I would sincerely like to thank Guss O’Halloran for allowing me to publish his book ‘The Men from North Clare and the Great War 1914-1918.’ It is truly a source of invaluable information and a labour of love.
I was on the Clare Library website looking up material and I found Military details of men from Ennistymon and Lahinch listed and I wrote down the list and went to each of the said websites which were the Australian Memorial and Canadian Memorial websites. I put in the names of each man listed for Ennistymon and Lahinch and found and downloaded their respective enlistment details that the men at the time gave to the relevant military authorities, and I then added any further details I found and include them for this memorial book. I was surprised and delighted that these lists were also transcribed and donated by Mr P.J. Culligan of Kilrush, Co. Clare who then put up on the Clare Library website. I wish to thank both Mr. Culligan and the Clare Library for the use of the soldiers details and I would encourage people to log on to the Library website as there is a wealth of information there that may help on any form of research you do.

I went thought the lists and downloaded the enlistment papers of men from Ennistymon, Lahinch, Liscannor and other parts of North Clare. I also noted there is a full list of men from Clare and maybe I may download these enlistment papers and put them in a second book at some time later. They say that every man has a book or two in him maybe this may prove correct in my case so now I will share with you the reader this information and add these names to our honour roll of men from Ennistymon and North Clare. Those who died in World War I are listed but I also include men who survived the war and came back to live their lives after the war was over. They are all now part of the brave men of Clare and Ireland who went off to war for world peace and honour and now are among the honoured military dead of our area. May their reward in Heaven be as big as their sacrifice was on this earth, Ar Dheis Dé go raibh gach anam Dílis.

Guss O'Halloran

With best wishes

Guss O'Halloran

21.11.2017

To Deirdre

Guss O'Halloran

Leabharlann Chontae an Chláir

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Memorial Plaque in Churchill, Ennistymon
MEN FROM ENNISTYMON

4586 PRIVATE FRANK COALPOISE 1st Battalion Irish Guards. Died 7th November 1914 of wounds received in action. He enlisted in Cork, Ireland. Frank is buried in Popereine Old Military Cemetery, Popereine West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot 1 row M Grave 13. Popereine Old Military cemetery is located 10.5 Kilometers west of Ieper town centre. Known as Ypres during the Great War 1914 to 1918. And in the town of Popereine itself. The medals awarded to Frank Coalpoise are 1914 Star, British War and the Victory. I came across a story of Frank Coalpoise in the Clare Journal in 1915. This states that a photo appears in the Cork Examiner of the late Frank Coalpoise. 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" He died of his wounds in France. He was a native of Ennistymon and his father was employed in O'Dwyers Mill, Ennistymon.

6162 PTE JOHN FITZPATRICK 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died Saturday 21-8-1915 in Gallipoli aged 21. Born in Ennistymon. Son of John Fitzpatrick of 5 New Road, Ennistymon. Brother of the late Eileen O'Brien of New Road, Ennistymon who died some years ago. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial Gallipoli, Turkey panel 185 to 190. Medals awarded to John are 1915 Star and British War and Victory. John enlisted in Ennis, and was killed in action at the front. I also searched all the Michael Fitzpatricks that are listed but none from Ennistymon records are not findable as they may be destroyed in London Bombings in world two where the records were stored.

5663 PTE JOHN JOSEPH FLANAGHAN B Company, 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died on 8-3-1916. Commemorated in Marcon British Cemetery Nord in Grave reference number I D A. France. Son of John Catherine Flanagan, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, Ireland. Medals awarded to John are 1914 Star and British War Medal and Victory Medal. Marcon British Cemetery is located in the village of Grenay, which is about 15 kilometers south east of Bethune. From Lens take the N43 towards Bethune. After Loos-en-Gohelle turn left (after petrol station) and continue straight on. The Cemetery is located a few Kilometers on the right side of the road in the village.

8218 LANCE SERGEANT TIMOTHY FOLEY 2nd Battalion Irish Guards. Died on Saturday 13-4-1918 aged 23. Son of Bridget Foley, Callure, Ennistymon and the late Michael Foley, Timothy was awarded the following 1914/15 Star, British War and the Victory Medals. Commemorative Information Ploegsteert Memorial Comines-warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. This memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 Kilometers south of Ieper town centre on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines). Messines is where the Island of Ireland Peace Park is situated. It was opened in 1998 by Paddy Harte and Glen Barr who were the Joint Co-Executive Chairmen of the Park Committee. The first sod turned by a member of the Irish Defence Forces and a member of the Royal Irish Rangers in early 1998. Total casualties commemorated in this Peace Park are 36th Ulster Division 32,186 dead. The 10th Irish Division 9,362 and the 16th Irish Division 28,398 dead as per details in Peace Park.

9143 PTE PATRICK HALLORAN 1st Battalion Connacht Rangers. Son of Michael and Mary Halloran, formally Conole, Churchill, Ennistymon. Michael's date of birth was about 1863 as exact date on birth certificate not listed. Patrick joined up in a meeting in Gort, Co. Galway in early 1914. Patrick was sent for training at the depot of 1st Battalion Connacht Rangers in Galway barracks before going off to war. Patrick died of wounds received in action in a place called St Julian in Ypres at the 2nd battle of Ypres 1915. Patrick died on 29-4-1915. According to the only part of Patrick's documents that survive the following is noted. Date of Disembarkation in France 28-11-1914. Just a week earlier and he would have been entitled to the 1914 Star he was awarded it but had to return it and got the 1914/15 Star. The criteria for the 1914 star were 22-8-1914 to 8 November 1914. The medals he got were 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory. Patrick's medals were granted under Army order 20 of 1919. Patrick is buried in Hazelbrough Communal Cemetery in Nord in France plot 2, row H, grave 13. I, Guss O'Halloran, present day relative was at Patrick's Grave twice and laid a wreath on behalf of all the present day family and of course in memory of Patrick. The first time I went to Patrick's grave was in 1999 with the Irish Naval Association, Dublin branch. We toured a large amount of cemeteries in Belgium and France where Irish were buried or commemorated. I have seen a lot of these graves and I must compliment the Commonwealth War Graves staff at all these cemeteries for the way they are kept clean and tidy.

Patrick's father, Michael was in the Clare Artillery as Gunner and Corporal. Michael joined up in 1895 and
by 1900 was promoted as Cpl. his army service number was 1806. Michael was 28 years and 5 months old when he enlisted. Date of enlistment 4-3-1895 place Ennis, Co. Clare. Then in 1900 he transferred to the special reserve in Dover, England. His new service number was 1161. Rank Cpl. Then in 1902 Clare Artillery reorganised, Reengaged for Militia rank Cpl date 18-5-1904. There is a lot of information in his service page but water damaged so it has faded from sight. According to the special reserve criteria you have to be very fit, but if not you would be returned to the unit you came from back in the regular forces. Michael did serve overseas possibly in the Anglo Boer War 1900-1902. There are details in medals and clasps awarded but this page of his service is damaged by water and a date stamped here in this column in almost gone. His final date of discharge 28-4-1911. Michael’s military documents that survived after the bombings of the building in World War 2 where the British Government kept the records were badly damaged by fire and water. The fires and water used to combat the fires that raged in London did not save all the documents. A very large number of war documents of WWI were lost for good and others were badly damaged by fire and water.

Now on to the other Halloran who served in World War 1 and as I said all their documents were lost except the medal cards and the silver war badges rolls. This is where I got the following information.

5/6099 PTE WILLIAM O’HALLORAN 6th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Enlisted in 13-8-1914. And received the following medals, 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory and also received a Silver war badge number 354-785. Date of receipt of Silver war badge 19-10-1917. This was got from the roll of individuals entitled to the Silver war badge, under Army order 2 (a) (I) from original document dated 16th of February 1918 in Cork by Officer 1/C records in Cork. Date of William’s Discharge was 20-4-1916. Age on discharge 19 years and 351 days. William survived the war and remained in England.

6389 PTE MARTIN O’HALLORAN 5th Battalion Special Reserve of the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was William’s brother and enlisted on 19-2-1915. Medals received were 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory and he also received a silver war badge number 472-044. Date of receipt of silver war badge 28-4-1920 under Army order 2 (a) (I) from original war badge rolls. Martin’s date of discharge was 27-3-1919. After the war Martin went to New York with his other brother, Jeremiah and died in swimming accident so this is to say Martin was dead and not in World War 2 as I thought because I was in Florida a few years ago and got his gravestone photo. On his headstone the following is inscribed “Beloved Mary O’Halloran died on 16-3-1962. Her first husband Martin died 25-1-1928. Rest in Peace”. They are buried in Calvary cemetery in Queens, New York. Martin’s wife was a Mary Towey, the daughter of Sgt. Major James Towey of Queenstown in Cork now known as Cobb. I got his military service documents off James O’Halloran in Florida. Service details of Pte to Sgt/ Major James Towey. James Towey service number 1201 Born in Dublin attested on 2 of November 1870 for the 25 of foot regiment at the age of 19. He served in Afghanistan in places namely, Kandahar, Ahmed Kne, Kabul Charasia, Petwar, Royal, Ali Mobijal. James received the Afghanistan service medal with the above mentioned clasps. Also he served in Egypt and received the Egyptian service medal with clasps Abu Klea, The Nile 1884/85, El-Ter-Tamal, Suez 1884, Tel-el-Kebir, also the Kabul to Kandahar star, and the Long service and Good Conduct Medal, also received 2nd class school Certificate. Service in the army 23 years and 318 days total service to pension, Overseas service 15 years and 28 days, Conduct on discharge very good, Date of discharge 1-11-1897. Place Berwick on Tweed as per orderly room stamp. This is new information on Martin and his wife Mary Towey I received a few years ago in my trip to Florida to the late Jeremiah surviving family. Jeremiah married Martin’s widow a few years after Martin’s death. Mary at the time of being married to her late husband Martin had no family with Martin. When she married Jeremiah Mary had 4 in her family 2 boys and 2 girls, namely Jeremiah after his father and James; daughters Mary and Catherine. Now I found out that Jeremiah and his brother James served in the US Navy during the Korean War, James served on USS Ticonderoga and USS Midway. His brother Jeremiah served on USS Albany. Both served from 1950 to 1953 and were awarded the Korean service medals. They both survived the war Jeremiah died a few years ago, his sister Mary died before him she was married to a Furani of Italian family. James in Florida cannot remember his Christian name only his Surname and where he came from, he served in the US Army as he was in uniform when he married Mary, Mary had two boys Jimmy and Joey.

