Ennis and the Great War

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The New Clare Great War Memorial in Ennis

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.

The Ennis Great War Dead
It is estimated that over 1000 men and women from Ennis took part in WW1. Below is a list of 509 of these men and women. Over 147 of them lost their lives in WW1. 13 won Awards of Gallantry. Many were wounded.
Ennis 1914:

- Ennis was the unrivalled market town for agricultural produce in Clare due to large farms south and west of the town and numerous small farms north and east.
- In turn the town provided many goods and services to farmers.
- Ennis was untouched by the factory system. The only signs of industrial activity were 2 mills and a printing press, which employed 31 people.
- Most people worked for themselves, their families or other small employers.
- Tradesmen who did not work for themselves, joined the unskilled labourers in the construction industry for Local Authorities or small private firms where work was seasonal.
- Women were typically unskilled and were mainly domestics, cleaners and laundry workers for hotels, hospitals and affluent families.
- Ennis had a rigid class hierarchy which was reflected in the operation of ‘members only’ social clubs. These clubs limited members to a certain socio-economic group.
The Regiments that Claremen fought with came from the following Provinces or Countries.
Con Aylward: Church St (Abbey Street) Ennis. 2 brothers Joe and Willie also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard. (CJ) (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) Cornelius Aylward: Kildysart. He was a Hair Dresser aged 26 when he enlisted in Aug 1914 into the 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers 151. He served with the Med. Ex. Force 1915/16. He was discharged for medical reasons in June 1916. He was a widower (his wife Mary Carey was deceased) and they had 2 daughters Christina (dob 3/1/12 The Union Ennistymon) and Mary (dob 3/5/08 Ennis).

Joe Aylward: Church St Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1914. 2 brothers Con and Willie also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard. (CJ)

Willie Aylward: Church St Ennis Army Service Corps. (CJ) Major Wm Aylward: Ennis. Royal Army Service Corps. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1918. (SR) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 180. 2 brothers Joe and Con also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard.
Concerted efforts at recruiting for the Forces would seem to have reached a high point in 1915, when atrocity stories of German actions and the mistreatment of nuns became a regular feature in the local press. The sinking of the *Lusitania*, on May 7th of that year, caused recruitment to rise to 40 per day in Ennis. It was reported that Major Wilfred Dulcken had recruited over 2,000 men at the Ennis Depot between 3 February and 14 June. *Sean Spellissey*

It is estimated that Ennis supplied over 1,100 soldiers that fought in the Great War. The War Office had its recruiting office in 32 Abbey Street (Enzo’s Fast Food today). 538 of those who enlisted were members of the Ennis and District United Labourer’s Association. (Formed in 1910, dissolved in 1944 when it joined the ITGWU).

SR Feb 15 1919
Visits from bands formed part of the recruiting campaign. The band of the 8th Battalion of the Royal Munster Fusiliers visited Ennis twice while the Irish Guards Fife and Drum band also paraded.

A more high powered effort in the recruiting campaign was undertaken in early August 1915, when the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Wimborne, conducted a recruiting drive in the county. A good reception awaited him in Ennis, where the platform included all the members of the UDC, some of whom, like T.V. Honan, were later to be prominent in Sinn Fein. However, the tide of enthusiasm would seem to have been on the ebb, as, just one month later the Ennis UDC declared itself against conscription.

Public service employees, such as members of the RIC, Post Office workers and Local Authority officials were expected to join the colours. The RIC recruits usually enlisted in the Irish Guards, a prestige regiment whose members usually exceeded six feet and enjoyed an impeccable reputation.

Clare Journal Nov 1915
**Abbey Street / Church Street**

**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)

He was a civilian passenger on board R.M.S. 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, Anglesey, North Wales. Over 500 died in the tragedy. Other Clare people who died in this tragedy were Delia & Nora Davoren, Nellie Hogan, John Coyne, Margaret and May O'Grady.

**Abbeyview House**

**Abbeyview House** became known as Remount House during WW1 when it was the home of **Patrick Howard** the Veterinary Surgeon, who was a purchasing agent for the British Army. He also supplied the RIC with transport and horses. During the War years the price of horses rose to between £25 and £45.

During the week there has been considerable buying of horses for the British Expeditionary Forces. It is reported that Captain O'Grady, Mr T Lloyd and Mr PJ Howard, veterinary surgeons have bought up to 200 horses at prices which made the soldiers jubilant. They attended Midtown on Tuesday, Killkee the following day and also Ennis, with a batch of horses dispatched to Limerick.
**Sergeant Thomas Sheehan**: 4 Ahern’s Terrace Ennis. He was a tailor aged 18 when he enlisted in July 1900 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6557. He served in South Africa in 1902. He served with the ASC during WW1 in Egypt. He was discharged in 1919. ([British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com](https://fold3.com))

**Private Michael Quan**: 6 Herrings (Ahern’s) Terrace, Ennis. He was a labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in Nov 1914 in the Leinster Regiment 7th Bn 1199. He was discharged in April 1915. His father was James Quan. ([British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com))

Corporal J A Hayes MM: Royal Engineers. Former General Post Office Clerk in Ennis, awarded the Military Medal in August 1916 ‘For bravery displayed at the battle of the Somme’. ‘He has received the congratulations of his Commanding Officer Captain Gerard W Williams R.E., who writes ‘I congratulate you and feel sure that if you carry on as you have done that other and higher decorations will come to you’. And so are his old friends in Ennis.’ He is from Hospital in Co Limerick. He enlisted in 1915. (CJ)
**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 Belgium. 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*.

‘His Colonel writes “He had been out with his men digging trenches and putting out wires and was hit on his way back after finishing his job.” SR Oct 1917. His brother William Perrott died in 1919. In his Intermediate examination ‘he obtained a first place in Ireland in Chemistry and Greek Testament, intending to study with the view to taking Holy Orders. (TB)

**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.
Corporal Joseph McCormack: Barrack Street Ennis. He was aged 34 when he enlisted in Feb 1919 into the Royal Irish Regiment 26150. He had previously served for 13 years with the Leinster Regiment and the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was discharged in Oct 1920. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)
Lt Abrahall: 12 Bindon St Ennis (currently Casey’s Solicitors). At the end of 1915 he was appointed recruiting officer for the county, with the Ennis Barracks as his HQ. New recruits were requested to call to Sgt Connolly’s offices, Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis. His father Rev Abrahall was the Church of Ireland Minister for Drumcliffe until 1919. (Joe Power).

In 1915 the Rev Abrahall was elected horory treasurer of the newly formed Prisoners of War Aid Fund Committee. They moved across the road to 3 Bindon St in 1918 (Bindon Street with Bank Place by Lucille Ellis).

Rev T H Abrahall. Bindon St. He succeeded Rev Griffith as Rector of Drumcliffe Ennis from 1907 to 1919. Rev Abrahall was an excellent golfer and sportsman. He played in the exhibition match that formally opened Ennis Golf Club in 1908, when he played off scratch. By 1912 he was off +2 and became the first Captain of the Ennis club. In 1919 he retired as Rector due to ill health and moved to Rostrevor Co Down.
Mrs G de L Willis: 1 Bindon St. Husband of Mr G de L Willis was a Town Commisioner. The Co Clare Needlework Guild meetings were held at her house (of which she was Secretary) in 1917 and 1918 and the ‘Comrades of the Great War’ Ennis Branch met there in 1920.

Lady Inchiquin also promoted the Queen’s Appeal in 1915 with Mrs Willis of 1 Bindon Street. This was a charity for unemployed women and girls in great distress. (Joe Power)

The Clare Needlework Guild Honorary Secretary was Mrs G. de Laval Willis. In 1915 she acknowledged the receipt of £5 from Mrs F N Studdert of Templemaley, of the proceeds of a raffle; also 35 pairs of socks; £1 from Col Tottenham, Mountcallan, and shirts and socks from Mrs Maunsell, The Island, Clarecastle.

In Dec. 1915 she was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.

Nurse Annie Galvin: British Red Cross. 4 Bindon Street Ennis. Service from 19th Dec 1916 to 13th July 1917. VAD. (redcross.org.uk)

Captain Molony: Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps. ‘He was not lost as feared. News has been received that he is a POW in Germany’ May 1918. He was the son of Mr J B Molony Solicitor 4 Bindon St. (SR)
Captain Robert Hornidge Cullinan: 6 Bindon St Ennis, died 8th Aug 1915 age 34 at Suvla Bay, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th Bn, G/M in Turkey. Son of John and Martha Cullinan 6 Bindon Street Ennis.

Lt James Richard Colfer: Born in New Ross Co Wexford. Worked in the M & L Bank in Ennis (Provincial Bank). Killed in action 26th Feb 1917 age 25, 9th Royal Munster Fusiliers (then the 8th and lastly the 1st Bn RMF), G/M in France. (TB)

Driver Thomas Francis Molesworth Greene: Provincial Bank, Ennis. Born in 1885, aged 30 when he enlisted in 1915. Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) 130930. He was married to Roberta Waring and they had a son Francis John Molesworth. He survived the War.

Oct 1915

Mrs Cullinan also collected fresh fruit and vegetables for sailors in 1915. (Joe Power)

The purpose-built Provincial Bank of Ireland (1864), designed by William George Murray (1822-71), stands on the south-east corner of Bindon Street and resembles a small Italianate palazzo with its arcaded openings and corbelled roofline.

The cool grey quality of the limestone construction appears to echo the palette of the house erected by William Greene on the north-west corner of the street.

Bindon Street Ennis

Oct 1915

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Maurice Michael Mulcahy: Bindon St Ennis. Father of Patrick below, was aboard the SS Ocean when it was torpedoed off the Dardenelles. He was a Sexton of St Columba’s Church. He survived the war. His son Patrick died in 1917 in France. (P McN)

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 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 Dardenelles. (TB)

‘He was up at an advanced dressing station with me and was in a trench that was blown in. His comrade was killed, and both were buried. Your son was dug out and brought to the station, where he passed away….He was one of our best.’ Captain Rea RAMC SR Nov 1917. The 108th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps served with 36th (Ulster) Division. In 1917 they were in action at The Battle of Messines, capturing Wytschaete and in the The Battle of Langemarck during the Third Battles of Ypres and the The Cambray Operations where the Division captured Bourlon Wood.
Charles Newman Blood: Rockforest House, Corofin, Co Clare. Royal Field Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Flying Corps. Born on the 10th June 1887. He was the son of Bagot Blood and Florence Studdert and a brother of Bindon Blood. In Oct 1926 he married Nellie Flora Leng. He died on 10th Feb 1961 age 73. He was an engineer and lived at La Vallee Bray Co Wicklow.

Captain Bindon Blood: Rockforest House, Corofin, Co Clare, died Sept 1915 age 33, Royal Flying Corps. Mentioned in Despatches. G/M in England. He was born on 30th Dec 1881. He was the 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.

These choir stalls were erected in the memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the great war 1914-1918.

Capt. R.H. Cullinan RMF Cpt Thos. Moody Irish Guards
Lieut. G.W. Maunsell Pte. E.A. Nightingale Hants.Rgt
**General Sir Bindon Blood G C B G C V O :** Cranagher House, Spancel Hill. Born 1842. He had joined the Royal Engineers when aged 18 and served in the Zulu War, the Afghan War and in India. He was credited with shooting 57 tigers. In 1914 he was made Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Engineers, and worked to recruit soldiers for WW1. He died in 1940. His wife Charlotte died in 1948. They are both interred in Corofin Churchyard.

**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 in Jerusalem. (TB)

He is also commemorated on a Memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis.
John Fogerty Wooden Cross, from Voormezeele Cemetery, Belgium.

‘In loving memory of
Lt. J. F. C. FOGERTY
227 FD. Coy. R.E.
Killed in action
24.9.17’.

To the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

Lieut John Fredk Cullinan Fogerty
Royal Engineers,
Killed in Action at Ypres 25th Sept 1917
Aged 21
‘I thank God upon every remembrance of you’
Phil 1.3.

IN
Loving Memory of
Lieut William Perrott Fogerty
57th Wilde’s Rifles: F.F.
WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT
WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN EGYPT
Oct 19th 1919
Aged 20 Years
Buried at
Alexandria
“TREASURES IN HEAVEN”
MATHEW VI.20
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.

**Major George Macnamara:** Ennistymon House, died May 1917 age 27 near Loos, Wiltshire Regiment. G/M in France. Just before he died he was Mentioned in Despatches. *(TB) (CJ)* ‘Youngest son of Henry Valentine Macnamara, of Doolin and Ennistymon House, by his wife Elizabeth Edith...Served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from October 1914, when his regiment was overwhelmed by immense superior numbers near Ypres. As Transport Officer and unaccompanied, he 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, was invalided home, but though far from recovered in health, took up home duty in February 1915. In June 1916 he was sent to France...and was killed in action at Hill 70 near Loos, 25th May 1917.’ From De Ruvigny’s Roll of Honour.
The Ennis Brass Band playing at a political meeting during the war years. The venue is the Borheen in Ennis, now Marian Avenue.
Private Martin Goulding: Borheen Ennis. Aged 30 when he enlisted in 1915. Connaught Rangers 6922. His mother was Johanna Goulding. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Edward Hassett: Born in Ennis 1865. Before the war he served with the Connaught Rangers 3356. He was aged 54 when he later enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers. He was married to Mary Bane in 1889 and they had 3 children, Delia, John and Edward. They lived in the Borheen Ennis. Served in the Great War. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

Gunner Stephen Reynolds: Borheen Ennis. Aged 27 when he enlisted in 1918. Royal Garrison Artillery 285806. He married Lilly Curtin in Sept 1916 and they had a son. He had previously served for 9 years with the Leinster Regiment until 1916.(British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Stephen Reynolds: Born in Corrovorrin, lived in the Borheen, and later Killoo. Born in Ennis on 31 Dec 1890. He was a professional soldier who served with the British in India and who was brought back to Europe during WW1 and fought in France. He was wounded there but survived. He was given a soldier’s house in Killoo and died there in 1946 aged 56. He was buried in Corrovorrin Cemetery. He was the son of James Reynolds and Margaret Quinlivan, and a brother of James Reynolds who died at Rue Du Bois in May 1915. (Eric Shaw)

Stephen Reynolds from Borheen, Ennis, enlisted in the 3rd. Bn. Leinster Reg. 4-11-1908, Army number 8945. This was a reserve Bn. never saw action overseas. However Stephen is also mentioned in Medal Card as having been in 1st Bn. of the Leinsters .It’s not usual for soldiers to be transferred between Bns. Or indeed into other Regiments/Corps.

Stephen was not involved in the war in Europe until after 1915, as he was not awarded the “1914-15 Star”. Records show that the 1st. Bn Leinster were in Fyzabad, India. At the outbreak of war, but they were in France by Dec 1914. Anyway sometime during the transfers between Bns. Stephen was in action as he was awarded the other two medals. He was discharged 14-3-1916 and was issued with the Silver War Badge number 197636. IT appears that the reason was not wounded but“sick”. The term “neurasthenia” is mentioned in later docs. This would equate with the modern condition of “Post traumatic stress disorder”, or possibly “Shell shock”. (Eddie Lough)
Sapper Francis Coonerty: Brewery Lane Ennis. He was 31 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Engineers 97770. His mother was Ellen Coonerty. He was a bartender before the War, which he survived.

Private Thomas Timmins: Brewery Lane, Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 10120. POW in Germany May 1915. (CJ) Dec 1915 (CJ)

George Brady: Born and enlisted in Ennis (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 Greece. (TB)

Private Flynn: Butter Market Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers. POW in Germany in May 1915. (CJ) Private P Flynn 8231 along with Corporal W H Flynn were the only 2 Flynn’s that were on the RMF POW list. Private Flynn: Butter Market Ennis. He was a POW in Limburg in May 1915. Possibly RMF. He was mentioned in a letter from Drummer Hynes to Mr P E Kennealy UDC in May 1915 CJ(TB)
Gunner Patrick Coughlin: Cahercalla, Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1902 into the Royal Garrison Artillery 10455. He was discharged on the 17th Feb 1914. He served in Gibraltar and Malta. His parents were Michael and Mary, and brother James. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Cahercalla House Ennis

Margaret O’Gorman: from Cahercalla was a nurse in the Great War in London. (source General Kelly Kenny letters to Matthew Butler Kelly NLI) Margaret Gallery

Chapel Lane Ennis

Thomas Coughlan/Coghlan: Chapel St, Ennis, died at home 5th April 1916, 2nd Leinster Regiment, G/M in Dublin. Son of Mrs E O’Leary.
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 France. Son of Michael and Mary Coughlan ‘The Cottage’ Circular Road, Ennis. Missing in Action Sept 1916. (CJ) (TB)

Michael Kearse: Circular Road, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Labourer aged 31 when he enlisted in 1906 in the Royal Irish Regiment 9044. He served with the BEF 1914-15 and was discharged in Sept 1916 for medical reasons. His mother was Mary Kearse. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Private John Brennan: St Flannan’s Terrace Clare Road, Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1916. Prince of Wales’s Leinster Regiment (5424, 703101 & 669724). He had seven children. His wife was Anne Fitzgerald. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com) J Brennan: Ennis. Leinster Regiment. Wounded in July 1916. (CJ)

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 in Turkey. (TB)

Patrick Daly: 21 St Flannan’s Terrace Ennis. He was aged 35 when he enlisted in 1915 in the 33rd Labour Company. He married Delia O’Brien in March 1899 and they had 3 sons and 1 daughter. He survived the War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Michael Donnelly: 39 Clare Road Ennis. Aged 19 when he enlisted in 1918. Royal Field Artillery 261395. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
**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 in Thiepval 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.

He died shortly after being hit with shrapnel in the leg. ‘I was side by side with him when he was hit,’ reveals Lieutenant William Kingston ‘and he left no message. I am sure you will feel it very much as I am told he was the father of seven children. You will get his correspondence in due course, which includes one letter which came from you an hour before he was hit. I miss him very much in my platoon, as he always showed a manly spirit. He was a brave soldier in every detail and I speak for the whole platoon in this. I assure you he was well liked by his comrades and as regards myself being his platoon officer he gave me the utmost satisfaction. His body is nicely interred and a cross erected. I personally attended to his wounds and saw to all possible comfort for him while he lived after being hit.’ he added. (Joe O’Muircheartaigh, Clare in the First World War, Clare People 23rd May 2017)

**Francis Haugh:** Lived at 43 St Flannans Terrace Ennis, died 27th Feb 1920 age 22 (illness ? or wounds?) in the Central Military Hospital in Dublin. Royal Irish Regiment 25355 (South Irish Horse Secondary 1909), G/M in Drumcliff. 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.

**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 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)

**John McMahon:** 17 Clare Road, Ennis, 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers (previously with the 2nd RMF). Wounded in July 1918. (SR) He was a porter with the Great Southern and Western Railway.

**Private Michael McNamara:** Clare Road Ennis. Aged 30 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Engineers 66612 (& Royal Munster Fusiliers). He was a labourer. He lost a thumb but survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Michael Morgan: Clare Road, St Flannan’s Terrace, Ennis. Born 14th June 1881. He served as an artillery gunner for the duration of the war. His medals were taken to America by a daughter and were later sold from a road side stall as bric-a-brac. From A Terrace of Houses (St Flannan’s Terrace Centenary Book). Gunner Michael Morgan: Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in 1902 with the Royal Garrison Artillery 12594. He fought in France from Aug 1915 to the end of the War. He was discharged in April 1919. He married Elizabeth McNamara in March 1908 and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. His 2 brothers Ralph and James also served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Guardsman Patrick O’Malley: 39 St Flannans Terrace, Ennis. He was aged 21 when he enlisted in Nov 1919 into the Irish Guards 14570. He was discharged in Jan 1920. (British army WW1 Pension Recordsfold3.com)

Cornelius Shanahan: Ennis. Royal Engineers. In 1900 he fought in the Boxer Rebellion in China. At the outbreak of the First World War, he was mobilized, along with thousands of other reservists. Medal Index Cards indicate that he was awarded the 1914 Star and clasp for service ashore in France and Flanders between 5th August and 22nd November, 1914, along with his British War Medal, and an Allied Victory Medal. Cornelius Shanahan was discharged from the Army on 22nd March, 1918. He returned to Ennis and made his living as a painter, a family tradition that could be traced back four generations to 1790. His descendents are still involved in the painting and decorating business to this day. Clare Museum. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles) Sapper Cornelius Stephen Shanahan: 2 Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis Co Clare. He was a Painter aged 19 when he enlisted in 1899 in the Royal Engineers 3636. He served in China and Hong Kong 1900-02, and in Gibraltar 1902-05. He joined the BEF in Sept 1914. He married Mary Hartigan in July 1907 and they had 3 sons and a daughter, 23 Clare Road Cottages Ennis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Gunner Michael Tierney: 12 Cottage, Clare Road, Ennis. He was aged 28 when he enlisted in 1915 in the Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 3681MR. His father was John Tierney. He was discharged in Feb 1919. He died on the 29/3/1927 in the County Home in Ennis.

Private Patrick Tierney: St Flannan’s Cottage Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 39 when he enlisted in 1914 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6180. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
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 Turkey. Son of Mrs M E Colgan Clonroad Cottage, Ennis.

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 in Thiepval France. (TB)
Lance Corporal James (O’) Halloran: Claureen, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Farm Labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in 1911 in the Irish Guards 3810. He served with the BEF from Aug 1914 and received a gunshot wound to the chest in Nov 1914. He was discharged in May 1915 for medical reasons. His father was Martin Halloran. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)


Private John O’Halloran: Claureen Ennis Co Clare. He was a Fireman aged 26 when he enlisted in 1915 in the Irish Guards 7602. He served until April 1920. His mother was A O’Halloran. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Sapper Michael O’Halloran: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a Gardner aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915 in Melbourne in to the 5th FCE 4th Reinf. 6549. He was wounded in action in France in April 1918 (gun shot wounds to the thigh). His mother was Annie O’Halloran, Claureen Ennis. (UNSW)

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 Turkey. Husband of A K Shipley, Claureen, Ennis. (TB)

Claureen House

Delia Davoren: Claureen House, Ennis, died Oct 1918 age 37 on the RMS Leinster, a nurse in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe.

Nora Davoren: sister of the above, died also on the RMS Leinster and also nursed in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe.
St Claire’s Terrace – The Soldier’s Houses

Patrick (Pappy) Neville: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment, discharged May 1915. ‘Private Neville was wounded at Ypres on February 18, 1915. Conditions were terrible in the trenches during that bitterly cold winter of 1915 with soldiers knee high in liquid mud. After returning from one of his 48-hour stints in the trenches, Pappy was given the job of looking after a number of shellshocked men. However a medical officer ordered him and his charges back to the trenches. Subsequently, when his battalion were withdrawn from the line at St Eloi, they neglected to inform Pappy and the shellshock victims with the result that he suffered frost bite and had to undergo the amputation of one foot and partial amputation of another’. Pappy Neville was the last World War 1 veteran in Clare to die at the age of 102 in 1992. Joe O’Muircheartaigh Clare People.

Clonroad House

In June 1917 Mrs Knox fundraised for the Ennis Sub Depot of Irish War Hospital Supplies in WW1. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 pages 142.
Garry Moloney: Cloughleigh. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers. Brother of Peter. He survived the war and returned to live in Ennis. Son of John and Alice Moloney. (PMcN)

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 Grenay 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.

Sergeant Edward Reynolds: Cloughleigh Road, Ennis Co Clare. He was a Clerk aged 30 when he enlisted in Oct 1914 in the Connaught Rangers 1302. (He had previously served for 12 years with the Connaught Rangers). He was with the British Expeditionary Force in France 1915, 1916 and 1917. He was discharged in Jan 1919 with shell shock. He was admitted to a Hospital in Warley in 1928 and died there in Jan 1947. He married Bridget in March 1908 and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) Sgt E Reynolds: Ennis. Connaught Rangers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CJ)(Limerick Leader)

Dulick

Lt. P F Hassett: Ennis. RAF. Son of Mr Michael Hassett Dulick, Ennis. Demobilised in 1919. He went to Argentina where he secured a good position under the River Plate Aviation Co. The Buenos Aires papers describe ‘how the young airman, conducting forty passengers, including Senor Baltar, agent of the Casa Superangel Co., piloting an Airco apparatus of the Co., gave a flight which was watched with the liveliest interest by the populations of the various towns.’ SR July 1920.
Ordnance House / Erasmus Smith Academy

It was used as a base for Belgian refugees, and later as a nursing home for the wounded sent back from the front. It is now a Music and Language School.

Capt W.T. Deane OBE: He had worked in the Ennis Ordnance Survey when younger. He was with the Royal Garrison Artillery in the Boer War. He was promoted to Lieutenant in March 1915. (His father was Colour Sergeant Benjamin Deane from Ennis who was in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and had 4 sons and 2 step sons in the War) (CJ) Capt Deane was on the Birthday Honours list in July 1919 and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire O.B.E. He was publicly thanked for his services in connection with important inventions in coast defence work. (SR)

Captain Rose C.E. (Chief Engineer): Killed in action Dec 1914. He was stationed at the Ordnance Survey in Ennis before the war. Taken from an article in the Clare Journal Dec 1914. (CJ) Could be Major Launcelot St Vincent Rose Royal Engineers. Killed in action 28th Nov 1914. Mentioned in Despatches. He worked in the Ordnance Survey in Ireland.
Private Stephen Flynn: Cork Alley Lane Ennis. He was a labourer aged 24 when he enlisted in 1905 in the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 8087 (and later the 1st). He was discharged for medical reasons in Sept 1914. His wife was Jane Flynn. He died in St Josephs Hospital on the 12/8/1961. His address then was Considine’s Terrace. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
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 in Turkey. 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)

Private Michael Duffy: Cornmarket Street Ennis. Born in 1890 aged 26 when he enlisted in 1916. The Labour Corps 7927 (also 137, 174694 & 68607). He was a clerk. He survived the War but was disabled with conjunctivitis. Son of Daniel Duffy. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

The British Legion Hall

There were a number of local support groups in Ennis during the war. These organisations mainly consisted of Anglo-Irish locals, some Nationalist politicians, clergy and ex-servicemen. At the end of the war many of these bodies were disbanded and others were amalgamated to form the British Legion.

Its members were mainly ex Army personnel and urban working class.
Mill View. Cornmarket Street Ennis

In Nov 1915 Mrs Mills attended a meeting at the Courthouse to form the Co Clare Prisoner of War Aid Relief Committee.
**John Leahy**: Corrovorrin, 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. ‘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 wth 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.’ (TB)

**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 in France. He was the son of James and Margaret Reynolds. (TB) He was a brother of Stephen. (Eric Shaw)

**Stephen Reynolds**: Corrovorrin. Born in Ennis on 31 Dec 1890. He was a professional soldier who served with the British in India and who was brought back to Europe during WW1 and fought in France. He was wounded there but survived. He was given a soldier’s house in Killoo and died there in 1946 aged 56. He is buried in Corrovorrin Cemetery, grave no. 33, in the South part of the cemetery. He was the son of James Reynolds and Margaret Quinlivan, and a brother of James Reynolds who died at Rue Du Bois in May 1915.

**In Loving Memory of Stephen Reynolds Killoo Clarecastle Who died 11th Jan 1946 His wife Elizabeth Died 30th Aug 1961 R. I. P. Erected by his Wife & Family**

**Corrovorrin Cemetery**

**Location**: 500m after you enter Corrovorrin, there is a narrow entrance on the left side.
Private John Fitzgibbon: Ennis. He was a Printer when he enlisted on the 9th Jan 1916 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6788. He was discharged on the 15th March 1916 as he made a 'mistatement as to age on enlistment'. His parents were Thomas and Mary Fitzgibbon Curtin's Lane Ennis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Cusack Road / Victoria Road

Westbourne House

Miss Parkinson daughter of Capt. Parkinson, J.P, a local gentleman and Treasurer of the County Infirmary. They lived at Westbourne. Miss Parkinson was elected to the Co Clare POW Aid Committee in Dec 1915.
Gunner Michael Fitzgerald: Drumbiggle. Ennis. He was a labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in Oct 1903 into the South Lancashire Regiment 7241. In 1904 he was transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was mobilized on the 5th Aug 1914 and served in France from Jan 1916 to Aug 1918. He was discharged in Dec 1918. He married Bridget Ryan in 1906 and they had 4 children, Mary, Bridget, Margaret and William. His parents were Thomas and Ann Fitzgerald, and brothers William and Patrick and sister Mary. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Martin Healy: Drumbiggle Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in Nov 1915. 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6703. He was discharged in April 1916 for medical reasons. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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 Helles Memorial in Turkey. Son of Mrs Ann Kearney.

Private James McMahon: Drumbiggle, Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Munster Fusiliers 6392 (and IRoyal Irish Rifles). He was married to Bridget Rockford on the 29 Sept 1889 and they had 3 children. He was a tailor, and he survived the War.(British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Drumbiggle Road

Tom O’Dwyer: Lived in Drumbiggle in Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was a carpenter. He lived on a British Army pension and died in his eighties. Brian O’Dalaigh. [This man is possibly Thomas Dwyer RMF 4836 IN 1 Bn. And later 2 Bn.] Eddie Lough

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 in Thiepval France. Son of Patrick and Margaret Rochford, Drumbiggle. (TB) He was reported missing in action in Sept 1916 in the Clare Journal. (CJ)

‘On September 3rd the Battalion moved into position at 3am for the attack on Guillemont…. The leading companies left their trench together with the 6th Bn Connaughts at 12.30am….. The enemy had been cleared from Guillemont and the Quarries and Battalion HQ was established in the village. At 2.35pm… the Battalion advanced as far as the sunken road east of Guillemont…. consolidating the position…. the failure of the Brigade on the left to make good its advance on Ginchy exposed the left flank of the Battalion, and three heavy counter-attacks preceded by artillery preparation had to be repulsed. The Battalion was relieved at 2am on the 4th September….. Casualties; 265 all ranks.’

W Warde: Drumbiggle, Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. ‘Previously reported believed taken prisoner at Kut-el-Amara, now reported exchanged prisoner of war and transferred to India’ Nov 1916. (CJ)

Thomas Moody: Waterpark Ennis, died at Derby War Hospital 27th Nov 1917 age 25, Irish Guards 2nd Bn, G/M in Drumcliffe. Son of William and Frances Moody Waterpark. (TB)

He was wounded in the abdomen on the 9th Oct 1917 at the Battle of Poelcappelle (part of the 3rd Battle of Ypres also known as Passchendale). 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)

The Battle of Poelcappelle (9th Oct 1917) was a defensive success for the German army, although costly to both sides. The weather and ground conditions put severe strain on all the infantry involved and led to many wounded being stranded on the battlefield.
Michael Hynes: 4 Fergus Row Ennis, killed in action 20\textsuperscript{th} June 1916 age 30 near Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8\textsuperscript{th} Bn, G/M in Loos 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.’ \textit{Sat Record July 1916. (TB)}

Whilst in the line (June 1916) the 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 13\textsuperscript{th} 1916...... Casualties whilst in the Loos Sector, June 17\textsuperscript{th} to July 3\textsuperscript{rd}: Killed – 36; Wounded – 130.’

Andrew Jones: Born in Cahir Co Tipperary, lived at No 6 Fahy’s Lane Ennis, died at home 24\textsuperscript{th} June 1916 age 47 (possibly from wounds at the Gas attacks at Wulverghem), Royal Engineers Unit, 24\textsuperscript{th} Div, G/M in Clare Abbey Cemetery Ennis.
William Leahy: Born in Dysart lived in Erinagh, Fountain Cross, Ennis, killed in action 6th Nov 1914 in the First Battle of Ypres, Irish Guards 1st Bn 4155, 2nd Div, G/M on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres in Belgium. Son of John Leahy, Erinagh Co Clare. (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 in France. (TB) Patrick McCormack: Toorna (Toonagh, Fountain). Born in 1895. (Sharon Carberry/ancestry.com) The 1st Connaught Rangers engaged in various actions on the Western Front including; The Battles of La Bassee, the 1st Messines and Armentieres. On the 05.12.1914 it amalgamated with the 2nd Battalion at Le Touret N.E. of the Bethune. In 1915 it fought in the Battles of Neuve Chapelle, Aubers Ridge, Festubert and Loos. On the 11.12.1915 it embarked for Mesopotamia from Marseilles arriving at Basra.

Daniel Neylon CBE: Toonagh, Ennis. He was the Chief Accountant in the War Office, and was Financial Advisor to the Salonika Expeditionary Force. In Jan 1918 he was conferred a Member of the Order of the British Empire and made a C.B.E. (SR) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 160. He was the son of James Neylon, the brother of John Neylon, Knockroe House, Boston, and the sister of Miss Neylon, the Matron of the Clare County Infirmary.

