, of 94, Church Rd., Horfield, Bristol. Late of Ennis, Co.Clare. Left the Bristol Aeroplane Company to enlist. Died in Southern Russia. Grave is not known or has been lost; his name is listed on the Haidar Pasha Memorial in Instanbul, Turkey. (TB)
Anthony Albert Hutchinson: Born in Limerick, remembered on his family’s headstone in Mountshannon Church of Ireland (St. Caimin’s). 2\textsuperscript{nd} Air mechanic HMRAF with the Royal Navy on the HMS “Ark Royal”, which was the Royal Navy's first purpose built aircraft carrier, and as well as other duties during WW1 it also served in the Gallipoli campaign. “Tony” as he was known, died from nephritis and pleurisy in the Military Hospital in Malta on 4\textsuperscript{th} Nov 1919, aged 32. He was originally buried in Capuccini Naval Cemetery and then moved to Kalkara Naval Cemetery in Malta. He is also remembered on the family gravestone in Mountshannon Church of Ireland Graveyard.

Frederick Perry: Castleview Cottage (Fomerla House) Tulla. He was taken prisoner by the Turks and he was held in Bor Nigde until he was released. He had been with the British Army in India and was a professional soldier all of his life. He came home from the camps in very poor health (4 stone in weight) and shortly afterwards, died tragically in London, on the 28 Nov 1919. He is buried in Ballysheen Cemetery, Sixmilebridge. (Eric Shaw) He is the brother of Charles Joseph and Emily Perry.

He shared the prison with other nationalities such as Indians, Russians, Romanians, British and French prisoners. He wrote a letter to his mother in Sept 1918. ‘My dearest mother, I hope you and all at home are quite well and enjoying life. I have not had a letter from you for over a month. I very often think of you all at home these days, as I have plenty of time for reflection and my mind takes me back to times when I was very small...I wish you all a very happy Xmas...Although I am miles away from the children, yet they are ever with me in my thoughts, and are as it were, a part of my life and soul...with love to all, keep smiling and write. Au revoir. Your affectionate son, Fred’. (Joe Power)

The Rev Isidore James O’Meehan: Born 5/7/1867 in Ennis, died 19\textsuperscript{th} Dec 1919 age 52 in Mesopotamia, Army Chaplains Dept, G/M in Amara War Cemetery in Iraq. (TB) ‘He served in Mesopotamia at a casualty clearing station. While landing from a boat at Kut el Mara on the River Tigris
in Iraq, he was shot accidentally in the thigh, and died from loss of blood on 19 December 1919.’ ‘The Irish Sword’ Vol XXIII. The Franciscans.

Francis Haugh: Lived at 43 St Flannans Terrace Ennis, died 27th Feb 1920 age 22 due to Bronchitis in the Central Military Hospital in Dublin. Royal Irish Regiment 25355 (South Irish Horse Secondary 1909), G/M in Drumcliff Cemetery Ennis. Son of John and Lizzie Haugh. (TB) He enlisted in March 1917. The Royal Irish Regiment 7th (South Irish Horse) Battalion was formed in France on 1st September 1917 from the dismounted 1st and 2nd South Irish Horse. On 4th July 1918 the battalion was transferred to the 21st Brigade in the 39th Division at Hellbroucq. It ended the war at Ellezelles, east of Renaix in Belgium.

J O’Shea: Turnpike Ennis, died 13th March 1920 age 20 in Turkey, possibly due to illness, Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn 31339, G/M in Turkey. Son of Mrs Sarah O’Shea Turnpike Ennis. (TB)

At the end of the war a large British occupation army was maintained in Turkey. The strength of the Army of Occupation in the Ottoman Dominions on the 1st of December 1919 was 13,000 British plus 14,000 Indians. At the end of November 1919, the 2nd Dubs were ordered to Constantinople. They embarked on board the hired transport ship, Rio Pardo, with a battalion strength of 29 officers, 8 warrant officers, 40 sergeants, 40 corporals and 670 other ranks.
Thomas Scanlan: Born in Kilrush, died 19th March 1920 age 33, due to a complete fracture of the skull as a result of a fall due to dizziness (from which he suffered since the war). Labour Corps and 9th Royal Munster Fusiliers G/4627, G/M in Kilrush Church of Ireland Churchyard. Also commemorated on a panel at Grangegorman Memorial. Son of Mrs. Mary Scanlan, Moore St. Brother of Martin who died in Feb 1916 and Patrick. (TB) Private Thomas Scanlan: Hector Street, Kilrush. Aged 27 when he enlisted in 1915. 9th Royal Munster Fusiliers 4627. He married Margaret Madigan in May 1914 and they had 2 daughters. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Paul James Courtney: Killaloe, died 26th July 1920, Royal Army Service Corps DM2 (Driver Mechanic. 2nd Class)/155419, G/M in Templekelly Graveyard, Ballina Tipperary. Husband of Mrs Courtney, Ballina. (TB)