PTE MICHAEL HALLORAN, BROTHER OF PATRICK AND WILLIAM AND MARTIN HALLORAN, CHURCHILL, ENNIS TYMON.

Michael Junior, so as not to mix him up with his father, Michael senior had 2 enlistments before the Great War 1914 to 1918. First Michael enlisted in the Royal Munster Fusiliers in 1911 and during training Michael got a back injury in a training accident and spent 3 months in the Curragh Hospital. After he was discharged Michael was found unfit due to his injury but he got a medical discharge and an injury pension. Michael rested for a while and then when he was fit enough he enlisted in the Connaught Rangers in Galway in July 1911. Michael was found fit for service and was enlisted but during his training his back injury played up again and he could not carry on so they send him to the Curragh Hospital again for more treatment. Because of the limitations of medicine they could do little to help to become fit to carry on in the Army so they medical discharged him a 2nd time and gave him an injury pension as it was proved his injury was a result of his enlistment training in his first enlistment. Michael was dismayed he now could not carry on as his brothers did and stay in the Army. The only consolation was his army pension, lady luck deserted Michael. This was the end of his military career, it was over before it started properly. Michael was
so disappointed. Michael’s injury would be with him the rest of his life and the
person to remind him of it.

Now Michael’s other brother Sgt John O’Halloran Royal Army Catering Corps
was not in WW1 but served in World War 2 and was awarded the following
medals 1939 to 1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Africa Star, Italy Star and France and
Germany Star, The Defence Medal and the Victory Medal of World War 2.

CAPTAIN JAMES GOLDSING HARDING 20th Division, 148 Brigade, 21
Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Died on Tuesday 3-10-1917. Son
of Charles Furlonge Harding and Eleanor Harding of Bank House, Ennistymon,
James started off as a 2/Lt promoted up to Lt. Captain. Medals awarded were
1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. Cemetery where buried Hooge Crater
Cemetery Ieper West-Vlaanderen Belgium. Grave reference number VII. E. 17.
This cemetery is located 4 Kilometres east of Ieper town centre on the Menenweg
(N3) connecting Ieper to Menin. From Ieper town centre the Menenweg is
located via Torhoutstraat and right onto Basculestraat. Basculestraat ends at
the main crossroads, directly over which begins the Menenweg. The cemetery
itself is located 3.6 Kilometres along the Menenweg on the right hand side of
the road. There are nearly 2,000 1914 to 1918 war casualties commemorated in
this site. Over 3,500 of these are unidentified. Soldiers from United Kingdom,
Canada, Australia and New Zealand known or believed to be among them. See
cwgc.org for further details.

72743 PRIVATE PATRICK HARTIGAN 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters
(Notts & Derby Regiment), Son of James and Jane Hartigan of Maymore Enn-
istymon, Co. Clare. Patrick enlisted in Boyle, County Roscommon. Theatre
of war France. Formerly S409404 Royal Army Service Corps. Medals awarded
1914/15 Star, British War, Victory. Qualifying date for medals 2-6-1915. Patrick
was killed in Action.

Commemorative information: Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3
Vlamertinge, Ieper West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, Brandhoek, Grave reference
Number I.0. 20. This Cemetery is located 6.5 Km, west of Ieper Town Centre.

6175 PTE JOHN HOWARD 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers Born in En-
nistymon, Co. Clare residence in Milltown Malbay Co. Clare. Enlisted in Ennis
Co. Clare. Died on Tuesday 19-10-1915 on Suvla Bay in Gallipoli. Turkey. Medals
awarded 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory.

Azmak cemetery Suvla Turkey Grave reference or panel Number II G.11.
Azmak Cemetery stands at the foot of the line of hills which stretches North-
Eastward along the coast from Suvla Point and on the southside of Azmak
Dere, a watered ravine which runs south westward into the north side of the
salt lake.

9483 PTE PETER LOFTUS D.C.M. “Y” Coy 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fu-
Son of W. and Annie Loftus, Ennistymon. Peter was mentioned in dis-
patches and was awarded a D.C.M. London Gazette on the 5th of August 1915
for Distinguished Conduct Medal, page 7666 of London Gazette. Also awarded
1914/15 Star, British War and Victory medals. On his Citation it states his num-
ber and rank and unit as above. On 26th of April 1915 at Sedd-el-Bahr, for gal-
lant conduct in volunteering to advance to a forward position under very heavy
fire, where he established himself, thus enabling the attack to make headway
when the position was captured. (London Gazette 3rd of July 1915).

Commemorative Information: Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Cemetery
Egypt. Grave Reference number H.94.

4827 SAPPER JOHN O’LOUGHLIN Royal Engineers 5th Field Company. Hus-
bond of Catherine O’Loughlin of Bogberry Ennistymon. John was mentioned in
Dispatches. John was awarded the following medals 1914 Star, British War,
and Victory. John is buried in Wytchstaete Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen,
Belgium. Grave Reference Number IV.B.13. There are 329 Identified casualties in
this cemetery. John died on the 14-1-1915.

Location Wytchstaete Military cemetery is located 7 Kms south of Ieper town
centre, on a road leading from Rijsselweg N365 which connects Ieper (Form-
ally Ypres) to Wytchstaete (Wytchstaete) and on to Armentieres. You can locate
this cemetery on Google Maps on internet. This cemetery was made after the
Armistice when graves were brought in from isolated positions surrounding
Wytchstaete. There are now more than 1,000 servicemen of WW1 buried or com-
memorated in this cemetery. There are special memorials to 16 casualties known
or believed to be buried among them.

I found a letter on the death of Sapper John O’Loughlin in the Clare Journal of
1915. It states this report under the heading of :

Volunteer Instructor Killed

The Ennistymon Volunteers have learned with deepest regret the death at the front in
Belgium of their late instructor Sapper John O’Loughlin who was attached to the Royal
Engineers. The Commanding officer in communicating news of the death to the bereaved
widow of the deceased under date the 15/1/1915 wrote; it is with deep regret that I report
to you the death of your husband, he was killed last night when doing his duty at the
front, only 2 weeks ago it was my great pleasure to mention his name in dispatches for
the very good work he had done on previous occasions in the face of the enemy. His loss
is very deeply felt by the officers and men of the company. With greatest sympathy in
your terrible loss a native of Ennistymon the deceased was only 35 years old and beside
his widow leaves 4 little ones ranging in age from 4 months to 6 years of age to mourn
his loss. The greatest Sympathy is felt with the bereaved wife and children with their sad
loss. The local Volunteer Corps for whom the late sapper did so much during his period
as instructor has arranged a memorial mass to be offered for him.
5795 PTE JOHN O'SULLIVAN 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of Stephen and Margaret O'Sullivan of Churchill, Ennistymon. John died on Thursday 3rd of June 1915 age 23. John was awarded the following medals 1914 Star, British War, Victory. John enlisted in Ennis. Qualifying date for medals 9-10-1914. Buried in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Kent, England. Reference number 1329. There are 28 casualties identified in this cemetery. The cemetery is on the main A292 road Chalton, From London take the A2 South east towards Kent (Dartford/Gravesend/Rochester), over Bridge Beach, then take the A292 towards Maidstone. Fort Pitt Military is on the Left hand side of the road. The cemetery contains 265 WW1 and 25 WW2 graves (two of them are unidentified).

3179 PATRICK THYNNE Lance Corporal 1st Irish Guards Born Ennistymon, residence in Brighton Sussex, killed in action on the 17 of May 1915. Enlisted in Ennis. According to his medal card he got the 1914 Star, British War and Victory medals. Qualifying date for medals 13-8-1914. Also Patrick was married in the Church of Kensal Green N.W/10 London, Details of marriage Patrick Joseph Thynne age 21 Male Bachelor Railway Porter address 454 the Harrow Road London N.W.10, next of kin his father John Thynne, Labourer alive at time of wedding. Patrick married a Gertrude Ellen Thomas age 20 Spinner Laundry maid 146 Kensal Road London N.W. 10, next of kin was her father Charles Clement Thomas deceased and fitter by trade but his widow was alive at the time of the Marriage. Her name was Frances Annie Thomas. Date of Marriage 31-3-1912. Marriage details were donated by the present day relatives of the Thynne Family who live in England, and to whom I am very thankful for this updated information of Patrick Thynne who died during the Great War 1914 to 1918. Details of Patrick military service are listed above and memorial is listed below. Memorial Le-Touret Memorial Pas-De-Calais France, panel No 4. This memorial is in east end of Le-Touret village 1 Kilometers after Le-Touret and about 5 kilometers before you reach the intersection with D947 Estaires to La-Boesse road. The cemetery lies on the right hand side of the road.

6934 PTE MICHAEL THYNNE 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Born Ennistymon and enlisted in Ennis. Son of John and Catherine Thynne of Churchill, Ennistymon. Medals 1914 Star, British War and the Victory. Michael died of wounds received in action on the 4th of May 1915 in Gallipoli, Turkey. Memorial details Helles Memorial Panel 185 to 190 in Gallipoli Turkey.