Edward Patrick Cullinan: Ennis, died March 1918 age 30, Lord Strathcona’s Horse, Royal Canadians, G/M in France. Son of Thomas and Angela P Cullinan. He died in ‘The Last Great Cavalry Charge’ of WW1. On enlistment he named his father Thomas Cullinan of Fountain House, Ennis as his next of kin.
Stamer Park Ennis
In Dec. 1915 J.F. Gelston, Chief Inspector of the RIC was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.

The Franciscan Church

Rev Joseph (Laurence) O’Neill:
Born in Dublin. He entered the Franciscan order in Ennis friary in 1883. He was chaplain in the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean during WW1. He died in Cork in 1949. ‘The Irish Sword’ Vol XXIII. The Franciscans.

The Rev Isidore James O’Meehan: Born 5/7/1867 in Ennis, died 19th Dec 1919 age 52 in Mesopotamia, Army Chaplains Dept, G/M 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.
**Private Patrick Ryan:** Gornakilla Lane, Market St Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 31 when he enlisted in Aug 1919 into the Machine Gun Corps 187771 (7814527). He had previously served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 8609 from 1907 to March 1919. He was discharged in March 1919. He married Bridget Woods in Nov 1916 and they had a son Christopher. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)
Michael Joseph Murray: Born in Ennis lived in 1 Harmony Row, Ennis, died 4\textsuperscript{th} Dec 1915 age 16, Royal Irish Rifles 3\textsuperscript{rd} Bn 8998. He is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery.

Green Lawn Harmony Row

Mrs Greene: Green Lawn. In March 1915 she donated £6 5s 3d from a Bridge Tournament towards the Munsters Prisoner of War Fund. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 32.

In Dec. 1915 she was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.

The Manse Harmony Row Ennis

Miss Irene Scott, The Manse, featured in a golf competition in Oct 1916 at the Ennis Golf Club to raise funds for the Co Clare POW Fund. ‘In her youth Irene was a fine badminton and tennis player and a left hander to be reckoned with on the golf course’. Clare Champion 1984.
The County Club was a part of Protestant culture and had an affluent membership that cost 6 guineas a year.

Edward MacLysaght who was a catholic was allowed to join, which was an exception.

Radical nationalism was despised by the members and a taboo subject.

The Committee was re-organised in 1910 in response to the Home Rule crisis. The Committee was: President Lord Inchiquin (Dromoland Castle), Lord Dunboyne (Knappogue Castle) as Vice-President, H.V.MacNamara (Ennistymon House) as Secretary/Treasurer, Marcus Keane (Beechpark) and O’Callaghan-Westropp (Lismehane House).

It was O’Callaghan and MacNamara who were the main movers in the Committee. They were 130 members of the Club. Clare notably was the first Unionist committee to reorganise.

The County Club at the Club Bridge was a sanctuary for Unionists. They were mainly the aristocracy, the landlords, British army officers and non-Catholic wealthy people.

Today it is now the Rowan Tree Hostel.
Private Michael Reddan: High Street, Ennis. Aged 57 when he enlisted in 1910. Army Ordnance Corps 034893. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Patrick Burke: Lifford Ennis. 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers. POW in Limburg in Dec 1915. (CJ). In July 1916 he and another 30 prisoners were taken to Manheim, where they were examined by German and Swiss doctors. Eventually, Pte Burke was sent to Switzerland, where he was again examined by doctors. After about a week he was informed that he was to be sent home to Ireland. Before that he was sent to recuperate at a place called Chateau D’Oey near Bern. He left Switzerland on 11th Sept and reached London on the 15th September and arrived back in Ennis on the 18th Sept 1916. The newspaper reported that he was in poor health. (Joe Power)


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

‘The Turkish retaliation set alight to the scrub.. the advance having to be carried out through the smoke and fire…. The Battalion, in the air as regards its right flank, was caught by a frontal and enfilading fire (from the flank). Very heavy casualties were suffered in consequence, and the attack failed…..Under cover of darkness the Battalion was withdrawn….killed, other ranks, 13.’ The ‘History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922’ by Captain S. McCance (TB)

Private Patrick Ensko: Lifford Ennis. He was a labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1904 into the 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 7509. He served in Gibraltar and India. He was taken prisoner on the 27th Aug 1914 at Etreux with the 2nd RMF. He was released in Dec 1918. His parents were Richard and Norah, and his brothers were Richard and Michael. Patrick Ensko: Clare. Royal Munster Fusiliers. A POW in Dec 1915 (CJ) (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)
**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 in Belgium. Son of Patrick Kelly, Lifford, Ennis. *(TB)*

**Sapper Edward Kerin:** Born in Ennis 1882. He was a Surveyor aged 21 when he enlisted in 1903 into the Royal Engineers 12684. He went AWOL in July 1907 and did not return on the 5th Aug 1914. His parents were John and Margaret Kerin, Lifford, Ennis. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

**Michael McGrath:** Lifford Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 18/4/1883. Born in Ennis Co Clare. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Vancouver in Oct 1915 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 464506 62nd Bn. His mother was Margaret McGrath Lifford Ennis. *(Library and Archives Canada)*

**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 France. He was also in the Royal Munster Fusiliers (6724). Husband of Mary McMahon Lifford, Ennis. *(TB)*

**John Meade:** Lifford Ennis. Aged 44 when he enlisted in 1918. Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 285974. He had previously served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers until 1917. He was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Lt Thomas Connolly: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment. Back in Ennis May 1915 due to severe frostbite. He returned to the front and received a great send off at the Railway Station in Ennis. (CJ). Mrs Annie Connolly: 5 Linnane’s Terrace Ennis. ‘Age 48. Husband enlisted August 1914. Invalided out 1915. Passed fit and returned to service April 1916. Eldest son enlisted age 15 and served five years in Woolich’. (Colonial Office London and Peter Beirne)
**Michael Hynes:** Lysaght’s Lane Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1915. No 5523. He had previously served with the 1st Liverpools. He was a musician.

**Thomas McNamara:** Lysaghts Lane Ennis. He was aged 45 when he enlisted in August 1919 into the labour Corps 69182. He was demobilised from the Royal Irish Fusiliers 1494 on the 24th March 1919. He had previously served in the Royal Munster Fusiliers for 4 years. His sister was Bridget McNamara, Lysaghts Lane. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Private John O’Donnell:** Lysaght’s Lane, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Groom aged 19 when he enlisted in May 1916 in the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 40914. He served with the BEF in France in 1917 and was discharged in March 1918 for medical reasons. His father was John O'Donnell.

**Private Thomas O’Donnell:** Lysaght’s Lane, Ennis. Aged 19 when he enlisted in 1915. Army Service Corps 085820. His parents were John and Anne O'Donnell. He was a clerk before the War.

**Thomas Roughan:** Lysaghts Lane, Ennis. He was aged 43 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers (Store Section). He had previously served with the Army Service Corps 638432, from June 1917 to Aug 1918., when he was discharged for medical reasons. His sister was Bridget Roughan, Lysaghts Lane. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)

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

**Private Patrick Tuttle:** Lysaghts Lane Ennis. He enlisted in 1915. London Regiment 4477. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Patrick Costello: Market St Ennis. Photo taken in June 1915. Ennis in Old Photographs. (Larry Brennan)

Peter Curtin: Market Street Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 16/8/1884. Born in Co Clare, he lived in Hartford Conn. USA. He was a Teamster when he enlisted in March 1918 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 3082611. His mother was Mrs Henore Curtin Market St Ennis. He enlisted in Windsor Nova Scotia. He had previously served in the ASC for over 6 years. (Library and Archives Canada)

Corporal John Griffey: Market Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 33 years when he enlisted in May 1908 into the Royal Field Artillery 42526. He served in 1914/15 in France with the 5th Div RFA, and then served at home with the 15th Reserve Battery until Jan 1919, when he was discharged. He married his wife Mary in 1908 and they had a daughter Mary. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Private Patrick Hehir: Market Street Ennis. He was aged 33 when he enlisted in 1915. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 230562. His mother was Ellen Hehir. He was a labourer. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com) P Hehir: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. In the Clare Journal as wounded in Oct 1916. Possibly at Guillemont or Ginchy. (CJ) Paddy Hehir: Lived in Drumbiggle in Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was wounded at the Battle of the Somme. He had a lame step and carried a stick. He lived on a British Army pension and died in his eighties. Brian O’Dalaigh.
**Private Patrick Hehir:** Market Street, Ennis. He was aged 33 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Munster Fusiliers 230562. His mother was Ellen Hehir. He was a labourer. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)


**Gunner Thomas Mahoney:** Market Street, Ennis. Aged 22 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Field artillery 205892. His father was Thomas Mahoney. He survived the war. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Private Thomas Mangan:** Market Street, Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA(AI) He was a Tailor aged 34 when he enlisted in 1915 and re-enlisted again in 1916 in NSW into the Depot Corps. His wife was Annie Mangan. (UNSW)

**Corporal John McMahon:** Market Street, Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in March 1900 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6472. He served in South Africa (1902) and the East Indies. He re-enlisted to the 3rd RMF in 1912. He was posted to France with the 2nd RMF from Aug 1914 to April 1918 when he joined the 1st RMF. He was discharged in Jan 1920. His married Mary Horan in 1912, and they had 3 sons, Francis, John and Christopher. His father was Francis McMahon. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**John McNamara:** Market Street, Ennis. 6ft 3in, Irish Guards. Brother of Michael Francis and Peter McNamara. *(CJ)* Fought previously in the Boer War.

**Michael Francis McNamara:** Market Street, Ennis, died Jan 1918 age 38 in Mesopotamia, Royal Army Service Corps, G/M in Iraq. *(TB)* Formerly with the RMF where he was awarded the Medaille D'Honneur and Diploma in 1915. He had three brothers who also enlisted. (John and Peter)

**Peter McNamara:** Market St, Ennis. Army Service Corps. Brother of Michael Francis and John McNamara. *(CJ)*
Private Thomas McNamara: Market Street, Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 41 when he enlisted in 1914 into the 5th RMF 6256. British Army WW1 (Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) Private Thomas McNamara: Market Street, Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Sept 1892 into the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 4182. He served in the Boer War 1901/02, Gibraltar and India. He was discharged in Nov 1913. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

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 on board the Star of India or Waimana for Suez Egypt.

Frank Poyne: Market Street, Ennis. He was a General labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Corps of Royal Engineers. His mother was Hannah Poyne. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

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

Private Charles Sexton: He was born in Kilrush, lived in Market Street Ennis. He moved to the Turnpike after the War. He was aged 40 when he enlisted in the Labour Corps 703096 in May 1919. He was discharged from the Royal Irish Fusiliers in Feb 1919 as he was medically unfit. He served with them for over 3 years. He married Mary Kate O’Loughlan in May 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

John Joseph Stack: Market St Ennis. Canadian Infantry. (CI) DOB 24/6/1880. Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Washington DC USA. He was a Waiter when he enlisted in April 1918 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 2500429. His mother was Mary Ann Stack, Market St, Ennis Co Clare. (Library and Archives Canada)
Michael Barry: Born in Kilmaley lived in Upper Market Street Ennis, died 12<sup>th</sup> April 1917 during The Battle of Vimy Ridge (9–12 April 1917), Leinster Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 5241, 17th Brigade of the 24th Division. G/M in Arras France. (TB)

Owen Carthy: Upper Market Street Ennis. Aged 41 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Army Medical Corps 69925. He had previously served with the Connaught Rangers. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

George O’Brien: The Upper Market Ennis, died of wounds 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 in the landings at V Beach in Gallipoli. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, G/M in Turkey. Son of Mr Martin O’Brien. (TB) Also reported wounded in Nov 1914 in Lincoln Hospital.

The Ennis United Labourer’s Association: This club was for unskilled labourers and was unlicensed. It was established in 1910 and was based in at a premises on Market Street known as the ‘labour Rooms’. It was more a labourer’s Union. They had a Fife and Drum Band which they marched behind at protests against employers and general meetings at the Labour Rooms. Ennis provided over 1000 men in WW1. 538 of them were members of the Ennis United labourer’s Association.
**Cornelius Shanahan**: Ennis. Royal Engineers. In 1900 he fought in the Boxer Rebellion in China. At the outbreak of the First World War, he was mobilized, along with thousands of other reservists. Medal Index Cards indicate that he was awarded the 1914 Star and clasp for service ashore in France and Flanders between 5th August and 22nd November, 1914, along with his British War Medal, and an Allied Victory Medal. Cornelius Shanahan was discharged from the Army on 22nd March, 1918. He returned to Ennis and made his living as a painter, a family tradition that could be traced back four generations to 1790. His descendants are still involved in the painting and decorating business to this day. Clare Museum. (See Clare WW1 Individual Profiles)

**Sapper Cornelius Stephen Shanahan**: 2 Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis Co Clare. He was a Painter aged 19 when he enlisted in 1899 in the Royal Engineers 3636. He served in China and Hong Kong 1900-02, and in Gibraltar 1902-05. He joined the BEF in Sept 1914. He married Mary Hartigan in July 1907 and they had 3 sons and a daughter, 23 Clare Road Cottages Ennis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Robert Lennon: Military Barracks Ennis. Aged 52 when he enlisted in 1914. Bedfordshire Regiment 18157, which he had previously served with. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

John Charles Slatterty: He was born in the Militia Barracks in Ennis in 1883. In 1898 he became a trained bugler in the Royal Munster Fusiliers (6823 RMF). (Larry Brennan) Served from 1897-1909. [Found a John Slattery RMF 5946 who was in the 8 Bn.]

Thomas Tuttle: Military Barracks, Ennis. He was a groom aged 19 when he enlisted in 1914. 8th Hussars 24842. His mother was Bridget Tuttle. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
At the end of 1915 Lt Abrahall was appointed recruiting officer for the county, with the Ennis Barracks as his HQ. New recruits were requested to call to Sgt Connolly’s offices, Military Road.

Ashline House Ennis

Bishop Fogarty lived in Ashline House until 1919 when he moved to Westbourne. Initially he supported the War, but then became a vehement opponent of it.
Richard Cole: Mill Road Ennis, died June 1917 age 23 on the SS Keeper (owned by J Bannatyne Limerick), Mercantile Marine Unit, G/M in England.

Gunner George Francis O'Donoghue: Mill Road, Ennis.Co Clare. He was a Barman aged 22 when he enlisted in 1904 in the Royal Garrison Artillery 1874. He was discharged in March 1915 for medical reasons. His mother was Ann O'Donoghue. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

The Ennis Club – Farmers Club

The Ennis Club, Mill Road (St Anthonys Terrace)

It was founded in 1870 for mainly the Catholic professional class, wealthy farmers and shop keepers. By then there was a strong nucleus of Catholic Doctors, Veterinary Surgeons and Lawyers etc in Ennis, with particular emphasis from the Old Infirmary, The County Home and the Lunatic Asylum. It still exists today.

The Ennis Club later got the nickname of the ‘Farmers Club’ due to the fact that many wealthy farmers and land stewards became members. They would come to town in their pony and trap and when finished their business would go over to the club for a drink and a read of the papers. There was a resident steward. (Oliver Moylan

Ashfield (Clarence Hall)

Mrs Arthur Green: In Dec 1915 Mrs Green was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee. She was the wife of Dr Arthur Green.
**Belle Vue Ennis**

**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 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)

**Bombardier Richard Henry Dean**: Masonic Hall, Ennis. He was a Schoolboy aged 14 when he enlisted in July 1910 into the Royal Field Artillery 61389, and later the Royal Horse Artillery 1021792. He served in India from 1912-14, and then in France (where he was wounded 3 times) until August 1917 when he returned to India. He was discharged in Dec 1920 aged 24, after which he moved to Canada. His father was Benjamin Dean. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Capt William F Cullinan**: Belle Vue Ennis. Fleet Paymaster in the Royal Navy. In May 1919 he was awarded ‘The High Order of the Brilliant Star’ by the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of ‘services rendered in the protection of the Sultan’s Dominion’. He was frequently **Mentioned in Despatches**. In June 1919 The King was pleased to confer the **Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George on Capt Cullinan** in recognition of services during the war.

**Masonic Hall Ennis**

**The Co Clare Lawn Tennis Club Mill Street Ennis (Est 1888)**
Matthew Griffey: Born and enlisted in Ennis, lived in Jail Street (O’Connell St) Ennis, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 age 29 near Armentières, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. Son of Matthew and Mary Anne Griffey, and husband of Maria Griffey. (TB)

Sgt Joe O’Connor: O’Connell St, Ennis. Machine Gun Corps. Joseph (Joe) was a very well known figure in the town, involved as an officer in the Knights of Malta and worked as a Courts Sherriff for a long time. He lived in the houses opposite the entrance to Dunnes Stores. (Eric Shaw & Eddie Lough)

Private John O’Loughlin: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Farm Hand aged 33 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Kensington NSW into the 2nd Bn. 665. He served in Gallipoli. He was discharged in Jan 1916 due to rheumatism. He had previously served for 12 years in India. His father was Patrick O’Loughlin, Upper Gaol Street, Ennis. (UNSW)

Private John Slattery: O’Connell Street, Ennis. Aged 26 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 25878 (& Labour Corps 26490). His parents were Patrick and Elizabeth Slattery. He was a clerk and survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Dr M.T. McMahon: Royal Army Medical Corps. Promoted to Lieutenant in May 1915 in York. (CJ) Son of Mr Peter McMahon, O’Connell St Ennis.
The Odd Fellows club was in Arthurs Row.

Mainly middle and lower class groups with white collar workers, managers, public house owners, lessor Government officials, assistants from the largest shops and less important merchants. These people would not qualify for membership of the 2 clubs above. This club was also a Tontine Club, where members would subscribe sixpence a week to a fund formed to pay off a loan or in most cases funeral expenses. A member was guaranteed a respectable funeral with horse drawn hearse, coffin with brass handles and a proper presentation for the funeral. It closed in the 1970’s.

The O’Connell Club in Cooke’s Lane

Mainly middle and lower class groups with town clerks, commercial travellers, shop assistants, some small shopkeepers and other small businessmen. It closed in the 1980’s.

The Foresters Club O’Connell St Ennis.

This Club emanated from the ancient order of Foresters founded in 1834. It was a friendly society and provided its members with insurance policies against sickness, death and group insurances. The working class, alienated from the main clubs, formed their own. The Foresters was their main social club. Originally it was an artisan’s club, and it included the large crafts sector of 50 separate trades. It closed in the 1980’s.
Shortly after the declaration of war, all German and Austrian subjects in Clare were interned. Among these were jewellers and watchmakers in Ennis and Ennistymon. Mr Joseph Maurer a leading jeweller was interned. Josef Feherenbach a jeweller’s assistant in Ennis was interned. (Joe Power) Mrs Dilger of Ennis, whose husband Mr Clement Dilger (41 O’Connell St Puccino’s Restaurant) was interned, was awarded eight shillings allowance per week by the Ennis Board of Guardians. German born Mrs Carroll, of Edenvale near Ennis, had to report weekly to the RIC.

Monument House

Dorothy Stewart as an eight year old underneath the Union Jack in the back garden of her Monument House home in 1914.
Belgian refugees fleeing before the invading Germans were offered accommodation in Clare, and being Catholics they were particularly welcome. In 1914 a concert was held in Ennis to aid them and before long a number had been settled: eleven refugees were settled in Clarecastle by January 1915; Lord Inchiquin provided two houses in Newmarket on Fergus; a house was provided in Sixmilebridge.

In Ennis the Ordnance House was used to accommodate refugees. In March 1915, two families had arrived, two more were expected and the local committee requested a further two families. In order to earn some sort of income, several refugees offered classes in French. The boys on reaching military age, returned to enlist in the Belgian Army. A further fund-raising concert was held in Ennis in November 1915 and the last reference to the Belgian refugees in the local press was in October when it was noted that some were living in an Ennis hostel.
The Old Ground Hotel

The original part of the Old Ground was built in the early part of the eighteenth century adjacent to Jail Street. Next door to the Old Ground was the Town Hall, which incorporated a jail. It was used as a Court House and was closed again to become a Library. It was then sold to the Town Commissioners who, in turn sold the entire premises to the O'Regans.

SCENES IN TOWN.

POLICE CHARGE CROWD.

On Monday night there was considerable excitement in Ennis through a series of arrests in connection with a rebellion incident at a barracks in the town. At a little after 2 a.m. a large crowd gathered outside the barracks, and was addressed by Mr. Anthony Macra, who announced that the crowd would not allow the arrest of the prisoners. At 3 a.m. the crowd became more restless, and a large body of police arrived on the scene. At 4 a.m. the crowd dispersed, but the excitement continued.

“Peace Day” in Ennis.

There was no celebration of “Peace Day” in Ennis last Sunday. None of the merchants of the town observed the day as a holiday, and there was no procession nor any other public demonstration.

THREE ENNIS HOUSES DOWN

G.I.L.Q., Dublin, announces:

“In view of the murder of Sergt. Haddock, Royal South Africa, at Ennis on Sat., the following houses are destroyed at Ennis on Temp. for a military operation:—

- “Hood’s House,” the Clare Hotel; and
- “Goodman’s Old Ground Hotel.”

A message from Ennis states Mr. Haddon is killed (£10,000). Most of the furniture having been removed by friends, his house was destroyed, the operation occupying two hours. The entire front and portion of the gable are down.

The two hotels are completely wrecked. Nothing was saved from the Clare hotel, and our correspondent states he was not informed as to Alice Barrett being employed to remove some articles, as reported yesterday.

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26 July 1919 CC
Bishop Fogarty announced in 1914 that the war was an act of ‘Divine Wrath.’ These organisations mainly consisted of Anglo-Irish locals, some Nationalist politicians, clergy and ex-servicemen.
Chaplains from Ennis in WW1

Rev J.H. Thomas: An former curate in Ennis, served with the 77th Battalion of the Canadian Army. (DMC)

Rev Father Benedict Coffey OFM: Ennis Chaplain. He was attached to the Royal Navy in the Adriatic in April 1916.

The Rev Isidore James O’Meehan: Ennis, died Dec 1919 age 52 in Mesopotamia, Army Chaplains Dept.

Very Rev Chrysostom Dore: Army Chaplain. Wounded in Oct 1916. He was for a considerable time the Guardian of the Order in Ennis. (CJ)

Fr Michael McMahon MC: Ennis, Curate. He was Chaplain to the Royal Army Medical Corps in France, where he was wounded in action and received the Military Cross. (DMC)

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. In 1924 he died of cancer. 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)

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Fr Michael McMahon MM: Ennis. Chaplain to the Royal Army Medical Corps in France. He was wounded in action and received the Military Cross.

In Dec. 1915 the V. Revd Canon O’Dea, Administrator of Ennis, was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee.
William Burke: Old Mill St, Ennis, Co Clare. He was a Farm Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in 1913 in the Connaught Rangers 4182. He served with the BEF from Aug 1914- March 1915, and the Mediterranean EF 1915-1917 (Dardanelles), and then served in Egypt. His parents were Michael and Julia Burke, and he had 4 brothers and a sister. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Corporal Michael Butler DCM: Cloughleigh (Old Mill Street) Ennis. Killed in action Sept 9th 1916 age 30 at Ginchy. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 8121. G/M in 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)

Sergeant Francis Cahill: Old Mill Road Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Jan 1916 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6783 and later the Machine Gun Corps 36416 (May 1916). He served in France. His wife was Mary Kate (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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 in Loos Memorial France. Son of Peter and Mary Conway Old Mill Street Ennis. (TB)

Patrick Conway: Old Mill St Ennis, died of wounds 20th July 1916, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M 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)’
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)

Peter Coughlan: Old Mill Street, Ennis. He was 26 when he enlisted in 1919 in the Labour Corps 703113. He was previously with the Royal Munster Fusiliers for 9 years. He married Johanna Quinn in May 1912 and they had 3 daughters. He was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

John Fagan: Old Mill Street Ennis. A WW1 veteran. Married to Susan Fagan. They had 11 children. He died in 1937. (Clare Champion May 2015 Dudie McDonagh)

Thomas Hayes: Old Mill Street Ennis. He fought in the Boer War and in the Dardanelles. On his return from the war he joined the Kilnamona Brigade of the IRA during the War of Independence. (Old Ennis Facebook page)

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 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. ‘On the night of the 29th-30th July 1916 the 8th Battalion carried out a raid at 11.25pm... the torpedo group met with very heavy machine-gun fire and had to withdraw... the bombing party were in consequence unable to penetrate the enemy wire... 2nd Lt Holland’s party entered the enemy fire trench.... driving the enemy into the barrage established by the bombing groups on the parapet; they bombed all the dug-outs.... Casualties: Killed - 2nd Lt Fitzpatrick, 1 other rank (Private John Mahony); wounded 2nd Lt Holland and 6 other ranks.’
Private John McMahon: Old Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Jan 1903 into the 2nd East Yorkshire Regiment 7265. He was mobized on the 5th Aug 1914 into the 1st EYR, and served in France from Sept 1914 to Jan 1916, when he was discharged. He married Lizzie Maynard in Oct 1907 and they had 2 daughters, Eileen and Kathlenn. They lived in Aldershot. His parents were Michael and Mary Old Mill Street. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Patrick Meehan: Originally Old Mill Street and later the Old Military Barracks, Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 5715 (and later in the 2nd RMF). Wounded July 1916 in Loos(CJ), Oct 1916 (CJ) and on wounded list in Jan 1918. (SR) [8 Bn. confirmed in Award rolls] Eddie Lough. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Aug 1915 into the 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 5715 and later the 2nd RMF in Feb 1917. He was captured in Nov 1917 (Passchendaele) and released in Dec 1918, and discharged in 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Michael Mullally: Old Mill Street Ennis. Aged 41 when he enlisted in 1918. Labour Corps 69690 (& London Regiment 783499). He married Margaret Williams in Nov 1900 and they had one child Thomas Mullaly. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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)

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 in Turkey. Son of Mrs Bridget Pierce. (TB)

Gunner Michael Ryan: Old Mill Street Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Garrison Artillery Cork 8001. He married Mary Palmer and they had one child Michael Ryan also. He was a labourer and survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Private John Barry: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1902 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6906. He served in India from 1904 to 1909. He was discharged from the Army Reserve in Jan 1914. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)


John Coffey: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 44 when he enlisted in the July 1919 into the Corps of Royal Engineers. His wife was Lizzie Coffey. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)

Martin Flanagan: Born in Ennis in 1891. He was a Labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers He was married to May Flanagan Mill Street Ennis, and they had 2 sons Joseph and Patrick. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914-1920)

Private J. Kidney: Ennis, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn., was visited by the King and Queen while convalescing in London in 1914.(CJ)
Dr M.T. McMahon: Mill Street, Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps. Promoted to Lieutenant in May 1915 in York. (CJ) Son of Mr Peter McMahon, O’Connell St Ennis.


Corporal Thomas Moroney: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in Dec 1897 into the 73rd Battery Royal Field Artillery 24627. He served in South Africa from 1899 to 1902, and was then posted to India. He re-enlisted in Oct 1914 (47613) for the duration of the war. His father was Patrick Moroney Mill Street Ennis, and his brothers were John, Michael, Patrick and Martin. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Patrick Mungovan: Ennis. Born 18/9/1881 in Co Clare, lived in Canada, died 27th 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 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)


John Touhy: Mill Street Ennis. Aged 39 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 26898. He was a shopkeeper. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Christopher Wynne: Born in Ennis, killed in action 30th March 1918 age 29 in Arras, Irish Guards 1st Bn 10850, G/M in France. Son of Patrick and Mary Wynne, Mill St Ennis. (TB) (Brother of Agnes Murphy who was married to Mick Murphy Woodquay)
Private Patrick O’Loghlin: Jail Road, Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 22 when he enlisted in 1904 in the Connaught Rangers 8336. He served in India from 1905-08. He became a prisoner of war on the 24th Aug 1914 and was released in June 1918. He married Margaret O’Gorman in Aug 1918, and was honourably discharged in Oct 1918. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
P O’Loghlin: Clare. Connaught Rangers. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ)

The Old Station House and Railway Station

Martin Hallinan: Born in Barefield, enlisted in Ennis. Lived at Ennis Railway Station, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 near Armentieres, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. Son of Mr J Hallinan. (TB)

Lt Thomas Connolly: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment. Back in Ennis May 1915 due to severe frostbite. He returned to the front, after receiving a great send off at the Railway Station in Ennis. (CJ)

Mrs Annie Connolly: 5 Linnane’s Terrace Ennis. ‘Age 48. Husband enlisted August 1914. Invalided out 1915. Passed fit and returned to service April 1916. Eldest son enlisted age 15 and served five years in Woolich’. (Colonial Office London and Peter Beirne)
James F Cahill: Steele’s Terrace Ennis. South Irish Horse. He was wounded in action in France. He was the third son of Patrick Cahill. He died in Dec 1957 and was buried in Drumcliffe. (Steele’s Terrace. A Century of History, Pictures & Memories)

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 Cairo. 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. From 1915 to 1918 the Division suffered a total of 9,363 officers and men killed, wounded or missing in action.

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 in Arras France. Son of John and Mary Walsh 30 Steele’s Terrace. (TB)
Sapper James Browne: Turnpike Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Engineers, Inland Waterways and Dock Companies 195570. He was a boatman. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Colour-Sgt Major John Browne DCM: The Turnpike Ennis, Clare. 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Prisoner of War in Limburg March 1915. (CJ) CSM John Browne: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1897 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Sergeant Major John Browne: A POW who was supported by the Co Clare POW Aid Fund Committee. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. He was a POW in Nov 1917. (SR) He was awarded the DCM on the 30th January 1920.

Gunner Michael Burke: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in 1918 in the Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 285816. He had previously served for 10 years until 1917 with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. His mother was Ellen Burke. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private Patrick Burke: Turnpike, Ennis. He was 42 when he enlisted in 1919. Labour Corps 703115 (He was previously with the Leinster Regiment and was wounded in 1909). He married Annie Stokes in 1906 and they had 5 children. He was a tinsmith. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Peter Casey: Turnpike Ennis. Aged 42 when he enlisted in 1916. 12th Bn Royal Engineers 163449. He had previously served with the Clare Royal Garrison Artillery. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
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 in France. Son of John and Margaret Cunningham, Turnpike. (TB) Brother of William Cunningham. (Clare Library)

William Cunningham: Turnpike Ennis, (born in Kilrush) 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 in Belgium. Brother of John Cunningham. (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. His battalion had been involved in some very heavy fighting in and around Armentieres and an entry in the battalion war diary on the 23rd October 1914 puts his battalion’s casualties from the 18th October 1914 (five days) at 434 of which 155 were killed. The Battle of Armentieres (13th Oct to 2nd Nov 1914) was one of several actions in the Ypres sector which became known as the First Battle of Ypres (12th October to 22nd November, 1914). (Clare Museum)

Frank Davis:Turnpike Road, Ennis. 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Dec 1917 (Possibly in Jerusalem). Brother of Thomas Davis. (SR) (S Spellissey) He was a war hero and received a citation for bravery. (Joe Power) Only one Frank Davis in the RMF. [Found in 7 Bn.] Eddie Lough. (On the 3rd November 1916 the 6th RMF absorbed the 7th Bn RMF. In September 1917 the 6th RMF moved to Egypt for service in Palestine.)

Thomas Davis: Turnpike Road, Ennis, executed in Gallipoli July 1915 age 21 for allegedly deserting his post, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, G/M in Turkey. (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)
Private Michael Foudy: Turnpike Ennis. Enlisted in 1916 aged 38. Royal Munster Fusiliers 4th Bn 33380 (and later the MEF in Oct 1916 with the 6th RMF). He was married to Mary Brody and they had seven children. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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 in Gallipoli. (TB) Brother of Peter who also died. He had six brothers who served, two of whom were killed.

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 France. (TB) Brother of Patrick above.

