

# Brave Report



*The Jutland memorial park in Denmark*

## New Jutland Memorial

Three events mark 1916 as possibly the worst year for Britain of the First World War.

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**The Battle of Jutland** fought May 31 - June 1 saw the only full scale confrontation of the war between British and German fleets. Jutland was to be the largest naval battle the world had ever seen, and proved catastrophic for both sides. The British lost three battle cruisers, three cruisers, eight destroyers and suffered 6,100 casualties while the Germans lost one battleship, one battle cruiser, four cruisers and five destroyers and 2,550 casualties. The outcome of Jutland came as a huge shock to the British Admiralty as the British fleet had clearly outnumbered German forces (151 to 99).

Within days **Lord Kitchener** was lost in HMS Hampshire whilst on a mission to Russia. On July 1, the **Battle of the Somme** commenced. Each of these events impacted upon homes, families and communities in Northern Ireland.

## **8,500 stone figures in Danish memorial park for Jutland dead**

Two memorials will be completed this year to mark Jutland and Hampshire (See Brave Report 39). Solemn granite figures will form a unique memorial to the greatest naval battle fought in

European waters. Come the beginning of June, more than 8,500 stone figures will cluster around 26 granite pillars in Jutland, Denmark – each figure representing a British or German sailor lost in the Battle of Jutland exactly 100 years earlier.

The dunes outside the Danish fishing village of Thyborøn have been chosen as the site. It is around 90 miles east of the main site of the battle, and is probably the closest location on land.

The sound of the guns of 250 British and German ships belching fire and fury on May 31-June 1 1916 could be heard along a 100-mile stretch of the Danish coast which gave the battle its British name. The Germans chose to call it the Battle of Skagerrak after the sea between Denmark and Norway.

Last year Danish diver and historian Gert Norman Andersen opened the Sea War Museum in Thyborøn with the emphasis on the fighting in the North Sea between 1914 and 1918. He has been fascinated by the battle for more than half a century, has dived on some of the wrecks, and is determined to see “a final, respectful closure to the world’s greatest naval battle, a monument on

neutral ground – the park does not distinguish between British and German sailors”.

With Danish sculptor Paul Cederdorff he has come up with the idea of a permanent memorial created honouring the sailors killed at Jutland in the rugged windswept dunes in Thyborøn.

Twenty-six 3½-metre stone obelisks will mark each ship which was lost – with the 26th standing for the more than 600 men killed on ships which survived the battle.

Eventually, around these pillars of remembrance there will be more than 8,000 individual 1.2-metre-high stones. A stone for each victim.

The memorial is the vision of, marine explorer and founder of the Danish Sea War Museum and it is, in fact, Denmark’s neutrality that gives the Sea War Museum a very special freedom to pass on the story of a great naval conflict without bias or propaganda.

The memorial park has the backing of Nick Jellicoe and Reinhard Scheer-Hennings, grandsons of the men who led the British and

German fleets into battle that fateful Wednesday afternoon in 1916.

They say the monument will result in a “memorial that the fallen of Jutland have always deserved” – and so are urging descendants of those who lost their lives in the battle, as well as people and organisations interested in the battle, to donate – either to help pay for the individual figures, or even to sponsor a ‘ship’ and its ‘company’. More details can be found at [Jutland1916.com](http://Jutland1916.com)

## **British ships sunk in the Battle of Jutland**

### **Battle Cruisers:**

Queen Mary, Indefatigable, Invincible

### **Cruisers:**

Defence, Warrior, Black Prince

### **Torpedo Boat Destroyers:**

Ardent, Fortune, Nestor, Nomad, Shark, Sparrowhawk, Tipperary, Turbulent.

## **The roll of Northern Ireland personnel at Jutland numbered around 400.**

We have work currently underway collating the results of recent research at the IWM and the

National Archive with information from local sources such as War Memorials, and Rolls of Honour in churches, and organisations. The Roll of Honour which follows will be revised in the light of this work and all entries will be incorporated in the overall NI World War 1 Roll of Honour which is the key aim of this endeavour.

## **Interim Roll of Honour**

### **Battle of Jutland**

#### **+AGNEW, James**

RN. Leading Stoker. 308866. HMS Indefatigable. Died 31/05/1916. Age 29. Jutland. Son of Martha Agnew, Seaview St., Belfast, and the late John Agnew. Chatham Naval Memorial.

#### **+ALLEN, Henry**

RN. Boy 1st Class. J34509. HMS Black Prince. Died 31/5/1916. Aged 15. Jutland. Born Belfast. Son of Samuel and Margaret Allen, of Fortwilliam, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 13.

#### **BAXTER, Reginald**

RN. Artificer. Jutland. Son of William Baxter, Paramount. (Portadown News 1916). First Portadown - PCI RH

#### **BINGHAM, Edward**

RN. Admiral. Victoria Cross - Jutland. The Hon Edward Barry Stewart Bingham (1881-1939), of Bangor Castle, County Down, was the 3rd son of John, 5th Baron Clanmorris JP DL,

ADC to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Matilda Catherine, daughter of Robert Edward Ward JP DL, of Bangor Castle.

The Hon Barry joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman, after school at Arnold House, Llanddulas, Carnarvonshire; and a spell on HMS Britannia, a permanently-moored training ship at Dartmouth, Devon.

He was commissioned Lieutenant RN and served a year (1904-5) on HMS Cormorant based at Gibraltar; then was given his own command, of the torpedo boat destroyer HMS Star.

In 1915, Bingham was promoted Commander RN, and given HMS Hornet, a destroyer.

In May, 1916, during the Battle of Jutland, Commander Bingham was in command of a destroyer division.

He led his division in their attack, first on enemy destroyers and then on the battle cruisers of the German High Seas Fleet. Once the enemy was sighted Bingham ordered his own destroyer, HMS Nestor, and the one remaining destroyer of his division, HMS Nicator, to close to within 3,000 yards of the opposing battle fleet so that he could bring his torpedoes to bear.

While making this attack, Nestor and Nicator were under concentrated fire of the secondary batteries of the German fleet and Nestor was subsequently sunk.