7109830 PTE MARTIN BEAKY 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment Died on 22-10-1920. Son of Patrick and Bridget Beaky of Cahersheerkin, Ennistymon, commemorated Nelley Military Cemetery Hampshire grave reference number R.C. 659. I have searched all medal rolls cards and soldiers who died in the Great War but no trace of this man was found so I cannot tell you what medals he was awarded as I do not know his date of enlistment in the forces. This is why I have put him last on this roll. He either was awarded the 1914 Star or 1914/15 Star, British War medal and the Victory respectfully but there are no other details of this soldier only what is on the Commonwealth War Graves website. I have searched every way possible but to no avail. This means that only his war grave is the only record that this soldier was in the Great War 1914 to 1918.

5000 PTE PATRICK DILLON Churchill, Ennistymon served in the Royal Munster Fusiliers. Patrick is buried in the old cemetery on Churchill, Ennistymon with his wife. Medals awarded to Paddy were 1914/15 Star and British War and Victory. The only document that survived of Paddy was his medal card and that is where I got information listed here and I also have seen Paddy’s medals with the above mentioned information on them. Theatre of war where he served France. Qualifying date for medals 17-12-1915. Paddy survived the war but lost a hand and lived out his life here in his native place until his death. Paddy used to fish a lot down the river. Also on his awards he received a Silver War Badge for the loss of his hand in Action during the Great War 1914 to 1918, and on his medal card it states he was discharged date not included in his medal card.
5844 PTE PATRICK BLOOD 8th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died on Monday 4th September 1916. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star British War and Victory. He enlisted in Limerick and died on wounds received in Battle. Commemorative Information: Delville Wood Cemetery Longueval Somme France. Panel Number 29. F.5. Longueval is a village 11 kilometers east of Albert. Delville Wood Cemetery is east of the Village and on the south side of the road from Longueval to Ginchy.

12606 GUNNER JAMES BROWNE Royal Garrison Artillery resided in Ennistymon. Served in France survived the war and was awarded the following medals 1914/15 Star British War and Victory. No other information found.


The Clare Journal Monday 23-11-1914: Our Obituary column last week had an announcement of the death of a man with whom we are acquainted, a well known and popular young Lahinch man, Member of one of the oldest families in the district. He had been in Melbourne for about 4 years and had returned last year. When the war opened he joined the 18th Royal Irish, with whom he fought in some of the hottest of the earlier stages of the campaign. Being so badly wounded that he died in hospital, Mr Comber was the son of Mr T.J. Comber, formerly Auctioneer of Ennistymon and brother of Mr Harry Comber Lahinch. He was the nephew of the late Surgeon General Comerford of Galway. There is general sympathy with his relatives.

5752 PTE PATRICK EDWARDS 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died 21-12-1914. Memorial Le Touret Memorial Pas De Calais France. Panel 43 and 44. Medals awarded were 1914 Star, British War, Victory. Identified casualties 13394 at this memorial. Location of Memorial Le Touret Memorial is located at the end of Le Touret Military Cemetery, on the south of Bethune - Armentieres main road, From Bethune follow the signs for Armentieres until you are the D171, continue on this road through Essars and Le Touret Village, approximately 1 Kilometre after Le Touret Village and about 5 Kilometres, Before you reach the intersection with the D974 Estaires to La Bassee Road the Cemetery lies on the right hand side of the road.

3856 PTE JOHN CLOHESSY 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers who died on Saturday 21st of August 1915 age 28. Son of Mrs Anne Foran of Deerpark, Ennistymon. John enlisted in Limerick, killed in action in Gallipoli. Commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli, Turkey panel 185 to 190. John was awarded the following medals, 1914/15 Star, British War and the Victory. The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 meters high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles. This memorial contains over 20,000 names who died in that campaign of who's graves are unknown or who were lost or buried at sea. Other than Australians and New Zealanders who are commemorated on other memorials. I Guiss O'Halloran was on Anzac cove in Gallipoli and saw for myself they had no cover from fire of machine guns rifles or artillery shells it was sheer murder, no cover. The only cover they got was from pick and shovel and their sweat when they dug trenches. This Campaign was badly thought out and very badly executed resulting in the loss of over 20,000 men. This Campaign failed to create an eastern front and they had to return to England. This lost Churchill his position in the British Admiralty.

5891/4043 PTE THOMAS McCARTHY Royal Irish Regiment 1st Battalion age 40 on enlistment. Date 9-3-1915 place Limerick. From Churchill, Ennistymon and his next of kin was his wife Bridget McCarthy formerly Bridget Shanahan got married 9-10-1914. Address given as 2 Victoria Terrace, Churchill, Ennistymon. Discharged 8-1-1919 under Para 392 (xvt) Kings Regulations. B.E.F. France from 24-12-1911 to 20-12-1918. Thomas was awarded a pension of 27s. and 6d, and was awarded a silver war badge for illness received in action in France. Silver war badge number B. 105646, also the King's certificate for Silver War Badge. Dated 20-3-1919. Age 53 years. Enlisted in Ennis on 8-3-1915. Place of origin of illness, Gaza Palestine. There was a letter written on stating his health and how he got his illness but I cannot read the scripted letter. Thomas was sent back to England from 2nd General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt on 12-10-1918. There is a lot of water damage to this man's military history sheet and a lot of information is destroyed. Trying to read the writing on this form is very difficult due to handwriting mostly a scribble. According to his service with B.E.F. in France he got the 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory medals. No more information could be got from this man's military service record, as a lot of it was damaged. I was lucky to get this amount off his records and it was with a great deal of patience reading of what I could make out.

45338 CPL PATRICK EGAN Royal Irish Fusiliers lived in Ardnaculla North, Ennistymon. Information on him was found on return of all commissioned officers and warrant officers, Non Commissioned officers, trumpeters Drummers and rank and file - his rank was corporal, his regiment was 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. His age last birthday was 27 years and single. Birthplace Ennistymon County Clare Ireland. Also on the 1911 England Census. I searched the medals rolls for his medals but no medal card for him was found.

I found another PRIVATE EGAN from Ennistymon County Clare age 22 and born in 1829 in Ennistymon, was in England on 1851, and was on the census of 1829, and in 1851 was in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chichester and Lewes
Sussex, and was in the Barracks of Preston, Sussex, England. After a long search I could find no more information.

2281/A RANK I/S JOSEPH FLAHERTY Royal Navy, Churchill, father of Joe Flaherty, Bogberry, Ennistymon. Medals awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Joseph's brother was also in the Navy, Peter Flaherty. His details 1961/C Rank Signalman Royal Navy Medals awarded were 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Silver war badge as well. These two Sailors are also the author's two relatives so our military history grows. The O'Halloran's and Connelles and the Flaherty's all serving in the Great War and all related by marriage into each other's families.

I found Joseph Flaherty of Bogberry, his father Joseph Flaherty, Royal Navy Medals details on U.K. Naval Medal and Award rolls of 1793 to 1972. Details: 2281/A Rank Leading Seaman Joseph Flaherty Royal Navy Received the following medals 1914 Star, British War, and Victory. Joseph survived the war and married Bridget O'Halloran of Michael and Mary O'Halloran, formerly Connel of Ennistymon, County Clare. Bridget was the sister of Thomas O'Halloran of 9 Churchill and 4 Victoria Terrace and 40 Kilcornan Ennistymon County Clare Ireland. Next is his brother Peter Flaherty Royal Navy.

1961/C RANK SIGNALMAN (Equal to Pte in the regular Army), ROYAL NAVY, PETER FLAHERTY was awarded the 1914 Star, British War and Victory medals and Silver War Badge. These are two of my relatives of the Flaherty Family. So our Military History of the "Great War" increases to two more. Now it is the Connelles and the O'Halloran's and Flaherty families at war. Who will I find next, well I will carry on and search and see if more of our families were in the Great War for Civilisation during 1914 to 1918.

53100 PTE THOMAS O'LOUGHLIN 9 Brigade Royal Field Artillery, Ardneacull North, Ennistymon. His medal card states he was awarded the 1914 Star and British War and the Victory medals.

5779 PTE AUSTIN O'CONNOR (JNR) Royal Munster Fusiliers, Deerpark Upper, Ennistymon. Found his medal card he was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals. Theatre of war where medals were awarded was France Qualifying Date 17-12-1915.


6377 PTE MICHAEL O'CONNOR 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, birthplace Doelin Co. Clare. Enlisted in Limerick and was killed on the 24/9/1916. Michael was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory Medals. He was the grandfather of the O'Donoghue family, Churchill, Ennistymon. Memorial details Thiepval Memorial Somme France Pier and Face 16 C. Additional Information Son of the late Austin and Mary O'Connor of New Church Ennistymon, husband of Ellen O'Connor of Churchill Ennistymon.

6458 PTE THOMAS O'SHEA Bogberry, Ennistymon. Royal Munster Fusiliers, age 18 on enlistment, born 1892 approx. Next of Kin mother, Margaret O'Shea Bogberry, Ennistymon. This man served in 3 campaigns, South Africa Anglo Boer War, East Indies, and B.E.F France. Medals awarded were, Queen's South Africa with 3 clasps Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Kings South Africa with 2 clasps 1901 and 1902, India General service medal with 1908 bar for North West Frontier, B.E.F France 1914 Star, British War and Victory. This is a new addition to the list of names from Ennistymon. Thomas was also wounded with the B.E.F France, Shrapnel wound and Gun Shot Wound to Right Hand and Leg. Thomas was discharged due to injuries received in action on 31-3-1917 after serving a total of 17 years and 35 days. Another gallant man from Ennistymon.

301843 PTE CYRIL EDWARDS Army service Corps, Main Street, Ennistymon. Served in the Army went over with spares to France a few times but did not serve in the war as such no medals awarded. I have seen his enlistment papers and went over them carefully and found out what is above.

6375 PTE MARTIN MURRHY Royal Munster Fusiliers, Bogberry Street, Ennistymon. Medals fortified. under King's Regulations 392. He was awarded 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory. As per details of medal card.

4487 PTE THOMAS MURRHY Royal Munster Fusiliers and 65119 Labour Corps Bogberry Ennistymon. Thomas was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory medals. Date of entry therein 10-12-1915, details as per official medal card.