Michael Hynes: Lived in the Turnpike Ennis, died Feb 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)

Corporal Kelly: Upper Turnpike Ennis. POW in May 1915 in Limberg. (CJ)

John ‘Jack’ Kelly: The Turnpike Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. He spent 15 months in the trenches and got wounded in the Battle of the Somme (Ginchy). He suffered an abdominal injury and he was sent to Ypres in Belgium to recover. (Flan Hehir) J Kelly: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CJ) (After the Battle of Ginchy the RMF 1st Battalion was then moved northwards to the South of Ypres in Belgium.) (Flan Hehir)

Patrick King: Born in Kildysart, lived in the Turnpike, Ennis, died of wounds 2nd Feb 1915 age 27, South Lancashire Regiment 2nd 7330, 3rd Div, G/M in France. Husband of Mary Anne King of the Turnpike. Son of George and Alice King. (TB)

Gunner Michael McCormack: Turnpike Road Ennis. He enlisted in 1909 into the 5th RMF and later into the Royal Garrison Artillery 38757. His wife was Mary Anne (nee O’Grady) and his mother was Ellen McCormack Post Office Lane Ennis. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
**Francis McNamara:** Born and lived in the Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 27th Sept 1918 age 21, during the fifth Battle of Ypres, 30th Div, Royal Irish Regiment (South Irish Horse) Bn, G/M in France. Son of Joseph McNamara Turnpike Road Ennis. (TB)

**Private Patrick Moroney:** Turnpike, Ennis. He was aged 29 when he enlisted in 1919 with the Labour Corps 703098. He was previously four years with the Connaught Rangers, which he left in Feb 1919. He married Mary Kate Kenny in April 1919 and they had a son John Joseph. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Harry O’Connell:** Turnpike, Ennis. Former Post Office worker who enlisted in the telegraph section at the front in Feb 1916. (CJ)

**Private John O’Dea:** Turnpike Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1915. Yorkshire Regiment 32247. His mother was Catherine O’Dea. He was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private Patrick O’Grady:** Turnpike Ennis. He was aged 31 when he enlisted in 1919 in the Labour Corps 703114. He was previously with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 54182 for 4 years, which he left in Sept 1918, after he had suffered a gun shot wound to the neck and jaw. He married Lizzie Kenny in Sept 1913 and they had 3 daughters. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**John Joseph O’Halloran:** The Turnpike Ennis. 8th Kings Royal Irish Hussars. Williams brother. He survived the war. (Eddie Lough)

**Sergeant William O’Halloran:** His family lived in the Turnpike Ennis. He was killed in action on the 4th Nov 1916. G/M 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)
The Turnpike

Martin O'Loghlen: Turnpike Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CI)

CSM Joseph O'Neill: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a Clerk aged 33 when he enlisted in Aug 1914 into the 1st Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 7/104 and later the Labour Corps 588127. He served in the Med Expeditionary Force. He was discharged in March 1919. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Company Sergeant-Major Joseph O'Neill: Turnpike, Ennis Co Clare. He was a clerk aged 33 when he enlisted in August 1914 in the 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers 104 (and later in the Labour Corps). From July 1915 to Feb 1919 he served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Before the War he was in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He married Bridget in Aug 1907, and they had two sons Martin and John. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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)

Private Matthew Regan: Turnpike Road, Ennis. He was a Constable in the RIC aged 23 when he enlisted in 1917. Army Service Corps, Motor Transport 299374. His father was Michael Regan. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Charles Sexton: He was born in Kilrush, lived in Market Street Ennis. He moved to the Turnpike after the War. He was aged 40 when he enlisted in the Labour Corps 703096 in May 1919. He was discharged from the Royal Irish Fusiliers in Feb 1919 as he was medically unfit. He served with them for over 3 years. He married Mary Kate O’ Loughlan in May 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private John Sexton: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a fireman aged 26 when he enlisted in April 1916. Manchester Regiment 35666. His father was William Sexton. He deserted in July 1916. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Michael Sheedy: Turnpike, Ennis. Aged 39 when he enlisted in 1917 in the Royal Field Artillery 6406, which he had left in 1906. He was discharged in Nov 1918. His father was Thomas Sheedy.

Bridget Stokes: Born 1st Feb 1898, Turnpike Ennis. Served in the Women's (later Queen Mary's) Army Auxiliary Corps During World War One. (Clare Library)
Private Thomas Fox: Vinegar Lane, Ennis. Born in 1899, aged 18 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Army Medical Corps 136248. He was a labourer. He survived the War. He suffered from malaria. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)
In 1880 Florence Vere O’Brien met Robert Vere O’Brien, a young barrister from Limerick, son of The Hon. Robert O’Brien of Dromoland. In 1899 they moved to Ballyalla, a property previously belonging to the Stacpoole family, where the embroidery class continued. The property included extensive woods, a gate lodge, a large walled garden, a crannóg in the lake, the remains of a castle nearby, an ice-house, a lime kiln and a cave with an underground passage. Their younger daughter, Flora, remained in Ballyalla until 1958.

Lieutenant Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien MC: Ballyalla, Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn (16th Div). (PMcN) Severely wounded Aug 1916 in Loos. (CJ) He appears to have seen no further action. He was awarded the Military Cross (not the Distinguished Service Order) in 1916 ‘for conspicuous gallantry during raids on enemy trenches. On one occasion after his return, finding that a man was missing, he went out in a wounded condition and brought him in under heavy gunfire.’

Mrs Marcus Keane: Beechpark. In Dec. 1915 Mrs Keane was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee. In July 1917 Marcus Keane was the Chairperson of the Co Clare Needlework Guild, which donated articles of clothing to the front.
The Great Houses of Ennis during WW1

Cragleigh House Ennis
Francis J Kenny: Cragleigh House b 1894 was a second Lieutenant with the Lancashire Fusiliers according to Cecil Stacpoole Kenny's family history.

Drumconora Barefield Ennis

Sir Michael O’Lochlen His Majesty’s Lt. for the County in 1915 resided in Drumconora. He was on the Co Clare POW Aid Committee in Dec 1915.

Rosslevin Ennis

Mr J W Scott: Justice of the Peace and a land agent for Lord Leconfield. His office was opposite Ennis Post Office. He lived originally in Roslevan and then moved to Strasburgh House in Drumcliffe. In 1917 Mrs J W Scott made a donation of £1 towards the Co Clare Needlework Guild, an organisation that sent articles to the front.
Drumcliff Cemetery (Calvary)

**Location:** Drumcliff Graveyard is located off the Ennis-Ennistymon road. 1Km from Ennis take a right turn (Signposted) and carry on straight for 2KM. The Old Cemetery (2,270 records) is on the left side. The Calvary Section (1,844 records) is on your right. The Old section has the ruins of an old monastry.

**Calvary Section**

**James F Cahill:** Steele’s Terrace Ennis. South Irish Horse. He was wounded in action in France. He was the third son of Patrick Cahill. He died in Dec 1957 and was buried in Drumcliff (Calvary Section). (Steele’s Terrace. A Century of History, Pictures & Memories)

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In loving memory of
James F. Cahill 20 Steele’s Terrace
died 30th Dec 1957 aged 68 yrs
Mary Elizabeth Cahill
died 28 Sept 1974
Margaret Cahill
died ? 1979
Patrick (Pappy) Neville: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment, discharged May 1915. He is buried in the Calvary section at Drumcliff, grave no. F17, near the monument at the first gate.

Francis J Cogger:
Drumcliff Graveyard (Calvary Section)
Ennis. Inscription reads: Francis J. Cogger | Ireland | Sgt 5 CO | 153 Depot Brigade | World War 1 |
March 6 1890 | December 8 1968 |
PH | his wife Margaret | died 3 Oct 1987 | aged 88 years | R.I.P. |
erected by his wife Margaret [Grave No. L66]
For ever with the Lord.
In Loving Memory
of
William Moody
Waterpark
Died 30 May 1909 Age 61 years
His sons
Thomas died 27 Nov 1917

Lance Corporal Thomas Moody: Waterpark Ennis, died Nov 1917 age 25, Irish Guards. He is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, Grave no. 60, on the East side of the old ground. Son of William and Francis Moody Waterpark. 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 Passchendale). 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)

Private Francis Haugh: 43 St Flannans Terrace Ennis, died Feb 1920 age 22, Royal Irish Regiment. He is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, Grave no. 141, on the South-East part of the old ground. Son of John and Lizzie Haugh.

Drummer John McMahon: Born in Luton. Died 7th July 1917, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. He is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, grave no 104, on the South-East part of the old ground.

For ever with the Lord.
In Loving Memory
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**Flight Cadet John Henry MacLaurin:**
The Rectory, Ennistymon, died Sept 1918 age 18, Royal Air Force. He is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, in the Griffith family plot, grave no. 909. The only son of Rev Robert Twiss MacLaurin and Maud Dolmage (Daughter of Rev Julius Griffith). He died in an aeroplane crash at Wittering Aerodrome, near Stamford in England.

**Gunner Michael O’Brien:**
Ennis, died Sept 1914 age 35, Royal Garrison Artillery. He is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, Grave no. 480, on the South part of the old ground. He died at home after wounds he received in the Battle of Mons.

**Delia Davoren:**
Claureen House Ennis, died Oct 1918, age 37 on the RMS Leinster, a nurse in Northamptonshire. She is buried in Drumcliff Cemetery, Grave no. 226, on the South-East part of the old ground. **Nora Davoren:** sister of the above, died Oct 1918, also on the RMS Leinster and also nursed in Northamptonshire.
Lt Abrahall: 12 Bindon St Ennis (currently Casey’s Solicitors). At the end of 1915 he was appointed recruiting officer for the county, with the Ennis Barracks as his HQ. New recruits were requested to call to Sgt Connolly’s offices, Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis. His father Rev Abrahall was the Church of Ireland Minister for Drumcliffe until 1919. (Joe Power).

Lieut L A Abraham: Assistant organiser at the recruitment office in Ennis. In Sept 1918 he wrote a letter to the Saturday Record suggesting the formation of a local committee to promote recruitment. (Joe Power)

Herbert George Adams: Ennis, Died 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; name is listed on the Haidar Pasha Memorial. (TB) He was born on the 16th Feb 1901 in Ennis. He was a General Fitter aged 17, when he enlisted on the 22nd April 1918 into the RAF 161234. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

The North Russia Intervention (1918-1920) was part of the Allied Intervention in Russia after the October Revolution. The intervention brought about the involvement of foreign troops in the Russian Civil War on the side of the White movement. While the movement was ultimately defeated, the Allied forces fought notably in defensive actions against the Bolsheviks in the battles of Bolshie Ozerki, allowing them to withdraw from Russia in good order. The campaign lasted from 1918, during the final months of World War I, to 1920. The forces included A British Royal Air Force contingent comprising Airco DH.4 bombers, Fairey Campania and Sopwith Baby seaplanes along with a single Sopwith Camel fighter.

Cornelius Aylward: Kildysart. He was a Hair Dresser aged 26 when he enlisted in Aug 1914 into the 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers 151.He served with the Med. Ex. Force 1915/16. He was discharged for medical reasons in June 1916. He was a widower (his wife Mary Carey was deceased) and they had 2 daughters Christina (dob 3/1/12 The Union Ennistymon) and Mary (dob 3/5/08 Ennis). Con Aylward: Church St (Abbey Street) Ennis. 2 brothers Joe and Willie also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard. (CJ) (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Joe Aylward: Church St Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1914. 2 brothers Con and Willie also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard. (CJ)

Willie Aylward OBE: Church St Ennis Army Service Corps. (CJ) Major Wm Aylward: Ennis. Royal Army Service Corps. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1918. (SR) 2 brothers Joe and Con also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard.

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 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 (31 July – 10 Nov 1917). Lt Baker was killed on the 28th July.


Driver David Barrett: Ennis. Age 23 when he enlisted in 1916. Army Service Corps 143019. He was a saddler. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private John Barry: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1902 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6906. He served in India from 1904 to 1909. He was discharged from the Army Reserve in Jan 1914. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

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 in Arras France. (TB)

The Battle of Vimy Ridge (9–12 April 1917) was a military engagement fought primarily as part of the Battle of Arras, in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France. 12th July 1917: The 4th Canadian Division faced difficulties at the start of the battle that forced it to delay its assault on the Pimple until 12 April. The Pimple was initially defended by the 16th Bavarian Infantry Division. The 10th Canadian Brigade attacked once again at 5:00 am, this time supported by a significant amount of artillery and the
24th British Division of I Corps to the north. The German defensive artillery fire was late and too light to cause the assaulting troops great difficulty, allowing the Canadian Corps to exploit wide gaps and break into the German positions. The 10th Canadian Brigade, captured the entire Pimple by 6:00 pm.

Private 1st Class Michael Barry: Born in Ennis on the 22nd Sept 1888. He was aged 29 and living in New York City when he enlisted on the 5th Aug 1918 into the 339 G-F Co Camp Merritt, New Jersey 2752863. He did not serve overseas. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

Peter Joseph Barry: Born 25/6/1884 in Ennis. Lived in Toronto Canada. He was a Bill Poster when he enlisted in 1915 with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 1575334. His wife was Clara Barry. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)

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 in Thiepval 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.

Private Harry Trueman Bill DCM: Ennis. Leinster Regiment. 2112. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) in June 1917. He had previously been awarded a Parchment Certificate for bravery and devotion to duty. (CI) He was aged 22 when he received his award, and was the son of Harry Bill Snr., the popular Civil Assistant in the Ordnance Survey Offices in Ennis for many years. (Clare People 11th July 2017)

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 Bn23497 (4th Div), G/M in Scotland. He died in a Glasgow hospital. Son of James and Elizabeth Blake, Corbally, Quin. (TB) The Somme July 1st: The 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers were in the second wave of the attack, going into battle with 503 men of whom 325 became casualties.
Philip Edward Bolger: Born in Ennis 20th April 1889. Royal Navy 233886 from May 1905 – 7th July 1915. The first ship he served on was the Emerald. The last ship he served on was the Cumberland. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)

George Brady: Born and enlisted in Ennis (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 Greece. (TB) 10th Division in Salonika - June to Aug 1917 The sentries along the river, in tiny wattle and mud huts, in the hot and humid summer months, were by now protected from the mosquito by netting, doused themselves with an evil smelling petroleum jelly to repel mosquitos, and would still have the foul taste in their moths from the medicine taken at the mornings 'quinine parade'. Recurring malaria also had a devastating effect on the morale of soldiers serving at the front. Second Lt. David Campbell of the Royal Irish Rifles recorded how, in the particularly severe winter of 1916/17, many of the men suffered a recurrence of their malaria and suicides were not uncommon as a result.

Private 1st Class Henry Brady: Born in Ennis on the 23rd March 1889. He was aged 29 and living in Brooklyn New York when he enlisted on the 28th May 1918 into the 152 Depot Brigade, then the Labor Regiment, and then the Butchery Co 334 QMC 3194480. He served overseas from Aug 1918 to July 1919. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

Private John Brennan: St Flannan’s Terrace Clare Road, Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1916. Prince of Wales’s Leinster Regiment (5424, 703101 & 669724). He had seven children. His wife was Anne Fitzgerald. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com) J Brennan: Ennis. Leinster Regiment. Wounded in July 1916. (CJ)

Frank Bresname: Ennis. Aged 18 when he enlisted in 1903. Royal Field Artillery 32079. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Patrick Brigdale: Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in July 1916 in Loos. Suffered from Shellshock (CJ). This man joined the Conn. Rangers 3rd. Bn. Special Reserve 4295. Discharged after 60 days, lied about age. Enlisted RMF 4-8-15, WOUNDED SWB shows number as 8/5721, therefore 8 Bn. Eddie Lough. Patrick Brigdale: Ennis. Aged 18 when he enlisted in 1914. Connaught Rangers 4295. His father was John Brigdale. He was a labourer. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Private John Brogan: Born in Ennis, lived in Wigan, killed in action 21\textsuperscript{st} March 1918 age 21 in Palestine, Royal Munster Fusiliers 6\textsuperscript{th} Bn, G/M in Israel. (TB) ‘The Battalion advanced on March 9\textsuperscript{th} 1918 against the village of Ajul, which was taken about 1.30pm, but was heavily bombarded by the enemy all that afternoon…. the next day the advance was carried on…. but were held up by machine-gun fire. The Battalion was relieved on the 11\textsuperscript{th} March…Casualties – killed 5, wounded – 32… On March 20\textsuperscript{th} 1918, 1 officer and 8 men were decorated by HRH the Duke of Connaught near Beit Zeit…..’

Francis Browne: Ennis. Born on the 24\textsuperscript{th} May 1894. He was a Gardner aged 24, when he enlisted on the 28\textsuperscript{th} Aug 1918 into the RAF 290507. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Gerald Browne: Ennis. Born on the 28\textsuperscript{th} Sept 1899. He was an Attendant aged 19, when he enlisted on the 27\textsuperscript{th} Aug 1918 into the RAF 290528. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Henry George Browne: Born in Ennis lived in Hampshire, killed in action 1\textsuperscript{st} July 1916 age 29 (1\textsuperscript{st} day in the Battle of the Somme), Bedfordshire Regiment 7\textsuperscript{th} Bn 20097 (18\textsuperscript{th} Eastern Div), G/M in Thiepval, France. Son of Henry George and Jane Browne, Hertfordshire. (TB) (Battle of Albert, 1–13 July at the Somme) (See Profiles of the Clare War Dead A-E)

Sapper James Browne: Turnpike Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Engineers, Inland Waterways and Dock Companies 195570. He was a boatman. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Colour-Sgt Major John Browne DCM: The Turnpike Ennis, Clare. 2\textsuperscript{nd} Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Prisoner of War in Limburg March 1915. (CJ) CSM John Browne: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1897 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Sergeant Major John Browne: A POW who was supported by the the Co Clare POW Aid Fund Committee. 2\textsuperscript{nd} Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. He was a POW in Nov 1917. (SR) He was awarded the DCM on the 30\textsuperscript{th} January 1920.

Daniel Joseph Burke: Born 28/11/1889 in Ennis Co Clare. He lived in Ottawa Ontario. He was a surveyor when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 321005. His sister was Gladis Burke. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)

Private Edmond Gerald Burke: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA(AI) He was a Labourer aged 44 when he enlisted in Jan 1917 in Brunswick Victoria into the Recruits Bn. He was discharged illegally absent in April 1917. He had served with the Royal Iniskilling Fusiliers for 3 years in the Boer War. (UNSW)

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) (Also wounded in Sept 1916 at the Somme. Probably at Ginchy.) (CJ) Messines Sector January 1917: ‘In January, February and March, 1917, the 1st Battalion spent most of its time, when in the trenches, in the Spanbrock section in turn with the 7th Leinsters.’ Up to the middle of March rotating routine trench duties continued with light casualties (2 officers and 20 men killed).

Gunner Michael Burke: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in 1918 in the Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 285816. He had previously served for 10 years until 1917 with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. His mother was Ellen Burke. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Michael Burke: ‘Saw fit to wear the uniform of the British Forces in order to have a decent life and support his family. He served (1891 – 1917) in Africa, Mauritius, India and Gibraltar, gaining a Silver Star for Service. His home remained at 28 St Flannan’s Terrace during that time.’ His son Michael Burke (1906-1927) died while in the National Army at 20, in the Military Hospital in the Curragh. (A Terrace of Houses- St Flannan’s Terrace Brian Dinan)

Patrick Burke: Lifford Ennis. 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers. POW in Limburg in Dec 1915. (CJ) In July 1916 he and another 30 prisoners were taken to Manheim, where they were examined by German and Swiss doctors. Eventually, Pte Burke was sent to Switzerland, where he was again examined by doctors. After about a week he was informed that he was to be sent home to Ireland. Before that he was sent to recuperate at a place called Chateau D’Oey near Bern. He left Switzerland on 11th Sept and reached London on the 15th September and arrived back in Ennis on the 18th Sept 1916. The newspaper reported that he was in poor health. (Joe Power)
Private Patrick Burke: Turnpike, Ennis. He was 42 when he enlisted in 1919. Labour Corps 703115 (He was previously with the Leinster Regiment and was wounded in 1909). He married Annie Stokes in 1906 and they had 5 children. He was a tinsmith. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

William Burke: Born in Limerick lived in Ennis, killed in action 27th April 1916 in Loos. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn 10206, G/M in France. Husband of Louisa Burke (nee Tierney) Nenagh. (TB)

‘From February (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)

William Burke: Old Mill St, Ennis, Co Clare. He was a Farm Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in 1913 in the Connaught Rangers 4182. He served with the BEF from Aug 1914- March 1915, and the Mediterranean EF 1915-1917 (Dardanelles), and then served in Egypt. His parents were Michael and Julia Burke, and he had 4 brothers and a sister. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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 in Turkey. 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)

Robert George Burns: Born in Ennis 23rd June 1898. Royal Navy J40820 from June 1915 – Sep 1928. The first ship he served on was the Impregnable. The last ship he served on was the Vivid I. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)

Private J Butler: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded Sept 1916 (Guillemont). Treated in Warrington Hospital. (CJ) [James Butler RMF wounded SWB shows number as 8/4078, therefore 8 Bn.] Eddie Lough (The RMF 8th Bn fought in the Battles of Guillemont and Ginchy in September 1916 at the Somme)

‘Mystery surrounds an alleged attack which was perpetrated against a member of the Munster Fusiliers on the streets of Ennis. Twenty three year old James Butler from the Kennedy’s lane area of Ennis is home from the western front on sick leave and was found by a member of the local constabulary just after 11pm last night lying on a footpath adjacent to the Star Hotel on Jail Street. Private Butler was
partly unconscious, but what has piqued the interest of the authorities is that a handkerchief was tied loosely around his mouth as if he had been gagged, while his hands were tied behind his back.... Private Butler said that he had been assaulted on the street in front of Ennis Cathedral and that he had been knocked unconscious by a violent blow to the head.... Remarkably enough there was no trace of any mark, bruise, bump or lump on the head of Private Butler...and no noise of fighting or struggling was heard in the locality at the time Butler states he was attacked near 11 o’clock.’ (Clare in the First World war  Joe O’Muircheartaigh Clare People Oct 17 2017)

Michael Patrick Butler: Ennis. Born on the 3rd March 1901. He was a Wireless Officer aged 19, when he enlisted on the 11th April 1920 into the RAF 341010.(British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Corporal Michael Butler DCM: Cloughleigh Ennis. Killed in action Sept 9th 1916 age 30 at Ginchy. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 8121. G/M in 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)

‘He travelled close on 300 yards of ground...and he succeeded in getting his comrade to safety (in front of an enemy trench), but badly wounded. He did all he could to assist his comrade, for 3 hours while under terrible artillery fire. When dusk came on he brought his friend to the trenches, but unfortunately the wounded man died, and Sergeant Butler gained the DCM for that heroic deed’.(Clare Champion April 2016) He was recommended for the Victoria Cross.(PMcN)

‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m (9th May 1915) ., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment's highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.’ (RMF Book Capt McCance)

Private Patrick Butler: Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1914. The Royal Kent Fusiliers 1502. He was previously with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. (British Army Service Records @
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 Turkey. He went to Australia when he was 20. He was reported missing in action in the Dardanelles, later pronounced killed in action. 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. Third attack on Anzac Cove: 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". Lacking sufficient artillery and ammunition, the Turks relied on surprise and weight of numbers for success but their preparations were seen on 18 May by a flight of British aircraft and the defenders forewarned. 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.

Sergeant Francis Cahill: Old Mill Road Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Jan 1916 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6783 and later the Machine Gun Corps 36416 (May 1916). He served in France. His wife was Mary Kate (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

James F Cahill: Steele’s Terrace Ennis. South Irish Horse. He was wounded in action in France. He was the third son of Patrick Cahill. He died in Dec 1957 and was buried in Drumcliffe. (Steele’s Terrace. A Century of History, Pictures & Memories)

Sapper Thomas Cahill: Born in Ennis lived in Lifford Ennis, died of wounds 29th Sept 1915, in the Battle of Loos (25 Sept – 13 Oct). Royal Engineers 55th Field Company 25506, Guards Division. G/M in Loos France. In General Reserve when the attack opened on 24th September, the Guards Division moved up to billets in Nouex-les-Mines during the night of 24th-25th September to form the reserve for XI Corps. Moving up to relieve 21st Division and 24th Division in positions between the Loos road Redoubt and Le Rutoire, during the evening of 26th September to carry on the attack against the now strengthened German positions around Loos village. The approach of 3rd Guards Brigade being caught under a heavy German artillery barrage as they moved to attack Hill 70, the attack of 1st Welsh Guards against the hill at 18.00pm was defeated by fierce machine-gun fire from the Hill 70 Redoubt. That of 2nd Guards Brigade from Chalk Pit Wood suffering similarly under machine-gun fire from Bois Hugo. A renewed attack on 28th September fared no better. Twelve attacking battalions suffered 8,000 casualties out of 10,000 men in four hours.
Private Patrick Cahir: Born in Ennis about 1890. He lived in Cleveland Ohio. He was aged 28 when he enlisted on the 28th April 1918 into Co A 329 Infantry, and later into Co A 103 Infantry with which he served overseas from June 1918 to April 1919 (2434889). He fought at St Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. (Ohio Soldiers in WW1, 1917-1918)

Thomas James Callahan: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) MA He was an Estate Agent aged 42 when he enlisted in Jan 1916 in Casula NSW into the 11th Bn. 4373 (and later the 19th Bn.). He was married to Margaret Callahan Sydney. He was discharged in July 1917. (UNSW)

David Cangley: His father was from Ennis. One of 3 brothers that fought in the War, David, John and 2nd Lt F G Cangley. He was married to Katy Nono from Ennis, who was well known in music circles in Ennis. (Clare People Dec 2014)

2nd Lt F G Cangley DSO: Kings Liverpool Regiment was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO). He was the son of John Cangley from Ennis, and the brother of John below. (CJ) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 119. ‘Cangley F G (DSO LG 14. 11. 16) T/2nd Lt, Liverpool Rgt. His DSO was awarded for services on 16.9.16 at Le Boeufs.’ One of 3 brothers that fought in the War, David, John and 2nd Lt F G Cangley. CANGLEY, F. G. (D.S.O. L.G. 14.11.16), T /2nd Lt., Liverpool Regt. His D.S.O. was awarded for services on 16.9.16, at Les Bccufs. (The VC and DSO Volume III)

Private John Cangley: His father was from Ennis. 1st Life Guards. One of 3 brothers that fought in the War, David, John and 2nd Lt F G Cangley. He cheated death thanks to a lucky penny that saved his life.


The 1st Battalion arrived at Ypres on 2 April 1915 as part of the 27th Div. Hill 60 was strategically important and was captured by the British. They suffered heavy casualties when the Germans shelled the town. The Germans launched their offensive on 22 April. The British were forced to retreat. The battalion was heavily involved in the preparation of the new line. On 5 May they were gassed. The Germans retook Hill 60.
**Gunner Patrick Carmody**: Ennis. Aged 43 when he enlisted in 1914. Royal Garrison Artillery 4612. He was a fireman. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Private John Carney**: Ennis. He was a General Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in April 1909 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 5379. He joined the 2nd Bn RMF in Jan 1916. He was discharged on the 15th May 1916. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Michael Carney**: Ennis. Born on the 25th July 1899. He was a Shop Assistant aged 19, when he enlisted on the 1st Nov 1918 into the RAF 311505. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

**Lance Corporal Patrick Carney**: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded June 1916 (Loos). (CJ) A POW in June 1918 (SR) (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record) [Carney 9658 probably to 1st Bn. Further search shows 1Bn. and later 2Bn.] Eddie Lough

**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 in Turkey. (TB)

‘By 12.30am on the 26th 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)

**John Carty**: Born in Ennis 2nd Oct 1878. Royal Navy 298518 from Sep 1901 – 14th Feb 1917. The first and last ship he served on was the Pembroke II. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)
Owen Carthy: Upper Market Street Ennis. Aged 41 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Army Medical Corps 69925. He had previously served with the Connaught Rangers. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private Martin Casey: Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 5970. A POW in June 1918 (SR) (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record)

Peter Casey: Turnpike Ennis. Aged 42 when he enlisted in 1916. 12th Bn Royal Engineers 163449. He had previously served with the Clare Royal Garrison Artillery. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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 in France. (TB) The First Battle of Arras (28th March): The focus of the German attack changed again on 28 March. The Third Army, around Arras, that would be the target of Operation Mars. Twenty nine divisions attacked the Third Army and were repulsed. German troops advancing against the Fifth Army, from the original front at St. Quentin, had penetrated some 60 km (40 mi) by this time, reaching Montdidier.

Patrick Caughfield: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a Labourer aged 35 when he enlisted in Dec 1914 in Brisbane into the ANMEF (Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force). He was discharged in Dec 1915. He had previously served for 12 years in the RGA. He was married to Mary Jane Caughfield, Brisbane. His father was Mr J Caughfield Ennis. (UNSW)


L-Corporal Frank Cheeseman: Born in Ennis. Lived in Carlisle. 6th Border Regiment 27657. He enlisted in Sept 1914 aged 23. He was wounded by a gas shell in July 1917 at Boulogne, and also received a gunshot wound in Oct 1918. He was married in Dec 1918 in Carlisle. (British Army Service
The 6th Border Regiment was formed at Carlisle in August 1914 as part of K1 and came under orders of 33rd Brigade in 11th (Northern) Division. They sailed from Liverpool on 1 July 1915 for Gallipoli, landing at Helles 20 July. Evacuated to Egypt January 1916. Moved to France in July 1916. They were disbanded at Mazingarbe in France on the 9 February 1918.

William Clahane/Culhane: Born in Ennis, lived in Tipperary (Listed as living in Kildysart in the Clare Journal Aug 1916), killed in action 29th June 1916 age 30, Royal Garrison Artillery 37th Trench Mortar Battery 3673, 37th Brigade 12th (Eastern) Division. G/M in France. Son of John and Johanna Culhane. (TB) By 18 June 1916 the 12th (Eastern) Division was based at Flesselles. It immediately carried out a training exercise to practice a planned attack to capture Martinpuich. This action never materialised. The Division moved up to Baizieux on 30 June and reached Hencourt and Millencourt by 10am on 1 July, in reserve to the British infantry attack that had begun earlier that morning (The Battle of Albert).


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. His instructions had been to hug the coast as closely as possible from Portland Bill to Start Point. Instead he headed straight across, showing no lights nor sounding for fog. At 0315 the Kenilworth saw a red light and a ship ‘small and low down’ at the moment of impact.

Private Michael Cleary: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a labourer aged 42 when he enlisted in Dec 1915 in Townsville Queensland into the No 12 Depot Bn. 1638. He served in France. He was discharged in Aug 1917 due to senility. He died on the 3rd Dec 1917. His mother was Ellen Cleary Townsville. (UNSW)

Stephen Cleary: Born in Ennis, lived in Limerick, killed in action 2nd Sept 1918, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in France. ‘September 2nd was the date for the main attack (on the Drocourt–Queant Line south of the river Scarpe). the 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.’ (TB)
Joseph Clohesy: Ennis. Aged 31 when he enlisted in 1914. Royal Irish Fusiliers 13378. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Charles Byers Coates: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AIF) He was an electrician aged 43 when he enlisted in April 1918 in Sydney into the ANMEF 1326. His wife was Eileen Elizabeth Coates, Balmain NSW. (UNSW)

Rev Father Benedict Coffey OFM: Ennis Chaplain. He was attached to the Royal Navy in the Adriatic in April 1916. (CJ)


Private Henry Coffey: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a Locomotive Fitter aged 26 when he enlisted in Oct 1914 in Rosehill NSW into the 4th Bn. 1253. He received a gun shot wound to the left arm on the 26th May 1915 in Gallipoli. He was wounded in the thigh in June 1915, and in the hand in Sept 1915 in Gallipoli. He was wounded again in action in France in Oct 1917. His wife was Nora Coffey. His next of kin was Mr Thomas Coffey 71 Mill St Ennis. (UNSW)

John Coffey: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 44 when he enlisted in the July 1919 into the Corps of Royal Engineers. His wife was Lizzie Coffey. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)

Thomas Coughlan/Coghlan: Chapel St, Ennis, died at home 5th April 1916, 2nd Leinster Regiment, G/M in Dublin. Son of Mrs E O’Leary.

Francis J Cogger: Drumcliff Graveyard (Calvary Section) Ennis. Inscription reads: Francis J. Cogger | Ireland | Sgt 5 CO | 153 Depot Brigade | World War 1 | March 6 1890 | December 8 1968 | PH | his wife Margaret | died 3 Oct 1987 | aged 88 years | R.I.P. | erected by his wife Margaret [Grave No. L66]

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 France. **(TB)** 'Dear Mr Colfer. I have learned with the greatest possible regret the death of your dear son in action. I knew him well, and stood side by side with him in the trenches in France for nine months in the Loos and Hulloch sectors and at the Somme in September 1916, and a more gallant fellow I never met. We of the old 9th Munsters shall sorely miss his genial presence. His bravery at the taking of Guillemont and Ginchy will never be forgotten by his comrades.' Written by Major L Roche 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. ‘In January, February and March, 1917, the 1st Battalion spent most of its time, when in the trenches, in the Spanbrock section in turn with the 7th Leinsters.’ Up to the middle of March rotating routine trench duties continued with light casualties (**2 officers and 20 men killed**). The battalion rehearsed special training during April and May for the assault on the strategic Messines Ridge.

**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 Turkey. Son of Mrs M E Colgan Clonroad Cottage, Ennis.

‘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.’ **(TB)** He died during the battle of Gulley Ravine.