Sapper James Lynch: Born in Deerpark Doora. He was a surveyor that joined the Ordnance Survey in Ennis. He later transferred to the English Head Office in Southampton, where he took special courses in military and topographical surveys. He then served all over the British Empire, mapping various territories. During the Great War, he was sent to France to map trenches etc. Unfortunately his health broke down and he died in the Mental Hospital in Ennis in 1920, as a result of the hardships he endured in the war. He enlisted in Sept 1895 age 20 into the Royal Engineers 29466. He was discharged as being physically unfit on the 15/11/1918. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-
1920 ancestry.com) He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in April 1914. He is buried in Quin Abbey. ‘…also James Lynch, Ordnance Survey, who died 23rd September 1920 of Deerpark, Doora… The family grave is just at the entrance to the graveyard.’ One of 5 brothers (James, John, Thomas, Michael and Patrick) who served in WW1. They were all in the Royal Engineers. (Eric Shaw)

Private Francis Joseph McNamara: Born in Co Clare, lived in New Zealand, died 8th Oct 1920 age 46, New Zealand Expeditionary Force 68303, G/M in Karori Cemetery Wellington in New Zealand. Son of Daniel and Susan McNamara. Died after discharge from the NZEF from wounds inflicted (possibly in the Hundred Day’s Offensive) or disease contracted while on active service. (TB) (DOB 3/11/1879) He was a fitter when he enlisted in Sept 1917 into the 3rd Reserve Bn. Wellington Regiment 68303. He lived in Christchurch. His brother was Mr J McNamara Christchurch.

Martin Beakey: Lived in Ennistymon, died 22nd Oct 1920 age 21, Royal Irish Regiment 2nd Bn 7109830, G/M in Netley Military Cemetery, England. Son of Patrick and Bridget Beakey Cahersherkin Ennistymon. (TB) (Guss O’Halloran) The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital.
Private John Peter Breen: Main Street Sixmilebridge. Aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915. Army Service Corps 150636. His parents were John P and Abina Breen. He was a motor driver. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com) He died from TB and exhaustion on the 21st April 1921.

Private Walter Gill: Kilrush. Army Veterinary Corps. KM Kings Liverpool Regiment. He died on the 1st October 1921 in Kirush Hospital from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis).

Robert Carson Allingham: Miltown Malbay. Died 27th Nov 1921 aged 30 of wounds received in WW1. Irish Guards. His death has not been officially recognised by CWGC as a war casualty. He is named on a headstone (and buried) in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin. His brother Edward died in 1918 in France. Son of John and Sarah Allingham, Dublin. NCS

Fr Francis Shaw: 1881-1924. Ennis. A War Chaplain with strong Republican views. He lost both parents when he was a boy. His guardian was Fr Michael Fogarty, who later became the Bishop of Killaloe. (The Jesuit publication ‘Studies’ Summer 2015) Fr. Francis Shaw, S.J. (1881-1924), served in the British Expeditionary Force in WWI and was stationed at No.17 Casualty Clearing Station, France; later posted to Bombay (c/o Archbishop’s House), and to Mesopotamia, where he suffered malaria and dysentery. Shaw was formerly an orphan in the guardianship of one Fr. Fogarty (afterwards bishop of Killaloe). He taught at Mungret College (Limerick) after the war. On the 12th Jan 1924 he died of cancer aged 42. He is credited with silencing British officers who disparaged the men of the Dublin Rising in 1916 ['an icy frightened silence followed']; He is buried in Mungret Cemetery (Eric Shaw)
Private Peter Vaughan: Moy. 106th Infantry US Army (27th Div). He fought during the first US assault on the Hindenburg Line in Sept 1918 where despite heavy casualties a break through was eventually made. Private Peter Vaughan: Born in Co Clare about 1894. Lived in Brooklyn New York. He was aged 23 when he enlisted on the 22nd Sept 1917 into the 23rd Infantry E Company 1207535, and later into the 106th Infantry. He served overseas from May 1918 to Feb 1919. (New York, Abstracts of National Guard Service in WWI, 1917-1919) His father was James Vaughan. He died on June 3rd 1924, New York County (Manhattan), USA. He returned to Moy in 1920 and joined the Moy Company of the Mid-Clare Brigade of the IRA. He took part in the Rineen Ambush on Sept 22nd 1920. He returned to the New York in Dec 1920. He joined the New York police but died tragically in a street accident in June 1924, aged only 32. He rests with the veteran dead in plot No. 9191 in Cypress Hills National Cemetery in Brooklyn.