6159 PTE MICHAEL MURRHY Royal Munster Fusiliers Bogberry Ennistymon County Clare Ireland. Qualifying date 13-8-1914 awarded the 1914 Star, British War, and the Victory Medals. The above mentioned were brothers from Bogberry Ennistymon.
MAJOR GEORGE MACNAMARA 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment attached to 2nd Battalion North Staffordshire regiment, who died on Sunday 27th of May 1917 age 27. Son of Henry Valentine and Elizabeth Edith Macnamara (nee Cooper) of Ennismorun House, County Clare. Elizabeth was the daughter of Sir Daniel Cooper K.C. M.G. Elizabeth was born in Dublin 23 May 1890.

Commemorative information of Major George Macnamara. Noeux-les-Mines Communal cemetery Pas De Calais, France. Grave reference number I.12.22. This cemetery is in a town 6 Kilometres south of Bethune on the main road to Arras. The Communal Cemetery in on the Northern side of the town, on the South east side of the road to Labouisse. Medals awarded to Major George are 1914 Star, British War and the Victory. George was also mentioned in despatches to Sir Douglas Haig for Gallant and Distinguished service in the field. (London Gazette 25-5-1917).

A small piece of history of Henry Valentine Macnamara of Ennismory House Henry was a big Landlord he owned 41,000 acre of Estate in the North Clare Area. He had 300 tenants. He was the Justice of the Peace and the Deputy Lieutenant and was later appointed High Sheriff of Clare. Henry V. Macnamara was born 14-2-1861. He died on the 30th of October 1925. He was the son of Col. Francis Macnamara. He married Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Sir Daniel Cooper K.C.M.G. Born 1-7-1821. He died on the 5-6-1902. He held office of the Speaker of the Legislature in Assembly in New South Wales in Australia.

Henry's Children of Note
Major George Macnamara died in the Great War details above. Henry V. Macnamara had another son Francis who was the father of Caitlin Macnamara who married the poet Dylan Thomas. Her father Francis was born 20-2-1884 and died in 1945. Caitlin had a sister called Nicolette who was born in 1911. She married a Anthony Devas who was an artist. Nicolette died in 1987.

This is the military history of Major George.
He served in the 2nd Battalion (99 foot) of the Duke of Edinburgh (Wiltshire Regiment). Son of Henry V. Macnamara of Doolin and Ennismory House, County Clare. George was born in Dublin in 1890. Educated at Clifton College at West Wratting, Cambridge, and at the Royal Military College Sandhurst. Gazette 2nd Lieutenant 5-10-1910; promoted to Lieutenant 17-4-1913; Captain 25-2-1915; and Major 9-7-1916. Served with the Expeditionary force in France and Flanders in Belgium; from October 1914: when his regiment was over whelmed by Immensely Superior numbers near Ypres on the 24-10, as transport officer and, unaccompanied, he very bravely attempted to get up to its assistance, he was fired at by ten Germans who occupied an eminence about 300 yards from him and was eventually wounded. A bullet passing through his body; he was invalided home, but though far from recovered in health, took up home duty in Feb 1915. In June 1916 he was sent out to France and posted to his Battalion which he commanded for over two months; Was subsequently attached to a unit of the North Staffordshire Regiment, as second in command, and he was killed in action on Hill 70 near Loci 25-5-1917. Buried in British Cemetery Nœux-les-Mines. The General of the division wrote: He met his death at the conclusion of a most successful enterprise carried out by the battalion and for the success of which he was largely instrumental. I deplore exceedingly the loss of this most valuable officer in whom I had the most complete confidence, and who was loved and respected in his battalion; He was mentioned in Despatches by F.M. Douglas Haig (London Gazette 25-5-1917), for gallant and distinguished service in the field. I have a photo of Major George Macnamara which is included.

292326 ACTING CHIEF STOKER PATRICK MCNAMARA H.M.S. Pylades Royal Navy, who died on Tuesday 15-5-1917 aged 38. Son of Michael and Ellen McNamara of Killaspugliane, Ennismorun. Medals awarded to Patrick 1914 Star, British War, and Victory. John, Patrick's brother was notified of his death. Patrick died on board H.M.S. Pylades on route to England. Cemetery grave reference number T.4.33. Cemetery: Plymouth old cemetery (Pennycomequick) Devon England. As a naval station Plymouth is second only to Portsmouth, this is also an important military station, it contains graves of both world wars and there are over 200 world war one graves here. The graves of the World War 2 casualties are scattered throughout the cemetery. There are no special plots for the World War 2 Casulties.

3356 PTE THOMAS MCGANN 1st Battalion Irish Guards. Enlisted Ennis, County Clare. Son of Patrick and Jane McGann, Ennismorun. Died on Friday 6-11-1914. He was the late Thomas Coughlan's, grand-uncle and was known locally at the time as King McGann. There is a story told that he was saving hay in Blackwell's field when he heard the train pull in to Ennismorun station with soldiers going to the war and the band playing. He stuck the pickfork in the ground and said, tell my mother I will write, jumped on the train and enlisted. He was killed later that same year see date of death above. Thomas was awarded the following medals 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Thomas is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres in Belgium, Panel 11.

12666 GUNNER JAMES BROWNE Royal Garrison Artillery from Ennismorun. He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory medals, served in France.

3378 PTE JOHN MCDONAGH 8th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers of Chapel Road (now known as Lahinch Road), Ennismorun. John was known as Joachim, He used to sell the holy objects like rosary beads statues etc. outside the Church at all the Holy Missions held in the church. I have seen the medals awarded to
Joachim as they were shown to me by his late Son Timmy, and the medals are the Military Medal for Gallantry in the Field, 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. John was the second highest military decorated in Ennismostyn, second only to Peter Loftus Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M.). These 2 soldiers were the only 2 highly decorated in Ennismostyn. See Peter Loftus above mentioned in this book for his details. That is not to say any of the others mentioned in this book is no less important as Peter and Joachim are or their medals that were awarded to them. Sufficiently they went that little extra and got their higher medals in the awards and decorations rolls.

3660 PTE JOSEPH O'BRIEN Royal Munster Fusiliers of Deerpark, Ennismostyn. Joined in Limerick on 27-1-1915. Next of Kin Mother Bridget O'Brien Ennismostyn County Clare, also his wife Mary, son Thomas He only served 88 days and was discharged under Kings Regulations Para 392 (XVII1 K.R.). No medals were awarded as he did not serve overseas in the army.

7497 PTE JOSEPH O'BRIEN age 19-3 months when enlisted in Ennismostyn on 7-12-1909. Mobilised in Tralee 7th of August 1914 and posted 8-8-1914. Joseph served in Gibraltar, East Indies and B.E.F. France. Medals awarded to Joseph were India general service medal with 1908 bar for the North West Frontier, 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Name and address of next of kin wife Hannah, looks like her maiden name was Absa Ennismostyn. Date of marriage 8-2-1912. They had a daughter Abbee, (it looks like as I cannot understand the writing) Christina was her middle name. Joseph was discharged 7-4-1919, after a gallant military career.

5540 PTE STEPHEN SCULLY Royal Munster Fusiliers Monastery Lane Ennismostyn. Medals awarded to Stephen were 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. Theatre of war France. Qualifying date for his medals was 28-11-1914, less than a week earlier and Stephen would have qualified for the 1914 Star. Criteria for award of 1914 Star was 5th of August 1914 to 22-11-1914. No exceptions are given; this is applied strictly as you can see from Stephens Official Military Medal Card. Stephen was transferred to class 2 for demobilising.

248473 GUNNER JAMES FITZPATRICK Royal Field Artillery New Road Ennismostyn County Clare Ireland. 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory medals.

205361 LGD/SEAMAN (= to Corporal in the Army), JAMES MILLS Newtown Street, Ennismostyn. Served on H.M.S. Cumberland, medals awarded to James 1914 Star, British War, and Victory.

10682 PTE PATRICK REEVES 2nd Battalion Connacht lived in Ennismostyn, did not say what part of the town. Enlisted on 8-5-1913 in Galway. Discharged on 23-3-1914, was discharged for Misconduct but the officer discharging him did say in his defence, that this man did not misconduct himself with a view to discharge, but Patrick was not finished, he re-enlisted as 4122 Pte in the Connacht Rangers found fit for service on 21-3-1913. Age at that time was 17 years 6 months, and again he was discharged, reason given “Having joined the regular army” the Connacht Rangers on the 13-5-1913. Next of Kin was his brother John in Queenstown Cork now known as Cobh. I will say this about Patrick, he did try to change his life as a soldier but the army were not interested, he served a total of 107 days. So no overseas and no medals, at least he can be proud that he did try but no success.

6572 PTE EDWARD MCDONAGH 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Age on enlistment 20 years. Enlisted in Ennis on 4-8-1900. Edward was discharged 31-3-1920. He was mobilised on 5-8-1914 in Tralee, and posted on the 6th of August 1914 to the 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Edward served in India 1902 to 1908. Also South Africa 1901 to 1902, and B.E.F. France, 1914/15/16/17. Edward served a total of 19 years and 290 days. Medals awarded to Edward were India General Service Medal with a 1908 bar for the North West Frontier, Anglo Boer War Medals, Queens South Africa with clasps Cape colony, Orange Free State, Kings South Africa with clasps 1901 and 1902. Then in 1914 to 1917 Edward was in the Great War. Medals awarded to Edward were 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Edward served in 3 different campaigns and got 6 Medals. Edward was the father of Tessie Hill, Main Street, Ennismostyn and when I was talking to Tessie she told me that her father Edward and Johnny Connele were the best of friends and parted around together as they were in the same places during the 3 Campaigns. Johnny Connele has the same number of medals as Edward. He was discharged on the 31-3-1920 on termination of engagement. That is what I call a gallant and distinguished Military Career. Edward died on the 16-8-1950. The signature of the priest that signed his death certificate was Rev J.A. O'Halloran C.C., Saint Michaels, Ennismostyn. Date when signed 13-9-1950. According to Edward's age on his Enlistment he would be 70 years old when he died.