**James Finbar Colgan:** Born in St Munchins Limerick in 1901. He was living in Clon Road Ennis when he enlisted on the 8th Feb 1917, aged 16 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 7211503. (**British Army, Irish Regimental Enlistment Registers 1877-1924 – findmypast**)

**Joseph Collins:** Ennis. DOB 15/7/1895. Born in Co Clare, lived in Toronto. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Aug 1916 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 249885. His sister was Bridget Moore 6 Bridge St, Ennis. He enlisted in Toronto. He had served for 2 years with the Leinster Regiment. (**Library and Archives Canada)**(CI)

**Martin Francis Connell:** Ennis. Previous service in the Munster Fusiliers from 1897 – 1913. Enlisted in the Munster Fusiliers in London on the 28th August 1914. Served as Sergeant from 1914 – 1919. Discharged on 10th December 1919. **Clare Library** Sergeant Martin Francis Connell: Ennis. He enlisted in Jan 1920 into the 47th Royal Fusiliers. He served for 21 years with the Royal Munster Fusiliers (5693 & 6/255) and the Royal Defence Corps 6452229. He received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1921.(**British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com**)

**John Joe Connolly:** Ennis. A Member of the Ennis Urban Council (two other Councillor’s also enlisted: Mr Dan O’Brien and Mr P.E. Kenneally). He enlisted in 1914 and joined Lord Granard’s new Irish Regiment. (**Royal Irish Rifles**) He had previously fought in the Boer War. (**Clare Champion**
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 England. (TB) 7th Reserve Regiment of Cavalry: Formed August 1914 at Tidworth. Trained men for the 9th and 21st Lancers, Buckinghamshire Yeomanry and Berkshire Yeomanry. Men who enlisted into the cavalry, either as volunteers or conscripts, served with the cavalry reserve to carry out their basic training. Many were not, however, posted to a cavalry regiment overseas but were converted into infantry or other corps before being sent there.

Lt. Thomas Connolly: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment. Back in Ennis May 1915 due to severe frostbite. He returned to the front and received a great send off at the Railway Station in Ennis. (CI)

Mrs Annie Connolly: 5 Linnane’s Terrace Ennis. ‘Age 48. Husband enlisted August 1914. Invalided out 1915. Passed fit and returned to service April 1916. Eldest son enlisted age 15 and served five years in Woolich’. (Colonial Office London and Peter Beirne)

J Considine: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Dec 1917. (SR) [Several J Considines, not enough info.] Eddie Lough

Michael Francis Considine: Born 2/4/1884 in Ennis Co Clare. He lived in Kingston Ontario. He was a Postman when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 588 in 1914. He had previously served for 12 years in the Royal Field Artillery. His wife was Christina Considine. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com) Michael Francis Considine: Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI)


F Conway: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded Sept 1916. (CI) [not found]
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 in Loos Memorial 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. ‘They were taken out of the line “wet, dirty, and exhausted” on the night of the 30th September (1915) when, after a heavy day’s shelling, the Norfolks relieved them, and they got into billets behind Sailly-Lebourse. They had been under continuous strain since the 25th of the month, and from the 27th to the 30th in a punishing action which had cost them, as far as could be made out, 324 casualties, including 101 missing.’ Rudyard Kipling.

Patrick Conway: Old Mill St Ennis, died of wounds 20th July 1916, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M 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)’ CJ

‘On July 19th 1916 four raids were carried out. The parties consisted of 1 officer and 29 other ranks under Lieutenants Mitchell, Woodley, O’Brien (Hugh M V’O’Brien Ballyalla) and Captain Casey; the Battalion bombers under Second Lieutenant Becher…. The advance of each party was covered by salvoes of rifle grenades... Owing to the failure of the “Bangalore” torpedoes to breach the enemy wire sufficiently the fire trench was not reached; instead the bombers threw from the parapet into the trench and inflicted heavy casualties. Casualties (all recovered); Killed 2 officers (including 2nd Lt Becher), 1 other rank; wounded 7.’

Sapper Francis Coonerty: Brewery Lane Ennis. He was 31 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Engineers 97770. His mother was Ellen Coonerty. He was a bartender before the War, which he survived. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private John Coote: Francis Street, Ennis. 7th (Service) Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers 6358. He served in Salonika in 1915 and later joined the 6th Bn RMF. In 1917 he served in Palestine, and in March 1918 he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. He was declared a deserter in July 1918 aged 25. His mother was Nora Coote.

‘John Coote of Spancil Hill near Ennis who was acquitted of carrying arms etc. is an itinerant tailor and also a deserter from the Machine Gun Corps. His tailoring is only a cloak, in reality he is a Machine Gun

Corporal Luke Coote: Ennis. He enlisted in the Royal Munster Fusiliers when he was 16. On June 16th 1917 he was shot in the arms, stomach and chest, just after the Battle of Messines Ridge. By then he had been promoted to the rank of corporal. When he had recovered from these very serious injuries he returned to Ireland. Later he used his military experience to support Michael Collins in the War of Independance. (Joe Power) He was the eldest of Michael and Mary Coote’s five sons. He died in 1968.

Michael Coote: Ennis. Born on the 23rd Aug 1900. He was a Labourer aged 18, when he enlisted on the 4th Sept 1918 into the RAF 294084.(British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

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. Battle of Langemarck: On the 24th October the 7th Division lost Polygon Wood temporarily and German attacks were made on the right flank of the 7th Division at Gheluvelt. German attacks from 25–26 October were made against the 7th Division on the Menin Road and on 26 October part of the line crumbled until reserves were scraped up to block the gap and avoid a rout.

Private William Corbett: Ennis. Australian Infantry. He was a labourer aged 43 when he enlisted in Feb 1917 in Ararat Victoria into the 22nd Bn. He was discharged in June 1918. (UNSW)

John Costello: Ennis, died 5th Feb 1916 in Loos, 6th Connaught Rangers, 47th Brigade in the 16th (Irish) Division. G/M in France. (TB) At Loos, in January and February 1916, the 16th Division was introduced to trench warfare and suffered greatly in the Battle of Hulluch, 27–29 April.
Patrick Costello: Market St Ennis. Photo taken in June 1915. Ennis in Old Photographs. (Larry Brennan)

William Francis Costello: Ennis. Born on the 2nd Sept 1890. He was a Plumber aged 28, when he enlisted on the 18th Sept 1918 into the RAF 183191. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

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 France. Son of Michael and Mary Coughlan ‘The Cottage’ Circular Road, Ennis. Missing in Action Sept 1916. (CJ) (TB)

On the 9th Sept 1916 the 1st RMF took part in the attack and triumphant capture of Ginchyby 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’.

Peter Coughlan: Old Mill Street, Ennis. He was 26 when he enlisted in 1919 in the Labour Corps 703113. He was previously with the Royal Munster Fusiliers for 9 years. He married Johanna Quinn in May 1912 and they had 3 daughters. He was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Thomas Coughlan/Coghlan: Chapel St Ennis, died 5th April 1916, 2nd Leinster Regiment, G/M in Dublin. Son of Mrs E O’Leary. (TB)

Corporal W Coughlan: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Jan 1918. (SR) (The 8th RMF landed in France on the 18th Dec 1915, the 9th RMF on the 20th Dec 1915) [probably 9 Bn. on landing, dates seem to run one behind the RMF book dates, by 1918 would have to be 1 or 2 Bn.] Eddie Lough

Gunner Patrick Coughlin: Cahercalla, Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1902 into the Royal Garrison Artillery 10455. He was discharged on the 17th Feb 1914. He served in
Gibraltar and Malta. His parents were Michael and Mary, and brother James. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Alexander Stewart Cranmer:** Born in Ennis 9th July 1878. Royal Navy 182016 from Oct 1894 – 2nd Oct 1917. The first ship he served on was the Impregnable. The last ship he served on was the Excellent. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seaman’s Services 1853-1928)

**Company Sergeant Major Robert Stewart Cranmer:** Ennis. Australian Infantry. MA He was a Musician aged 34 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Randwick NSW into the 4th Bn. 1003. His sister Harriet Jones lived in London. He served for 8 years in the North Staffordshire Regiment and 2 years in the Royal Marines. He was wounded in Oct 1914. He was also wounded in the arm in Gallipoli in May 1915, and wounded in the head in Aug 1915. He was dangerously ill with pleurisy in Oct 1915, and was promoted to CSM in Nov 1915 in Gallipoli. He was discharged in Dec 1916 with Pleurisy and Pulmonary Tuberculosis due to exposure and exhaustion in Gallipoli. (UNSW)

**Private Ernest Crimmins:** Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 4548. Wounded Sept 1916. (CJ) [8 Bn. and later 2 Bn. in award rolls. Wound may not have been serious enough to warrant discharge, therefore no SWB] Eddie Lough. The only E Crimmins in RMF.

**Patrick Crimmins MM:** Born in Ennis, lived in Dublin. Killed in action 24th Aug 1918 age 24, 1st Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers 18385 (36th Ulster Div) G/M in Bailleul France. He won the Military Medal. Husband of Teresa Crimmins, Chancery Lane, Dublin. (TB)18 August – 6 September 1918: the Advance in Flanders. The Second (which included the 36th Div) and Fifth Armies begin operations in the Lys valley, recapturing the ground lost in April 1918. The 36th Div recaptured Bailleul by the 30th Aug.

**P Crimmins:** Clare (Ennis ?). Royal Army Medical Corps. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ)

**Stephen Cronin:** Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded July 1916. (CJ) [Thomas Cronin RMF 5714, Stephen 5713, must have joined together? Brothers? Thomas was 8 Bn. Stephen in 8 Bn. and later 6 Bn.]

**Thomas Cronin:** Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. [Thomas Cronin RMF 5714, Stephen 5713 (see above), must have joined together? Brothers?]
Capt. Algernon Crowe: 4th Leinster Regiment and a native of Reaskean (Reaskaun Templemaley), Ennis, Co Clare. He also served with the British Forces during the Easter Rising in Dublin. (Eamonn Dillon)

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 in France. He was an accountant when he enlisted in Winnipeg, Canada in Jan 1915. (TB) 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.

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 France. Two of his brothers also died in WW1. (TB)

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 Belgium. Also known as Charles Cunnienne. Son of Patrick and Ann Cullinan. (TB)

The Second Battle of Ypres (April 22nd - May 25th 1915) began in April 1915 when the Germans released poison gas into the Allied lines north of Ypres. This was the first time gas had been used by either side and the violence of the attack forced an Allied withdrawal and a shortening of the line of defence. The 1st Battalion Leinster Regiment arrived at Ypres on 2 April 1915. Hill 60 was strategically important and was captured by the British. They suffered heavy casualties when the Germans shelled the town. The Germans launched their offensive on 22 April. The British were forced to retreat. The battalion was heavily involved in the preparation of the new line. On 5 May they were gassed. The Germans retook Hill 60.

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 in Vimy France. Son of Thomas and Angela P Cullinan. (TB) He died in ‘The Last Great Cavalry Charge’ of WW1, during the German Spring Offensive. 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)

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 France. He was the son of Patrick and Annie Cullinan. (TB)

‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment's highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action. ‘We hear also received news of the death of his son, John, who was in the Munsters, in the late fighting. He had been home on leave wounded, about three months ago.’ Clare Journal 1915.

Captain Robert Hornidge Cullinan: Bindon St Ennis, died 8th Aug 1915 age 34 at Suvla Bay, Royal Munster Fusiliers 7th Bn, G/M in Turkey. 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)’My second in command Captain Cullinan was killed and so was a subaltern called Bennett (Francis Bennett, Rosscarbery Co Cork) who went out to rescue him. He was a good boy (Bennett) but he just threw his life away’. (The Story of the RMF 1914-1918 Martin Staunton)

‘The Battalion embarked on the Rowan on August 6th 1915 - strength, 28 officers, 750 other ranks – being ignorant of their destination, and ...landed about 3pm on August 7th at Suvla Point...then advanced along the east side of Kiretch Tepe Sirt ridge...and deployed for advance... The 6th Bn RMF, who were on the top and left of the ridge, were unable to advance...“C” Company was unable to make headway against a very severe fire from well concealed Turkish trenches 400 yards distant, and suffered many casualties. Captain R H Cullinan being killed here, also Second Lieutenant F E Bennett, who went out to help him when hit. The troops were compelled to retire...Casualties 11 killed, 60 wounded; 5 missing....’

Capt William F Cullinan MID: Belle Vue Ennis. Fleet Paymaster in the Royal Navy. In May 1919 he was awarded ‘The High Order of the Brilliant Star’ by the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of ‘services rendered in the protection of the Sultan’s Dominion’. He was frequently Mentioned in
Despatches. ‘In June 1919 The King was pleased to confer the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George on Capt Cullinan in recognition of services during the war’. (SR)

Mechanic First Grade David Blackwell Cummins: Ennis. Royal Naval Air Service. One of four brothers in the war.

Lt Cummins: Ennis. Royal Navy. One of four brothers in the war.

Cummins: Ennis. Connaught Rangers. One of four brothers in the war.

Cummins: Ennis. Lord Derby’s Army. One of four brothers in the war. In October 1915, as Director-General of Recruiting, Lord Derby instituted the Derby Scheme, a halfway-house between voluntary enlistment and conscription (which the Government was reluctant to adopt). It obtained 318,553 medically fit single men. However, 38 per cent of single men and 54 per cent of married men had publicly refused to enlist. This left the government short and conscription was introduced. In April 1921 Lord Derby was sent secretly to Ireland for talks with Éamon de Valera, and it is likely that these talks paved the way for the truce which in turn led to the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

George Harold Cummins: Ennis. Born on the 17th June 1896. He was a Ship’s Steward, when he enlisted on the 12th Feb 1917 into the RAF 225853. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

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 in France. Son of John and Margaret Cunningham, Turnpike. (TB) Brother of William Cunningham. (Clare Library) ‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment’s highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.’
**Sergeant Patrick Cunningham:** Ennis. He was a labourer aged 40 when he enlisted in Oct 1914 into the Connaught Rangers 3870 and later into the Garrison Battalion. He was discharged in April 1920. He died on the 30th January 1934 aged 79 in Boundary Park Hospital Oldham. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Thomas Cunningham:** Ennis, killed in action 22nd March 1917, 18th Bn Manchester Regiment, G/M in Arras France. (TB)

The Battle of Arras was a British offensive from 9 April to 16 May 1917, where troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. There were big gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British and about 125,000 German casualties. 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.

**William Cunningham:** Turnpike Ennis, (born in Kilrush) 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 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. His battalion had been involved in some very heavy fighting in and around Armentieres and an entry in the battalion war diary on the 23rd October 1914 puts his battalion’s casualties from the 18th October 1914 (five days) at 434 of which 155 were killed. The Battle of Armentieres (13th Oct to 2nd Nov 1914) was one of several actions in the Ypres sector which became known as the First Battle of Ypres (12th October to 22nd November, 1914). (Clare Museum)

Private Cunningham was killed in action on the same weekend as the All-Ireland final in 1914. While many in Clare were celebrating the county’s success, others like the Cunningham family were mourning the loss of a loved one. Just over six years later in January 1921 at the height of the Irish War of Independence, May Cunningham, a young girl from Turnpike in Ennis, was shot through both legs (apparently by British forces) while carrying an oil can near the junction of O’Connell Street in the town. This research indicates that May Cunningham is likely to be the younger sister of William and John who both died fighting for the same British forces. According to the 1901 and 1911 Census of Ireland, there was only one Cunningham family living in Turnpike in the town of Ennis and in 1911 and a ‘Mary Cunningham’ is listed as the six year old sister of William. In the incident, which was characteristic of the precarious and violent nature of the War of Independence, May’s right leg was broken by the bullet which then lodged in her left leg. (Dr Tomas MacConmara)
Peter Curtin: Market Street Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 16/8/1884. Born in Co Clare, he lived in Hartford Conn. USA. He was a Teamster when he enlisted in March 1918 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 3082611. His mother was Mrs Henore Curtin Market St Ennis. He enlisted in Windsor Nova Scotia. He had previously served in the ASC for over 6 years. (Library and Archives Canada)

Constable Daly: RIC, Ennis. Accepted as Petty Officer in the Royal Navy in March 1916. He was a champion Middleweight boxer. (CJ)

John Michael Daly: Born 5/5/1890 in Ennis Co Clare. He lived in Montreal. He was a Bank Clerk when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 132520 in 1915. His wife was Lillie Daly. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)

Michael Francis Daly: Born in Ennis 12th May 1896. Royal Naval Reserve Service TS7185. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) There are over 148,000 records for this period. Predominantly these cover the First World War (1914-1918)- The National Archives.

Patrick Daly: 21 St Flannan’s Terrace Ennis. He was aged 35 when he enlisted in 1915 in the 33rd Labour Company. He married Delia O’Brien in March 1899 and they had 3 sons and 1 daughter. He survived the War.(British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Frank Davis: Turnpike Road, Ennis. 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Dec 1917 (Possibly in Jerusalem). Brother of Thomas Davis. (SR)

‘Frank Davis of Wood Quay fought in the Great War but rarely spoke about it. In later years he told his friend, Paul Downey of the Turnpike, that his memories were marred by the tragic death of his brother Tom. Tom Davis fell asleep while on sentry duty outside the immediate war zone. His derelection of duty was spotted by an overzealous officer who had him court-martialled and shot.’(S Spellissey) He was a war hero and received a citation for bravery. (Joe Power) Only one Frank Davis in the RMF. [Found in 7 Bn.] Eddie Lough. (On the 3rd November 1916 the 6th RMF absorbed the 7th Bn RMF. In September 1917 the 6th RMF moved to Egypt for service in Palestine.)

Thomas Davis: Turnpike Road, Ennis, executed in Gallipoli July 1915 age 21 for allegedly deserting his post, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st, G/M in Turkey. (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 Battalion is in an awful state. It is about 450 short but full of soldiers with about 2 months service.’ .. The decision to carry through the execution on 2 July of Private T. Davis in contrast to previous sentences which had been commuted, may have been influenced by the unhappy state of the Battalion described by Nightingale.’(The Story of the RMF 1914-1918 by Martin Staunton) In the book by Myles Dungan ‘They Shall Grow Not Old’ he states that Thomas Davis had also been court martialled the previous month for a separate incident, where a trench had been overrun at night and the soldiers baynotted while they slept by the Turks.

D Davoren: A postal recruit from Ennis who was a postman. He enlisted in Nov 1915. (CJ)

Delia Davoren: Claureen House Ennis, died Oct 1918 age 37 on the RMS Leinster, a nurse in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe. (TB) Shortly before 9.00 am on 10 October 1918 the RMS Leinster left Carlisle Pier, Kingstown, 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.

The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company operated four ships on the mail and passenger service between Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead. They were called Royal Mail Steamers (RMS) and were named after the four provinces, Connacht, Ulster, Munster and Leinster. At the outbreak of the war, the Connacht was requisitioned as a troop carrier. She was torpedoed returning from France and sunk with the loss of three of her crew.

A 12-pound gun was mounted on each of the other three ships, they were repainted in camouflage and they continued to operate on the Irish Sea. They were fast ships for their time and basically relied on speed for their safety. They had many escapes during the war and the Leinster itself escaped when the torpedoes fired at her on December 1917 missed her completely. Then just one month before the cessation of hostilities, the Leinster, with 771 people on board, was torpedoed and sunk with a loss of 529 souls.
Nora Davoren: sister Delia above, died also on the RMS Leinster and also nursed in Northamptonshire, G/M in Drumcliffe. Civilian Casualty of the Great War, 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 claiming over 500 lives, among them many from County Clare.

Bombardier Richard Henry Dean: Masonic Hall, Ennis. He was a Schoolboy aged 14 when he enlisted in July 1910 into the Royal Field Artillery 61389, and later the Royal Horse Artillery 1021792. He served in India from 1912-14, and then in France (where he was wounded 3 times) until August 1917 when he returned to India. He was discharged in Dec 1920 aged 24, after which he moved to Canada. His father was Benjamin Dean. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Benjamin Deane: Ennis. (his Father was Colour Sergeant Deane. He had 4 sons and 2 step sons who fought in the war.)

Capt W.T. Deane OBE: He had worked in the Ennis Ordnance Survey when younger. He was with the Royal Garrison Artillery in the Boer War. He was promoted to Lieutenant in March 1915. (His father was Colour Sergeant Benjamin Deane from Ennis who was in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and had 4 sons and 2 step sons in the War) (CJ)

Capt Deane was on the Birthday Honours list in July 1919 and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire O.B.E. He was publicly thanked for his services in connection with important inventions in coast defence work. (SR)

Colour Sergeant John Clement Delahunty: Ballyorrta, Ennis. Born in 1877. He was 37 when he enlisted in 1914. He was in the Training Reserve 7869. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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 in Thiepval France. (TB)

The Battle of Flers–Courcelette 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.

Michael Doherty: Born and lived in in the Turnpike in Ennis, killed in action 12th April 1917 age 24, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn, G/M in Arras France. Son of Mr and Mrs William Doherty. (TB)

The Battle of Arras was a British offensive on the Western Front during World War I. From 9 April to 16 May 1917, British troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. There were big gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British and about 125,000 German casualties. The Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

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 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. The shaft went down 30 metres (98 ft) and pumps were installed to bring air down and water out of the mine. After tunnelling forward, the miners broke into blue clay, extending the depth to some 40 metres (130 ft). After driving the gallery almost 200 metres (660 ft) forward, the flooding was so bad that a dam had to be constructed and a new gallery started. 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 mine did not produce a crater but left a shallow indentation in the soft clay; 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 mines at Messines were detonated on 7 June 1917, creating 19 large craters.

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 in Menin Gate, Ypres Belgium. (TB) The Battle for Hooge in summer 1915 covered two actions; a German assault on the 30 & 31 July 1915 (the first use of liquid gas against the British) and the British "revenge" attack over the same ground on the 9th August, supplementary to this actions was a large mine exploded by the 175th R.E. Company measuring 120 feet wide on the 19 July 1915.

Thomas Donnellen: Ennis, killed in action 4th May 1915 at Gallipoli, Australian Imperial Force, G/M in Turkey. (TB)MA Thomas Donnellan: Clare 4326. (AI) 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) Thomas Donnellan: Clare 4326. Australian Infantry (AI)


Private James Donnelly: Ennis. He was a driller aged 30 when he enlisted in 1908 into the 6th Bn Durham Light Infantry 220. He was discharged on the 14th April 1916. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)


The role of the Royal Defence Corps was to provide troops for security and guard duties inside the United Kingdom; guarding important locations such as ports or bridges. It also provided independent companies for guarding prisoner-of-war camps. The corps was never intended to be employed on overseas service.

Michael Donnelly: 39 Clare Road Ennis. Aged 19 when he enlisted in 1918. Royal Field Artillery 261395. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Michael Donnelly: Ennis. Born on the 3rd Jan 1900. He was a Labourer aged 18, when he enlisted on the 1st Nov 1918 into the RAF 311506. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)
Private Patrick Donnelly: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 6785. A POW in June 1918 (SR) (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record) [Found in 2 Bn.] Eddie Lough

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

The 1st Bn Leinster Regiment fought in the Battle of Jerusalem. This occurred during the British Empire’s "Jerusalem Operations" against the Ottoman Empire, when fighting for the city developed from 17 November, continuing after the surrender until 30 December 1917, to secure the final objective of the Southern Palestine Offensive during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign of World War I.

Jeremiah Anthony Donovan: Born 17th June 1898 in Ennis. Royal Navy J33972 from Jan 1915 – May 8th 1918. The first ship he served on was the Impregnable. The last ship he served on was the Vivid 1. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)

P Doohan: Ennis. Former Post Office worker who enlisted in the telegraph section at the front in Feb 1916. (CJ)

Very Rev Chrysostom Dore: Army Chaplain. Wounded in Oct 1916. He was for a considerable time the Guardian of the Order in Ennis. (CJ)

Tony Dowling: Ennis. He was a Dentist / Dental Technician during the war.

Joseph Doyle: Ennis, killed in action 30th Oct 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. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives his unit as 11th Battery. However, his medal index card states 35th Brigade, R.F.A. 12th Battery, as stated on the register of his personal effects, was indeed part of 35th Bde., along with 25th & 58th Batteries (7th Div).

The Battle of La Bassée (10 October – 2 November 1914) was fought by German and Franco-British forces in northern France in October 1914, during reciprocal attempts by the contending armies to envelop the northern flank of their opponent, which has been called the Race to the Sea. The German
6th Army took Lille before a British force could secure the town and the 4th Army attacked the exposed British flank further north at Ypres. The British were driven back and the German army occupied La Bassée and Neuve Chapelle. Around 15 October, the British recaptured Givenchy-lès-la-Bassée but failed to recover La Bassée.

William Henry Doyne: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AI) MA He was a Seaman aged 40 when he enlisted in 1916 in Dubbo NSW into the 1st Flying Squadron 456. He was discharged in Feb 1917 due to being medically unfit. (UNSW)

Private Michael Duffy: Cornmarket Street Ennis. Born in 1890 aged 26 when he enlisted in 1916. The Labour Corps 7927 (also 137, 174694 & 68607). He was a clerk. He survived the War but was disabled with conjunctivitis. Son of Daniel Duffy. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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 France. (TB)(SR)

‘The sad intelligence has been received by his father, Mr Wm Duggan, painter, Ennis, of the death of his second son, John, from heart failure, while serving with his battery in the field. He had joined the Garrison Artillery soon after the war opened, and had been through most of the hard fighting up to the last push, being very severely wounded at Hooge in September 1915. He was invalided to England, and went out again on his recovery.’ (Clare Champion 12th Oct 2017)

The Battle for Hooge in summer 1915 covered two actions; a German assault on the 30 & 31 July 1915 (the first use of liquid gas against the British) and the British "revenge" attack over the same ground on the 9th August, supplementary to this actions was a large mine exploded by the 175th R.E. Company measuring 120 feet wide on the 19 July 1915.

Thomas Duggan: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Labourer aged 40 when he enlisted in 1914 in Liverpool NSW into the 3rd Reinf 3rd Bn. 1576. He re-enlisted in 1917 into the 1st Pioneer Bn. 4080. His sister Daisy Masterson lived in Melbourne. (UNSW)

Major Wilfred Dulcken: He recruited over 2,000 men at the Ennis Depot (Currently Enzo’s on Abbey Street) between the 3rd Feb and the 14th June 1915. (The Lusitania sank on May 7th 1915 which greatly increased recruitment.) Sean Spellissey

Charles Dundas: Ennis Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 29/1/1893.
Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Raith Ontario. He was a Woodsman when he enlisted in March 1916 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 299045 Canadian Forestry Corps. His sister was Margaret Dundas Co Antrim. He enlisted in Quebec. (Library and Archives Canada)

Daniel Dundras: Born 22/2/1883 in Ennis. Lived in Graham Ontario, Canada. He was a Lumberman when he enlisted in 1916 with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 224th Bn 299049. His wife was Margaret Dundras. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com) Daniel Dundas: Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI)

Daniel Dundass: Born in Ennis. He was aged 18 when he enlisted in 1900. He was discharged in 1913. He fought in the Boer War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

John Ensko: Lifford, Ennis, killed in action 21st Aug 1915 at the attack on Scimitar Hill in Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Helles Memorial, Turkey. ‘The Turkish retaliation set alight to the scrub.. the advance having to be carried out through the smoke and fire.... The Battalion, in the air as regards its right flank, was caught by a frontal and enfilading fire (from the flank). Very heavy casualties were suffered in consequence, and the attack failed.....Under cover of darkness the Battalion was withdrawn....killed, other ranks, 13.’ The ‘History of the Royal Munster Fusiliers 1861 to 1922’ by Captain S. McCance (TB)

Private Patrick Ensko: Lifford Ennis. He was a labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1904 into the 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 7509. He served in Gibraltar and India. He was taken prisoner on the 27th Aug 1914 at Etreux with the 2nd RMF. He was released in Dec 1918. His parents were Richard and Norah, and his brothers were Richard and Michael. Patrick Ensko: Clare. Royal Munster Fusiliers. A POW in Dec 1915 (CJ) (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

John Fagan: Old Mill Street Ennis. A WW1 veteran. Married to Susan Fagan. They had 11 children. He died in 1937. (Clare Champion May 2015 Dudie McDonagh)


Private William Finucane: Ennis. He was aged 38 when he enlisted in 1915, into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 613250. He was a cooper before the War. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)
**Gunner Michael Fitzgerald**: Drumbiggle, Ennis. He was a labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in Oct 1903 into the South Lancashire Regiment 7241. In 1904 he was transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was mobilized on the 5th Aug 1914 and served in France from Jan 1916 to Aug 1918. He was discharged in Dec 1918. He married Bridget Ryan in 1906 and they had 4 children, Mary, Bridget, Margaret and William. His parents were Thomas and Ann Fitzgerald, and brothers William and Patrick and sister Mary. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Private John Fitzgibbon**: Ennis. He was a Printer when he enlisted on the 9th Jan 1916 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6788. He was discharged on the 15th March 1916 as he made a ‘mistatement as to age on enlistment’. His parents were Thomas and Mary Fitzgibbon Curtin’s Lane Ennis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Private Michael Fitzgibbon**: Ennis, killed in action 7th-12th Aug 1915 at Lone Pine Gallipoli, Australian Infantry 3rd Bn 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)

Witness states that in the beginning of August during the Lone Pine charge some of the chaps saw M Fitzgibbon lying dead in the open between the trenches not very far from the parapet. He has a set of gold teeth and that was why they noticed him, as they recognised him by his teeth’. Aug 1915. ‘About seven weeks after the charge at “Lone Pine” on the 5th August 1915, a sapper told me that a party of sappers, brought in a body of a man for burial; he had five or six gold front teeth, and I think most likely it was Fitzgibbon, as I know he had about the same number of gold teeth in front.’ Corporal Voss. The Battle of Lone Pine (also known as the Battle of Kanlı Sırt) was fought between Australian and Ottoman Empire forces during the Gallipoli Campaign of the First World War, between 6 and 10 August 1915. The Australians, initially at brigade strength, managed to capture the main Ottoman trench line from the battalion that was defending the position in the first few hours of the fighting; however, the fighting continued for the next three days as the Ottomans brought up reinforcements and launched numerous counterattacks in an attempt to recapture the ground they had lost.

**Private 1st Class William Fitzgibbons**: Born in Ennis on the 4th June 1890. Lived in Queens New York. He was aged 28 when he enlisted on the 5th Aug 1918 into Co 51 13 Bn Syracuse Recruitment Camp NY 2752829. He did not serve abroad. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

**Private Patrick Flaherty**: Ennis, died of wounds 30th Sept 1914 (possibly from Etreux), 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers, G/M in France. (TB)
‘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. By the time they laid down their arms, the Munsters had been fighting for over 12 hours against a German force that outnumbered them by about six to one.’

**Martin Flanagan:** Born in Ennis in 1891. He was a Labourer aged 28 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers. He was married to May Flanagan Mill Street Ennis, and they had 2 sons Joseph and Patrick. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

**Private Stephen Flynn:** Cork Alley Lane Ennis. He was a labourer aged 24 when he enlisted in 1905 in the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 8087 (and later the 1st). He was discharged for medical reasons in Sept 1914. His wife was Jane Flynn. He died in St Josephs Hospital on the 12/8/1961. His address then was Considine’s Terrace. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private Flynn:** Butter Market Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers. POW in Germany in May 1915. (CJ) Private P Flynn 8231 along with Corporal W H Flynn were the only 2 Flynn’s that were on the RMF POW list. **Private Flynn:** Butter Market Ennis. He was a POW in Limburg in May 1915. Possibly RMF. He was mentioned in a letter from Drummer Hynes to Mr P E Kennealy UDC in May 1915 CJ(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 Belgium. 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. ‘His Colonel writes “He had been out with his men digging trenches and putting out wires and was hit on his way back after finishing his job.” SR Oct 1917. His brother William Perrott died in 1919. In his Intermediate examination ‘he obtained a first place in Ireland in Chemistry and Greek Testament, intending to study with the view to taking Holy Orders. (TB)
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


The Queen’s Royal West Surrey Regiment 3rd Bn was a reserve Battalion. It was a training unit, and remained in the UK throughout the war. They moved to Rochester in November 1914. Sergeant Henry Folks: Ennis. He was a postman aged 50 when he enlisted in 1914 in the Army Reserve 481. He previously served with the West Surrey Regiment. He was discharged in June 1915. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private Michael Foudy: Turnpike Ennis. Enlisted in 1916 aged 38. Royal Munster Fusiliers 4th Bn 33380 (and later the MEF in Oct 1916 with the 6th RMF). He was married to Mary Brody and they had seven children. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Thomas Fox: Vinegar Lane, Ennis. Born in 1899, aged 18 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Army Medical Corps 136248. He was a labourer. He survived the War. He suffered from malaria. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

James Frawley: Ennis. An ex-soldier who stood as a candidate for the Comrades of the Great War party in the Ennis Town Council election in 1920. He received 84 votes, the third highest and was elected to the Council. (Joe Power)
Private John Frawley: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA He was a labourer aged 27 when he enlisted in 1916 in Kalgoorlie WA, into the 51st Bn. 3161. He received shotgun wounds to the head in France in Sept 1917. His mother was Mary Frawley, Perth. (UNSW)


M Frawley: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. On the wounded list in April 1918.(SR) 2 M Frawley’s in the RMF.[Cpl Michael Frawley 4834 was discharged 6-10-1917 so not him. Martin 5706 was in the 8 Bn. and the 1 Bn. who absorbed the 8 Bn. Nov 1916. Ref. award rolls] Eddie Lough

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 in Gallipoli. (TB) Brother of Peter who also died. He had six brothers who served, two of whom were 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...