For his actions, Commander Bingham earned the Victoria Cross, one of relatively few awarded for naval bravery during the 1st World War

The citation reads:

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*For the extremely gallant way in which he led his division in their attack, first on enemy destroyers and then on their battlecruisers.*

*He finally sighted the enemy battle-fleet, and, followed by the one remaining destroyer of his division (Nicator), with dauntless courage he closed to within 3,000 yards of the enemy in order to attain a favourable position for firing the torpedoes.*

*While making this attack, Nestor and Nicator were under concentrated fire of the secondary batteries of the High Sea Fleet. Nestor was subsequently sunk.*

Bingham was picked up by the Germans at Jutland, and remained a prisoner of war (latterly at Holzminden) until the Armistice.

After the war, he stayed in the Royal Navy, was promoted several times and retired in 1932 with the rank of Rear-Admiral, having for a year held the position of Senior Officer of the Reserve Fleet, Devonport.

He had several commands, including HMS Resolution, in the Mediterranean. Admiral Bingham served as Chief of Staff in the Nore Command, 1927-9, and was appointed ADC to George V.

#### **+BOAL, John**

RN. AB.216495. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Nephew of Robert and Annie McGrath, Donegore St., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 11. IMR

#### **+BRUCE, John**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. K13656. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Born Belfast. Adopted son of William



Johnston, Ballyduff, Carnmoney. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 14

**+BRYANS, George**

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 226076. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 30. Born Belfast. Brother of Mary Bryans, Northumberland St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial. IMR

**+BRUCE, John**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. K13656. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Born Belfast. Adopted son of William Johnston, Ballyduff, Carnmoney. Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

**+BURNS, John**

RN. Sailmaker. 182612. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Aged 38. Served as O'Brien. Served in the South African War. Son of Bridget Burns, Crumlin Rd., Belfast; husband to Rachel Burns, Cottage View, Landport, Portsmouth. Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 14

**CAMPBELL, John**

RN. AB. Gunner. Served in HMS Collingwood as a boy, a gunner, and as an instructor when she was demoted to a gunnery training ship. He was in A turret, Maintop Division at Jutland and served with Prince Albert (King George VI) in the same gun crew 1913 - 1916. The Prince was known as Mr. Johnston and was second-in-command of the turret. After Jutland the future king was transferred to HMS Queen Elizabeth. His Majesty came to Belfast in July 1937 during his Coronation visit and John Campbell, then Chief Heath Inspector of Portadown, was introduced, the King said, 'Hullo Campbell, I haven't seen you for a long time...' His Majesty then promptly halted the proceedings for 5 minutes in front of a cheering,

singing crowd of 150,000 loyal subjects, brass bands and a coterie of Ulster dignitaries, to speak to his old gun crew mate about their times together and share memories of their experiences, inform him of the illness of their former captain, James C Ley (later HMS Canada), and recall the whereabouts of old ship mates in the Collingwood. The King remembered Turret Commander W E C Tait who "made cocoa as usual for me and the gun crew during the battle." The Portadown News carried a front page photograph of the King and his former crew member with the headline, "Ulster Jutland Hero meets the King". A framed copy hung in the Ulster Museum for over twenty years. Moyallen, Portadown

**+CARLISLE, John Cleland**

Boy 1<sup>st</sup>. Class. J34312(Dev). Died 31/05/1916. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Son of Sarah Boyd, Clementine St., Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial Panel 13

**+CARRUTHERS, T**

RN. Leading Seaman. SS/2913. HMS Queen Mary. Died 31/05/1916. Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial Panel 15.

**+CHAMBERS, Bernard**

RNR. Stoker. 3353S. HMS Invincible. Died 31/05/1916. Aged 24. Bernard was one of 1026 crew killed on board HMS Invincible when it was sunk during the Battle of Jutland. Only 6 crew survived. Obituary in Carrick Advertiser 16/06/1916. Son of William and Catherine Chambers, Irish Quarter South, Carrickfergus. Roman Catholic Church, Barns Mills RH. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. Carrickfergus WM

**+CLEMENTS, Charles Sproule**

RN. Engineer Sub - Lieutenant. Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class. 272451. HM Submarine G7. Died 01/11/1918. Aged 27. Served in the Dardanelles and at the Battles of Dogger Bank, Helig and Jutland. HMS G7 was a British G class submarine. Like the rest of her class, G7's role was to patrol the North Sea in search of German U-boats. In October 1918 G7 was on patrol in the North Sea. Communications were lost on 23 October and she was declared lost on November 1. Born Drumragh, County Tyrone. Son of David A. Clements and Sarah Clements, Dublin Rd., Omagh. Omagh Academy WM. Omagh Masonic Lodge RH. Chatham Naval Memorial. First Omagh - PCI RH

**+CLOSE, John**

RN. AB. 216280. HMS Indefatigable. Died 02/08/1915. Ashmore St., Belfast. Queensferry Cemetery.

**+COCHRANE, John Dawson**

RN. Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Died 01/06/1916. HMS Nestor. Jutland. Age 37. Long service and good conduct medals. Three Good conduct badges. Born Belfast. Printing Trades WM Belfast Cathedral. IMR

**+COGHLAN. Joseph James**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. Died 31/05/1916. Age 34. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Son of James and Catherine Coghlan, Co. Waterford; husband to Minnie Coghlan, of 84, Butler St., Belfast

**+COLLINS, Thomas**

RN. Stoker 1st Cl. SS 113699. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/5/1916. Aged 22. Born Dublin 14/5/1893, Son of Michael and Nancy Collins, Broughmore, Ballycastle. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 15. Ballycastle WM

**CONLAN, George Walter**

RN. 233695. Served in HMS Hawke, Vivid, Vivid II, Europa, Blake, Lion. Jutland. B Lisburn 08/07/1887, son of Robert (Blacksmith) and Levina. In 1901 census he was 13 years old and living with his parents in 26 Main St., Whiteabbey. They later lived at Tavanagh St., Belfast. Died aged 31. Buried at Magheragall Parish Churchyard, Lisburn.