5805 PTE MICHAEL DAVOREN 3rd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers Churchill, Ennismostyn. Michael was a Baker worked in Killenora. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. Theatre of war: France. Qualifying date for medals 17-12-1915. States his address as Killenora on his enlistment documents. Age last Birthday 27, first joined for duty 16-8-1915 in Limerick. So according Michael was living in Killenora before he moved to Churchill.
I found the following details of a man from Ennistymon in the Australian Army but it was a short service in the Australian Army.

**World War 2 era enlistment.**

JOSEPH THOMAS DALY, Australian Army, service number QX24849 Date of birth 21-2-1906, place Ennistymon Ireland. Date of enlistment 1-1-1942; place Townsville, Queensland Australia, Next of kin Francis, Date of discharge 12-1-1942. Posting at discharge Northern Command Reception Camp Australia. No reason given for his discharge. I included this man as he was born in Ennistymon. He did try for the Army and more that likely has since died as he was in the Army he is included among our honour roll. This I got from the nominal roll of Australian Army World War 2. I have all the rest from this Nominal roll but they are from other parts of Clare - Ennis, Corofin, and so on.

35447 PTE S. SHERLOCK Leinster Regiment. This was on a disc that was found some time ago and I took the details off the disc. This disc was found in Joe Flaherty garden was digging a few years ago he showed me the disc and then gave it to the present day relatives of this soldier. I did search the military documents but no trace of this soldier could I find all that remains is this disc with the details on it. The reason I could not find his records are that Hitler's Luftwaffe bombed Britain during World War 2 and hit the building where the records were kept. A very large number of servicemen documents were destroyed during this time by fire and water to quench these fires that raged after the bombings.

I see some information about a Paddy Sherlock in the library but his records are also destroyed. Next I found 1806 PTE THOMAS SHERLOCK of Ennis, Co. Clare but he was born in Ennistymon. He had two enlistments in the Army. 1st service. 1806 pte Thomas Sherlock, Leinster Regiment. Thomas enlisted on 28-5-1887 and he also stated that he served in the 5th Battalion of the Royal Munster Fusiliers but no other details of this fact given, his age 18 years old. Thomas was the son of Patrick and Ann Sherlock of Ennis Co. Clare. According to his service records he did not serve overseas only home service as noted in his documents. Thomas was discharged on 28-5-1889. Reason for discharge was “Termination of Ist period of limited engagement and his conduct was good”. Place of discharge was Birr Co. Offaly, he stated his intended place of residence would be Ennistymon Co. Clare. During Thomas enlistment he was not involved in any campaigns being fought at this time so no overseas service and no medals awarded. Next service noted was $6649 Pte Thomas Sherlock in 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers age 43 years. Thomas next of kin was his wife Catherine Sherlock formerly Ward from Bogberry, Ennistymon. Sadly only 2 sheets of his record have survived and only limited information on same. Thomas joined at Tralee and was posted on 13-9-1915 to above regiment and found fit for service. Thomas service was also home service here and after 242 days was discharged. He did however get a pension from the Army on 31-3-1916 but no other information ex-
ists. I include these soldiers as they did serve but not overseas and no medals.

Militia man from Raheny Ennistymon Co. Clare Ireland. This man’s details are as follows:

349 GUNNER THOMAS CASEY, Royal Garrison Artillery, age 54 years Parish of Raheny Ennistymon, address Thomondgale, Limerick, name and address of his present master, Mr J Burns, Limerick. Trade on enlistment, smith’s helper, previous service in Clare Garrison Artillery 6 years time expired. Enlisted in Ennis Co. Clare on 23-4-1907. Brief description of recruit on enlistment. Height 5 feet 7 inches tall, Girth when fully expanded 36 inches range of expansion 2 inches, Hair dark turning grey, religion R/C, Medical exam done by a civilian Medical Officer, A. Greene. Next of kin his wife Mary Casey and has 2 addresses first Thomondgale, Limerick, next Sixmilebridge Co. Clare. This man’s details has a lot of water damage so reading this slowly to get maximum information from documents, Thomas was discharged from service on 23-8-1910. This is all I could make out, I found this man by chance searching for someone else. So another to add to list in Army service from Ennistymon. This man served in no campaigns so no medals were awarded.

6416 PTE JOHN CONNOLLE as stated in his enlistment records. 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. He enlisted 10-1-1900. During this service he served in the Anglo Boer War 1900-1902. John was awarded the Queens South Africa Medal with clasps of Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal, and the King’s South Africa 1901 and 1902 clasps. After he came back from Anglo Boer War and some well earned Leave. John was off again to the North West Frontier in the East Indies, where he got the India General Service Medal with the Bar for the North West Frontier in 1908. John stayed in the service until World War One broke out and of course he was off again and served as 3031 Pte 13 Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps. John continued his service until late 1917 and was awarded the following medals 1914 Star, British War and Victory medals. So John served in 3 different campaigns and 6 medals and not even a scratch. There are others that have same service as John, John’s friend, Edward McDonagh (Tessie Hill’s Father). Tessie told me that her father and Johnny Connole as he became known, were very good friends, they both served in the same places and had the same service details. Johnny returned after his gallant military career and worked in the Imperial Hotel in Lisdoonvarna. He married a Bridget Fitzgerald, but Bridget and her baby died after the birth of her baby. Johnny kept working in the Imperial Hotel in Lisdoonvarna until he retired as head hall porter known as “Boots”. This was also told to me by the late Jim Blackwell who knew all the townspeople of Ennistymon and beyond. There are other people in Ennistymon who gave me information but they wish to be kept anonymous so I will honour their request and not mention them by name. I wish to thank you all for the help and the information you gave me.

John had a brother, Patrick also in the service here is his information.

PATRICK CONNOLLE had 3 service numbers and 3 different Units. 31576 Gunner PATRICK CONNOLLE Royal Artillery, 5576 Pte in the Royal Munster Fusiliers, and 669727 Pte in the Labour Corps. Patrick was born in 12-11-1886 to 17-1-1900 and then Gibraltar and Malta, from 18-1-1900 to 21-10-1907, carried on in his service annual training until World War One. When the Great War started, and like his brother, he was off to serve in the war. Patrick got a gunshot wound on right fore arm, but not fatal and he remained until he could be fit again to carry on which he did. Medals awarded to Patrick 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. They were the uncles of the O’Halloran’s of Churchill, as their mother Mary married a Michael O’Halloran of Churchill Ennistymon. See the O’Halloran’s military history earlier in this book. Between both families the O’Halloran’s and the Conhole they fought in the Anglo Boer War, India in the North West frontier, Malta, Gibraltar and Salonika, The Great War 1914 to 1918, and the 2nd World War and Korean War 1950 to 1953. So that is some big military service between the two families, which we the O’Halloran Family are extremely proud of their military service records. You may even say that Mary O’Halloran was the mother of all recruits with her 4 sons and 2 brothers in army service at one time or other. Also Mary had to suffer the bitter loss of her son Patrick who died of wounds in 1915 and buried in France. Mary was glad when the rest of her family came back from the Great War 1914 to 1918. With her brother having the scar of where he was wounded in France, they all learned of the loss of their brother and nephew when they all got home from the war it was indeed a sad time for all of them, as they too lost their friends in the war also. There was not a street or lane way who did not have a son or husband or uncle or father in the “Great War”. Sadness of a lost loved one touched all of the families across the whole of Ireland. Today by the book I salute all of our gallant brave men and women who served and died and to those who survived and are now dead. May their service and gallantry they showed in the field of battle never be forgotten. As God says in the Holy Bible “There is no greater gift that a man can give that lay down his life for his fellow man”, and the Irish were not for wanting in that respect. May their bravery and their gallantry they showed in the field of battle be never forgotten, they gave all their tomorrows for all our todays and tomorrows.

Above I mixed a few survivors with those who died because they are related in part one of this book now on to those who survived and are now dead and gone from among us.
300861 SAPPER ROBERT ATCHESON Royal Engineers from Ardmaculla South, Ennistymon. Medals awarded were British War and Victory, no Star mentioned in his medal card 34. No other information exists of Robert.

8392 PTE. JOSEPH O'BRIEN Royal Munster Fusiliers Deerpark West, Ennistymon. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. No further information on the map found.

7497 PTE. LANCE/CPL. JOSEPH O'BRIEN Royal Munster Fusiliers age 19 in 7-12-1903. Enlisted in Ennistymon on above date, Mobilized in Tralee on 5-8-1914. Joseph served in the Mohmand Expedition, North West Frontier, Kargali, E.F. France 1914/15/16/17/18/19. Medals awarded to Joseph were India General Service with a bar for the North West Frontier 1908, Great War Medals awarded were 1914 Star, British War, and Victory. Joseph continued in service until he was transferred to Z Class for demobilisation date 7-4-1919, place Cork. Joseph served a total of 16 years and 116 days. Joseph died on the 4-12-1961. Home address was Lahinch Road in Ennistymon. All above information was got from Joseph's official military service documents.

45348/4044 two service numbers SGT ANDREW O'BRIEN Royal Irish Fusiliers and Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Abbey View, Ennistymon. 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. Qualifying date of medals 17-12-1915, Theatre of war France. This information was got from his official medal awards card. No other information found.

601/650/42210 RIFLEMAN/PTE PATRICK O'LOUGHLIN Royal Irish Rifles and Royal Munster Fusiliers, and Connacht Rangers. Medal: India General Service Medal of 1908 to 1935. This is the only medal that was commissioned for that period in England. Next of kin wife Susan O'Loughlin (formally Murphy) of Bogberry, Ennistymon. Patrick's Medal card states he got British War medal no mention of Star or Victory, but he did join in 1915 so he must have got the 1914/15 Star and the Victory as the war was still being fought, and was discharged in 1918, I think that proves my statement.