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 France. (TB) Brother of Patrick above.

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. No further progress could be made and the soldiers dug in. The captured fortress of Lille was nearby: at one stage the Leinsters were within the outlying works. The Germans counterattacked on the 20 October. Heavy artillery bombardment: the primitive trenches offered little protection. there was no answer from the British guns. By evening the Leinsters had retreated. The Germans attacked again on 22 and 23 October, and were driven back both times. On the 23rd, after five days of fighting, the Leinsters were relieved. Heavy casualties sustained: 434, of which 155 were killed.(The Leinster Regiment in WW1)

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 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’. The Second Battle of Ypres was fought from 22 April – 25 May 1915 for control of the strategic Flemish town of Ypres in western Belgium after the First Battle of Ypres the previous autumn. It was the first mass use by Germany of poison gas on the Western Front.

**John Gallagher:** Ennis. Enlisted in 1919 in the Royal Army Medical Corps 14918. He was discharged for being under age. (British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**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 in Thiepval 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.

Rifleman Thomas Gallagher died shortly after being hit with shrapnel in the leg. ‘I was side by side with him when he was hit,’ reveals Lieutenant William Kingston ‘ and he left no message. I am sure you will feel it very much as I am told he was the father of seven children. You will get his correspondence in due course, which includes one letter which came from you an hour before he was hit. I miss him very much in my platoon, as he always showed a manly spirit. He was a brave soldier in every detail and I speak for the whole platoon in this. I assure you he was well liked by his comrades and as regards myself being his platoon officer he gave me the utmost satisfaction. His body is nicely interred and a cross erected. I personally attended to his wounds and saw to to all possible comfort for him while he lived after being hit.’ he added. (Joe O’Muircheartaigh, Clare in the First World War, Clare People 23rd May 2017)

The Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn advanced to take a swathe of German-held territory during the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line in March 1917. When Allied patrols discovered the German retreat beginning on 6th March, the Allied armies began to follow them. The 8th Division were still in the area around Bouchavesnes-Bergen and advanced from there east, through Moislains, towards Guyencourt-Saulcourt where they captured Épehy ridge. Between Épehy and the Hindenburg Line the Germans had left a number of outpost positions on the high ground, and for five weeks the 8th and 48th Divisions were engaged in a continuous series of skirmishes and small attacks with the object of clearing these posts.

**Nurse Annie Galvin:** British Red Cross. 4 Bindon Street Ennis. Service from 19th Dec 1916 to 13th July 1917. VAD. (redcross.org.uk)

**Nellie Galvin MM:** Ennis. A Sister in the No 10 Stationary Hospital in St. Omer. She was awarded the Military Medal ‘For bravery and devotion to duty during an enemy air raid... and carried
on her work as if nothing had happened. She displayed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty’. John Galvin.

**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 Belgium. Son of Patrick and Anne Gardiner Co Tipperary. *(TB)*

**Chief Inspector J.F. Gelston:** Chief Inspector of the RIC in Ennis. He was elected to the Co Clare Prisoner Of War Aid Committee in Dec 1915.

**Frederick Giles:** Born in Ennis, died of wounds 8th Sept 1918 age 30, Royal Horse Artillery 115th Battery Brigade I/21921, G/M in France. Son of Florence Jane Giles Brixton, London. *(TB)* This unit was formed as part of the raising of the Third New Army, K3. It is also sometimes shown as 115 Brigade RFA. It was placed under command of the 26th Division. The batteries were all armed with four 18-pounder field guns.

**Michael Martin Gilligan:** (1897-1972) Ennis. He used the assumed name Michael Clarke (his mothers maiden name) during the war. At the age of 17 he was a Machine Gunner with the Royal Irish Regiment. He fought in Ypres, and at the Somme. He emigrated to the US after the war where he became a newspaper reporter and poet. *(Larry Brennan)*

**M Ginnane:** Ennis. Former Post Office worker who enlisted in the telegraph section at the front in Feb 1916. *(CJ)*

**Private (The Turk) Gormley:** Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. He sent a letter from the front to the Clare Journal in June 1915, on how he killed a Turkish soldier in Gallipoli. *(CJ)*

**Private Martin Goulding:** Borheen Ennis. Aged 30 when he enlisted in 1915. Connaught Rangers 6922. His mother was Johanna Goulding. *(British Army WW1 Service Records @ ancestry.com)*

**Driver Thomas Francis Molesworth Greene:** Provincial Bank, Ennis. Born in 1885, aged 30 when he enlisted in 1915. Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) 130930. He was married to Roberta Waring and they had a son Francis John Molesworth. He survived the War. *(British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)*
Corporal John Griffey: Market Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 33 years when he enlisted in May 1908 into the Royal Field Artillery 42526. He served in 1914/15 in France with the 5th Div RFA, and then served at home with the 15th Reserve Battery until Jan 1919, when he was discharged. He married his wife Mary in 1908 and they had a daughter Mary who was born in 1904. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Matthew Griffey: Born and enlisted in Ennis, lived in Jail Street (O’Connell St) Ennis, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 age 29 near Armentières, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. Son of Matthew and Mary Anne Griffey, and husband of Maria Griffey. (TB)

The 2nd Leisters were sent north to the suburbs of Armentières (Northern France). They were ordered to take the village of Premesque on the 18 October 1914. By 10 a.m. they had done so. There was heavy resistance from entrenched German positions. No further progress could be made and the soldiers dug in. The captured fortress of Lille was nearby: at one stage the Leisters were within the outlying works. The Germans counterattacked on the 20 October. There was a heavy artillery bombardment: the primitive trenches offered little protection. No answer from the British guns. By evening the Leisters had retreated. The Germans attacked again on 22 and 23 October, driven back both times. On the 23rd, after five days of fighting, the Leisters were relieved. Heavy casualties sustained: 434, of which 155 were killed.

Lance Corporal P Griffey: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. On the wounded list in Oct 1916. (CJ) Lc. Corporal P Griffey 6826 was a recent POW in Aug 1918. (SR) [Listed as 8 Bn. in Award Rolls] Eddie Lough (The RMF 8th Bn fought in the Battles of Guillemont and Ginchy in September 1916 at the Somme)


P Guilfoyle: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. On the wounded list in Oct 1916. (CJ) The only P Guilfoyle in RMF 6823 & 35276. [No Silver War Badge but may not have been discharged. Enlisted 8 Bn. And later 1Bn. ref award rolls] Eddie Lough

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)

Martin Hallinan: Born in Barefield, enlisted in Ennis. Lived at Ennis Railway Station, killed in action 20th Oct 1914 near Armentieres, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn, G/M in Belgium. Son of Mr J Hallinan. (TB) The 2nd Leinsters were sent north to the suburbs of Armentières (Northern France). They were ordered to take the village of Premesque on the 18 October 1914. By 10 a.m. they had done so. There was heavy resistance from entrenched German positions. No further progress could be made and the soldiers dug in. The captured fortress of Lille was nearby: at one stage the Leinsters were within the outlying works. The Germans counterattacked on the 20 October. There was a heavy artillery bombardment and the primitive trenches offered little protection. There was no answer from the British guns. By evening the Leinsters had retreated. The Germans attacked again on 22 and 23 October, and were driven back both times. On the 23rd, after five days of fighting, the Leinsters were relieved. Heavy casualties were sustained: 434, of which 155 were killed.


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

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 increasingly 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.

J Hanrahan: A postal recruit from Ennis who was a postman. He enlisted in Nov 1915. (CJ)

Private James Hanrahan: Born, lived and enlisted in Ennis, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 age 48 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in France. Son of James and Mary Hanrahan and husband of Mary Cullinan Hanrahan. (TB)
27th Aug 1914 ‘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. By the time they laid down their arms, the Munsters had been fighting for over 12 hours against a German force that outnumbered them by about six to one.’

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 Salonika. (TB)

The Salonika Force dug-in until the summer of 1916, by which time the international force had been reinforced and joined by Serbian, Russian and Italian units. The Bulgarian attempt at invasion of Greece in July was repulsed near Lake Doiran. At the beginning of Oct 1916, the British in co-operation with her allies on other parts of the front, began operations on the River Struma towards Serres. The campaign was successful with the capture of the Rupell Pass and advances to within a few miles of Serres.

Mr Hartnett: A postal recruit from Ennis who worked in telegraphs. He enlisted in Nov 1915. (CJ)

Drummer Hassett: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. He wrote a letter about Gallipoli to the Clare Champion from Malta where he was recovering from wounds in July 1915.

‘The battalion have done their duty and also the Dublin Fusiliers. We landed together and we were the first two regiments to land at Seddul Bahr – The 1st battalion Munsters, and the 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers. We cleared the way for the English regiments behind us. We lost heavily, both regiments, but we captured the Turkish positions at the point of a bayonet. It was splendid to see them charging at night, every man with a brave dash in him. I am here in Malta, but I am going back again to get a piece of my own back from the Turk. I belong as you know in Ennis.’ (Clare Champion July 2015)

Private Edward Hassett: Born in Ennis 1865. Before the war he served with the Connaught Rangers 3356. He was aged 54 when he later enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers. He was married to Mary Bane in 1889 and they had 3 children, Delia, John and Edward. They lived in the Borheen Ennis. Served in the Great War. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)
Lt. P F Hassett: Ennis. RAF. Son of Mr Michael Hassett Dulick, Ennis. Demobilised in 1919. He went to Argentina where he secured a good position under the River Plate Aviation Co. The Buenos Aires papers describe ‘how the young airman, conducting forty passengers, including Senor Baltar, agent of the Casa Superangel Co., piloting an Airco apparatus of the Co., gave a flight which was watched with the liveliest interest by the populations of the various towns.’ SR July 1920.

Francis Haugh: Lived at 43 St Flannans Terrace Ennis, died 27th Feb 1920 age 22 (illness ? or wounds?) in the Central Military Hospital in Dublin. Royal Irish Regiment 25355 (South Irish Horse Secondary 1909), G/M in Drumcliff. 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.

Corporal J A Hayes MM: Royal Engineers. Former General Post Office Clerk in Ennis, awarded the Military Medal in August 1916 ‘For bravery displayed at the battle of the Somme’. ‘He has received the congratulations of his Commanding Officer Captain Gerard W Williams R.E., who writes “I congratulate you and feel sure that if you carry on as you have done that other and higher decorations will come to you”. And so are his old friends in Ennis.’ He is from Hospital in Co Limerick. He enlisted in 1915. (CJ)

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

The Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) took place from July to November 1917, for control of the ridges south and east of the Belgian city of Ypres. Passchendaele lay on the last ridge east of Ypres, 5 miles (8.0 km) from a railway junction at Roulers, which was vital to the supply system of the German 4th Army

**Thomas Hayes:** Old Mill Street Ennis. He fought in the Boer War and in the Dardanelles. On his return from the war he joined the Kilnamona Brigade of the IRA during the War of Independence. (Old Ennis Facebook page)

**Martin Healy:** Drumbiggle Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in Nov 1915. 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6703. He was discharged in April 1916 for medical reasons. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private Patrick Hehir:** Market Street Ennis. He was aged 33 when he enlisted in 1915. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 230562. His mother was Ellen Hehir. He was a labourer. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com) **P Hehir:** Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. In the Clare Journal as wounded in Oct 1916. Possibly at Guillemont or Ginchy. (CJ) **Paddy Hehir:** Lived in Drumbiggle in Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was wounded at the Battle of the Somme. He had a lame step and carried a stick. He lived on a British Army pension and died in his eighties. Brian O’Dalaigh.

**Private Patrick Hehir:** Market Street, Ennis. He was aged 33 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Munster Fusiliers 230562. His mother was Ellen Hehir. He was a labourer. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Sapper Martin Hennessy:** Ennis (Lissycasey). Australian Imperial Force. MA He was a Labourer aged 44 when he enlisted in Jan 1917 in Townsville Queensland into the Tunnelling Company. His father was John Hennessy c/o Post Office Lissycasey. He was discharged in June 1917, reason being medically unfit. (UNSW)

**Private Michael George Hickey:** Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) MA He was a Canister Maker aged 32 when he enlisted in March 1915 in Leongatha Victoria into the 24th Bn. 894. He was discharged in Nov 1916 due to pleurisy. He died on the 30th Dec 1968. (UNSW)

**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 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 last battle fought by the 22nd Div was on the 18-19 September 1918 - the Battle of Doiran. An Armistice with Bulgaria was signed on 30 September 1918. By 18-20 October, units of the Division had marched back to Stavros. Here they embarked on destroyers with the intention of a landing at Dede Agach to continue the fight against Turkey. After one attempt was called off due to rough weather, the infantry finally landed on 28 October 1918. On reaching Makri, the Division learned that an Armistice with Turkey was imminent. Demobilisation began at Chugunsi and the Division ceased to exist by 31 March 1919. The 22nd Division had suffered casualties of 7,728 killed, wounded and missing during the war but vastly larger numbers sick with malaria, dysentery and other diseases rife in the Salonika theatre.

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. The British concentrated 231 pieces of artillery, including heavy 8-inch howitzers. The bombardment took place over two days, included gas shells and concluded with a rolling barrage, behind which the infantry was to advance. The Allies' losses totalled between 6,559 and 7,819 British and Greek soldiers, against 2,726 for the Bulgarians.

**John Hourigan**: Ennis. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. After the war he joined the Mid Clare Brigade of the IRA and took an active interest in the training of that Company. In 1922 he was attached to the Active Service Unit. He died as a result of Active Service. *New York Banner 1963* (Clare Library)

**Jack Howard**: Ennis. Born on the 16th June 1884. He was a Coach Bodymaker aged 34, when he enlisted on the 23rd Aug 1918 into the RAF 287928. He married Nora on the 8th Feb 1912. Their children were Thomas Anthony, Nora and Catherine. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

**Chaffeur John J Howe**: Born in Ennis about 1895. Lived in Rochester New York. He was aged 23 when he enlisted on the 11th March 1918 into AS Flying School Det, Brooks Field Texas 1060230 . He did not serve abroad. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

**Drummer John Hynes**: Ennis Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn. POW in Germany in May 1915. *(CJ)*

**Drummer Hynes**: Lower Market St Ennis. POW in May 1915. Clare Journal May 1915.

**Sapper John Hynes**: Co Clare. Australian Imperial Force. *(AI)*

He was a Labourer aged 48 when he enlisted in March 1917 in Kalgoorlie WA into the D3 Depot. He was discharged in May 1917 due to being medically unfit. *(UNSW)*
Michael Hynes: 4 Fergus Row Ennis, killed in action 20th June 1916 age 30 near Loos, Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn, G/M in Loos 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) ‘Whilst in the line (June 1916) the 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.’

Michael Hynes: Lived in the Turnpike Ennis, died Feb 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)

Michael Hynes: Lysaght’s Lane Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1915. No 5523. He had previously served with the 1st Liverpools. He was a musician. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Sergeant Edward Johnson: Ennis. 6th Royal Munster Fusiliers. On the wounded list in Dec 1917 (in Jerusalem ?). (SR) Only one E Johnson in RMF. [Sgt. Johnson first served in the 6 Bn. and later the 1 Bn.] Eddie Lough

William Fleck Johnston B.E.: A Local Inspector with the Congested Districts Board in Ennis. He enlisted in April 1915 and obtained a commission in the 16th Royal Irish Rifles (Pioneers). He left Ennis to join his Battalion, which was quartered at Brownlow House near Lurgan. (Clare Champion)

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 Cemetery Ennis. (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.

The Gas attacks at Wulverghem in the municipality of Heuvelland were two German cloud gas attacks during World War I on British troops near Ypres in the Belgian province of West Flanders. The first gas discharge took place on 30 April 1916. There were 562 British gas casualties, of whom 89 were fatal. In
the 3rd Division 69 gassings were reported and in the 24th Division 338 losses to gas were recorded. Non-gas casualties amounted to 103 in the 3rd Division and 209 in the 24th Division. The difference in the number of casualties, was explained by four battalions and working parties being in the path of the gas on the 24th Division front, some of whom did not receive the warnings.

John Keane (John Savage): Born in Ennis, killed in action 14th July 1915, Leinster Regiment 2nd Bn 4892, 6th Division, G/M in Belgium. Son of Mr P Savage Ennis. (TB)

In 1915 the 6th Division moved into the Ypres Salient to relieve troops that had fought in the Second Battle of Ypres. The Salient was relatively quiet for the rest of the year, except for an attack on the chateau at Hooge on 9 August.

John Kearney: Born in Ennis 11th Dec 1899. Royal Naval Reserve Service TS8417. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) There are over 148,000 records for this period. Predominantly these cover the First World War (1914-1918) - The National Archives.

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

‘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.’ (TB)

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 Cairo. 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. From 1915 to 1918 the Division suffered a total of 9,363 officers and men killed, wounded or missing in action.

Michael Kearse: Circular Road, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Labourer aged 31 when he enlisted in 1906 in the Royal Irish Regiment 9044. He served with the BEF 1914-15 and was discharged in Sept
1916 for medical reasons. His mother was Mary Kearse. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**John Kelby:** Born 2nd June 1879 in Ennis Co Clare. Royal Navy K28048 from Sept 1915 – May 1919. The first and last ship he served on was the Victory II. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamen Services 1853-1928)

**Corporal Kelly:** Upper Turnpike Ennis. POW in May 1915 in Limberg. *(CJ)*

**John ‘Jack’ Kelly:** The Turnpike Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn. He spent 15 months in the trenches and got wounded in the Battle of the Somme (Ginchy). He suffered an abdominal injury and he was sent to Ypres in Belgium to recover. (Flan Hehir) **J Kelly:** Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Oct 1916. *(CJ)* (After the Battle of Ginchy the RMF 1st Battalion was then moved northwards to the South of Ypres in Belgium.)

John ‘Jack’ Kelly - Joined the Royal Munster Fusiliers in 1911, and went to Aldershot in England for training. On conclusion of his training he was sent to India and then on to Burma. These countries were under British rule at the time. He was called back to France after the War broke out in 1914, he spent 15 months in the trenches and he got wounded in the Battle of the Somme. He suffered an abdominal injury and he was sent to Ypres in Belgium to recover. Back to England for further recovery, he was then deported to Tipperary Town which was a garrison town at the time.

He was a shoemaker. He married Mary Curtin from Lysaght’s Lane. Two sons John and Peter were born in St Michaels street in Tipperary Town. He came back to Ennis and settled in the Turnpike across from Sharry’s pub and worked as a general operative in the Convent. Eight more children were born here. (I got this information from Anthony Kelly, last surviving member of the Kelly family born to Jack and Mary - Flan Hehir)

**Gunner Martin Kelly:** Ennis. Aged 31 when he enlisted in 1914 in the Royal Garrison Artillery 53061. His father was Michael Kelly, Ennis. In 1917 he was sentenced to 5 years penal servitude for desertion. *(WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)*

**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 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.*
16th Div: At Loos, in January and February 1916, the division was introduced to trench warfare and suffered greatly in the Battle of Hulluch, 27–29 April, (during the Easter Rising in Ireland). Personnel raided German trenches all through May and June. Mortimer Kelly was probably wounded in these raids. In late July they were moved to the Somme Valley where they were intensively engaged in the Battle of the Somme.

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 in Belgium. Son of Patrick Kelly, Lifford, Ennis. (TB)

The 2nd Leinsters were sent north to the suburbs of Armentières (Northern France). They were ordered to take the village of Premesque on the 18 October 1914. By 10 a.m. they had done so. There was heavy resistance from entrenched German positions. No further progress could be made and the soldiers dug in. The captured fortress of Lille was nearby: at one stage the Leinsters were within the outlying works. The Germans counterattacked on the 20 October. There was a heavy artillery bombardment and the primitive trenches offered little protection. There was no answer from the British guns. By evening the Leinsters had retreated.

Thomas Kelly: Ennis. Aged 21 when he enlisted in 1908. Royal Garrison Artillery 9356 & Royal Irish Rifles 9356. He received a gunshot wound to his left leg and became disabled. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private James Kennedy see James (Sonny) Moroney (Joseph Kennedy).


‘The outgoing Chairman of Ennis Urban District Council Peter Kenneally had praise in his ears in December when he announced his decision to volunteer for duty on the Western Front by enlisting in the Munster Fusiliers. A month on, however, it’s a different story with townspeople turning on him, both inside and outside the council chamber in a series of confrontations that have garnered much publicity around the county capital. For Cllr Kenneally it’s a case of what a difference a month can make. First he was involved in a confrontation with noted Republican sympathiser William Considine that came
before Ennis Petty Sessions, with All-Ireland winning hurler Considine charged with assaulting and causing bodily harm to Kenneally. Just over two years ago both Kenneally and Considine stood proudly together in Croke Park after Clare defeated Leix in the All-Ireland hurling final. Considine, affectionately known as ‘The Dodger’ was a member of the winning team, while Kenneally was part of the winning group in his capacity as Mayor of Ennis and member of the fundraising committee that supported the All-Ireland effort. Cllr Kenneally is also at odds with members of Ennis Urban District Council after a confrontation at the annual statutory meeting in the courthouse this Tuesday evening....in the election of the chairman and vice-chairman for the ensuing 12 months. Cllr Kenneally was nominated, as was his adversary TV Honan, with Honan winning the vote 6-5.’ 23 Jan 1917. (Joe O’Muircheartaigh Clare People 17 Jan 2017)

Patrick Kennery: Ennis. Born on the 4th Jan 1898. He was a Labourer aged 19, when he enlisted on the 1st Nov 1918 into the RAF 311504.(British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Francis J Kenny: Born in 1894. He was a second Lieutenant with the Lancashire Fusiliers according to Cecil Stacpoole Kennys family history. He was the son of Major Matthew J Kenny of Cragleagh Ennis. (Margaret Gallery)

Sapper John Kenny: Ennis. He was a Tailor aged 21 when he enlisted in Jan 1899 into the Royal Engineers 2660. He served in South Africa in 1902 and with the BEF in France in 1915. He was discharged in Feb 1916.(British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Major Matthew J Kenny: Cragleagh House outside Ennis. Iniskilling Fusiliers. ‘Major Matthew J Kenny served in the Clare Militia (as Captain I think) Although really too old (he was born 1859) he joined the Inniskillen Fusiliers at the start of the war in 1914 and was given the rank of Major. He served until 1918 when he resigned his commission. He did not see active service abroad as he was too old. Major Matthew J Kenny lived at Craigeleigh outside Ennis where he was born, he sold up and moved to Limerick and later Dublin so probably joined up from Limerick.’ (Margaret Gallery)

Sapper Edward Kerin: Born in Ennis 1882. He was a Surveyor aged 21 when he enlisted in 1903 into the Royal Engineers 12684. He went AWOL in July 1907 and did not return on the 5th Aug
1914. His parents were John and Margaret Kerin, Lifford, Ennis. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

**Sapper Martin Kerin:** Clonroadmore Ennis. He was aged 30 when he enlisted in 1916. The Royal Engineers 163617. His mother was Mary Kerin. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Private J. Kidney:** Ennis, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn., was visited by the King and Queen while convalescing in London in 1914. (CJ)

‘Among those who fell, there are also tales of miraculous survival. Pte J. Kidney was injured at Mons when, carrying despatches by bicycle, he was shot through the wrist and fell into a quarry. He was visited by the King and Queen in hospital, where he suffered an attack of cholera, seemed to have passed away and was sewn up in a blanket, only for doctors to notice signs of life at the last minute.’ (Limerick Leader) **Private James Kidney:** Mill Street Ennis. He was a Cycle Mechanic. He was aged 24 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Tank Corps 308725. He survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Patrick King:** Born in Kildysart, lived in the Turnpike, Ennis, died of wounds 2nd Feb 1915 age 27, South Lancashire Regiment 2nd 7330, 3rd Div, G/M in France. Husband of Mary Anne King of the Turnpike. Son of George and Alice King. (TB)

Private Patrick King arrived in France with the 2nd battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment on 14th August, 1914, just ten days after war was declared. The South Lancashire’s were part of the 3rd Division that engaged in ‘Winter Operations’ between 23rd November 1914 and 6th February 1915. His Division was involved in an attack on Wytschaete on 14th December 1914, which had resulted in high casualties. Private King was wounded just a few days before the ending of Winter Operations and died of his wounds at a hospital near Bailleul close to where he is buried, on 2nd February, 1915. (Clare Museum)

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

From the 21st October to the 12th November 1914 the 1st Battalion fought continuously in the First Battle of Ypres, losing more than 700 men. The 1st Battalion was involved in fighting for the duration of 'First Ypres', taking part in the major actions, at Langemarck, Gheluvelt and Nonne Bosschen. The Battle of Nonne Bosschen: Foch planned an offensive towards Messines and Langemarck for 6 November to expand the salient around Ypres but was forestalled by German attacks on the flanks from 5–9 November. Falkenhayn had accepted that the coastal advance had failed and that taking Ypres was impossible. Neither side had moved forces to Flanders fast enough to obtain a decisive victory and both were exhausted, short of ammunition and suffering from collapses in morale, some infantry units refusing orders. The autumn battles in Flanders had quickly become static, attrition operations, unlike the battles of manoeuvre in the summer.

Charles Lennon: Born in Ennis 25th Dec 1899. Royal Naval Reserve Service SB115. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) There are over 148,000 records for this period. Predominantly these cover the First World War (1914-1918)- The National Archives.


Robert Lennon: Military Barracks Ennis. Aged 52 when he enlisted in 1914. Bedfordshire Regiment 18157, which he had previously served with. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Pioneer Cornelius Lewin: Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis. Aged 19 when he enlisted in 1918. Royal Engineers (Signal) 1350582. His mother was Mary Lewin from 4 Westland Villas, Limerick. He worked as a Telegraph Operator. He survived the War.(British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Thomas Linnan: Born 16/3/1897 in Knockanean Ennis. Lived in Washington USA. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in 1918 with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 2622061. His father was Martin Linnan. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)Thomas Linnan: Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI)
Private Mark Linneen: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Labourer aged 44 when he enlisted in Feb 1916 in West Maitland NSW into the 34th Bn. He was discharged in May 1915 for being overage. His brother was Anthony Linneen, Landsfield Victoria. (UNSW)

Private Dennis F Loftus: Born in Ennis, Co Clare. He was aged 26 when he enlisted in the US Army Camp Humphreys Engineer Training Regiment 2807375 in July 1918. He lived in New York City. He served until Dec 1918. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry.com)

Private Robert Michael Loughan: Born 4/11/1880 in Ennis. In the military (initially Northumberland Fusiliers Tyneside Irish 1059) from 1914-1919. Parents Robert Loughan (also in the military) and Maria Cullinan. They had 8 children and moved to Antrim by 1901. (Margaret Gallery)

Private Roberty Loughan: Ennis. He served with the Durham Light Infantry 49259 from the 15/12/1915 to the 25/3/1919 when he was discharged. He re-enlisted into the RAMC 7251903 in August 1919 aged 38, and was discharged again in Aug 1920. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Private 1st Class Frank Lyons: Born in Ennis, County Clare about 1894. Lived in Suffolk New York. He was aged 23 when he enlisted on the 5th Dec 1917 into the MD (Medical Department) 1724096. He served overseas from July 1918 to June 1919. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

Sergeant Michael Francis Lyons: Born in Ennis, Co Clare. He was aged 30 when he enlisted in the US Army 52 Pioneer Infantry 3187306 in May 1918. He lived in New York. He served overseas from August 1918 until April 1919. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 Ancestry.com)

Corporal Jeremiah Lyons: Ennis. He was a labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in Sept 1901 in the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6870. He was a POW in Limberg in 1917, and repatriated in Dec 1918. He married Anne Hickey in Oct 1907 and they had 2 sons.(British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private Michael Lysaght: Born in Clonroadmore Ennis in 1882. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in 1915 into the Royal Engineers 141097. He served for nearly 2 years until he was discharged in August 1917, as he was no longer physically fit for war. He was aged 37 when he enlisted in May 1919 into the Labour Corps 691678. He was discharged again in Dec 1919. His sister was Ellen Meagher. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WW1 Service Records, 1914-1920)
**John Mack**: Ennis. He was a labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in Oct 1885 into the Lancashire Fusiliers 1396. He served as John McMahon in France from Jan 1915 to March 1919. (British Army WW1 pension Records fold3.com)

**John Henry MacLaurin**: Born in Ennis lived in the The Rectory, Ennistymon, died 20th Sept 1918 age 18, Royal Air Force, G/M in Drumcliffe Cemetery. 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). (TB)

**John Mahoney**: Ennis. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ) ‘John Mahony was born in Ennis in 1891. He had worked as a clerk and later head porter at the Miltown Malbay railway station before joining the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1906. He landed in France with the BEF on 23 August 1914, and three days later was wounded and taken prisoner. Moved to Limburg Camp in Germany in December 1914, volunteered to join Roger Casemant’s Irish Brigade. By 1918 the German’s had long lost interest in employing the Irishmen as a fighting force and in October sent them to Munich with false papers (Mahony now calling himself Hans Harbeck) to fend for themselves. Mahony eventually handed himself over to the authorities (the British Provost marshall at Cologne), and gave a detailed statement of his war.’ 100 Irish Stories of the Great War - Steven Moore.

**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 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. ‘**On the night of the 29th-30th July 1916** the 8th Battalion carried out a raid at 11.25pm... the torpedo group met with very heavy machine-gun fire and had to withdraw... the bombing party were in consequence unable to penetrate the enemy wire... 2nd Lt Holland’s party entered the enemy fire trench.... driving the enemy into the barrage established by the bombing groups on the parapet; they bombed all the dug-outs.... Casualties: Killed - 2nd Lt Fitzpatrick, 1 other rank (Private John Mahony); wounded 2nd Lt Holland and 6 other ranks.’
Private Robert Mahony: Ennis. He was a labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915 into the 5th RMF 6414 (and later into the 7th and 3rd). (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

T Mahony: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers RMF 8th Bn. Honoured? (PMcN) Not in the RMF Book. 2 T Mahony’s in the RMF [Found 5 T Mahonys in RMF can’t narrow down to your man] Eddie Lough

Gunner Thomas Mahoney: Market Street, Ennis. Aged 22 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Field artillery 205892. His father was Thomas Mahoney. He survived the war. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

James Patrick Maloney: Born in Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a bricklayer aged 37 when he enlisted in 1915 in Enoggera Queensland into the 2nd Pioneers 25th Bn 1682. His next of kin was his sister Mary Anne Maloney, Victoria. He received gunshot wounds to the head in May 1916. He was discharged in Nov 1916. (UNSW)

Private Thomas Mangan: Market Street, Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA(AI) He was a Tailor aged 34 when he enlisted in 1915 and re-enlisted again in 1916 in NSW into the Depot Corps. His wife was Annie Mangan. (UNSW)


‘On October 3rd 1916 an attack was made... the objective included the taking of the village of Jenikov... The attack commenced at 3.30am.....about midday the Bulgars could be seen in the distance forming up for a counter-attack which however was dispersed by artillery fire.. At 4pm a sudden bombardment by enemy artillery fire opened.... The counter-attack (by the Bulgars) was held for a time....but it was deemed advisable to draw...back a couple of hundred yards...night had come on....A force of Bulgars had crossed the main road with the intention of attacking the Munsters in flank or from the rear. The Suffolks had caught this force in the dark and charged with the bayonet; 200 Bulgar corpses were found in the morning.... the Battalion was directed soon after 9pm to retire to Lone Tree.....all the wounded were evacuated..Casualties – killed 11; wounded 34.... The only immediate award the Battalion got (on October 3rd 1916) was a Military Medal gained by Private W A Batson....

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.”

**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 in France. (TB)

‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment's highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.’ **Lance Corporal John McCarthy**: Clare. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 6596. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ) ??

**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 15th Division Ammunition Col. 100572, G/M 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. On 1 July 1916, the first day on the Somme, La Boisselle was attacked by the 34th Division as part of the III Corps but the bombardment had not damaged the German deep-mined dug-outs (*minierte Stollen*) and a German listening post overheard a British telephone conversation the day before, which gave away the attack. The III Corps divisions lost more than 11,000 casualties and failed to capture La Boisselle or Ovillers, gaining only small footholds near the boundary with XV Corps to the south and at Schwabenhöhe, after the Lochnagar mine explosion had destroyed some of the defences of Reserve Infantry Regiment 110. The advance of the 103rd Brigade was over ground with a fold, which meant that the disastrous attack by the preceding brigades could not be seen as the brigade advanced to be engaged by artillery and machine-gun fire, which inflicted 70 percent casualties, before the troops had reached the British front line. **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.