**+COOPER, Herbert**

RNR. St John's Parish Church, Newcastle WM

**+CRAWFORD, Bernard**

Stoker. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Scotch Quarter, Carrickfergus

**+CRAWFORD, JAMES**

RNR. Stoker 7821S, HMS Black Prince, Died 31/05/1916. Brother of Mrs. Lemon, Sydney Street West, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial. St Matthew's Parish Church, Shankill, Belfast WM

**+CROSSAN, T L**

RMLI. PLY/17318. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Mossley

**+CROTHERS, John**

RNR. Seaman. 6583A. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 29. Jutland. Husband to Eliza J Crothers Clifton Hampden, Berks., formerly of Earl St., Belfast. Son of Thomas, Ivan St., Belfast. Brother of Robert who also died at Jutland I HMS Invincible. (See below). Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23

**+CROTHERS, Robert**

RN. Stoker 1st Class. SS/108396. HMS Invincible. Died 31/05/1916. Age 27. Jutland. Son of Thomas, Ivan St., Belfast. Three brothers on active service. Brother John also died at Jutland in HMS Defence (See above). Son of Johnston and step-son of Annie Crothers, Ivan St., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 17

**+DAVIES, George Cardwell**

RN. Able Seaman. J/3982 . HMS Warrior. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 21. Born about 1895. His father was originally from England, a Ship's Steward. Son of Harold and Margaret Davies, Derryoghill, Moy. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 11. Moy WM.

**+DOHERTY, Patrick Joseph**

RNR. Stoker 1st Class. SS116687. HMS Lion. Born Coleraine 31/09/1894. Enlisted 26/1/1915. Died 31/05/1916. Ship lost in surface action, Jutland. Son of John Doherty, Irish Houses, Coleraine. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 15. Coleraine WM. IMR

**DOYLE, Richard James**

RNR. Stoker. 9110S. Died 26/10/1916. Age 16. HMS Flirt. Served at Jutland. Son of Thomas and Ellen (nee O'Hare) Doyle, Newry. Plymouth Naval Memorial

**DREYER, Frederic Charles**

RN. Admiral. CB (civil), 1914, CB (military), 1916, CBE, 1919, KCB, 1932, and GBE, 1936. Joined 1891. Flag Captain of HMS Iron Duke at Battle of Jutland, 1916. Rear Admiral 1923, Admiral 1932. Represented UK on League of Nations Military Committee after World War 1. He joined the Royal

Navy and entered the training ship HMS Britannia, 1891-3. He served as a Midshipman in HMS Anson, 1893-6, and HMS Barfleur, 1896-7. He was promoted Lieutenant while serving in HMS Repulse, 1898. He was a student on the gunnery courses in HMS Excellent and at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, 1899-1901, and joined the staff of the Gunnery School at Sheerness. He was a Gunnery Officer in HMS Scylla, 1901, HMS Hawke, 1902, HMS Exmouth, 1903-7, and HMS Dreadnought, 1907. He was appointed Assistant to the Director of Naval Ordnance at the Admiralty, 1907-9, where he began work on his fire control table. He was promoted Commander, 1907, and commanded HMS Vanguard, 1909-10. He then transferred to HMS Prince of Wales, 1910-11, and HMS Hercules as Flag Commander, 1911. He was promoted Captain, 1913, and commanded HMS Amphion, 1913, HMS Orion as Flag Captain, 1913-15, and HMS Iron Duke as Flag Captain, 1915-16. He returned to the Admiralty as Assistant Director, Anti-Submarine Division, 1916-17, Director of Naval Ordnance, 1917-18, and Director of Naval Artillery and Torpedoes, 1918-19. He was appointed Commodore and Chief of Staff to Jellicoe on his mission to India and the Dominions, 1919-20. On returning to England, he was appointed Director of the Gunnery Division of the Admiralty, 1920-22. He took command of HMS Repulse, 1922-23, and was promoted Rear-Admiral, 1923. He was appointed Assistant Chief of Naval Staff and a member of the Board of Admiralty, 1924-27; commanded HMS Hood, 1927-30; and was promoted Vice-Admiral, 1929. He was Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, 1930-31, and Admiralty representative on the League of Nations Permanent Advisory Commission. He was promoted Admiral, 1932, and Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, 1933-6. He retired from the Navy, 1939. On the outbreak of the Second World War, he returned to active duty as Commodore of Convoys, 1939-40, Inspector of Merchant Navy Gunnery,

1941-42, Chief of Naval Air Services, 1942-43, and Deputy Chief of Naval Air Equipment, 1943.

Frederic Charles Dreyer was born at Parsonstown, Ireland, 08/01/1878, the son of John Louis Emil Dreyer, a Danish astrologer, and Katherine Hannah Tuthill. His father was later the Director of the Armagh Planetarium. He was educated at the Royal School, Armagh, and the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. He married Una Maria Hallett in 1901, with whom he had three sons and two daughters. In respect of Jutland, his grandfather had been the Danish minister for the navy. The Dreyer Firepower tables were adopted as the basis of RN gunnery. Armagh Royal School 1888-90.

**+ELDER, Robert Craig**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 311202. HMS Turbulent. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 27. Born Govan 02/08/1888. Son of John and Isabella Elder, Belfast; husband to Agnes McKittrick (formerly Elder), East Bread St., Belfast. Father of two little children. Robert was working as a tailor when he enlisted 29/01/1907 for a 12 year period. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 17. Bloomfield - PCI RH. IMR