2363 PTE PATRICK O'LOUGHLIN Royal Munster Fusiliers Enlisted in Tralee on 6-8-1887 from Kilmanah, Ennistymon age 21. Served in East Indies 10-10-1887 to 9-10-1888, 1 year 36 days. South Africa 5-6-1900 to 1-8-1902, 2 years and 55 days; home 2-8-1902 to 3-8-1903. Next of kin: Father Simon, residing in Ennistymon. Medals: Queens and Kings South Africa with clasps but no mention of casps, Kings South Africa has 2 clasps 1901 and 1902. Patrick served a total of 16 years of service. New name on list.

2492/7966/284966 GUNNER HENRY MILLS Cork Royal Artillery age 42 years, from Ennistymon. Enlisted in Ennis on 15 July 1916. Final Medical exam in Spike Island, Cork on 19 July 1916. Next of kin Mrs Elizabeth Mills formally Carrig of Ennistymon date of marriage 30-4-1910 in Saint Michaels, Ennistymon. Discharged in 26-12-1919. Served 9 years in his 3 service numbers, noted on his service record; he was promoted to Corporal and then to Sgt. Received a 3rd and 2nd and 1st classes of Education during 1898. Now according to Henry's service record, he served in Bermuda 10-12-1898 to 4-11-1901, 2 years and 330 days, Esquimalt where that peculiar named place is, he served here from 5-11-1901 to 28-12-1903, 2 years and 54 days, Next Hong Kong 29-12-1903 to 29-1-1906, 3 years and 49 days, Home 22-12-1909 - I day. No mention of medals awarded to Henry I cannot understand this. Henry served almost 8 years overseas and no medals but was promoted up to Sergeant, to me this sounds like a very good soldier but no medals. There is something wrong here and I cannot figure this out. According to Henry's Death Certificate he died on the 10-10-1944 at home in Ennistymon aged 71 years. His wife Elizabeth reported his death and was registered 16-10-1944 by Dennis O'Dwyer Registrar of Births and Deaths at his office in Ennistymon. There is a one Penny stamp on this certificate. This information came from a true copy of Births and Deaths number 227, in the registrar of Births and deaths in the County of Clare. I took another look at his service sheet on medals, decorations and annuities and no mention of medals and as he did not serve on any campaigns this may be the reason why he got no medals. He did serve overseas but fought in no campaigns reason explained on further examination of his service sheet.

As I was searching the Lahinch roll of honour I came across MIKE O'MAHON from Ennistymon. His record served as 1736 Pte Royal Irish Regiment Special Reserve Date of enlistment 2-10-1914 age 34. Trade Labourer Birth Parish Ennistymon. Formerly served in the Clare Artillery for 7 years but no other details of this enlistment mentioned in his enlistment documents. Discharged as medically unfit on the 21-10-1914. Next of kin his sister Mary formerly Blake Ennistymon. On examination of his service record he was found fit for service 2-10-1914. This made me look closer at his service record. He was examined in Cashel on 2-10-1914. Being non-effective and discharged as medically unfit for service on 21-10-1914. Michael service table document states he arrived in Channel on 3-10-1914 station Fenomy 19-10-1014. Now if the army though they were finished with Michael they were wrong. I found a second enlistment for him and the details states his address as New Road Ennistymon age 34 and 7 months, service number 5517 Pte 4th Battalion Connacht Rangers, place Ballinasloe Co. Galway date 4-2-1915. He states next of kin Mary Baker address Carrickmally, Lisdoonvarna. Discharged under king's regulations under Para 392, the Army found out about his previous service that is why he was discharged. I will say this for Michael in his defence he did try to join and stay in the Army and go off to war but was not to be. You cannot beat the Army on checking you out. Michael was examined by F.W. Rutherford F.R.C.S.I. Civilian surgeon and approved by a Lieutenant L.B. Thornhill. I cannot make out all the scirble but what I can make out is something was wrong with his left leg which prevents him from marching, the rest is a scirble. The last item at bottom of report is Discharge recommended by above mentioned Lieutenant L.B. dated 18-3-1915. On the 12-3-1915 it states that
he had a fractured ankle and was not properly healed and this is why he could not march. Michael was anxious to join up but did not give his injury enough time to heal this is what I read between the lines as I was a medic in the Irish Defence Forces. I have a good knowledge of all soldiers’ illnesses and injuries suffered and the amount of time the healing process can be. When I was a medic in the Irish Defence Forces I routinely did my part of the medical exam after the soldier to be would have given his enlistment details and would them report to Medical aid centre in the Barracks and I would, give him urine sample bottle for checking his urine and then I would check it with a labstick to see if his kidneys were o.k then weigh and measure him and write all down and then I would bring him in to the Doctor for him to medically examined. Then the Medical Officer would take a blood sample from the potential recruit for blood grouping, and then approve or not approve his enlistment after he was given a full medical exam. Then if he was enlisted his next visit to the Medical Aid Centre would be for his inoculations for cholera FCT and the lump of sugar with the anti Polio in the sugar. I then learned to do temperatures, Pulse, respiration, blood pressures, and various medical administration duties as a medic too many to list here. I only put this in to give you the reader an insight to medical examinations and how they were done in the Irish Army in the 80’s.

Commonwealth War Graves in Ennistymon Cemetery which is on the east side of town and belongs to the Clare County Council. There are 5 World War One graves.

G/534 PTE FRANCIS DAVIS Depot Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, formerly 5990 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of Mrs Bridget Davis Churchill Ennistymon. Died 8th December 1918. Medals awarded are 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, and Victory. Also was awarded for illusen listed to action, a Silver War badge. Date of enlistment to army was 15-11-1906 and date of discharge 21-5-1918. West part south of ruin.

3178 L/SGT PATRICK HEGARTY 3rd Battalion Irish Guards. Husband of Margaret Hegarty. Died 23-2-1920. Medals awarded 1914/15 Star British War and Victory. According to his medal card he is listed as a Cpl and on his head stone he is listed as a Lance/Sgt. The only way of explanation is he was at home and promoted to L/Sgt before he died in service and was given a full military honours funeral. Age at death 30, buried in east part of cemetery. L/SGT Patrick Hegarty was the grandfather of the Faulconbridges who lived up the Ministers Road, Ennistymon.

DM / 2/225827 PTE THOMAS HEAVY Royal Army Service Corps served as Thomas Barlow alias. Died 8-4-1919. age 36 also was an M.T. Driver R.A.S.C.

Medals awarded 1914/15 Star British War and the Victory Medal. Also awarded a Silver War Badge for wounds received in action. Date of enlistment in the army was 21-9-1916 and date of discharge 2-12-1918 in south eastern corner of west part of ruin. Thomas also received a silver war badge.

5/6832 PTE SIMON NEYLON 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Died on 22-7-1916 buried in west part south of ruin. No medals found after a long search of records.

2444 PTE JOHN REIDY Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Died on the 5-7-1919 age 31. Son of Mrs Margaret Reidy of Bogberry, Ennistymon. Medals awarded 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. buried south of the gate leading from the west to east part of cemetery. Date of entry to war was 17-10-1915.

I got an email from Leonard Faulconbridge in Coventry, England asking me to look up his grandfather’s brother, Andrew Hegarty and this I did and found only one Andrew Hegarty survived the war and was the brother of L/Sgt Hegarty who is buried in the old cemetery as per details above. I now list his information as per medal rolls card as no other information exists as they were destroyed in the bombings of London during World War Two as a large amount of documents were destroyed by fire and water and thanks to the National Archives in Kew, Richmond, London who pieced what they could out of what information was left and create some information for present day relatives to find. This was by no means an easy task as so much was lost. I now list details I found after a search of documents, 9773 CPL ANDREW HEGARTY Royal Munster Fusiliers, Qualifying date for issue of medals was 13-8-1914, Andrew received the 1914 Star, British War and the Victor medals and also a Silver War Badge List / 1942.

This is now the end of Ennistymon Roll of Honour updated Details of this Book part so next up the Lahinch area Soldiers Details that I have.

LAHINCH ROLL OF HONOUR DETAILS

90996 MT DRIVER JOHN BARRETT Royal Engineers Lahinch County Clare, medals awarded to him were 1914/15 Star, British War and the Victory. Date of enlistment 29-9-1915. This is all I found of John Barrett on his Army official medal card.

MATTHEW BARRETT I found 3 by that name but as no service number I cannot say which the Matthew Barrett that is in the list is. Here is the 3, I found R7358 Pte King’s Royal Rifle Corps. Date of enlistment 18-11-1914, date of discharge 2-8-1915. Discharge reason given as Sickness no mention of type of sickness but was awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory medals also a silver war badge.

DM / 2/225827 PTE THOMAS HEAVY Royal Army Service Corps served as Thomas Barlow alias. Died 8-4-1919. age 36 also was an M.T. Driver R.A.S.C.
15229 PTE MATTHEW BARRETT South Wales Borders date of entry therein 5-9-1915. Theatre of war France class Z for demobilisation 10-4-1919 medals awarded 1915 Star British War and Victory.

5500 PTE MATTHEW BARRETT Coldstream Guards, Date of entry therein 30-8-1914 Medals 1914 Star British War and Victory. Without his service number I cannot tell which Matthew Barrett this is so if you the reader can help I will be glad of your help here.

MAJOR RICHARD DE ROSS ROSE Royal Irish Rifles medals awarded to him were 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory. Lahinch. Served in Gallipoli Turkey Date of entry therein 7-7-1915.

307085 PTE PATRICK WOULFE 13th Battalion “The KING’S Liverpool Regiment” left U.S.A. to enlist Birthplace Ennistymon but to Lahinch Parents, Patrick and Mary Woulfe, Lahinch. Residence Lahinch. Medals awarded to Patrick were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory.