**Michael John McCormack**: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AI) MA He was a Labourer aged 24 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Morphettville SA into the 41st FAB. He was discharged 1 Oct 1914. His mother was Mary McCormack Ennistymon. (UNSW)
Corporal Joseph McCormack: Barrack Street Ennis. He was aged 34 when he enlisted in Feb 1919 into the Royal Irish Regiment 26150. He had previously served for 13 years with the Leinster Regiment and the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was discharged in Oct 1920. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Michael McCormack: Knockanen Ennis. Aged 21 when he enlisted in 1916. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 2248. His father was Thomas McCormack. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Gunner Michael McCormack: Turnpike Road Ennis. He enlisted in 1909 into the 5th RMF and later into the Royal Garrison Artillery 38757. His wife was Mary Anne (nee O’Grady) and his mother was Ellen McCormack Post Office Lane Ennis. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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 in France. (TB) Patrick McCormack: Toorna (Toonagh, Fountain). Born in 1895. (Sharon Carberry /ancestry.com) The 1st Connaught Rangers engaged in various actions on the Western Front including; The Battles of La Bassee, the 1st Messines and Armentieres. On the 05.12.1914 it amalgamated with the 2nd Battalion at Le Touret N.E. of the Bethune. In 1915 it fought in the Battles of Neuve Chapelle, Aubers Ridge, Festubert and Loos. On the 11.12.1915 it embarked for Mesopotamia from Marseilles arriving at Basra.

Joseph McCormick: Drumcliffe Ennis. Aged 32 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Irish Regiment 26150. He had previously served with the Leinster Regiment. He was a tailor. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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 in Menin Gate, Ypres Belgium. (TB)

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.
Michael McGrath: Lifford Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 18/4/1883. Born in Ennis Co Clare. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Vancouver in Oct 1915 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 464506 62\(^{nd}\) Bn. His mother was Margaret McGrath Lifford Ennis. (Library and Archives Canada)


Private Francis William McInerney: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Farmer aged 42 when he enlisted in 1917 in Geraldton WA into the 26\(^{th}\) Reinf 11\(^{th}\) Bn. 7750 (and later the 51\(^{st}\) Bn.). His wife was Nellie McInerney, Three Springs WA. He was wounded in action (Gassed) in France in April 1918. (UNSW)


Patrick McKeen: Born 29\(^{th}\) Jan 1886 in Ennis Co Clare. Royal Navy 308854 from Sept 1905 – Feb 1917. The first and last ship he served on was the Pembroke II. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamen Services 1853-1928)

Christopher McMahon: Ennis, died Aug 1918, Royal Irish Fusiliers, G/M in Turkey.

Royal Irish Fusiliers 5\(^{th}\) 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.

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

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, when it became clear that the German defence had recovered from earlier defeats. Haig consulted with the army commanders and on 17 October reduced the scope of operations by cancelling the Third Army plans and reducing the Reserve Army and Fourth Army attacks to limited operations, in co-operation with the French Sixth Army. Another pause followed before operations resumed on 23 October on the northern flank of the Fourth Army, with a delay during more bad weather on the right flank of the
Fourth Army and on the French Sixth Army front, until 5 November. Next day the Fourth Army ceased offensive operations, except for small attacks intended to improve positions and divert German attention from attacks being made by the Reserve/Fifth Army. Larger operations resumed in January 1917.

**Private James McMahon:** Drumbiggle, Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1915. Royal Munster Fusiliers 6392 (and IRoyal Irish Rifles). He was married to Bridget Rockford on the 29 Sept 1889 and they had 3 children. He was a tailor, and he survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**John McMahon:** 17 Clare Road, Ennis, 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers (previously with the 2nd RMF). Wounded in July 1918. (SR) He was a porter with the Great Southern and Western Railway. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 166.

**Corporal John McMahon:** Market Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in March 1900 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6472. He served in South Africa (1902) and the East Indies. He re-enlisted to the 3rd RMF in 1912. He was posted to France with the 2nd RMF from Aug 1914 to April 1918 when he joined the 1st RMF. He was discharged in Jan 1920. His married Mary Horan in 1912, and they had 3 sons, Francis, John and Christopher. His father was Francis McMahon. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Private John McMahon:** Old Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Jan 1903 into the 2nd East Yorkshire Regiment 7265. He was mobized on the 5th Aug 1914 into the 1st EYR, and served in France from Sept 1914 to Jan 1916, when he was discharged. He married Lizzie Maynard in Oct 1907 and they had 2 daughters, Eileen and Kathlenn. They lived in Aldershot. His parents were Michael and Mary Old Mill Street. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Gunner John McMahon (John Mack):** Near Ennis (exact address unknown). He was a Billiard Marker aged 23 when he enlisted in July 1896 into the Royal Artillery 15899. He served in India from 1898 to 1904, and then in South Africa.. He served in France for 4 years during WW1. He was serving with the Labour Corps 371328 when he was discharged in April 1919. His mother was Bridget McMahon. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**L/Corporal Martin McMahon:** Born in Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 27 when he enlisted in Aug 1914 into the South Wales Borderers, Brecknockshire Battalion 12343. He served with the MEF, and was wounded with a GSW to the abdomen in Gallipoli in Aug 1915. Transferred to the No 1 labour
Company Liverpool Regiment in Feb 1917 in the BEF and then to the 66th Labour Corps 39295. He was discharged in March 1919. (Sharon Carberry/British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920)

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Dr M.T. McMahon: Mill Street, Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps. Promoted to Lieutenant in May 1915 in York. (CJ) Son of Mr Peter McMahon, O'Connell St Ennis.

Fr Michael McMahon MC: Ennis, Curate. He was Chaplain to the Royal Army Medical Corps in France, where he was wounded in action and received the Military Cross. (DMC)

P McMahon: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. POW in Germany in Sept 1916. (CJ) Patrick McMahon 8143 was a POW on the RMF POW list. [THIS MAN WAS IN THE 2 Bn.] Eddie Lough

Paddy Con MacMahon (Patrick MacMahon): ’was a native of Ennis and a former British soldier who had served in France during the First World War. After returning to Ennis, McMahon joined the local IRA company and quickly became one of its most active members. He was eventually appointed commander of the 1st Battalion of the IRA’s Mid Clare Brigade….McMahon opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty and took the Republican side during the Irish Civil War…. During the Second World War he was appointed head of the Local Defence Force in Clare’. (Clare Interviews by Ernie O’Malley - Padraig Og O Ruairc)

Patrick McMahon: Lived in Ennis. killed in action 22nd March 1918 age 20 at St Emilie, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, 16th Irish Div, G/M in France. Son of James and Margaret McMahon Cahercon, Shanahea (Kildysart). (TB)

’The Germans had 192 Divisions on the Western Front…..On the 21st March at St Emilie.. at 5pm the enemy attacked in great force, but got no farther than the wire, on which he left many dead. Successive attacks in massed formation continued every half hour till 9pm, when the enemy fell back exhausted….On the 22nd the enemy started a heavy bombardment at 5am….An hour later he attacked in great force, but beyond suffering very heavy losses made no progress..at 3pm it appeared the enemy was still making
progress round the right flank, for orders were received... that the whole line was to fall back to Tincourt.

...The Battalion was now 7 officers, 450 other ranks, out of 24 officers, 950 other ranks on the morning of the 21st...'

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 in France. (TB)

'The British bombardment began at 5 a.m., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment’s highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.'

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)

Winter Operations 1914-15 is the name given to military operations from 23 November 1914 – 6 February 1915, on the part of the Western Front held by the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), in French and Belgian Flanders. In January 1915, rain, snow and floods added to the dangers of sniping and artillery-fire during the day and at night both sides concentrated on repairing trenches. The area from the old La Bassée battlefield, to Kemmel 20 miles (32 km) to the north, was mainly flat low-lying meadows, in the basin of the Lys (Leie) river. Clay sub-soil stopped water soaking more than 2 feet (0.61 m) down, which left trenches water-logged. The Lys rose 7 feet (2.1 m), spread out by more than 100 feet (30 m) and some trenches were abandoned. In other places trenches were blocked at both ends and continuously bailed out, the intervening ground being covered by cross-fire from the "islands". Many men stood knee-deep in water and were relieved twice a day. In January, First Army sick leave averaged 2,144 men per day.

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)

The First Battle of Ypres (19 Oct– 22 Nov 1914): On 11 November, the Germans attacked from Messines to Herenthage, Veldhoek woods, Nonne Bosschen and Polygon Wood. Massed small-arms fire repulsed German attacks between Polygon Wood and Veldhoek. German casualties around Ypres had reached about 80,000 men and BEF losses, August – 30 November, were 89,964, 54,105 at Ypres. The Belgian
army had been reduced by half and the French had lost 385,000 men by September, 265,000 men having been killed by the end of the year.

**Edward James McNamara:** Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 16th Jan 1918, Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn 47462, 8th Div, G/M in Belgium. (TB)

In the Battle of Passchendaele on 31 July 1917, during the opening day of the battle, the Royal Irish Rifles 1st 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.

**Francis McNamara:** Born and lived in the Turnpike Ennis, killed in action 27th Sept 1918 age 21, during the fifth Battle of Ypres, 30th Div, Royal Irish Regiment (South Irish Horse) Bn, G/M in France. Son of Joseph McNamara Turnpike Road Ennis. (TB) The Fifth Battle of Ypres, also called the Advance of Flanders and the Battle of the Peaks of Flanders (French: Bataille des Crêtes de Flandres) is an informal name used to identify a series of battles in northern France and southern Belgium from late September through October 1918.

**Trooper James McNamara:** Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AI) MA. He was a Driver aged 47 when he enlisted in Sept 1915 in Adelaide into the 1st Remount Unit. He was discharged in June 1916. He was married to Selina McNamara, Adelaide. (UNSW)

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

‘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.’

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

‘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 (Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien Ballyalla), 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.

John McNamara: Market Street Ennis. 6ft 3in, Irish Guards. Brother of Michael Francis and Peter McNamara. (CJ) Fought previously in the Boer War.

Sergeant Major Michael Francis McNamara: Born in Newcastle West Co Limerick, lived in Co Kildare enlisted in Ennis, died 20th Jan 1918 age 38 in Mesopotamia. Royal Army Service Corps GHQ Baghdad S/13074, G/M in Iraq. Died in Mesopotamia. (TB)

Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5th 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 Michael McNamara: Clare Road Ennis. Aged 30 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Engineers 66612 (& Royal Munster Fusiliers). He was a labourer. He lost a thumb but survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Michael McNamara: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. He was a Miner aged 44 when he enlisted in April 1916 in Bendigo Victoria into the Depot Bendigo (Depot V42167). He was discharged in July 1916 due to occupational exposure. (UNSW)

Peter McNamara: Market St, Ennis. Army Service Corps. Brother of Michael Francis and John McNamara. (CJ)

Private Thomas McNamara: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 41 when he enlisted in 1914 into the 5th RMF 6256. British Army WW1 (Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) Private Thomas McNamara: Market Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Sept 1892 into the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 4182. He served in the Boer War 1901/02, Gibraltar and India. He was discharged in Nov 1913. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)
Thomas McNamara: Lysaghts Lane Ennis. He was aged 45 when he enlisted in August 1919 into the labour Corps 69182. He was demobilised from the Royal Irish Fusiliers 1494 on the 24th March 1919. He had previously served in the Royal Munster Fusiliers for 4 years. His sister was Bridget McNamara, Lysaghts Lane. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

John Meade: Lifford Ennis. Aged 44 when he enlisted in 1918. Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 285974. He had previously served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers until 1917. He was a labourer before the War. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Patrick Meehan: Originally Old Mill Street and later the Old Military Barracks, Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 5715 (and later in the 2nd RMF). Wounded July 1916 in Loos (CJ), Oct 1916 (CJ) and on wounded list in Jan 1918. (SR) [8 Bn. confirmed in Award rolls] Eddie Lough. He was a Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in Aug 1915 into the 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 5715 and later the 2nd RMF in Feb 1917. He was captured in Nov 1917 (Passchendaele) and released in Dec 1918, and discharged in 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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Corporal Thomas Meehan: Ennis. Aged 41 when he enlisted in 1914. Royal Irish Fusiliers 11780. He had previously served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers until 1917. He married Bridget McMahon in Oct 1904 and they had 1 son and 1 daughter. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Christy Molloy: Ennis. Connaught Rangers. Feb 1917. (CJ)

Christopher Molloy: Born in Ennis 8th March 1890. Royal Naval Reserve Service TS7464. (UK Royal Naval Reserve Service Records Index, 1860 - 1955) There are over 148,000 records for this period. Predominantly these cover the First World War (1914-1918)- The National Archives.
Joseph Molloy: Ennis. With his combat medals which included Boer War Medal, Service Medal, WW1 medal and Victory Medal. (Daniel McCarthy’s Book)

Garry Moloney: Cloughleigh. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers. Brother of Peter. He survived the war and returned to live in Ennis. Son of John and Alice Moloney. (PMcN)

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 on board the Star of India or Waimana for Suez Egypt.

Chunuk Bair was one of the main objectives in the Battle of Sari Bair, fought 6-10 August 1915. The attack was to be carried out by the New Zealand Infantry Brigade with the New Zealand Mounted Rifles designated to clear the foothills. The Wellington Infantry reached the summit, and were later joined by men of the Auckland Infantry and Mounted Rifles. These troops, after repulsing incessant Turkish attacks, were reinforced and relieved on the evening of 9 August. The following morning, the position was taken by a determined and overwhelming counter-attack. The loss of Chunuk Bair marked the end of the effort to reach the central foothills of the peninsula. CHUNUK BAIR CEMETERY (632 Commonwealth servicemen) was made after the Armistice on the site where the Turks had buried some of those Commonwealth soldiers who were killed on 6-8 August.

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

The Rifle Brigade 23rd (North Western) Battalion was posted to India on garrison duties in 1916. In India, men unfit for frontline duties in regiments about to leave India for war zones, were transferred into Garrison Battalions already serving in India. Very little has been written about the Garrison Battalions of World War I in post-war regimental histories. Battalions were disbanded within days of returning from service overseas and their four or five year existence was apparently regarded as of little consequence in regimental history.

Private John Moloney: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AI) MA He was a labourer aged 38 when he enlisted in Nov 1917 in Sydney into the 1st Pioneer Bn. 50914. His wife was Mrs Mary Jane
Moloney Sydney. He had previously served for 12 years in the RGA in England. He was discharged AWOL in May 1918. (UNSW)

**Peter Moloney**: Lived in Cloughleigh 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 Grenay 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.

**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 France. Son of Patrick Considine JP and Mrs J W M Molony (nee Molyneux) Rathgar Dublin. (TB)

The 8th (Service) Battalion landed at Boulogne-sur-Mer as part of the 41st Brigade in the 14th (Light) Division in August 1914 for service on the Western Front, and saw action the Second Battle of Ypres in May 1915, the Battle of Delville Wood in July 1916 and the Battle of Flers–Courcelette in September 1916.

**Lt Claude Molyneux Molony**: Ennis. He was cited for bravery. (Joe Power)

**Captain Molony**: Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps. ‘He was not lost as feared. News has been received that he is a POW in Germany’ May 1918. He was the son of Mr J B Molony Solicitor Bindon St.

**Private Walter Thomas Monaghan**: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) MA He was a Labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in 1915 in Melbourne into the 8th Reinf 24th Bn. 1941. His brother Harold lived in NSW. He was wounded in action in France in Sept 1917. (UNSW)

**Thomas Moody**: Waterpark Ennis, died at Derby War Hospital 27th Nov 1917 age 25, Irish Guards 2nd Bn, G/M in Drumcliffe. 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 Passchendaele). 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) The **Battle**
of Poelcappelle (9th Oct 1917) was a defensive success for the German army, although costly to both sides. The weather and ground conditions put severe strain on all the infantry involved and led to many wounded being stranded on the battlefield.


James (Charles) Morgan: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. A POW in June 1918 (SR) A brother of Michael (RFA) and Ralph Morgan (RMF). (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record) Could be Charles Morgan 6149 ??(not 6649)[James 6649 was in 1 Bn. And later 2 Bn. Ralph was in 2 Bn. And later 1 Bn. Charles was in 2 Bn. And later in 7 Bn.]Eddie Lough

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 France.(TB)

On September 26, 1914 the 1st battalion of the Connaught Rangers arrived at the Port of Marseille after leaving the port of Karachi on the Indian subcontinent a month before. In 1914 they took part in The First Battle of Messines in October 1914 and The Defence of Festubert 23-24th November 1914. This was an engagement early in the First World War when Indian and British battalions of the 7th (Meerut) Division, Indian Army defended the village of Festubert against a German attack from 23–24 November 1914. On 23rd November, the German Infantry Regiment 112 captured 800 yards (730 m) of trench east of Festubert in the Indian Corps area. The lost trench was recaptured but there were many casualties.

It is notable for being one of the first actions in the war in which an attack was made against a prepared defensive position, thus foreshadowing the years of trench warfare which were to come. The British and Indian regiments that took part were awarded the battle honour Festubert 1914.

Michael Morgan: Clare Road, St Flannan’s Terrace, Ennis. Born 14th June 1881. He served as an artillery gunner for the duration of the war. His medals were taken to America by a daughter and were later sold from a road side stall as bric-a-brac. From A Terrace of Houses (St Flannan’s Terrace Centenary Book).

Gunner Michael Morgan: Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in 1902 with the Royal Garrison Artillery 12594. He fought in France from Aug 1915 to the end of the War. He was discharged in April 1919. He married Elizabeth McNamara in March 1908 and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. His 2 brothers Ralph and James also served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Ralph Morgan: Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 6120. A brother of Michael and James Morgan.

Private Martin Moriarty: Ennis. Royal Irish Rifles G/983 80544 Royal Defence Corps (The role of the corps was to provide troops for security and guard duties inside the United Kingdom; guarding important locations such as ports or bridges. It also provided independent companies for guarding prisoner-of-war camps. The corps was never intended to be employed on overseas service.) He was aged 45/46 when he enlisted and he survived the war. His daughter Bridget was married to John Mahony 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers who was killed in action on the 29th July 1916. (Gerry O’Sullivan)

Private Francis Joseph Moroney: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA He was a Labourer aged 41 when he enlisted in Feb 1916 in Bundaberg Queensland into the No 11 Depot. He was discharged in Sept 1916 for being medically unfit. His sister was Mary McMahon, Maiville Ennis.

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 France. James Kennedy 8084: Ennis. A POW in June 1918 (SR) ‘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. ‘The Germans had 192 Divisions on the Western Front.....On the 21st March at St Emilie.. at 5pm the enemy attacked in great force, but got no farther than the wire, on which he left many dead. Successive attacks in massed formation continued every half hour till 9pm, when the enemy fell back exausted....On the 22nd the enemy started a heavy bombardment at 5am....An hour later he attacked in great force, but beyond suffering very heavy losses made no progress..at 3pm it appeared the enemy was still making progress round the right flank, for orders were received.. that the whole line was to fall back to Tincourt. ....The Battalion was now 7 officers, 450 other ranks, out of 24 officers, 950 other ranks on the morning of the 21st...’ (TB)


Private Patrick Moroney: Turnpike, Ennis. He was aged 29 when he enlisted in 1919 with the Labour Corps 703098. He was previously four years with the Connaught Rangers, which he left in Feb 1919. He married Mary Kate Kenny in April 1919 and they had a son John Joseph. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
Corporal Thomas Moroney: Mill Street Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in Dec 1897 into the 73rd Battery Royal Field Artillery 24627. He served in South Africa from 1899 to 1902, and was then posted to India. He re-enlisted in Oct 1914 (47613) for the duration of the war. His father was Patrick Moroney Mill Street Ennis, and his brothers were John, Michael, Patrick and Martin. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

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

On January 10, 1916 the 1st Connaught Rangers, having left the Western Front, disembarked at Basra and were transported up the Tigris River to Kut. Various attempts to reach the trapped British force at Kut met with failure throughout the early months of 1916. Losses among the relieving forces were high as they tired to vain to break through the Turkish lines. Finally on April 28, 1916 short of food and water the garrison at Kut surrendered. Throughout the summer of 1916 the ranks of the Connaught Rangers facing the Turkish lines at Kut were decimated by a cholera epidemic, which claimed many lives.

Maurice Michael Mulcahy: Bindon St Ennis. Father of Patrick below, was aboard the SS Ocean when it was torpedoed off the Dardenelles. He was a Sexton of St Columba’s Church. He survived the war. His son Patrick died in 1917 in France. (P McN)

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 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 Dardenelles. (TB)

‘He was up at an advanced dressing station with me and was in a trench that was blown in. His comrade was killed, and both were buried. Your son was dug out and brought to the station, where he passed away….He was one of our best.’ Captain Rea RAMC SR Nov 1917. The 108th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps served with 36th (Ulster) Division. In 1917 they were in action at The Battle of Messines, capturing Wytschaete and in the The Battle of Langemarck during the Third Battles of Ypres and the The Cambrai Operations where the Division captured Bourlon Wood.
**Private John Mullaly**, Ennis. Co. Clare was a pre-war regular soldier. He was aged 28 in 1914 and served with the 8th Kings Royal Irish Huzzars. He served in India before the 1st World War and in France and Flanders in 1915. He was at home and saw service with the British Forces during the Easter Rising. He was wounded in face and hands during the Rising and was discharged due to pulmonary tuberculosis in 1916/17. (Eamonn Dillon)

**John Mullally**: Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in 1906 with the 8th Hussars 6836. He married Mary Connor in Aug 1915. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private Michael Mullally**: Old Mill Street Ennis. Aged 41 when he enlisted in 1918. Labour Corps 69690 (& London Regiment 783499). He married Margaret Williams in Nov 1900 and they had one child Thomas Mullaly. He survived the War. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Private Michael Mullins**: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force (AI) MA He was a Lengthsman aged 44 when he enlisted in Feb 1916 in Charters Towers Queensland into the No 11 Depot Battery. He was discharged in March 1916 for being overage and having a former elbow injury. His wife was Annie Mullins, Charters Towers. (UNSW)

The term **Lengthsman**, coined in the 1700s, originally referred to someone who kept a "length" of road neat and tidy, but lengthsmen were used on canals and railways from the beginnings of both. On roads, lengthsmen were responsible for a few miles between adjacent villages and sometimes their duties encompassed the village itself. Employed by local parish councils, their job was, among other things, to keep grass and weeds down in the verge, keep drainage ditches clear, and sometimes repair fences. Litter, such as it was in those times, was collected and even wild flowers were tended to.

**Patrick Mungovan**: Ennis. Born 18/9/1881 in Co Clare, lived in Canada, died 27th 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 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 46th Battalion (South Saskatchewan) was part of the 10th Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Division in France and Flanders until the end of the war. It fought in the **Battle of Canal du Nord** (Sept 27 – Oct 1 1918), which took place in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, along an incomplete portion of the Canal du Nord and on the outskirts of Cambrai. To avoid the risk of having extensive German reserves massed against a single Allied attack, the assault along the Canal du Nord was undertaken as part of a number of closely sequenced Allied attacks at separate points along the Western Front.
The battle penetrated a majority of the defenses of the Hindenburg Line and allowed the next attack (the Battle of Cambrai (1918)) to complete the penetration and begin the advance beyond the Hindenburg Line.

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)

Second Battle of Ypres (22 April – 25 May 1915): The 1st Battalion arrived at Ypres on 2 April 1915. Hill 60 was captured by the British, and Ypres suffered heavy casualties when the Germans shelled the town. The Germans launched their offensive on 22 April, and the British were forced to retreat. The battalion was heavily involved in the preparation of the new line. On 5 May they were gassed. The Germans retook Hill 60. Further Fighting. On 11 May the were called to recapture a trench lost by a Highland battalion. The Germans were forced to retreat. The position couldn’t be held owing to heavy German machine gun and artillery fire. Over 500 causalities were sustained, at least 83 were killed. The battalion won the honour ‘Ypres 1915’. By the end of the battle the Ypres salient was compressed, with Ypres closer to the line. The city, bombarded by artillery fire, was demolished, with recorded British losses of 59,275 casualties.

Corporal James Murphy: Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 22 when he enlisted in 1895 with the Royal Artillery 9725. He was discharged in Nov 1917. He married Marion Gertrude Warr in 1901 and they had 2 daughters and a son. His mother was Mary Murphy from Corofin. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Corporal John Murphy: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Lost his arm in an accident getting on a train in Limerick. (CJ)

Corporal M Murphy: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st. Wrote a letter from the front to the Clare Journal in Sept 1915 about the Gallipoli landing (‘Ennis men who did their duty’). (CJ)

Michael Murphy: Ennis. Born on the 27th Sept 1886. He was a General Labourer aged 31, when he enlisted on the 3rd Sept 1918 into the RAF 291707.(British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)
Private Nicholas Murphy: 13 Carr Street Ennis. He was aged 23 when he enlisted in 1916. Princess Victoria’s (Royal Irish Fusiliers) 24070. He was a labourer and the son of Charles Nicholas and Edith Murphy. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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. Michael was the second eldest of their 4 children.

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)

The Battle of Albert (1–13 July 1916), comprised the first two weeks of Anglo-French offensive operations in the Battle of the Somme. The Allied preparatory artillery bombardment commenced on 24 June and the Anglo-French infantry attacked on 1 July, on the south bank from Foucaucourt to the Somme and from the Somme north to Gommecourt, 2 miles (3.2 km) beyond Serre. 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. Against General Joffre's wishes, General Sir Douglas Haig abandoned the offensive north of the road, to reinforce the success in the south, where the Anglo-French forces pressed forward through several intermediate lines, until close to the German second position.

Patrick (Pappy) Neville: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment, discharged May 1915. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 199. ‘Private Neville was wounded at Ypres on February 18, 1915. Conditions were terrible in the trenches during that bitterly cold winter of 1915 with soldiers knee high in liquid mud. After returning from one of his 48-hour stints in the trenches, Pappy was given the job of looking after a number of shellshocked men. However a medical officer ordered him and his charges back to the trenches. Subsequently, when his battalion were withdrawn from the line at St Eloi, they neglected to inform Pappy and the shellshock victims with the result that he suffered frost bite and had to undergo the amputation of one foot and partial amputation of another’. Pappy Neville was the last World War 1 veteran in Clare to die at the age of 102 in 1992. Joe O’Muircheartaigh Clare People.
Daniel Neylon CBE: Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis. He was the Chief Accountant in the War Office, and was Financial Advisor to the Salonika Expeditionary Force. In Jan 1918 he was conferred a **Member of the Order of the British Empire and made a C.B.E.** (SR) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 160. He was the son of James Neylon, the brother of John Neylon, Knockroe House, Boston, and the sister of Miss Neylon, the Matron of the Clare County Infirmary.

Matron Neylon: The Red Cross in Ennis.

Edwin Arthur Nightengale: Born in Plymouth lived in Ennis, killed in action 10\(^{th}\) April 1918 in The Battle of Berukin, Palestine (9 – 11 April 1918), Hampshire Regiment 2\(^{nd}\)/5\(^{th}\) Bn 240214, 75th Division. G/M in Jerusalem. (TB) He is also commemorated on a Memorial in St Columba’s Church in Ennis.

**The Battle of Berukin (9 – 11 April 1918):** ‘At 1100 the 1/5th Devons advanced from Deir Ghussaneh to attack Berukin (Palestine), they immediately came under very heavy shell fire which together with the nature of the country made progress very slow. At 1600 two companies assaulted the village with one company in support and the remaining company was placed on Hill in A.15.b. to give covering fire, In spite of very heavy machine gun fire the assault was successful and the village consolidated. The enemy kept up heavy machine gun fire on our line throughout the night and on the 232nd Infantry Brigade front their patrols were very active. El Kefr and Berukin were both attacked, the attack on the latter only being driven off by the 1/5th Devons and 1 Coy 2/4th Somerset LI after severe hand to hand fighting in the village itself.’ 75\(^{th}\) Div War Diary.

Private Nightingale MM: Ennis. Royal Army Medical Corps. He was awarded the **Military Medal** in May 1919 for bravery in the field. (SR)

Private William Nightingale: Mill Street Ennis. Aged 20 when he was discharged in 1917 due to gunshot wounds. The Connaught Rangers 6\(^{th}\) Bn 5754. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) ‘A war office telegram to his relatives in Ennis announces that Pte W Nightingale, Sixth Connaught Rangers, lies in hospital in France, dangerously wounded in the shoulder and buttock’ Times Past Clare Champion Feb 17 2017.

Joe Nono: Ennis. Aug 15\(^{th}\) 1923 – ‘That morning then 11-year-old Charles Nono sensed that something was up. “There was excitement in the town because of an election rally taking place and as the day went on word started to go around that de Valera would make an appearance,” he recalled. Nono wasn’t interested in politics then and was just out for a bit of fun with his friends – out to
see what all the commotion was about. Living in 41 O’Connell Street he didn’t have far to travel, being sucked up towards the monument by the crowds that converged there from all directions. He’d seen it all before – war being at his doorstep and being so young he wanted more. His father Joe had gone to fight in the First World War and Charles himself was destined to take the fight to Germany in the Second World War, while war was all around him in Ennis in his youth.’ (Joe Ó Muircheartaigh - When shots rang out over Ennis)

Lance Corporal Peter Noonan (Peter Kinsella): Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 39 when he enlisted in 1918 with the Royal Irish Regiment 219. He had previously served with the Connaught Rangers 5358 for 12 years until 1918. He was discharged in March 1919. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Michael James Nugent: Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI) DOB 20/4/1878. Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Alberta. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Dec 1916 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 895499 191st Bn. His brother was Dan Nugent, Ennis Co Clare. (Library and Archives Canada)

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.

‘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...’

Lieutenant Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien MC: Ballyalla, Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn (16th Div). (PMcN) Severely wounded Aug 1916 in Loos. (CJ) He appears to have seen no further action. He was awarded the Military Cross (not the Distinguished Service Order) in 1916 ‘for conspicuous gallantry during raids on enemy trenches. On one occasion after his return, finding that a man was missing, he went out in a wounded condition and brought him in under heavy gunfire.’ Lieutenant Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien: 8th RMF. He was awarded the Military Cross on the 25/8/1916. (RMF Book Capt McCance)

‘On July 19th 1916 four raids were carried out. The parties consisted of 1 officer and 29 other ranks under Lieutenants Mitchell, Woodley, O’Brien (Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien) and Captain Casey; the Battalion bombers under Second Lieutenant Becher.... The advance of each party was covered by salvoes of rifle grenades... Owing to the failure of the “Bangalore” torpedoes to breach the enemy wire sufficiently the fire trench was not reached; instead the bombers threw from the parapet into the trench
and inflicted heavy casualties. Casualties (all recovered); Killed 2 officers (including 2nd Lt Becher), 1 other rank; wounded 7.’

‘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, 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.’

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)

The Battle of Mons (23rd Aug 1914): This was the first major action of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in the First World War. At Mons, the British Army attempted to hold the line of the Mons–Condé Canal against the advancing German 1st Army. Although the British fought well and inflicted disproportionate casualties on the numerically superior Germans, they were eventually forced to retreat due both to the greater strength of the Germans and the sudden retreat of the French Fifth Army, which exposed the British right flank. Though initially planned as a simple tactical withdrawal and executed in good order, the British retreat from Mons lasted for two weeks and took the BEF to the outskirts of Paris before it counter-attacked in concert with the French, at the Battle of the Marne.