**+FERRIS, David Henry**

RN. Surgeon Probationer. HMS Broke. Died 31/05/1916. Age 22. During the Battle of Jutland, Broke, a Faulknor class destroyer, was leading her half-flotilla, when she came close to a German ship on her starboard bow. Simultaneously, the Germans opened fire. An 11 inch shell struck the lower bridge, killing those on duty, smashing the engine room telegraph and wheel. The helm was over to starboard, the telegraph at full

speed, while the port engine was only running at half speed. Consequently, Broke came round, striking the unfortunate destroyer Sparrowhawk just before the bridge, cutting off her bow and pressing her round. Another of the flotilla came ahead first at the noseless boat and chopped off her stern also. The remainder drifted helplessly until sighted in the morning by Marksman, which rescued the remaining crew and sank the wreck as being too far gone for salvage. Half the crew of Broke were wounded or killed, the doctor amongst them, and the sick-bay steward did splendid work amongst the sufferers, being afterwards awarded the DSM. There was 1 officer and 36 men killed in Broke. 3 officers and 33 men were wounded. Son of David and Sarah Ferris, Drumboe, Rostrevor. Brass plaque in his memory erected in Newry Masonic Hall by fellow members of Francis Crossle Lodge 83. Commemorated at Rostrevor (Knotty Ash) cemetery. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 24. Newry, Downshire Road - PCI RH

### **FFORDE, Thomas Roderick**

RN. Commander. After Britannia, Dartmouth, served in China, then to Greenwich College. In many engagements 1914-18, including Jutland. After war commanded a ship based at Murmansk where he observed aspects of the revolution and Marxism. After service lived in Co. Donegall. He advocated Marxism but was well-regarded in the locality. He attempted to provide employment. Died in a cycling accident. Married Joan Waring of Waringstown. Brother in law of Ruric Waring, RN, who was lost with HMS Hawke in the war. Father of Charles Holt Fforde, RN, a fatality in World War 2. Born Raughlin, Derrymacash near Lurgan. Bruckles House, nr Killybegs, Co. Donegall



**+FLETCHER, Robert**

RNR. 1422U. Stoker. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 42. Son of Robert and Jane Fletcher, Belfast; husband to Margaret Fletcher, Eighth St., Belfast. Father of Martha, brother of Rachel. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. Shankill Rd Mission - PCI RH. IMR

**+FORSYTH, William**

Stoker 1st Class. 305407. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 35. Jutland. Born Belfast. Son of Charles and Sarah (nee McKelvey) Forsyth, Woodvale Rd., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial. IMR

**+GALLAGHER, George**

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 222429. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 29. 14 years service. Born Londonderry. Son of George and Catherine Gallagher, Donegal St., Rosemount, Londonderry. His father, a well-known Derry mariner with upwards of forty years' service to his credit, received a Royal message of sympathy on his bereavement. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Londonderry, The Diamond WM

**GAMBLE, James**

RN. Chief Petty Officer CGI (Chief Gunnery Instructor). J220 & JX150049. Enlisted 08/01/1908. Petty Officer at the Battle of Jutland, 1916. Served before and after First World War. Re-enlisted in 1936 until 1939. Served also as a CPO Pensioner during the Second World War. Born: 27/11/1890. Fountain Place, Londonderry. Son of Samuel and Annie Gamble nee McIlhinney. Died: All Saints Hospital, Chatham, Kent, 03/07/1965

**GILLESPIE, W Charles D**

RM. HMS Duke of Edinburgh. Jutland. Seymour Street. First Lisburn - PCI RH

**+GLOVER, Joseph**

RMLI. PLY/15628. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 22. Wauchope St., Belfast. Son of David and Annie Glover, Manning Avenue, Toronto, Canada. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18.

**+GRIBBEN, Robert McDowell**

RNR. Stoker. T1879. HMS Queen Mary. Died 31/05/1916. Age 39. Son of William and Eliza Gribben; husband of Maggie Gribben, of Larne. Daughter. of James Hunter. Larne Times report 17/06/1916, "Robert was survived by his widow and 5 children residing at 5 Quay Lane, Larne. Known children: Elizabeth McDowell (Lizzie), Jane, James Hunter and Robert McDowell Gribben. Robert was Roman Catholic, Margaret and children were Presbyterian. Before joining the navy, Robert was employed by Howden Bros. Ltd., as a coal filler at the Bank Quays, Larne". Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. Larne WM. Family memorial in Greenland Cemetery, Larne.

**+HALL, William**

RN. AB. 234154. Leading torpedo operator. HMS Invincible. Died 31/05/1916. Age 29. Jutland. Born Belfast. Son of the late John Hall and Mrs. McGrogan, Canning St., Belfast; husband to L. A. Hall, Lilliput House, Parkstone, Dorset. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 12. IMR

**HATRICK, John Andrew**

RN. Chief Petty Officer. ERA M1161616. Enrolled 1914. Passing Certificate General ERA Fourth Class 21/01/1915.

Jutland. Served in HMS Pembroke, HMS Chester, HMS Dolphin, HMS Aro and others. Volunteered for submarines and served in them until end of war. Carnifern, Londonderry. Glendermott - PCI RH

### **HOLMES, James McAllister**

RN. Staff Surgeon. DSO. MiD. Marlborough Park, Belfast. B 28/02/1880. Son of John Holmes of Islandmagee and a great grandson of Rev William Holmes who fought for the King in the 1798 Rebellion. Methodist College, Belfast 1895 - 1897, and Queen's College, Belfast, MB BCh BAO 1903. F.R.C.S.Ed. 1920. Held an appointment at Belfast Royal Infirmary for a year before entering the navy. Served for three and a half years on HMS Sandpiper on the China station and in HMS Achilles and HMS Castor in the war. Awarded DSO for his services during the Battle of Jutland, he was also Mentioned in Despatches. Promoted Surgeon Commander 1919. Three articles in Naval Medical Magazine. Retired in rank of Surgeon Captain in 1930. General practice Llandovery, South Wales. Retired to South Yelverton, Devon. Married Alice Poole of Dunedin, New Zealand 1909. Elmwood - PCI RH. Second Islandmagee - PCI RH. Methodist College Belfast RH

### **HOPE, Charles Cleeborg**

RN. AB. 238376. DSM. HMS Shark was torpedoed and sunk at Jutland 30/05/1916. Seven surviving members of the crew were awarded the DSM. The commanding officer, Commander Loftus William Jones, was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross. Awards published in London Gazette 06/03/1917.