5795/A ABLE SEAMAN MARTIN MCDONAGH H.M.S. Cormorant Royal Navy from Lahinch County Clare. Medals awarded 1914 Star, British War, and Victory.

7492 PTE MARTIN RUSHE Irish Guards from Lahinch. He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory medals.


There were only 5 Sailors named Flanagan, in the Royal Navy during the Great War and each time I searched JOHN FLANAGHAN the only one coming up is 191 Rank D.A. Royal Navy; he was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory and in 1923 was awarded the Royal Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. I have put in his military details several times and no other Flanagan comes but this W Flanagan, so I am fairly sure this is him. The military records can only show the details that were told to the Military Authorities at the time of enlistment.


Commemoration details: Tincourt New British Cemetery, grave reference number IV.E.17, Somme France. Tincourt Cemetery can be located on Google maps. Tincourt is a village about 7 Kilometers east of Peronne and Tincourt. The cemetery is on the west side of the village just off the D199.

There were 2 more names on the Lahinch roll but no details were found after a very extensive search of all documents of the army of these 2 names. They are Gus Shea and William Cartick. No details found as they had no regiment number and no regiment details of any kind to guide me in the search. Names only are not a good guide as without the army regimental number and regiment served in it is impossible to find any matching material which would help to narrow these 2 men down. Also exact address on enlistment. I did not get any hit on William Cartick and the Shea’s are in the hundreds. I did try all the G in the name of Shea and no information was found. I am saying if these 2 gentlemen served all their records are destroyed in the World War 2 bombings of London the building where the records were stored. This ends the Lahinch roll of honour.

This completes the list from Ennistymon who died in the Great War 1914 to 1916.

Men from Ennistymon who served in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force and who enlisted for service in “The Great War 1914 to 1918”

410680 PTE PATRICK BARRINGTON 38th Battalion Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces from Caherconlish, Ennistymon. Trade: Fireman, date of birth 9-9-1893. Next of kin Father Peter. Date of enlistment 7-5-1916, place Lindsay, Ontario, Canada. Apparent age on enlistment 21 years and 7 months. Height 5 feet 9 inches range of expansion 4 inches. Complexion dark, Eyes brown, Hair black Religion R/C. Medical Officer who examined Patrick for enlistment was Lieut. J.M. McCulloch M.O. in 38th Batt Can Exp O/ seas Forces. Patrick’s enlistment was approved by Lieut. Col M. Edwards officer commanding 38th Batt Can, Expd Forces. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory.

73535 PTE JOHN CONWAY of Ennistymon, date of birth 13-7-1877. Trade at enlistment was labourer. He states he was in British regular for 7 years previously. Next of kin Father Patrick.

Date of enlistment 27-10-1914, this document does not say where in Canada he was enlisted. Apparent age on enlistment 37 years and 3 months. Brief description of recruit Height 5 feet 10 inches, complexion dark, eyes grey, hair black Religion R/C. Patrick was approved for enlistment on 27-10-1914 medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory.

3082090 PTE THOMAS PATRICK DAVIS, present address at the time was 41 Rock Street, Lowell, Mass. U.S.A. Place of birth was Ennistymon. Next of kin Mother Mrs Bridget Margaret Davis 41 Church Street Ennistymon. Date of birth was 14th of November 1880. Trade was a Labourer. Previously served in Royal Munster Fusiliers for 7 years. Thomas Patrick was approved for enlistment
on 14-2-1914 in Montreal, Canada. Apparent age on enlistment was 37 years, 8 months. Brief description of recruit Height was 5 feet and 11 inches, Girth when fully expanded was 38 inches, and range of expansion was 3 inches. Complexion Medium, Eyes blue, Hair dark brown Religion R.C. Medals awarded were 1914 Star, British War, and Victory. Written on bottom of form is 7:1:19. Which I understand would be his discharge date in 1919.


349009 DUGALD ROBERT JOHNSON present address 16 Overdale Avenue Montreal Canada. Town or parish where born Ennistymon, Co. Clare Ireland. Address of next of kin 1 Cabra Park, Dublin, Ireland. Next of kin Father William Johnson, date of birth 19-6-1890. Trade or calling Shoe salesman, date of attestation 15-4-1916. Brief description of recruit on enlistment Height 5 foot and 9 inches tall, girth when fully expanded 35 inches, range of expansion 3 inches, complexion Medium, Eyes Blue, Hair Dark, religion Church of England. Date of enlistment 4-4-1916. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory.

116317 LEONARD GALWEY FOLEY Pte 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, Town or parish where born Lahinch County Clare Ireland. What is the Name and address of your next of kin and relationship, Mrs E.G. Foley mother at 8 Grosvenor Road Dublin Ireland. Martial status single trade or calling Civil Engineer, Place of enlistment Vancouver British Columbia Canada. Date of enlistment 31-3-1915. Medals awarded were 1914/15 star, British War, and Victory. Leonard Galwey Foley's father was manager of National Bank in Parliament Street, Ennistymon. There was only 1 man from Lahinch in this list so I put him in here at the bottom of this list.

There were 2 more listed from Ennistymon but I got no details when I searched for them their details are as described next.

3105822 PATRICK O'CONNOR Pte Can Exp O/sea Forces. Date of birth 7-3-1892, and 488 PTE PATRICK REIDY born 2-6-1892, both were born in Ennistymon. No matter what way I put in the info in the internet search, I got no hits of any of the two men and 488 is an incomplete number as you can see of the above numbers of the other men from Ennistymon and Lahinch. There are more men listed from other parts of Clare but I am only doing Ennistymon, Lahinch and Liscannor in this book. I may do the rest of Clare next year but there are a big list of names to check out and write up so this will have to be next year as there will be a lot of searches of military documents to be done and then transcribed in the next book. I also have a list of Claremen from World War 2 who enlisted in Australian forces and possibly a third book in the offing so watch out I am not finished with this subject yet. I do hope you the reader will like this book as all the information is based on the enlistment documents at the time. So be patient and wait. Also I would like to point out that the medals awarded to above men from Ennistymon are based on their enlistment dates on their respective enlistment documents.

Next number of names of men from Ennistymon who served in Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) Light Horse Regiment 2nd Reinforcement

741 JOHN FRANCIS DWYER of Ennistymon trade on enlistment Labourer age 40 years and 10 months. Next of kin Father Patrick John Dwyer of Ennistymon Co. Clare, Previous service Royal Artillery. Unit 2nd Australian Light Horse. Joined on 2-11-14, medals awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory. Killed in action in Gallipoli 7-8-1915. Memorial details: Quinn's Post Cemetery Anzac Gallipoli Turkey. Identified casualties here are 473 are buried and 294 of the burials are unidentified.


2164 JOHN MCDONAGH Ennistymon, age 25-7 months. Next of kin Father John McDonagh. Trade on joining labourer date of joining 31-1-1916. Unit 4th Australian Pioneers Battalion. Date of discharge due to Asthma 23-4-1918. Medals awarded were 1914/15 Star, British War, Victory.


3095 DANIEL NEYLON Place of enlistment Sydney New South Wales (N.S.W) Next of kin Mother Jane Neylon. Place of birth Lahinch. Co. Clare. Unit was 7/36th Battalion. Age 30 years and 9 months Trade Labourer. Joined on 13-3-1917. Medals 1914/15 Star and British War and Victory. All Medals and decorations Forfeited under Royal Pay Warrant 1226. Date of discharge under royal pay warrant 16-1-1918.
7266 PTE TO 1/CPL JOHN HOWARD M.M. Born Ballyvaughan County Clare Ireland; age 24 years and 4 months. Trade or calling: Police. Name and address of next of kin Mrs Bridget Howard Derryavaba, Murragh Post Office, Ballyvaughan. Joined on 15-5-1916. Brief description of Recruit on enlistment, Name Thomas Howard age 24 years and 4 months, Height 6 feet And 1 half inches, Weight 182 lbs, Chest measurements 40 and a half inches, Complexion Medium, Eyes Hazel, Hair Brown, Religion R/C, found fit for active service on May 15-1916. Place of enlistment Darling Downs Recruiting Depot, Toowoomba AIF. Embarked Sydney 24-1-1917, disembarked Devonport 12-4-1917, Was promoted Cpl then reverted to Pte 6-5-1917, Promoted again to E/B/Sgt 15-4-1917. Proceeded to France from Devonport via Southampton 18-10-1917, arrived France 31-10-1917, then Pte and was appointed to L/Cpl 3-5-1918. These changes in rank were through his wishes and also his appointments in different areas of responsibility. On 27-2-1919 Thomas was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. His “London Gazette” reads from Australian Imperial Force Base records office Victoria Barracks Melbourne Australia. Dear Madam I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from 6th supplement number 30940 to the London Gazette dated 4-10-1918 relating to the conspicuous service rendered by the undermentioned member of Australian Imperial Force awarded the Military Medal for Bravery in the field, his Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal for Bravery in the field to the undermentioned Regimental number 7266 Rank L/Cpl T. Howard. The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette number 23 dated 12-2-19. Your Officer L/C rins base records. Other medals awarded to Thomas were 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. Also Thomas was wounded in action, gun shot wound left foot, in France 25-8-1918, discharged from AIF on 31-5-1919. All above medal entitlements got from their official military documents.


2ND LIEUTENANT PATRICK DOHERTY 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, son of John and Lizzie Doherty age 26, from Catherkinalla, Kilshanny, Co. Clare. Died of wounds received in action on 1-8-1917. Grave reference number XIV. A. 18. Cemetery Lussenhoek Military cemetery West – Vlaanderen Belgium. 1 have inquired to CWGC why no medals were awarded to this officer, but no medals listed for this officer, strange that he died and no medals awarded.

3938 PTE MICHAEL WHELAN 2nd Battalion Connaught Rangers, Son of Mrs Winifred Whelan of Fatherlaughoe Cottage, Carron, Kilnaboy, Co. Clare. Died on Saturday 7th of November 1914 age 21 years. Medals awarded to Michael were 1914 Star, British War and Victory.