Lt W J Wheeler O’Bryen MM: Royal Warwicks was awarded the Military Medal. His father was Dr Wheeler O’Bryan from Ennis who lived in Sydenham (CJ)

Harry O’Connell: Turnpike, Ennis. Former Post Office worker who enlisted in the telegraph section at the front in Feb 1916. (CJ)
**Sgt Joe O’Connor:** O’Connell St, Ennis. Machine Gun Corps. Joseph (Joe) was a very well known figure in the town, involved as an officer in the Knights of Malta and worked as a Courts Sherriff for a long time. He lived in the houses opposite the entrance to Dunnes Stores. (Eric Shaw & Eddie Lough)

**Corporal Martin F O’Connor:** Born in Ennis County Clare on the 6th Sept 1886. Lived in Troy New York. He was aged 32 when he enlisted on the 9th Sept 1918 into 156 Dep Brigade and later the 153 Dep Brigade (4489243). He did not serve overseas. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919)

**Private John O’Dea:** Turnpike Ennis. Aged 38 when he enlisted in 1915. Yorkshire Regiment 32247. His mother was Catherine O’Dea. He was a labourer before the War.(British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Michael O’Dea:** Ennis. He was a aged 40 when he enlisted in 1914 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 8247. His mother was Catherine O’Dea. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private John O’Donnell:** Lysaght’s Lane, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Groom aged 19 when he enlisted in May 1916 in the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 40914. He served with the BEF in France in 1917 and was discharged in March 1918 for medical reasons. His father was John O’Donnell. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Private Thomas O’Donnell:** Lysaght’s Lane, Ennis. Aged 19 when he enlisted in 1915. Army Service Corps 085820. His parents were John and Anne O’Donnell. He was a clerk before the War.(British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**Gunner George Francis O’Donoghue:** Mill Road, Ennis. Co Clare. He was a Barman aged 22 when he enlisted in 1904 in the Royal Garrison Artillery 1874. He was discharged in March 1915 for medical reasons. His mother was Ann O’Donoghue. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
Tom O’Dwyer: Lived in Drumbiggle in Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was a carpenter. He lived on a British Army pension and died in his eighties. Brian O’Dalaigh. [This man is possibly Thomas Dwyer RMF 4836 IN 1 Bn. And later 2 Bn.] Eddie Lough

Margaret O’Gorman: from Cahercalla was a nurse in the Great War in London. (source General Kelly Kenny letters to Matthew Butler Kelly NLI) Margaret Gallery


Private Michael J O’Grady: Born in Ennis County Clare on the 6th Sept 1890. Lived in New York City. He was aged 27 when he enlisted on the 17th July 1918 into Co A Central MG OTS Camp Hancock and later 17 Ord Gd Co Morgan NJ 3592783. He did not serve overseas. (New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919) While in France the Regiment trained at O & T Center No. 5 (Operations & Training) at Angers, France. Their firing range was at Montmorillon, France. The Regiment did not see any action at the Front, as they had just arrived when the Armistice was signed and their training had not begun.

Private Patrick O’Grady: Turnpike Ennis. He was aged 31 when he enlisted in 1919 in the Labour Corps 703114. He was previously with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 54182 for 4 years, which he left in Sept 1918, after he had suffered a gun shot wound to the neck and jaw. He married Lizzie Kenny in Sept 1913 and they had 3 daughters.(WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)


Private James O’Halloran: Ennis. 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers 4724. A POW in June 1918 (SR) He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record. [Agree 8 Bn.] Eddie Lough On November 23rd 1916 the 8th Battalion amalgamated with the 1st Bn RMF.
Lance Corporal James (O’) Halloran: Claureen, Ennis, Co Clare. He was a Farm Labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in 1911 in the Irish Guards 3810. He served with the BEF from Aug 1914 and received a gunshot wound to the chest in Nov 1914. He was discharged in May 1915 for medical reasons. His father was Martin Halloran. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

James O’Halloran: Claureen, Irish Guards. Wounded in 1914. Son of Mr Martin O’Halloran Claureen. (CJ)

Private John O’Halloran: Claureen, Ennis Co Clare. He was a Fireman aged 26 when he enlisted in 1915 in the Irish Guards 7602. He served until April 1920. His mother was A O’Halloran. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

John Joseph O’Halloran: The Turnpike, Ennis. 8th Kings Royal Irish Hussars. Williams brother. He survived the war. (Eddie Lough)

Sapper Michael O’Halloran: Ennis, Australian Imperial Force. He was a Gardner aged 21 when he enlisted in 1915 in Melbourne into the 5th FCE 4th Reinf. 6549. He was wounded in action in France in April 1918 (gun shot wounds to the thigh). His mother was Annie O’Halloran, Claureen Ennis. (UNSW)

Private Stephen O’Halloran: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 40 when he enlisted in Nov 1914 into the 3rd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 376972. He was transferred to the 2nd RMF in March 1915 until Feb 1918, when he was posted to the Labour Corps. He was discharged in June 1918 for medical reasons. He had previously joined the 2nd RMF (4031) in 1892, and served in India. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Sergeant William O’Halloran: His family lived in the Turnpike Ennis. He was killed in action on the 4th Nov 1916. G/M 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)

M O’Keefe: Ennis. Former Post Office worker who enlisted in the telegraph section at the front in Feb 1916. (CJ)

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 Greece. He wrote a letter that appeared in the Clare Journal in Feb 1915. (TB)

July 1916 Salonika (10th Div): According to men’s diary they claimed that "the weather conditions are worse than the enemy itself". During the summer months in the central Struma valley men could march 25 miles (40 km) in temperatures of 114 °F. The marches were occasionally fatal; in July 1916 men fainted in their scores while marching and one young soldier died on the side of the road. Sometimes the rain too would reduce the ground to "a sea of mud". Thunderstorms also affected the men who weren’t used to them. 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.

Sarah Cecilia O'Leary nee McMahon: Ennis. Served in the Women’s (later Queen Mary's) Army Auxiliary Corps During World War One.


Pat O'Loghlen: Nephew of Martin O'Loghlen Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action May 1916. (CJ) (No records available)

Gunner Patrick O’Loughlin: Drumcliffe Ennis. Royal Regiment of Artillery 12624. He married Mary Slattery in 1906 and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Patrick O'Loghlin: Jail Road, Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 22 when he enlisted in 1904 in the Connaught Rangers 8336. He served in India from 1905-08. He became a prisoner
of war on the 24th Aug 1914 and was released in June 1918. He married Margaret O’Gorman in Aug 1918, and was honourably discharged in Oct 1918. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

P O’Loghlin: Clare. Connaught Rangers. POW in Dec 1915. (CJ)

Frances O’Loughlin: Born in Ennis 24th April 1893. Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. (UK, Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps Index, 1917-1920)

Private John O’Loughlin: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Farm Hand aged 33 when he enlisted in Sept 1914 in Kensington NSW into the 2nd Bn. 665. He served in Gallipoli. He was discharged in Jan 1916 due to rheumatism. He had previously served for 12 years in India. His father was Patrick O’Loughlin, Upper Gaol Street, Ennis. (UNSW)

Pat O’Mahony: Ennis. Fought in the Great War. In late 1920 as a former soldier he led the training of the newly formed IRA Mid-Clare flying column (active service unit) Ennis Company.

The training involved lectures on the care and mechanism of Lee Enfield service rifles, aiming exercises and judging distances. During the Civil War he was imprisoned by the Free State Army and later executed in Ennis in 1923. (DMC)

Guardsman Patrick O’Malley: 39 St Flannans Terrace, Ennis. He was aged 21 when he enlisted in Nov 1919 into the Irish Guards 14570. He was discharged in Jan 1920. (British army WW1 Pension Recordsfold3.com)

The Rev Isidore James O’Meehan: Born 5/7/1867 in Ennis, died 19th Dec 1919 age 52 in Mesopotamia, Army Chaplains Dept, G/M 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.

John O’Neill: Ennis. He was a shoeing smith aged 28 when he enlisted in Nov 1914. Army Service Corps TS4396. His father was Michael O’Neill. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)
CSM Joseph O'Neill: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a Clerk aged 33 when he enlisted in Aug 1914 into the 1st Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 7/104 and later the Labour Corps 588127. He served in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. He was discharged in March 1919. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)


Company Sergeant-Major Joseph O'Neill: Turnpike, Ennis Co Clare. He was a clerk aged 33 when he enlisted in August 1914 in the 7th Royal Munster Fusiliers 104 (and later in the Labour Corps). From July 1915 to Feb 1919 he served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Before the War he was in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He married Bridget in Aug 1907, and they had two sons Martin and John. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Patrick O'Regan: Ennis. He enlisted in 1901 when he was aged 26. Army Reserve Engineers 386215. He was injured in 1917 in France. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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. In March 1920, Martial Law was declared in Constantinople and Scutari. The Allied Navies closed the Bosphorus and the northern exit to the Sea of Marmora to all ferry and boat traffic. Over the next year or so, the 2nd Dublins took part in operations such as guarding prison camps, patrolling and occupying the telegraph and telephone offices in Haidar Pasha. On the 17th of November 1920, they left occupied Turkey for Multan in India.

Rifleman Jack O'Sullivan: Born on Parnell St Ennis, lived on the Kilrush Road, in the Terrace just after the Boys National. No 2 Platoon, A Company, Royal Irish Rifles 5566 2nd Bn. 3rd Division BEF. He was wounded at La Boisselle near Albert on the 17th July 1916 aged 17. He returned to Ennis
after the war working as a projectionist in the Gaiety Cinema. He died in 1975. (Frances O’Sullivan – Daughter in law)

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 in Turkey. Son of Mrs Bridget Pierce. (TB)

‘The Battalion again took over the line from the Pimple (Hill 60) to the sea on the 16th August (1915), and was heavily bombed by the enemy, but was able to retaliate on the arrival of their own supply. The position was also heavily shelled ....Captain Aplin received orders at 7.30pm that the whole position was to be evacuated. Unfortunately, the final orders did not reach the extreme left of the line....25 men remained all night, beating back the enemy attacks....Casualties; killed 19; wounded 63; missing 12.’

Frank Poyne: Market Street, Ennis. He was a General labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Corps of Royal Engineers. His mother was Hannah Poyne. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

Cadet William Purcell, was 30 years old in 1914. He was from Ennis, Co Clare and worked in banking in Dublin. He was a member of the Dublin University (Trinity College) Officer Training Corps and served with the British Forces during the Easter Rising. He was later commissioned into the South Irish Horse as a Second Lieutenant in December, 1916. (Eamonn Dillon)

Patrick Joseph Pyne (alias Chambers): Canadian Infantry Ennis. (CI) DOB 28/2/1898. Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Manitoba. He was a Hotel Clerk when he enlisted in Feb 1916 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 830296. His Aunt was Bridget Pyne, Clare Club, Ennis Co Clare. (Library and Archives Canada)

Private Michael Quan: 6 Herrings Terrace, Ennis. He was a labourer aged 26 when he enlisted in Nov 1914 in the Leinster Regiment 7th Bn 1199. He was discharged in April 1915. His father was James Quan. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

P Quin: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CJ) [3 Patrick Quinns found in RMF 1) G/790 served in the 1 Garrison Bn. 2) 6352 1 Bn. SWB discharged due to wounds 10-7-1919. 3) 10645 2 Bn. SWB discharged due to wounds 19-8-1919. No clue as to which one from Clare]
Alfred Quinlivan: Born and lived in Ennis, killed in action 15th August 1917 age 33 at the Frezenberg Ridge near Passchendaele. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Ypres (Menin Gate) Belgium. Son of Mrs Mary Quinlivan, Market Street, Ennis.(TB)

‘The Battalion relieved the 8th 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.’

Sapper Cornelius Quinn: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) MA He was a Machine Miner aged 40 when he enlisted in Feb 1916 in Blackboy Hill WA into the 13th Mining Corps. He served in France. He was discharged in May 1918 due to Pneumonia ‘while in trenches after being 10 months in firing line’. His brother was John Joseph Quinn. (UNSW)

Patrick Quinn: Ennis. Canadian Infantry. (CI) Patrick Quinn: Born 2/8/1887 in Drumcliffe Co Clare. He lived in Winnipeg Manitoba. He was a Tailor when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 15451 in 1914. His next of kin was E Quinn. He served in the Boer War with the Royal Engineers.(Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)

Trooper John Matthew Ranahan: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a labourer aged 50 when he enlisted in Oct 1915 in Warwick Queensland into the 2nd Remount Unit. His wife was Annie Ranahan. He was discharged in June 1916.(UNSW)

Commander Paymaster Ranalow: Ennis. Attended a function in Quilty in 1928 to honour the three seamen from Quilty, who saved three fishermen who having lost their boat were marooned on Mutton Island. The gallant seamen were Thomas Boyle, Michael Crehan and John Kelleher who at great personal risk set out in a 24 foot boat, in the teeth of the gale, and rescued the fishermen. The function was address by Major General W B Hickie KCB, who was Commander of the 16th (Irish) Division on the Western Front during WW1. Also present were 50 ex servicemen from Ennis and Kilrush. Ranalow William H, Paymaster Lieutenant Commander, RNR, Royal Naval Reserve, died 17 September 1929 of illness.

Private Michael Reddan: High Street, Ennis. Aged 57 when he enlisted in 1910. Army Ordnance Corps 034893. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)
The Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC) was a corps of the British Army. At its renaming as a Royal Corps in 1918 it was both a supply and repair corps. In the supply area it had responsibility for weapons, armoured vehicles and other military equipment, ammunition and clothing and certain minor functions such as laundry, mobile baths and photography.

Private T Reidy: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Machine Gunner. No. 5869. See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 86. This article was published in May 1916, a year after Rue du Bois. Richebourg is very close to Rue du Bois.

Private Thomas Reidy: 47 Amber Road, Kilkee, Co Clare. He was a Labourer aged 27 when he enlisted in March 1918 into the Army Service Corps 43709. He was discharged due to a shoulder injury in Sept 1918. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

‘The death of Mr. Thomas Reidy (“Digger”) Fergus Row Ennis, which took place under tragic circumstances on the 14th February 1949 was the cause of deep regret in Ennis, where he was well known and a popular figure. During the fight for independence he was a member of the I.R.A. Previous to that he saw service with the British Army during the 1914-1918 war ..........

Mr. Thomas Reidy was a pensioner of the British army, suffering from the attack of nervousness and went to the railway bridge spanning the Fergus and threw himself into the river. He was 58 and leaves a widow and seven children. At an inquest the Corner recorded a verdict of death due to suicide while the balance of the man’s mind was upset, and offered sympathy to the relatives. The funeral took place to the Calvary Section of Drumcliff and was very large and representative, testifying to the popularity of the deceased.’ (Grave H57). (Clare Champion, Liam Curran, Ballyea, Kilkee Parish Records) Larry Brennan


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 British Fifth Army and Second Army and the French First Army on the northern flank, attacked the German 4th Army which defended the Western Front from Lille, to the Ypres Salient in Belgium and on to the North Sea coast. On 31 July the Anglo-French armies attacked the Ypres Salient and captured Pilckem (Flemish: Pilkem) Ridge and areas either side, the French attack being a great success (which included the 2nd Div).

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 in Thiepval France. (TB)
‘On September 3rd the Battalion moved into position at 3am for the attack on Guillemont.... The leading companies left their trench together with the 6th Bn Connaughts at 12.30am..... The enemy had been cleared from Guillemont and the Quarries and Battalion HQ was established in the village. At 2.35pm... the Battalion advanced as far as the sunken road east of Guillemont.... consolidating the position.... the failure of the Brigade on the left to make good its advance on Ginchy exposed the left flank of the Battalion, and three heavy counter-attacks preceded by artillery preparation had to be repulsed. The Battalion was relieved at 2am on the 4th September..... Casualties; 265 all ranks.’

**Sergeant Edward Reynolds:** Cloughleigh Road, Ennis Co Clare. He was a Clerk aged 30 when he enlisted in Oct 1914 in the Connaught Rangers 1302. (He had previously served for 12 years with the Connaught Rangers). He was with the British Expeditionary Force in France 1915, 1916 and 1917. He was discharged in Jan 1919 with shell shock. He was admitted to a Hospital in Warley in 1928 and died there in Jan 1947. He married Bridget in March 1908 and they had 2 sons and 2 daughters.(British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com) **Sgt E Reynolds:** Ennis. Connaught Rangers. Wounded in Oct 1916. (CJ)(Limerick Leader)

**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 in France. He was the son of James and Margaret Reynolds. (TB) He was a brother of Stephen. (Eric Shaw) ‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m., the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the regiment’s highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.’

**Stephen Reynolds:** Corrovorrin. Born in Ennis on 31 Dec 1890. He was a professional soldier who served with the British in India and who was brought back to Europe during WW1 and fought in France. He was wounded there but survived. He was given a soldier’s house in Kiloo and died there in 1946 aged 56. He was buried in Corrovorrin Cemetery. He was the son of James Reynolds and Margaret Quinlivan, and a brother of James Reynolds who died at Rue Du Bois in May 1915. (Eric Shaw)

Stephen Reynolds from Borheen, Ennis, enlisted in the 3rd Bn. Leinster Reg. 4-11-1908, Army number 8945. This was a reserve Bn. never saw action overseas. However Stephen is also mentioned in Medal Card as having been in 1st Bn. of the Leinsters .It’s not unusual for soldiers to be transferred between Bns. Or indeed into other Regiments/Corps.

Stephen was not involved in the war in Europe until after 1915, as he was not awarded the “1914-15 Star”. Records show that the 1st Bn Leinsters were in Fyzabad, India. At the outbreak of war, but they
were in France by Dec 1914. Anyway sometime during the transfers between Bns. Stephen was in action as he was awarded the other two medals. He was discharged 14-3-1916 and was issued with the Silver War Badge number 197636. It appears that the reason was not wounded but “sick”. The term “neurasthenia” is mentioned in later docs. This would equate with the modern condition of “Post traumatic stress disorder”, or possibly “Shell shock”.

Stephen’s career takes an interesting turn in 1918, he enlists in the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Gunner, on a short term engagement on 27-3-1918. He is posted to a Battery in Cork. However 6 months later he is again discharged “sick”, the term neurasthenia being used. Later, he is awarded a pension of 8s 3d weekly having been assessed as having a 30% disability. He is recorded as marrying Lilly Curtin on 6-9-1916 and residing at Borheen, Ennis. The Borheen would not be very far removed from Corrovorrin, where James was born. (Eddie Lough)

Gunner Stephen Reynolds: Borheen Ennis. Aged 27 when he enlisted in 1918. Royal Garrison Artillery 285806. He married Lilly Curtin in Sept 1916 and they had a son. He had previously served for 9 years with the Leinster Regiment until 1916. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

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 in Thiepval France. Son of Patrick and Margaret Rochford, Drumbiggle. (TB) He was reported missing in action in Sept 1916 in the Clare Journal. (CJ)

‘On September 3rd the Battalion moved into position at 3am for the attack on Guillemont…. The leading companies left their trench together with the 6th Bn Connaughts at 12.30am…. The enemy had been cleared from Guillemont and the Quarries and Battalion HQ was established in the village. At 2.35pm… the Battalion advanced as far as the sunken road east of Guillemont…. consolidating the position…. the failure of the Brigade on the left to make good its advance on Ginchy exposed the left flank of the Battalion, and three heavy counter-attacks preceded by artillery preparation had to be repulsed. The Battalion was relieved at 2am on the 4th September….. Casualties; 265 all ranks.’

Private James Ronan: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Labourer aged 38 when he enlisted in March 1916 in Townsville Queensland into the 47th Bn. 4th Reinf. 2273. He was discharged in Nov 1917. His wife was Elsie Agnes Ronan. (UNSW)

Captain Rose C.E. (Chief Engineer): Killed in action Dec 1914. He was stationed at the Ordnance Survey in Ennis before the war. Taken from an article in the Clare Journal Dec 1914. (CJ) COuld
be Major Launcelot St Vincent Rose Royal Engineers. Killed in action 28th Nov 1914. Mentioned in Despatches. He worked in the Ordnance Survey in Ireland.

James Ross: Ennis. Born on the 30th March 1895. He was a Cycle Motor Mechanic aged 23, when he enlisted on the 25th May 1918 into the RAF 189506. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Thomas Roughan: Lysaghts Lane, Ennis. He was aged 43 when he enlisted in July 1919 into the Royal Engineers (Store Section). He had previously served with the Army Service Corps 638432, from June 1917 to Aug 1918., when he was discharged for medical reasons. His sister was Bridget Roughan, Lysaghts Lane. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)

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 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 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. Due to the state of the ground, 15,000 rations were delivered by parachute, from 80 Belgian and British aircraft.

James Russell: Ennis, killed in action 22nd March 1918 in the German Offensive, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in France. (TB)

The British front was at its lengthiest when the German March "Spring Offensive" (Kaiserschlacht) opened with a devastating bombardment early on 21 March from 4.15am until noon after which a fierce attack by fresh troops was launched. The battalion suffered badly from the shelling but held the Germans up all night, before they broke through and overwhelmed the Munsters who dashed to retreat, some few making it to a high ridge trench, there driven out and retiring to Epehy by dark, fog having allowed the Germans to infiltrate easily. Next day the battalion was withdrawn to Tincourt where the depleted 16th (Irish) Division was concentrated, the 2RMF now numbering only 290 other ranks, from 629 the day before. On 22 March the battalion crossed back over the Somme at Péronne. ‘About 2.am on the 22nd March orders came that all Irish troops were to withdraw....The trench strength of 629
had been reduced in twenty-four hours to 290, but the Battalion had the satisfaction of knowing that the enemy’s repeated and unsuccessful attacks had cost him very dear, and that the Munsters had saved the situation...and had been able to withdraw undefeated against the greatest attack in the Great War...’ (The 2nd Munsters in France HS Jervis)


Christopher Ryan: Ennis. Born on the 17th April 1900. He was a Labourer aged 18, when he enlisted on the 20th Sept 1918 into the RAF 297461. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

David Ryan: Ennis. Served with the Connaught Rangers, Royal Irish Regiment and the Army service Corps. (Martin Ryan)

Michael Ryan: Ennis. Born on the 28th July 1900. He was a Mechanic, when he enlisted on the 27th August 1918 into the RAF 290212. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast).

Gunner Michael Ryan: Old Mill Street Ennis. Aged 45 when he enlisted in 1917. Royal Garrison Artillery Cork 8001. He married Mary Palmer and they had one child Michael Ryan also. He was a labourer and survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private Patrick Ryan: Gornakilla Lane, Market St Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 31 when he enlisted in Aug 1919 into the Machine Gun Corps 187771 (7814527). He had previously served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 8609 from 1907 to March 1919. He was discharged in March 1919. He married Bridget Woods in Nov 1916 and they had a son Christopher. (British Army WW1 Service Records fold3.com)

Sergeant Patrick Ryan: Born in Tipperary, and lived in Gornakilla Lane, Market Street, Ennis. He was a Farm Labourer aged 19 when he enlisted in 1907 into the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 8609. He was posted to the 3rd Bn RMF in Oct 1916 and to the 1st Bn in Jan 1917. POW in Dec 1915 (CJ) and June 1918 (SR) (He was taken prisoner in early 1918. Sat Record)
Private Thomas Ryan: Ennis. He was aged 35 when he enlisted in the Royal Dublin Fusiers 5302. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private John Rynn: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 21 when he enlisted in Nov 1900 into the Irish Guards 539. He served with the BEF. He was discharged in Jan 1919. He married Bridget Butler in July 1907. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)


George Patrick Scales: Ennis. He was a Police Constable aged 29 when he enlisted in Oct 1918 in Brisbane into the Depot Unit. He was discharged in Dec 1918. His father was William Scales Clifton Corofin. (UNSW)

Norman Scott: Born 4th April 1891 in Ennis Co Clare. Royal Navy F8746 from 2nd Oct 1915 – 15th Oct 1915. He served on was the President II. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928) Norman Scott: Ennis. Born on the 4th April 1891. He was a Motor Driver, when he enlisted on the 12th Oct 1915 into the RAF 208746. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

Private Charles Sexton: He was born in Kilrush, lived in Market Street Ennis. He moved to the Turnpike after the War. He was aged 40 when he enlisted in the Labour Corps 703096 in May 1919. He was discharged from the Royal Irish Fusiliers in Feb 1919 as he was medically unfit. He served with them for over 3 years. He married Mary Kate O’ Loughlan in May 1919. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Private John Sexton: Turnpike, Ennis. He was a fireman aged 26 when he enlisted in April 1916. Manchester Regiment 35666. His father was William Sexton. He deserted in July 1916. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Cornelius Shanahan: Ennis. Royal Engineers. In 1900 he fought in the Boxer Rebellion in China. At the outbreak of the First World War, he was mobilized, along with thousands of other reservists. Medal Index Cards indicate that he was awarded the 1914 Star and clasp for service ashore in France and Flanders between 5th August and 22nd November, 1914, along with his British War Medal, and an Allied Victory Medal. Cornelius Shanahan was discharged from the Army on 22nd March, 1918. He returned to Ennis and made his living as a painter, a family tradition that could be traced back four generations to 1790. His descendents are still involved in the painting and decorating business to this
Sapper Cornelius Stephen Shanahan: 2 Military Road (Kilrush Road) Ennis Co Clare. He was a Painter aged 19 when he enlisted in 1899 in the Royal Engineers 3636. He served in China and Hong Kong 1900-02, and in Gibraltar 1902-05. He joined the BEF in Sept 1914. He married Mary Hartigan in July 1907 and they had 3 sons and a daughter, 23 Clare Road Cottages Ennis. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private John Shannon: Ennis Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1909 in the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers 9140. He served in the East Indies and developed a lung infection in Rangoon. He was discharged in May 1915. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)


Gunner William George Sharpe: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. (AI) He was a Ticket Writer aged 22 when he enlisted in June 1916 in Marrickville NSW into the 5th DAC (Division Ammunition Column) 7th Reinf. 27274. He served in France, and was wounded in action in Nov 1917 (Gassed) and Aug 1918 (gunshot wounds to the hand). His wife was Edith Florence Sharpe, Newcastle NSW. (UNSW)

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 in Thiepval, 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 during the First World War. After the Battle of the Ancre (13–18 November 1916), British attacks on the Somme front stopped for the winter. For the rest of the year and early January 1917, both sides were reduced to surviving the rain, snow, fog, mud fields, waterlogged trenches and shell-holes. As preparations for the offensive at Arras due in the spring of 1917 continued, the British attempted to keep German attention on the Somme. British operations on the Ancre from 11 January – 22 February 1917, forced the Germans back 5 mi (8.0 km) on a 4 mi (6.4 km) front, ahead the scheduled German retirements of the Alberich Bewegung (Alberich Manoeuvre/Operation Alberich) and eventually took 5,284 prisoners. On 22/23 February, the Germans fell back another 3 mi (4.8 km) on a 15-mile (24 km) front.
**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 in Pozieres 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)

**March 1918 at St Quentin**: 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.

**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. In 1924 he died of cancer. 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)

**Daniel Sheedy**: Born 12th July 1891 in Ennis Co Clare. Royal Navy M8240 from Aug 1914 – Dec 1918. The first ship he served on was the Victory I. The last ship was the Vivid. (UK Royal Navy Registers of Seamans Services 1853-1928)

**Sergeant John Sheedy**: Ennis. He was a Clerk aged 18 when he enlisted in 1893 into the Royal Artillery 96087, and later with the RFA. He was discharged in Feb 1914 at his own request. He served in the Boer War, and received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.(British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**Farrier S/Sergeant Michael Sheedy**: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. On the 28th Nov 1914 he was a Shoeing & General Smith aged 33 when he enlisted in South Australia, in the 20th ASC
Private Michael Sheedy: Turnpike, Ennis. Aged 39 when he enlisted in 1917 in the Royal Field Artillery 6406, which he had left in 1906. He was discharged in Nov 1918. His father was Thomas Sheedy.
(WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

John Patrick Sheehan: Ennis. Canadian Infantry. (CI) DOB 14/6/1873. Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Ontario. He was a Stationary Engineer when he enlisted in March 1916 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 845334 4th Overseas Pioneer Bn. His wife was Elizabeth Sheehan.
(Library and Archives Canada)

Sergeant Thomas Sheehan: 4 Ahern’s Terrace Ennis. He was a tailor aged 18 when he enlisted in July 1900 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 6557. He served in South Africa in 1902. He served with the ASC during WW1 in Egypt. He was discharged in 1919. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

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 Turkey. Husband of A K Shipley, Claureen, Ennis. (TB)

On the 8th September the Manchester Regiment 1st/7th battalion moved to a new position, Border Barracade, where the 1st/7th lost 13 men when the turks exploded a mine under their position, later they lost another three when a British trench mortar fell short. As the campaign slowly slipped into stalemate and men from the battalion were attached to various units as signallers machine gunners etc, putting strain on the ones left., their health suffered and the only relief from trench life was sea bathing. In October the battalion moved to Fusilier Bluff, close to the Turkish line. The battalion stayed on the penninsular until December and in January 1916 the Battalion returned to Egypt.

Michael Skerritt: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers (RMF). Arrested for desertion in May 1915 but escaped from Ennis RIC Barracks by swimming through the town from the Club Bridge. He was arrested later at his fathers house who subsequently had a heart attack. (CJ)

‘In May (1915), three men who had deserted from the RMF upon hearing that they were due to leave for the front were arrested in Ennis. One named Skerritt subsequently managed to escape from custody by jumping into a river and again managed to evade his pursuers when later cornered in a nearby quarry.’ (The story of the RMF 1914-1918 Martin Staunton)No MRI Card.
**Gunner Dan Slattery:** Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 20 when he enlisted in 1893 into the Royal Artillery 300833. He served in India from 1894 to 1905. He was discharged on the 9th June 1914. He was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. He married Mollie in Dec 1905 and they had 4 children, Christina, Catherine, John and Mary. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)

**John Charles Slattery:** He was born in the Militia Barracks in Ennis in 1883. In 1898 he became a trained bugler in the Royal Munster Fusiliers (6823 RMF). (Larry Brennan) Served from 1897-1909. [Found a John Slattery RMF 5946 who was in the 8 Bn.]

**Private John Slattery:** O’Connell Street, Ennis. Aged 26 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 25878 (& Labour Corps 26490). His parents were Patrick and Elizabeth Slattery. He was a clerk and survived the War. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

**Private Patrick Slattery:** Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. **(AI)** He was a bootmaker aged 44 when he enlisted in 1915 in Adelaide into the 2nd Depot Bn. 3607 (also in the 27th and 10th Battalions). He was married to Mrs Mary Slattery and they had three children in Thebarton SA. He served in France. (UNSW)

**Sergeant Patrick Slattery:** Ennis, Co Clare. He was a labourer aged 15 when he enlisted in 1899 in the Royal Artillery 33102. He was sent to France with the BEF on the 16th Aug 1914. He was sent to Salonica in Jan 1917, and sent to Egypt in June 1917. He was discharged in Dec 1918. He married Kate Maloney in Jan 1902 and they had 2 sons. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

**John Snell:** Ennis. Born on the 18th May 1870. He was a Labourer aged 48, when he enlisted on the 31st July 1918 into the RAF 279497. (British RAF Airmen’s Service Records 1912-1939 at findmypast)

**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 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.

**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.

**Christopher Spillane**: Born in Athlone, lived in Ennis, killed in action 27th Aug 1914 in Etreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in France. (TB)

‘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 Joseph Stack**: Market St Ennis. Canadian Infantry. (CI) DOB 24/6/1880. Born in Ennis Co Clare and lived in Washington DC USA. He was a Waiter when he enlisted in April 1918 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 2500429. His mother was Mary Ann Stack, Market St, Ennis Co Clare. (Library and Archives Canada)

**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

**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 Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France. (TB)
The Battle of the Canal du Nord (Sept 27 - Oct 1 1918) was part of a general Allied offensive against German positions on the Western Front during the Hundred Days Offensive. The battle took place in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, along an incomplete portion of the Canal du Nord and on the outskirts of Cambrai. At 5:20 on the morning of September 27, all four divisions attacked under total darkness, taking the German defenders of the 1st Prussian Guards Reserve Division and the 3rd German Naval Division by absolute surprise. By mid morning, all defenders had retreated or been captured. Stiffening resistance east of the canal proved that only a surprise attack had the possibility of ending in victory. Because of Canal du Nord's capture, the final road to Cambrai was open.

Bridget Stokes: Born 1st Feb 1898, Turnpike Ennis. Served in the Women's (later Queen Mary's) Army Auxiliary Corps During World War One. (Clare Library)

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

The RMF 1st battalion was reduced to 4 officers and 430 men, who attempted further attacks the following days, but by the 11th May 1915 were down to 372 men. On receiving new drafts on the 29th May, the Munsters and Dubliners were separate units again, the Munsters by 4 June numbering 40 officers and 500 other ranks, though handicapped by the new recruits being much too young and inexperienced. Shelling absolutely demoralised them.

Patrick Stokes: Turnpike. Ennis. Born in 1900. He was a Labourer aged 17 when he enlisted on the 5th Nov 1917 into the Royal Irish Regiment 7109679. (findmypast)

Patrick Studdert: Born 18/8/1883 in Ennis. Lived in Winnipeg Canada. He enlisted in 1914 with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was previously in the RGA for 12 years. His mother was Mary Studdert Lisdoonvarna. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)

Patrick Studdert: Ennis. Canadian Infantry (CI)


Private Jeremiah Tambyln: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA He was a hospital Orderly aged 36 when he enlisted in Brisbane in 1914 into the 9th Battalion. He was 12 years in the British Navy. He was discharged with pleurisy in 1916. He received shrapnel wounds to the arm at the landings in Gallipoli. (UNSW)
Rev J.H. Thomas: A former curate in Ennis, served with the 77th Battalion of the Canadian Army. (DMC)

Gunner Michael Tierney: 12 Cottage, Clare Road, Ennis. He was aged 28 when he enlisted in 1915 in the Cork Royal Garrison Artillery 3681MR. His father was John Tierney. He was discharged in Feb 1919. He died on the 29/3/1927 in the County Home in Ennis. (WW1 British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

Patrick Tierney: Ennis, died of wounds 6th July 1915 in Krithia Gallipoli, Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn, G/M in Turkey. (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.’