### **+HUGHES, William John**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 307002. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 30. Son of John and Mary Hughes, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 16. IMR

**+HULSON, Samuel**

RN. Leading Stoker. K/3333. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Brother of Mrs WH Norris. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 16

**+IRELAND, Ralph**

RN. Lieutenant Commander. HMS Southampton. Died 19/01/1917. Age 28. Drowned in North Sea in heavy weather. As well as Inst, he attended Eastman's Royal Naval Academy, Winchester. He entered the Navy on 15/01/1903, joining HMS Britannia as a cadet. He passed out the following year a Chief Captain and also won the King's Medal.

Ralph served in various ships on the China, Mediterranean, West African and Home Stations, before being promoted to Lieutenant on 15/7/1909 (with 6 "firsts") and Lieutenant Commander on 15/07/1916.

On the outbreak of the war, he was serving in HMS Birmingham, which sunk the first German submarine (U15) on 09/08/1914. Ralph took part in the Battles of the Heligoland Bight (28/08/1914) and Dogger Bank (24/01/1915) before transferring to HMS Southampton (a 1912 Chatham Class, 2nd Class Cruiser early in 1916. On this ship he took part in the Battle of Jutland on 31/05/1916. Ralph was accidentally drowned in the North Sea 19/01/1917.

The following, written by Commander Stephen King-Hall, describes his death, in this extract from "A North Sea Diary 1914-1918": "Last Friday morning, at about 7 a.m., when 100 miles east of May Island, the cover of the navel pipe carried away, and as we were plunging into a very considerable sea, about a hundred tons of water got down into the cable lockers. Our first lieutenant and navigator, Ralph Ireland, who was

temporarily doing executive officer of the ship, went down to put a mat over the hole. The mate, the gunnery lieutenant, and three men were already on the forecastle. The ship dipped her nose into the sea, and scooped up a big sea which carried every one off their feet. When it passed, 'guns' and the mate were lying in the breakwater only bruised, but of the others nothing more was ever seen. Clad as they were in sweaters, sea-boots, and oilskins, they must have sunk at once in the sea that was running. An hour later we read the burial service in the waist, when at about the spot where they were lost. A driving snowstorm added to the almost unbearable melancholy of the service. Ralph Ireland, our Number 2, was a great friend of mine, with whom only a few hours before I had been yarning on the bridge, and but twelve hours before we had been rehearsing our parts together in a home-made revue we intended to produce. He had come to us from the Birmingham when that ship paid off. His death under such tragic circumstances together with the three sailors caused a deep gloom in the ship, where he was immensely popular. Ireland was a very lovable personality-brilliantly clever, a King's medallist, an athlete, he was marked out for certain advancement in the Service. It was not to be, and within a few days of his twenty-eighth birthday the North Sea claimed him as part of the price of Admiralty."

The Times reported his death as follows:

“Lt Com Ralph Ireland, whose death on active service is reported, has endeared himself to all who knew him, not only by his brilliant attainments, which gave promise of a career of great usefulness, but by his modesty and charm. No work came amiss to him, either of danger or steady application. His spontaneous gaiety and genuine unselfishness were a great asset in any community and his clean-minded, healthy outlook on

life made it impossible to be long with him without feeling refreshed and thankful.”

The April 1917 edition of RBAI School News said this about Ralph: "Ralph, who was only in his 28th year, was the finest type of British naval officer, a sportsman and a gentleman. He was a man of wonderful bodily and mental elasticity. His career in the navy was one of exceptional brilliancy, and his progress, which was notably rapid, was due as much to his sterling character as to his first-rate ability. The gallant officer had really lived through this great testing time, and had faced the verities of life with resolution and undaunted courage. All Instonians regret that his short career, so full of promise and so full of achievement, has been ended." Born 8/2/1888. Son of Adam Liddell Ireland, and Isabel Ireland (daughter of Rev William McHinch), Malone Park, Belfast. Brother of Denis Ireland, writer and broadcaster (Dictionary of Ulster Biography). Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 24. Malone Park, Belfast. Elmwood - PCI RH. RBAI WM. IMR

### **+JAMIESON, David**

RN. Petty Officer. 192801. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Aged 36. Born Ballintoy 20/06/1880. Son of Alexander and Ellen Jamieson of Blackside, Ballintoy, Ballycastle. Plymouth Naval Memorial, panel 11. Ballintoy Parish RH.

### **+JELLY, Henry**

RN. AB. 233032. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 28. Born Belfast. Son of Margaret Jane Smith (formerly Jelly), New Lodge Rd., Belfast, and the late Henry Jelly. Brother of Elizabeth McFall and Margaret, whose husband was on active service. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Sinclair Seamen's Church - PCI RH. IMR

**+JOHNSTON, Samuel Currie**

RMLI. Private.PLY/17830. HMS Defence. Jutland. 31/05/1916. Brother of Mary Wilson, Jamaica St., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18. IMR

**KANE, Henry**

RN. Signalman. He spent the entirety of World War I at sea and participated in the Battle of Jutland on the destroyer HMS Attack. In 1918, Signalman Harry Kane was in the destroyer HMS Phoenix when she was torpedoed by the Austrian U -27. After the war, he sailed on the destroyer HMS Vanoc to support the Baltic States in the Russian Civil War. Upon his discharge from the Royal Navy in 1920, he immediately joined the Royal Fleet Reserve. For the next two decades he led a land-based life but spent one week per year at sea as part of Reserve service. He was called up in July 1939, and when the war began was serving on the destroyer HMS Eclipse guarding the convoy traffic off the Western Approaches. In 1940, at the special request of his former commander on the Eclipse, he joined the Q ship HMS Cape Howe. SS Cape Howe was purchased by Lyle Shipping Company on 07/02/1934, being originally built in 1930. On 15/09/1939 she was taken over by the Royal Navy, converted into an anti-submarine "Q" ship and renamed Prunella (pendant X.02). This was his last ship, as he met his end when she was torpedoed and sunk off the South-West Approaches with heavy loss of life on 21/06/1940 by Günter Kuhnke in U-28. He made it to a life raft but succumbed to his injuries. Thirteen men survived on a raft, picked up on 27th June 150 miles off Ushant (48 47 N, 7 59 w). Edenderry LOL 322. Son of William Henry and Margaret Kane, Portadown. Husband to Sarah Kane, Railway St., Portadown. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 39. St Mark's Portadown WM. Portadown WM

**KANE, James S**

Signaller. Jutland. Also served World War II. Portadown.