Commemorative information Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Yper West –Vlanderen, Belgium Panel 42. Ypres now called Ieper is a town in the province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the Town on the road to Menin and Courtrai and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of Ypres Salient in the First World War. Also on this memorial is Guardsman Thomas McGinn from Ennistymon, Co. Clare. Ireland. See his details in the group of men from Ennistymon who died in the Great War 1914 to 1918. The number of casualties listed on the memorial panels in 54,406. I was there a few years ago and visited the Menin Gate Memorial. I was with a group from North and Southern Ireland. One of our party of veterans carried the union colours and one of theirs carried the Irish tricolour. This was a great event and no problems at all. We marched from the hotel in Ypres in Menin to the Menin Gate for rendering honours to all our war dead and we had the Ypres Fire Brigade Buglers to play last post. On our march back to our hotel there was a group of old soldiers wearing Belgian Army uniforms and they saluted the parade as we passed, it was a great thing to see. They are saying at home our first female president Mary Robinson made bridges and our second female president Mary McAleese made them walk across these bridges but on that day in Ypres we marched across these bridges both from North and South as a group of veterans remembering our war dead from both jurisdictions united for one big reason, remembering our war dead. This was also done in the spirit of peace and reconciliation and to further peace between north and south and we all thought it went very well, new friendships were made that night and continue to this present day as I am a member of the Island of Ireland Veterans Group. We have a saying, in a room full of old soldiers there are no strangers but friends who have not met yet. I found this to be very true and I am proud of our veterans north and south that are members, all ex-servicemen and women from both sides and no divisions or borders come between us.

I have 5 men who are from Ballyvaughan and their details follows and this brings me to end of names of the North Clare area.

9511 PTE THOMAS GLYNN 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers age 30 years old. Son of James and Bridget Glynn of Ballyvaughan Co. Clare. Thomas was awarded the following medals 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory.

Commemorative information: Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz Somme,
France Grave Reference number I. F. 20. This cemetery is on the right hand side of D929, Amiens - Albert-Bapaume, and 10 Kilometres east of Albert. From Albert take the right turn at Y Junction (102nd Infantry Brigade Memorial). After the Routsiers restaurant on the D20. Follow on the D20 through Ovillers / la Boisselle and Bazentin, then after 2 kilometres the cemetery is singposted onto a 750 Meter mudtrack. The cemetery is accessible by car.

9510 PTE JOHN GRIFFIN 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers Born Ballyvaughan Co. Clare, son of John and Bridget Griffin of Ballyvaughan Co. Clare age 24. John enlisted in Ennis Co. Clare; killed in action in Gallipoli, Turkey on 25-4-1915. John was awarded the following medals 1914/15 Star, British War, and Victory. Qualifying date for medals 25-4-1915. Balkan theatre of war. Commemorative information: Helles Memorial Gallipoli, Turkey Panel 185 to 190; this memorial bears over 20,000 names and in both memorial to the Gallipoli Campaign and to the men who fell in that campaign and who's graves are unknown or buried at sea in Gallipoli waters (other than Australians, New Zealanders, Newfoundlanders who are names in other memorials). Inscribed on it are the names of all the ships that took part in the campaign and the titles of the Army formations and units which served in the Peninsula. The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula; it takes the form of an obelisk over 30 meters high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

6740 PTE AUSTIN FRANCIS RYAN 3rd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers. Son of Mrs Ryan of Fanore, Ballyvaughan Co. Clare. No age listed and no medals listed either. This man enlisted in Llanelli, Carm., Wales. Memorial details Cobh Old Church Cemetery. Co. Cork grave reference number C. 24. 54. The cemetery only is a half mile north from Cobh Railway Station belongs to Urban District Council. The cemetery covers 3 and a half acres and, apart from the War graves contains a plot for those men from the "Lastania" whose remains were washed ashore. The War Graves which are largely scattered, total 130.

9407 PTE JOHN KEANE 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers born Ballyvaughan Co. Clare. Residence Lisdoonvarna. Date and place of death 27-8-1914 in India, Asiatic theatre of war. Medals awarded to John were 1914 Star, British War, Victory. Memorial Taukkyan Myanmar. This cemetery is situated within the war cemetery which is outside Yangon (formally Rangoon). This cemetery commemorates 18 servicemen of the 1914 to 1918 war and 26 servicemen of 1939 to 1945 war.

Men from Liscannor in Royal Navy and Army in the Great War 1914 to 1918.

121724 C.P.O. WILLIAM T BETTENSON Irish Southern District Queenstown, Cork. Medal roll book page 501 states that he was awarded the British War medal and Silver Star for being wounded in action, no mention of a Star or Victory. The medal award roll book does not indicate what date the medals were awarded to each sailor.

2343/C SIGNALMAN MICHAEL FITZMAURICE H.M.S. King George V. medal roll book page 231 states he was awarded the 1914 Star, British War, and Victory.

166605 L/S STEPHEN P HOGAN (Leading Seaman = to Corporal in Army) Royal Navy Barracks Chatham, medal roll book page 330 states he was awarded the 1914 Star, British War, and Victory.

1980/C SIGNALMAN JOHN REEDY H.M.S. King George V. medal roll book page 432 states he was awarded the 1914 Star and British War and Victory.

30419 SGT MORTIMER O'BRIEN Royal Army Medical Corps had 2 address one in Ballyefelly Liscannor, Co. Clare and 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. Date of entry to war was 27-8-1915. Mortimer was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory medals as per details of his medal card.

5263/A PATRICK CLAIRE SIGNALMAN H.M.S. Vivid. Medal roll book page 448 states that he was awarded the 1914 Star, British War and Victory.

53955 A/CPL TO A/SGT = ACTING CORPORAL AND ACTING SERGEANT JOHN DOWLING Royal Army Medical Corps. Medal card states that he was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War and Victory medals.

6976/A A/S TO PTE IN ARMY MICHAEL HAYES H.M.S. Vivid medals awarded as per medal roll book page 508 1914 Star, British War and Victory medals.

R/34558 CPL THOMAS HIGGINS Kings Royal Rifle Corps, medals awarded as per medal card Victory and British War, no star mentioned in his medal card. Also a Silver war badge for being wounded in action. SWB List /M/ 1221.
7493 CPL MICHAEL HIGGINS Irish Guards 2nd Battalion. Killed in action in France 15-9-1916. Born Liscannor, Co. Clare. Medals awarded were the Military Medal for Gallantry in the Field and 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. Date of entry in France 17-8-1915. Memorial details Thiepval Memorial Somme France Pier and Face 7 D

G/28279 PTE MICHAEL MCDONAGH Royal Irish Fusiliers, died in India on 2-9-1918. Enlisted on 19-5-1915. Michael was living in Dublin when he enlisted in Naas Co. Kildare. Formally 26134 Pte Royal Dublin Fusiliers and was born in Liscannor Co. Clare. Medals awarded to Michael were 1914/15 Star, British War and Victory. Also his medal card states his mother and father wrote for his medals to be sent to them. The details on his medal card are almost faded away and make his medal card difficult to read but it is readable just about. Memorial Details: Memorial Taikkyan Country: Myanmar (formerly Burma) This memorial is 35 kilometers north of Yangon (formerly Rangoon), it is on the PY1 road and is about 15 kilometers from the Airport and can be easily seen from the road.

220987 JOHN MCDONAGH A.B. = able seaman. H.M.S. Attentive “11”. John was born in Liscannor, Co. Clare Ireland. Medal roll book page 62 states John was awarded the 1914 Star, British War, and Victory medals.

8687 SERGEANT GEORGE DOHERTY Royal Irish Rifles 2nd Battalion, killed in action on 7 July 1916. George enlisted in Belfast. Theatre of war: Western European Theatre. Medals awarded were 1914 Star, British War and Victory. George was a native of Liscannor Co. Clare. Memorial details: Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 15 A and 15 B.

Translation of official records in the French war office.

36421 JOHN JOSEPH BARRETT born 2-5-1890, in Ennis County Clare Ireland. Parents Sylvester and Johanna Barrett. Enlisted from 10-9-1914. Occupation Accountant. Volunteered for duration of the war at the local Barracks Dunkirk North Department. Physically present from 10-9-1914, recruitment number 192. John was awarded the Croix De Guerre with a Silver Star for a divisional citation, which stated at a time when he was advancing at the head of his squad of Riflemen on the assault of a heavily defended enemy trench he was killed by the enemy, 20-4-1917. Place of death Aubertive in the Marne, France. His rank was a corporal at the time of his death, as according to his service record he was promoted corporal 1-9-1915 under army order number 93. John Joseph is a relative of the Barrett family, Glencree, Ennistymon. I thank his present day family for giving me this information that live in Derragh, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Letter to the Editor of Clare Journal, Monday Evening January 4th 1915

Comforts for Soldiers
Sir,

Please allow me through your widely read paper to return my most sincere thanks to those kind ladies in Ennistymon and neighbourhood who have aided me to supply garments to our brave soldiers. Over 200 useful articles have been forwarded, some to the Red Cross Society and some direct to soldiers in the battle line who came from these parts. As I am here for sometime Mrs Crawford, Ennistymon Rectory, has kindly consented to take my place during my absence and give out materials for continuing the good work of making warm garments for the gallant men who are risking their lives in the defence of our country and empire.

I am Sir, your obedient servant
Violet Macnamara, Ennistymon House
December 30th 1914.
The Kaiser knows the Munsters
by the shamrock on their caps,
And the famous Bengal Tiger
ever ready for a scrap;
And all his big battalions,
Russian Guards and Grenadiers,
Fear to face the flashing bayonets
of the Munster Fusiliers.

Memorial Plaque, known as the “Widow’s Penny” awarded posthumously to Patrick Halloran, Churchill, Ennistymon who was killed on the 29th April 1915 at the 2nd Battle of Ypres.