Private Patrick Tierney: St Flannan’s Cottage Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 39 when he enlisted in 1914 into the 5th Royal Munster Fusiliers 6180. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Private Thomas Timmins: Brewery Lane, Ennis. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 10120. POW in Germany May 1915. (CJ) Dec 1915 (CJ)


Private George Tuohy: Ennis. Royal Irish Regiment. Discharged in Oct 1916 due to illness(Pulmonary Tuberculosis). Born in 1873 in Drumcliff, Ennis, County Clare. Previous occupation – Coach Painter. Enlisted when he was 41 into the Connaught Rangers 3728 in Fulham on the 27th of August 1914, and later into the Royal Irish Regiment, with which he served in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from 1915 – 1916. Discharged on the 6th of October 1916. His wife was Mary
McCaughey and they married in 1901. They lived in Putney London. He died after being discharged. (British Army WW1 Pension Records fold3.com)


John Touhy: Mill Street Ennis. Aged 39 when he enlisted in 1916. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 26898. He was a shopkeeper. (British Army Service Records @ ancestry.com)

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

‘The Munsters advanced in alternative waves over the open, and leaped over the British front line trench, loudly cheered by its inmates, on across No Man’s Land, losing heavily at every minute. They passed the Lone Tree and came up to the German wire, only to discover that the artillery bombardment had completely failed to cut it. Man after man was killed and lay against the obstacle... The first effort, costly and ineffective as it appeared at the time, was in reality a brilliant success. Green’s force, bombing down from the north, found the enemy’s attention diverted, and when the Munsters advanced again to the attack, the enemy gave under the strain and surrendered.’ The Battalion lost ‘ 8 officers and 210 other ranks killed and wounded.’ (The 2nd Munsters in France HS Jervis)

Private Michael John Tuttle: Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. MA Killed in Action on the 26th of September 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

The Battle of Polygon Wood (26 Sept – 3 Oct 1917) took place during the second phase of the Third Battle of Ypres and was fought near Ypres in Belgium, in the area from the Menin Road to Polygon Wood and thence north, to the area beyond St. Julien.

26th Sept 1917: I Anzac Corps attacked with the 5th Australian Division on the right. At some pillboxes there was resistance but many German soldiers surrendered when they were rapidly surrounded. The Butte was rushed and was found to be full of German dugouts. Two battalions passed through at 7:30 a.m. towards the second objective, a 1,000-yard (910 m) stretch of the Flandern I Stellung and some
pillboxes, until held up by fire from a German battalion headquarters on the Polygonebeek. A reserve battalion overran the dugouts and more pillboxes nearby, advancing to just beyond the final objective, taking 200 prisoners and 34 machine-guns. The 5th Australian Division had 5,471 dead and wounded from 26–28 September.

Private Patrick Tuttle: Lysaghts Lane Ennis. He enlisted in 1915. London Regiment 4477. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Thomas Tuttle: Military Barracks, Ennis. He was a groom aged 19 when he enlisted in 1914. 8th Hussars 24842. His mother was Bridget Tuttle. (British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914-1920 ancestry.com)

Patrick Thomas Wall: Born 6/3/1881 in Ennis. Lived in Victoria British Columbia Canada. He was a labourer when he enlisted in 1915 with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 183rd Bn 180750. His father was Thomas Wall, Ennis. (Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918 Ancestry.com)

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 in Arras France. Son of John and Mary Walsh 30 Steeles Terrace. (TB)

Operation Michael (21 March – 5 April 1918) 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. Battle of St. Quentin, 21–23 March: Day 2, 22 March: On the second day of the offensive, British troops continued to fall back, losing their last footholds on the original front line. Thick fog impeded operations and did not disperse until early afternoon. Isolated engagements took place as the Germans pressed forward and the British held their posts, often not knowing who was to either side of them. Brigade and battalion control over events was absent. It was a day of stubborn and often heroic actions by platoons, sections and even individuals isolated from their comrades by the fragmented nature of the battle and lack of visibility.

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)

He was a civilian passenger on board R.M.S. 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, Anglesey, North
Wales. Over 500 died in the tragedy. Other Clare people who died in this tragedy were Delia & Nora Davoren, Nellie Hogan, John Coyne, Margaret and May O’Grady.

**W Warde:** Drumbiggle, Ennis. Royal Field Artillery. ‘Previously reported believed taken prisoner at Kut-el-Amara, now reported exchanged prisoner of war and transferred to India’ Nov 1916. *(CJ)*

**William Warren:** Ennis. Canadian Infantry. *(CI)* William Warren: Born 7/1/1875 in Ennis. He lived in Vancouver. He was a Saddler when he enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force 2123 in 1914. His next of kin was John Warren, Cork. He was previously in the Royal Engineers for 9 years. *(Canada, Soldiers of the First World War 1914-1918. Ancestry.com)*

**Private John White:** Ennis. Australian Imperial Force. *(AI)* MA He was a labourer aged 40 when he enlisted NSW in the 3rd Reinf 49th Battalion. His father Thomas White lived in Brisbane. *(UNSW)*

**James Williams:** Ennis, killed in action 27th August 1914 in Étreux, Royal Munster Fusiliers 2nd Bn, G/M in France. *(TB)*

‘The weather was warm and sultry as the men of the rearguard rose at dawn on the 27th and prepared to meet a possible German attack. Several early assaults by small by small groups of German troops were repulsed by well-aimed rifle and machine-gun fire, but by midday German infantry were attacking in strength and the Munsters were forced to retreat to village of Fesmy-le-Sart. Fesmy was the scene of heavy fighting throughout the afternoon as German units charged at the British lines and were repeatedly beaten back.

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.’
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 Huts Cemetery Ypres West Flanders Belgium. Nearly two-thirds of the burials are of gunners as many artillery positions existed nearby. Son of John and Susan Williams. (TB)

Martin Woods: Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers. Wounded in Aug 1916. He wrote a letter to his father regarding Pte John Mahony who carried 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)


Christopher Wynne: Born in Ennis, killed in action 30th March 1918 age 29 in Arras, Irish Guards 1st Bn 10850, G/M 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 Battalion’s sector with heavies for a couple of hours; causing forty-two casualties among the men and wounding Lieutenants Stacpoole and Bagenal. It then fell upon the 2nd Grenadiers and 1st Coldstream immediately to the Battalion’s left and right, and was driven off with loss. There were other attacks, but with less venom in them, before the Hun could be induced to withdraw. Half the Battalion spent the night digging a line of posts in support which they occupied by dawn.’

The Battalion, a straw among these waves, had in the month lost, besides officers, twenty-three other ranks killed and one hundred and seven wounded and one missing. It is even reported that there had been many days on which, owing to press of work, they had not shaved. (“That, ye’ll understand, is being dirty, an’ a crime. Believe me, now, there was times when we was all criminals, even Mr. —— an’ it disthressed him more than bloody war.”) Rudyard Kipling The Irish Guards in the Great War.

Thomas York: Ennis. (not Kilfenora) Canadian Infantry. (CI) DOB 1/4/1873. Born in Ennis Co Clare. He was a Labourer when he enlisted in Sept 1915 into the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force 502052. He had previously served with the Garrison Artillery in the Boer War. His mother was Norah York, Rosbrien Terrace Limerick. (Library and Archives Canada)
Honours and Awards won by Ennis Men and Women

Willie Aylward OBE: Church St Ennis Army Service Corps. (CJ) Major Wm Aylward: Ennis. Royal Army Service Corps. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1918. (SR) 2 brothers Joe and Con also fought in the war. They were the sons of Battery Sgt Major Joe Aylard.

Pte H T Bill DCM: Ennis. Leinster Regiment. 2112. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) in June 1917. He had previously been awarded a Parchment Certificate for bravery and devotion to duty. (CJ)

Colour-Sgt Major John Browne DCM: The Turnpike Ennis, Clare. 2nd Bn Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Prisoner of War in Limburg March 1915. (CJ) See Clare Newspapers and WW1 page 28. CSM John Browne: Ennis. He was a Labourer aged 18 when he enlisted in 1897 into the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. Sergeant Major John Browne: A POW who was supported by the the Co Clare POW Aid Fund Committee. 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers 5736. He was a POW in Nov 1917. (SR) He was awarded the DCM on the 30th January 1920.

Corporal Michael Butler DCM: Cloughleigh Ennis. Killed in action Sept 9th 1916 age 30 at Ginchy. Royal Munster Fusiliers 1st Bn 8121. G/M in 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) ‘He travelled close on 300 yards of ground...and he succeeded in getting his comrade to safety (in front of an enemy trench), but badly wounded. He did all he could to assist his comrade, for 3 hours while under terrible artillery fire. When dusk came on he brought his friend to the trenches, but unfortunately the wounded man died, and Sergeant Butler gained the DCM for that heroic deed’. (Clare Champion April 2016) He was recommended for the Victoria Cross. (PMcN)

‘The British bombardment began at 5 a.m (9th May 1915), the Munsters then pressing forward with extraordinary bravery, German fire sweeping No-Mans-Land, some Munsters audaciously charging ahead through the German lines, briefly waving a green flag on its breastwork, then moving beyond until cut off by the British artillery bombardment that followed, which killed many sheltering in shell craters. By 11 a.m. the 2RMF was withdrawn with only 3 officers and 200 men remaining, having lost 19 and 370 respectively. It was one of only two battalions to reach the German lines. But suffered the
regiment's highest loss of any one day of the war, 11 officers and 140 men killed in action.’ (RMF Book
Capt McCance)

2nd Lt F G Cangley DSO: Kings Liverpool Regiment was awarded the Distinguished Service
Order (DSO). He was the son of John Cangley from Ennis, and the brother of John below. (CJ) See Clare
Newspapers and WW1 page 119. ‘Cangley F G (DSO LG 14. 11. 16) T/2nd Lt, Liverpool Rgt. His DSO was
awarded for services on 16.9.16 at Le Boeufs.’ One of 3 brothers that fought in the War, David, John and
2nd Lt F G Cangley. CANGLEY, F. G. (D.S.O. L.G. 14.11.16), T /2nd Lt., Liverpool Regt. His D.S.O. was
awarded for services on 16.9.16, at Les Bccufs. (The VC and DSO Volume III)

Patrick Crimmins MM: Born in Ennis, lived in Dublin. Killed in action 24th Aug 1918 age 24,
1st Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers 18385 (36th Ulster Div), G/M in Bailleul France. He won the Military Medal.
Husband of Teresa Crimmins, Chancery Lane, Dublin. (TB) 18 August – 6 September 1918: the Advance
in Flanders. The Second (which included the 36th Div) and Fifth Armies begin operations in the Lys valley,
recapturing the ground lost in April 1918. The 36th Div recaptured Bailleul by the 30th Aug.

Capt William F Cullinan MID: Belle Vue Ennis. Fleet Paymaster in the Royal Navy. In May
1919 he was awarded ‘The High Order of the Brilliant Star’ by the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of
‘services rendered in the protection of the Sultan’s Dominion’. He was frequently Mentioned in
Despatches. ‘In June 1919 The King was pleased to confer the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael
and St George on Capt Cullinan in recognition of services during the war’. (SR)

Capt W.T. Deane OBE: He had worked in the Ennis Ordnance Survey when younger. He was
with the Royal Garrison Artillery in the Boer War. He was promoted to Lieutenant in March 1915. (His
father was Colour Sergeant Benjamin Deane from Ennis who was in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and had
4 sons and 2 step sons in the War) (CJ) Capt Deane was on the Birthday Honours list in July 1919 and
made a Member of the Order of the British Empire O.B.E. He was publicly thanked for his services in
connection with important inventions in coast defence work. (SR)

Nellie Galvin MM: Ennis. A Sister in the No 10 Stationary Hospital in St.Omer. She was
awarded the Military Medal ‘For bravery and devotion to duty during an enemy air raid... and carried
on her work as if nothing had happened. She displayed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty’..

Corporal J A Hayes MM: Royal Engineers. Former General Post Office Clerk in Ennis, awarded
the Military Medal in August 1916 ‘For bravery displayed at the battle of the Somme’. ‘He has received
the congratulations of his Commanding Officer Captain Gerard W Williams R.E., who writes “I congratulate you and feel sure that if you carry on as you have done that other and higher decorations will come to you”. And so are his old friends in Ennis.’ He is from Hospital in Co Limerick. He enlisted in 1915. (CJ)

Sergeant Major Michael Francis McNamara: Born in Newcastle West Co Limerick, lived in Co Kildare enlisted in Ennis, died 20th Jan 1918 age 38 in Mesopotamia. Royal Army Service Corps GHQ, Baghdad S/13074, G/M in Iraq. Died in Mesopotamia.(TB) Formerly with the Royal Munster Fusiliers 5th 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.

Lieutenant Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien MC: Ballyalla, Ennis. Royal Munster Fusiliers 8th Bn (16th Div). (PMcN) Severely wounded Aug 1916 in Loos. (CJ) He appears to have seen no further action. He was awarded the Military Cross (not the Distinguished Service Order) in 1916 ‘for conspicuous gallantry during raids on enemy trenches. On one occasion after his return, finding that a man was missing, he went out in a wounded condition and brought him in under heavy gunfire.’ Lieutenant Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien: 8th RMF. He was awarded the Military Cross on the 25/8/1916. (RMF Book Capt McCance)

‘On July 19th 1916 four raids were carried out. The parties consisted of 1 officer and 29 other ranks under Lieutenants Mitchell, Woodley, O’Brien (Hugh Murrough Vere O’Brien) and Captain Casey; the Battalion bombers under Second Lieutenant Becher…. The advance of each party was covered by salvoes of rifle grenades... Owing to the failure of the “Bangalore” torpedoes to breach the enemy wire sufficiently the fire trench was not reached; instead the bombers threw from the parapet into the trench and inflicted heavy casualties. Casualties (all recovered); Killed 2 officers (including 2nd Lt Becher), 1 other rank; wounded 7.’

‘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, penetrated into the fire trench and bombèd 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.’

Lt W J Wheeler O’Bryen MM: Royal Warwicks was awarded the Military Medal. His father was Dr Wheeler O’Bryan from Ennis who lived in Sydenham (CJ)
Armistice Day in Ennis 1925 – 1934

**Armistice Day in Ennis**

Next week we will celebrate the ninth anniversary of the Armistice in Ennis. As will be seen by our advertising columns, the parade will assemble at Mill Road under the command of Major Studdert, on Friday, 11th November, and will be inspected by the Right Hon Lord Inchiquin, after which it will proceed to the Priory for special High Mass at 11 a.m. After Mass a two minutes silence will be observed at O'Connell Square. The parade will then march to the Legion Headquarters, where it will be dismissed. All ex-service men, wearing the decorations they so bravely won in the Great War, are expected to attend.

**Armistice Service**

**ENNIS PARISH CHURCH**

THURSDAY, NOV. 11th

CHORAL EVENSONG 3.45

PREACHER:

REV. H. MacMANAWAY M.C.

Province of Ireland

Collection For Earl Haig’s Fund

Armistice Day was observed in Ennis in a quiet but impressive manner. At 9.15 a.m., ex-service men, wearing their medals, assembled under the command of Major J. Studdert at the local headquarters of the British Legion, and were inspected by Lord Inchiquin, of Drumlanrig Castle. Headed by the band of the Ennis United Labourers Association the men marched through the town, and attended a Solemn Requiem Mass at the Franciscan Church for the reposé of the souls of those who fell in the Great War. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Father Leopold deacon, Fr. Susan, and sub deacon, Fr. Enda.

After Mass the men proceeded to O'Connell Square, where the silence was observed at 11 o'clock and the "Last Post" sounded.

In the course of a brief address, Lord Inchiquin congratulated the men on their display, and said that what had impressed him most was the neatness, cleanliness and good order of the parade. He referred to the distress prevailing among ex-service men generally owing to the dearth of employment, and expressed the fervent hope that there would be better and brighter days in store for them in the very near future.

In conclusion, he advised them to remain united in the comradeship which had been formed, fostered and cemented by the Great War, and wished them all the best of luck and happiness.

In the afternoon a special Armistice Service, conducted by the Very Rev. Canon Griffin, was held in the Protestant Church and was attended by a large congregation. The preacher was the Rev. W. Maithbad, B.A., M.Sc., who had been a lieutenant in the South Lancashire Regiment from 1915 to 1919. In addition to the usual religious ceremony the "Last Post" was sounded and the two minutes silence for prayer observed. A collection, which met with a very generous response, was made for Earl Haig’s Fund on behalf of wounded soldiers.

During the day Flanders Poppies were worn by many in the streets. The poppy sellers were under the charge of Mrs. Olive Gordon, Stewart, who also organized during the week several entertainments in aid of the Poppy Fund, all of which met with generous patronage.
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**Successful Dance in Ennis**

A most successful dance was held at the Hall of the British Legion on Monday night, having for its object the provision of funds for war-broken Irish soldiers, who participated in the Great War. The promoters were Mrs. Pearson, Provincial Bank, and Mrs. Gordon-Stewart, and in this connection it is no exaggeration to say that under their very capable direction everything was a complete success. It commenced at 9.30 and was continued without intermission until 4 a.m. Upwards of 45 couples were present from the town and its environs. The music, which was supplied by the now-famous D'Arcy Band, was reinforced by a trio of the best Dublin players, telling eight performers in all.

**Ennis Branch.**

**Armistice Parade.**

All ex-British Service men are invited to parade at Legion Club, Mill Road, at 9.15 a.m. sharp on Sunday 11th inst. Mass will be celebrated at the Friary at 10 o'clock. Decorations, Medals or Ribbons may be worn.

**British Legion Hall.**

**A Dance**

(in Aid of Earl Haig's Poppy Fund)

will be held in above Hall on

**WEDNESDAY, 21ST. NOV.**

Dancing — 9 to 11.

Tickets — Ladies 6s. Gentlemen 7s 6d.

**Armistice Day, 1929.**

**Earl Haig (British Legion) Appeal.**

To the Editor “Saturday Record.”

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw the attention of your readers to the advertisement appearing in your columns today. Poppies will be sold in Co. Clare on 9th November and 11th November — the proceeds to be sent to Earl Haig’s British Legion Appeal. Perhaps it is not generally known that grants to Co. Clare ex-service men, disabled, or in want, are given to this fund which amounts to more than three times the amount sent from Clare to the Fund.

The British Legion is non-sectarian and non-political, and exists not only to keep ex-service men together, but to help the men who did their bit in a common cause, and are now in want and suffering, through no fault of their own. It is hoped that everybody will buy a poppy to help the living, and remember on Remembrance Day in memory of the dead.

A few facts may be of interest:

- Of the nine million in the Empire who served, fewer than 1,488,823 laid down their lives. There are 145,000 widows and 266,000 orphans on the books of the Ministry of Pensions; 35,006 men are maimed for life — 35,006.
- Many of these sufferers are Irishmen and a good proportion natives of Co. Clare. Surely on that day of Remembrance we will not refuse our sympathy and support.

**The Call in Flanders’ Fields.**

In Flanders’ fields the poppies blow Between the crosses now and then That mark our place: and in the sky That larks still bravely singing, fly Scarcely heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders’ fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high! If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders’ fields.

**John McCrae.**

Youths, etc.,

H. V. White, Hon. Sec.,
British Legion Ennis Branch
6th November, 1929.

**Poppies For All.**

Disabled ex-service men have made 30,000,000 poppies for sale on November 11th on behalf of Earl Haig’s British Legion Fund. In order that they may be forwarded to the 4,000 local organisers 30,000 packages will be needed, and 250,000 voluntary workers will be required to distribute them.

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Poppy Day Collection

Permission having been obtained from Mr James Geoghegan, R.C., the Minister for Justice, the annual Poppy Day Collections will be held as usual throughout the Irish Free State.

The proceeds realised by the sale of Poppies goes entirely towards the relief of distress amongst ex soldiers and the widows and orphans of men who served in the Great War, and during the past three years an average sum of over £100 per year has been distributed among the poor of Ennis alone from this source. The average, of course, for the whole Co. Clare is much larger.

In former years the figures for the County Collection show that for every twenty shillings collected it has been possible to distribute almost thirty shillings in relief, but this year, owing to unusual distress in other areas, the only funds likely to be available for the very worthy charity will be the sums collected in our various towns by the sale of Poppies on Armistice Day.

ARMISTICE DAY IN ENNIS

Armistice Day was commemorated in Ennis when about 60 British ex servicemen under the command of Capt. Corry, D.O.M., Labanheeda attended the Solemn Requiem Mass at the Franciscan Church.

Rev. Fr. Leo, O.F.M., Guardian was celebrant; Rev. Fr. Ambrose, O.F.M., deacon and Rev. Fr. Thomas sub-deacon.

The men wore Flanders Poppies and medals, and after Mass observed the two minutes silence.

Rev. Canon Griffin, Rector, conducted a special Armistice Day Service in the Protestant Church in which Rev. W. Young, ex army chaplain, preached a sermon befitting the occasion.

During the service the Last Post was sounded, followed by hymns and the sounding of the Reveille.

On Friday and Saturday poppies were worn by many people on the streets and were for sale in some premises. The anniversary passed off as quietly as to be almost unnoticed.

Armistice Day in Ennis

Armistice Day was observed in Ennis on Sunday when a parade of about 100 ex service men under the command of Capt. Corry, of Labanneeda, took place from the British Legion Club to the Franciscan Church, where Requiem Mass was offered up for the souls of the fallen comrades. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Father Leo, O.F.M., Guardian. Afterwards the ex-servicemen assembled at 0’Connell Square, where the two minutes silence was honoured and the Last Post and Reveille sounded.

A commemoration service was also conducted by Rev Canon Griffin in the Protestant Church.

The British Legion Hall
Cornmarket Street

5 Nov 1932 SR
18 Nov 1933 SR
17 Nov 1934 SR
The Opening of the New Clare Great War Memorial in Ennis
In Flanders Fields* by John McCrea

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The Clare Peace Park Initiative Committee would like to thank all those who served on this and past committees for their efforts at attaining a permanent memorial to all those from Co. Clare who were involved in WW1. Thanks to all those who have undertaken research and published materials adding to the volume of information we now have on Clare and WW1. We would like to thank the engineers, graphic designers, artists and builders who made this project possible. Thanks to Ennis UCC and Ennis District councillors for designating the site for the memorial and council staff who worked with us in the planning and implementing of the project. We would like to acknowledge the generous grant aid the memorial project has received from the Clare 1916 – 2016 Centenary Program and from Clare County Council. This project has been considerably funded by donations from members of the public, without which this memorial would not have been possible. Our sincere thanks to you. Thanks to all who supported our brick initiative, our memorial concert and the memorial service which has taken place in the church and in the churchyard those past few years. To the men and women, and the families to whom this memorial is dedicated, we hope we have achieved a fitting memorial to honour and acknowledge your place and your contribution to our country’s history.

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

The colours present shall parade on

WELCOME
Dr Kier McNamara, Chairman of the Clare Peace Park Initiative shall welcome the guests and provide an historical overview of the project.

ADDRESS
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Cathaoirleach, Clare County Council
Col. Michael Shannon
Retired member of the Irish Defence Forces and UN Forces.
Former Chairman of the Irish Peace Institute.

PRAYERS
Followed by The Lord’s Prayer
Chaplains: Fr. Ger Fitzgerald, C.C., Ennis Cathedral
And Canon Bob Hanna, St. Columba’s Church of Ireland, Ennis.

POEM
‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrea
Read by Aodhan O’Mealla
Student of Rice College Ennis

Music played by Matthew Ryan, Student Rice College Ennis.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE EXHORTATION
Paddy O’Meara, Clare Peace Park Initiative Committee.

THE LAST POST
Silence shall be observed for one minute

THE REVEILLE
THE PIPER’S LAMENT
Piper: Mr. Frank Whelan

THE PLACING OF THE WREATHS
Announced by Dr. Joe Power
Clare Peace Park Initiative Committee

THE BENEDICTION
Appreciation
Dr Gerard Browne, Clare Peace Park Initiative Committee

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
The colours shall parade off.

Bugler: Judith Kavaney, Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band
Piper: John Brennan, Roger Casement Branch O.N.I.
The New Clare Great War Memorial in Ennis

The Clare Peace Park
Dedication of the Memorial to Remember the Clare War Dead
Of the Great War 1914-1918
23rd November 2016
at 1400 hrs

It is estimated that over 4300 Clare men enlisted in allied forces during the Great War and about 700 lost their lives. During the 100th anniversary year of the Battle of the Somme, the Clare Peace Park Initiative will unveil a permanent memorial to all those who took part and made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War.
The New Clare Great War Memorial in Ennis
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Flight Sergeant Richard Francis Carroll: He was born in Ennis in 1916. He joined 218 (Gold Coast) Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 994961. He died on the 26th June 1942 aged 26. He was part of the final thousand bomber raid that took place on the 25/26th (June 1942) with Bremen as the target. W7503 was shot down by a nightfighter onto the banks of the Ijsselmeer in northern Holland, killing the entire crew. He was the son of Patrick and Clara Carroll, of Ennis, Co. Clare, Republic of Ireland. He is remembered on the Runnymeade Memorial, Coppers Hill Lane, Englefield Green, Runnymede Borough, Surrey, TW20 0LB England.

218 Squadron 'The final thousand bomber raid took place on the 25/26th (June 1942) with Bremen as the target. Bomber Command was able to amass 960 aircraft, while Coastal Command, ordered by Churchill to participate, sent a further 102 aircraft, in what was classified as a separate operation. Never-the-less, the numbers converging on Bremen on this night exceeded those going to Cologne at the end of May.

218 Squadron contributed fourteen Stirlings to what was a moderately successful operation, which fell well short of Cologne, but far surpassed the debacle at Essen. 572 houses were destroyed, and many important war industry factories sustained damage, as did one of the shipyards, but the cost in bombers was a new record forty eight, **including one from 218 Squadron. W7503 was shot down by a nightfighter onto the banks of the Ijsselmeer in northern Holland, killing the entire crew.**' (218squadron.wordpress.com)

The Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, overlooking the Thames on Cooper’s Hill four miles from Windsor, commemorates the names of over 20,000 airmen who were lost in the Second World War during operations from bases in the United Kingdom and North and Western Europe and who have no known graves.
Gunner Thomas Brady Cullinan was born at Brookville House, Ennis on the 15th May 1906. He joined the 90 Bty., 35 Lt. A.A. Regt Royal Artillery 1543457 during the Second World War as an anti-aircraft gunner, and died in service age 33 on the 11th April 1940. He was the son of Frederick George Cullinan and Frances Emily Brady-Browne. In 1930 he achieved the unique treble of winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Easter Hero, the Champion Hurdle on Brown Tony and the Grand National on Shaun Goilin, a chance ride. He is buried in Christ Church Cemetery, Swindon, Wiltshire, England. Grave 477.

‘Tommy served as a private in an English anti-aircraft unit during the War. Based at an RAF station in Oxford in the spring of 1940 on April 11, Tommy Brady Cullinan was shot dead by a nervous sentry as he was returning home after a night out on the town. Or that was the story put about at the time. In fact, Tommy committed suicide when depressed.’ (https://sites.google.com/site/carverwilliamjockey/cullinan-tommy)

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EASTER HERO (10 yo)
1930 saw Tommy achieve the unique treble, winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup on EASTER HERO, the Champion Hurdle on BROWN TONY and the Grand National on SHAUN GOILIN.
Corporal Joseph Flanagan: Born in 1916. He was the son of Martin and Mary Flanagan, of Ennis. Co Clare. 8th Bn. Royal Scots 6979266, 15th (Scottish) Division. He died on the 15th Sept 1944 aged 28, during a battle with German forces in the village of Ten Aard (Geel), near Antwerp in Belgium. This was just two days before the beginning of Operation Marketgarden. He died on what is regarded as the opening day of the Allied advance from Paris to the Rhine. He is buried in Kasterlee War Cemetery, Kasterlee, Arrondissement Turnhout, Antwerp (Antwerpen), Belgium.

The Battle of Geel, was a major battle between British and German troops in Belgium. It occurred between 8–23 September 1944, in and around the Flemish town of Geel (Gheel), and was one of the largest and bloodiest battles to occur during the Liberation of Belgium.

On the 12th the badly battered 50th Division received orders to pull out and move to the recently captured Joe’s Bridge, to free Guards Armoured Division to spearhead Operation Market-Garden. On that same day, the 50th Division was replaced by the 15th (Scottish) Division.

After eight days of heavy fighting the Scots secured a bridgehead that was repeatedly counter-attacked by the Germans. All assaults were repelled but the Scots were unable to advance any further. The bridgehead was no greater than 900 meters long and 900 meters wide. Each time the Scots tried to expand the bridgehead they were met by heavy German counterattacks. Fighting took place until the final German withdrawal on 23 September and Ten Aard was finally liberated.

Infantry of the 8th Battalion, Royal Scots, 44th Brigade in 15th (Scottish) Division, in Kangaroo APCs.
Abel Seaman Joseph Garvey, P/JX294599, Royal Navy, HMS Victory (RN Barracks Portsmouth), died of illness 4/2/1945, Age 53, Son of John and Catherine Garvey. Buried in Drumcliff Cemetery Ennis, with a Merchant Navy Headstone.

Many RN sailors were posted to HMS Victory during WW2 as a holding shore based establishment whilst waiting for assignment to another ship. Although HMS Victory is on the Royal Navy list as active (and still is) it is more of a symbolic gesture to Nelson's Navy than anything else although it must be said it does have a serving RN Captain and a small maintenance crew of RN sailors. I have the impression that it was a training establishment at Portsmouth, presumably based around the famous HMS Victory.

HMS VICTORY, Nelson's old flagship, was a holding name for men who were posted into the Portsmouth area. Every man in the RN had to be assigned to a vessel because of the naval discipline regulations.
01.05.1943 navigator, 106 Squadron RAF

His Lancaster [ED451 ZN-O] took off 2355 hrs 30.04.1943 from Syerston for an operation against Essen. Crashed at Wulfen, a town on the E bank of the River Wient, 7 km NE of Dorsten. Complete crew was killed.

(www.unithistories.com/officers/RAFVR_officers)

106 Squadron RAF: After a short spell in early 1942 with Manchesters, from May 1942 No 106 started replacing them with Lancasters and participated in the 1,000-bomber raids on Cologne, Essen and Bremen.


Reichswald Forest War Cemetery is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in Germany, with 7,580 Commonwealth servicemen of WW2.

Some of the airmen buried in the cemetery lost their lives in supporting the advance into Germany, but most died earlier in the war in the intensive air attacks over Germany.

30th April 1942: The crew of DV442 was undertaking a five-hours' fuel consumption test. Around half-a-mile north of South Stack Lighthouse, Anglesey, the crew made a forced landing due to engine trouble. The sea was rough and the aircraft made a heavy landing and began to sink immediately. Three of the five crew lost their lives. Sgt Eric Boaler and Sgt Alfred Longhurst also died. Sgt A. L. Hayers RAAF and Sgt Frederick James Ottaway WO/AG survived.

Pray for the souls of
Patrick Roughan
Conville, Cusack Road, Ennis
who died June 11th 1942.
His wife Mary, died Feb. 5th 1948.
And his sons
James died May 21st 1937.
Cornelius died April 30th 1942.
And his daughter Maureen died June 3rd 1979.
Sapper William Ryan

Sapper William Ryan: Born in 1912, the son of William and Margaret Ryan, of Ennis, Co. Clare, husband of Ellen Ryan of Ennis. 154th Railway Operating Company, Royal Engineers 1945799. Died on the 30th September 1941, Age 29. Buried in Cambridge City Cemetery, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB5 8PE England.

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A Tribute to Michael Doherty from the Turnpike published in the Clare Champion on the 19th May 1917

In health and strength he left his home,
Not thinking death was near,
But short and sudden was the call
On him we loved so dear.
Gone from our home so swiftly,
Plucked like a flower in bloom,
So sweet, so loving a son and brother,
Taken from us so soon.
His gentle smile and manner
Are present with us still,
Heaven for him is better,
Blessed be God’s Holy Will.
Slain on the field of battle,
Out in the far wild west,
Shall never be forgotten.
By those who loved him best.
If we were there to raise his head,
Or hear his last farewell,
The blow would not have been so hard
To those he loved so well.
So young, so fair and loving,
Laid in a soldier’s grave—
He died like many a hero,
Who is laid among the brave.