**+KELLY, Felix Ruddy**

J19472. Able Seaman. HMS Queen Mary. Died 31/05/1916. Age 21. Born Strabane. Son of Francis and Elizabeth Kelly, Rathmore, Cabra Park, Dublin. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 12.

**KELLY, James Hodges**

RN. SPO. RN 1904 -1919; Merchant Navy 1919 -1923. Served On the China Station, then saw action in the Battle of Jutland - engaged in virtual suicide missions, sitting atop shells in wooden boats, transporting them from munitions supply ship HMS Blake to his flagship HMS Castor and other warships of the 11th flotilla of the Grand Fleet under Admiral Jellicoe. B1887 Sailortown, Belfast. Drowned Hamburg harbour 1923. Aged 36, leaving widow and four children.

**+KENNEDY, Peter**

RNR. Stoker. 1836U. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 33. "Stoker Kennedy was a reserve man and prior to being called up was a head fireman in Workman, Clarke & Company's north yard. He was a native of Ballymena and served for 15 years in HM Navy. Deceased, was an enthusiastic member of Cavehill L.O.L. 1956 and the RBP 181"- Ballymena Observer. Son of the late Frank and Jane Kennedy, Larne Road, Ballymena; husband to Jane Kennedy, Ritchie Street, York Rd., Belfast. They had five children. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. Harryville - PCI RH. Castleton - PCI RH. IMR



**+KERR, Robert**

272303. Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 24. Born Newtownstewart. Only son of Robert and Martha Kerr, of Dublin St., Newtownstewart. Plymouth Naval Memorial.

**+KING, Robert John George**

Stoker 1st Class. SS/115695. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 21. Born Belfast. Son of Robert and Mary Isabella Rachel King, Ravenhill St., Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial

**LAMONT, Stephen**

Signaller. HMS Active. Jutland. Railway Rd, Coleraine

**LENNON, Thomas John**

RN. AB. J1869. Born Tandragee 23/4/1892. Enlisted 30/07/1908. Served to 22/03/1922. On HMS Erin during the Battle of Jutland.

**+LOVE, Charles Edwin**

Ship's Steward. 209188. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 36. Born Larne. Son of John and Martha Love, Belfast; husband to Cecelia A. A. Love, Glencairn Terrace, St. Budeaux, Devonport. Plymouth Naval Memorial.

**+MacCORMAC, John Sides Davies**

RN. Surgeon. HMS Black Prince. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 44. Son of William and Mary Edmunds MacCormac, The Old House, Banbridge, and husband of Genevieve Muriel MacCormac, of St Ives. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 11. Banbridge WM. RBAI WM

**+MacLEAN, James Gayton**

RN. Writer 3rd Class. 346792. HMS Tipperary. Jutland. Died 01/06/1916. Age 30. Born Moy 17/09/1885. Lived Garvagh. Enlisted: 05/05/1904. Son of James and Esther MacLean. Husband to Kathleen MacLean. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 18. IMR

**+MAGEE, David**

Stoker 1st Class. SS109577. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 23. Born Kircubbin. Son of James and Agnes Magee, Iris St., Belfast. Native of Glastry. Plymouth Naval Memorial. St Andrew's Parish Church, Ballyhalbert WM. IMR

**+MALLON, J**

RM Artillery. Gunner. RMA/13442. HMS Indefatigable. Died 31/05/1916. Age 20. Son of Matthew Mallon, Clentigora, Newry. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 21.

**+MALONE, Hugh**

Cooper. 340469. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 41. Born Belfast. Son of the late Hugh and Mary Malone, Brookfield St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast; husband to Maud Mary Malone, Townshend Avenue, Devonport. Plymouth Naval Memorial

**+MARTIN, William Henry**

RMLI. Private. PLY/13501. HMS Lion. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 28. Son of the late Stewart Martin, Ballymena St., Belfast; husband to Edith Maud Martin, Wellfield Rd., Streatham, London. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18. IMR

**+McAULEY, Patrick Hugh**

RN. Leading Seaman. J/1215. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/5/1916. Age 29. Son of Sarah McAuley, Benares St.,

Belfast, and the late Patrick McAuley. Plymouth Naval Memorial., Panel 11. IMR

**+McBRIDE, Victor William**

RNR. Stoker. 3726S. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 27. Son of John and Elizabeth Anderson, Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Newington - PCI RH. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23

**+McCANN, Thomas**

RN. AB. 215675. Gunner. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Over 16 years of service. Husband to Catherine McCann, New Lodge Rd., Belfast, later C Cunningham, Manchester. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 12. IMR

**+McCAUSLAND, William James**

RMLI. Private. PLY/17058. HMS Indefatigable. Died 31/5/1916. Age 19. Son of Charles and Elizabeth McCausland, Donegall Avenue, Belfast. Native of Newry. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18.

**+McCULLOUGH, John**

RN. Gunner. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Mineral St., Belfast. Brother of Annie Miller, Wenesley St., Belfast.

**+McCULLOUGH, John**

RN. Boy 1st Class. J37462. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 17. Born Belfast. Son of John and Mary McCullough, Southwell St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 13. IMR

**+McCULLOUGH, T**

RN. Gunner. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916.  
Brother of Annie Miller, Wensley St. Belfast, whose husband  
was on active service. Mineral St., Belfast

**+McEWAN, Robert**

RNR. Stoker. 3778S. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916.  
Ivan St., Belfast. Brother of Susan, William and John. Belfast  
Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval  
Memorial, Panel 23. IMR

**McILHATTON, William A**

RM Artillery. Gunner. Jutland. LOL 431. Captain St., Coleraine

**+McILWRATH, Samuel**

RNR. Stoker. 2045S. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died  
31/05/1916. Age 23. Son of Samuel and Agnes McIlwrath,  
Hogart St., Belfast. Husband to Maggie McIlwrath, Cambridge  
St., Belfast. Father of two children. Son of S. McIlwrath, Grove  
St., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917.  
Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. York Street - PCI RH

**+McKENNA, Robert**

RN. Ordinary Seaman. J/31862. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died  
31/05/1916. Age 18. Ward of David McDowell, School  
Buildings, Belfast Union, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial,  
Panel 13

**+McMAW, Richard**

RNR. Stoker. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916.  
Son of Walter and Annie McMaw, Eden, Carrickfergus;  
husband to Elizabeth McMaw, Eden. Links with Ballycarry.  
Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Carrickfergus

WM. Bully Grennay Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. IMR

**MEADE, Herbert**

RN. Captain. DSO. Commanded HMS Royalist of 6<sup>th</sup> Light Cruiser Squadron at the Battle of Jutland. Included in list of Commanding Officers recommended for commendation for service at Jutland - London Gazette 15/09/1916. The 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron and the 1st and 6th Light Cruiser Squadrons were central to the plot which saw them sweep across the North Sea to approach the outer edge of the quadrant of mines in Heligoland Bight where the German forces were working and then, having surprised the enemy, to try and force him into action. The Honourable Herbert Meade, was brother of the Earl of Clanwilliam, Montalto, Balynahinch, and son of the late Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of Clanwilliam, GCB, KCMG, (1832 - 1907), also of Montalto, Ballynahinch.

**+MONTGOMERY, John**

RMLI. Private. PLY/17190. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 23. Son of Isaac Montgomery, Mill St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18.

**+MOORE, John**

AB. 229507. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 28. Born Belfast. Half-brother of Selina Moore, Rowland Street, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial

**+MORGAN, John**

RNVR. AB. Clyde Z/6053. HMS Black Prince. Died 31/5/1916. Son of John and Mary Morgan, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 24.

**+MORROW, James**

AB. 239120. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 27. Born Belfast. Son of Isabella Morrow, Hamilton Place, Killyleagh. Killyleagh - PCI RH. Plymouth Naval Memorial.

**+O'NEILL, Robert**

RN. Stoker. 2088U. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Husband to Jane, and father of Mary and Sarah O'Neill, Fife St., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23. Family memorial, Milltown Cemetery, Belfast RC52B

**+POLLOCK, Joseph**

RN. Ordinary Seaman. J25436. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 18. Born Belfast. Son of Elizabeth Pollock, Epworth St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial. IMR

**+POTTS, Andrew**

Able Seaman. 228087. HMS Defence. Died 31/05/1916. Age 30. Born Belfast. Son of John and Annie Potts, Christopher St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial.

**+RAWE, Daniel Les**

RN. L Stoker. HMS Acheron. HMS Porpoise. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916

**+REA, William A**

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 289073. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 37. Born Belfast. Was a motorman on the Belfast trams and on the outbreak of war he rejoined the Navy. Son of William and Mary Rea, of Co. Antrim; husband to Mary Rea, Cairns Building, Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Belfast Telegraph in memoriam 31/05/1917. Ballysillan PCI. Belfast Corporation RH. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 19. IMR

**+REILLY, James Patrick**

RN. Able Seaman. J10246. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 23. Born Belfast. Son of Elizabeth Reilly, Ballycastle St., Belfast, and the late William Reilly. Plymouth Naval Memorial. IMR

**ROBERTS, Thomas**

Steersman in HMS Ophelia, an M-class destroyer, at the Battle of Jutland. Ophelia was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Destroyer Flotilla and was part of the Grand Fleet at the battle.. When he retired from RN 30/05/1922, his captain presented him with the ensign flown on the ship which he had steered into the midst of the battle and brought out unscathed. He in turn presented it to Donaghadee Masonic Lodge 675 and it was displayed in their Masonic Centre.

**+ROBINSON, George Ernest**

Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class. HMS Indefatigable. Died 31/05/1916. Age 24. Born Taughboyne County Donegal. Son of Joseph and Anna Eliza Robinson, Drumenon St., Johnston, Londonderry. Plymouth Naval Memorial

**RODGERS, James Grant**

RN. Stoker 1st Cl. 229527. HMS Queen Mary. Died 31/05/1916. Age 29. Son of James and Jane Rodgers, City St., Donegall Ave., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 17.

**+SALES, Thomas**

RMLI. Private. PLY/14074. HMS Lion. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Brother David on active service. Parents resident at March St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 16

**+SHANKS, James**

RNR. Stoker. 7131S. HMS Black Prince. Died 31/5/1916. Age 35. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, of Belfast; husband of Annie Shanks (nee Pratt), N. Woodside Rd., Glasgow. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23.

**+SITTLINGTON, Hugh**

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 276560. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Served more than 22 years. Born Larne. Son of the late Hugh and Annie Sittlington, of Larne; husband to Elizabeth Wilson Sittlington, Eighth St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 14. Ballycarry Presbyterian WM

**+SLOANE, Douglas**

AB. Stoker. J10191. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland, Died 31/05/1916. Age 21. Born Belfast. Son of Robert and Jane Sloane, Nile St., off York St., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Sinclair Seamen's - PCI RH

**+SMILEY, George**

RN. Able Seaman. 231456, HMS Black Prince. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 27. Son of Samuel and Emily Smiley, Mayo St., Belfast; husband to Mabel Smiley, and father of two little sons, of Lanark Street, Belfast, brother of Alice Higgins, and nephew of Miss Smiley, Woodvale Road. Two brothers on active service. "Our deepest sympathy goes out to those bereaved families, and a special memorial service was held in the Parish Church on Whit Sunday evening, at which the Rev. W.A. de V. Dodd made touching reference to the loss they had sustained." - Shankill Parish magazine. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 12. St Matthew's Parish Church, Shankill, Belfast WM



**SMITH, Charles Herbert**

RN. AB. DSM. HMS Shark. Shark was lost at Jutland  
31/05/1916

**+STRANGE, Samuel**

RN. Stoker. 326V. HMS Queen Mary. Jutland. Died  
31/05/1916. Age 46. Hartwell St., Belfast/Coventry Street,  
Belfast. Duncairn - PCI RH. Portsmouth Naval Memorial,  
Panel 23

**+STEWART, Samuel**

RMLI. Private. PLY/15164. HMS Indefatigable. Died  
31/05/1914. Age 24. Son of William and Ann Jane Stewart, of  
3, Woodstock Place, Woodstock Rd., Belfast. Plymouth Naval  
Memorial, Panel 18. Megain Memorial - PCI RH

**+STUART, William Isaac**

RMLI. Private. PO/16616. HMS Black Prince. Died  
31/05/1916. Age 21. Son of William and Marion Stuart; brother  
of Marion Franaitis, Hart St., London Rd., Liverpool. Native of  
Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 22.

**+TAYLOR, Charles**

RN. Chief Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class. 271165. HMS  
Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Son of Margaret Taylor,  
Melrose St., Belfast, and the late John Taylor. Brother of  
William (below). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 14

**+TAYLOR, William**

Cooper. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Brother of  
Charles Taylor, HMS Defence. Sons of John Taylor,  
Northbrook St., Belfast. Belfast Evening Telegraph 16/06/1916

**+THOMPSON, John Wallace**

RN. AB. 189958. HMS Turbulent. Jutland. Died 01/06/1916. Age 36. Served in the South African War. Awarded China Medal, 1900. Son of Jacob and Mary Thompson, Forsythe St., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 16

**+THORPE, Herbert**

RN. Stoker 1st Class. HMS Lion. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 32. Lion was a battle-cruiser of the Splendid Cats class. Stoker Thorpe was present when the Blucher was sunk by Admiral Beatty's squadron and Lion participated in the battles of Heligoland Bight (28/8/1914), Dogger Bank (24/1/1915) and Jutland (31/5/1916). At Dogger Bank, the Lion scored a somewhat lucky hit on the Seyditz which caused a cordite flashback that burned out the latter's two rear turrets. During the Battle of Jutland, the Lion was hit by a 12" (305 mm) salvo from the Lützow which blew the roof off one of the "Q" turret. Dozens of Royal Marines were killed, but a far larger catastrophe was averted when Major Francis Harvey, the wounded turret commander, ordered the magazine to be sealed and flooded, thereby preventing the cordite propellant from setting off a massive explosion. It was during this engagement that Herbert Thorpe was killed.

His brother Rifleman Alfred Victor Thorpe was born in 1879 and served with the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, which was part of the 10th Irish Division. He died, aged 38, on 16/05/1917 and is buried in the Struma Military Cemetery in Thessalonika, Greece.

They were the sons of James Thorpe, a Brush Maker with the Northern Brush Company, Malvern Street (1880) and Townsend Street. Their sister, Mrs Maggie Irvine, was living at Howard Street South in 1915 and it is probable that Herbert and

Alfred were boarding with her after the death of their father. A second married sister, Mary Heathwood, was living at Canterbury Street

The names of Herbert Thorpe and Alfred Victor Thorpe are on the Crescent Presbyterian Church WM. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 16

**+TOHILL, James Joseph**

RM. Private. Enlisted 10/1914. Aged 16. Served in HMS Colossus, the flagship of 1st Battle Squadron and fought at the Battle of Jutland. From Belfast. Lived Warrenpoint.

**TREGENNA, Charles Hambly**

RN. Plumber. 341342. HMS Queen Mary. Died 31/05/1916. Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 20.

**TURKINGTON, William**

HMS Collingwood. Jutland. B Lurgan

**+UNSWORTH, William Hubert**

RN. Sub Lieutenant (E). HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Invincible had previously served at the Battle of Heligoland Bight, the hunt for the Graf Spee and the Battle of the Falkland Islands, before engaging the German vessels SMS Derfflinger and Lützow at the Battle of Jutland on 31/05/1916. The Derrlinger was sunk by Invincible before the Lützow turned her guns on her, sinking the vessel. As Invincible returned the broadside, she inflicted fatal damage on the Lützow, before sinking herself. William Hubert Unsworth is recorded as signing the Ulster Covenant at the Old Town Hall in 1912. Son of William Thomas and Margaret Unsworth, of Taymount, Bloomfield, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Strandtown WM. QUB WM. St Columba's Parish Church,  
Knock, RH

**+ VANCE, Patrick Hugo Gerald Irving**

RN. Sub-Lieutenant. HMS Shark. Jutland. Died 31/04/1916.  
Age 19. Son of James Gerald Irving Vance and Clare Irving  
Vance, Carrickreagh, Helen's Bay. B Co. Fermanagh. Memorial  
service held in St John's Parish Church, Helen's Bay. Bangor  
Grammar School archives. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel  
11. Enniskillen WM. Glenraig WM. Trinity Presbyterian  
Church, Bangor WM

**+WALLS, Thomas Andrew**

RN. Carpenter. DSC. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died  
31/05/1916. Age 42. DSC awarded Battle of the Falklands  
08/12/1914. Son of Thomas and Sarah Walls, of  
Strabane; husband to Isabel Walls, Warren Avenue, Milton,  
Portsmouth. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 11. Strabane -  
PCI RH

**+WHITE, Adam**

Leading Stoker. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916.  
Husband to Sarah White, Parker St, Belfast. Son in law of  
Andrew and Elizabeth J Black, Parker St., Belfast

**+WILSON, Thomas**

RMLI. PLY/11164. HMS Invincible. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916.  
Age 29. Son of Thomas and Annie J. Wilson, Bentinck St.,  
Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18

**+WOODS, John**

RN. AB. HMS Indefatigable. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Belfast

**+WOODWARD, James**

Leading Stoker. K9273. HMS Defence. Jutland. Died 31/05/1916. Age 24. Born Belfast. Son of Ellen Woodward, Fraser St., Belfast; and the late John Woodward. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Christ Church, Durham St., Belfast, WM

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