

Biographical Dictionary of Nurses from Ireland in Service on the Home Front and on Allied Battle Fronts during the Second World War, 1939-1945

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General Introduction

The RCN History of Nursing Network Northern Ireland (HoN NI) was established over 30 years ago to collate and record the nursing history of Northern Ireland. It has and continues to collect oral histories from nurses who have made a significant contribution to the profession. In 2013 it published Nurses' Voices from the Northern Ireland Troubles. In 2018 it published, with funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a book about local nurses who had served on the many front lines during the First World War. This year, 2023, it published Nurses' Voices from the Second World War, the Ireland Collection which includes a Roll of Honour of 600 names of nurses from across Ireland listed by province and county who died during UK Blitz attack and nurses who enlisted as Reserves with the QAIMNS. This publication was funded by the Northern Ireland War Memorial Museum, The RCN Foundation Charity (Monica Baly Trust) and the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery (NIPEC).

The stimulus to research Second World War (SWW) nurses began in 2020 as commemorations began to mark the 75th anniversaries of Victory in Europe (VE) and Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, marking the end of the SWW. HoN NI began to identify those who had served in that war. As names were gathered it became evident that many nurses, mostly women, from across Ireland continued to apply to train in British hospitals and when qualified applied to enlist as Reserves with the QAIMNS to support the war effort. The information therefore also includes those names gathered from the Republic of Ireland (RoI). It was well known that many women from across Ireland welcomed the opportunity to train as nurses in Great Britain where hospitals often struggled to reach sufficient staffing levels. What was particularly surprising was the large number who had done so, given that then Eire (later to become the Republic of Ireland) had maintained its neutrality throughout the war. These nurses were in effect volunteering their service during a time of war which for many endangered their lives. This information was of great interest to network members who were then determined to record the name of any nurse from Ireland who had suffered Blitz attack in Great Britain and/or served abroad. Research continued throughout the various coronavirus lockdowns which prevented normal access to libraries and museums. In all of this, particular thanks is due to our member Mr Seán Graffin for his persistent and meticulous web-based research which has identified the names of over 600 nurses from across the island of Ireland who joined the war effort.

Knowing that this database is by no means complete it will be clear by reading the brief biographies that the response of nurses from across the island to the war effort was truly heroic. The data conveys something of the enormity of the contribution made by nurses from across Ireland. Many nurses lost their lives in horrendous conditions through Blitz, battles on land or sea or as prisoners of war (PoW). It was particularly horrifying to discover the experiences which nurses in this latter category endured in the Far East following the fall of Hong Kong and Singapore. Of the names gathered, fifty nurses died, either in UK Blitz attack, troopship attack or as Prisoners of War. HoN NI hope that this publication will help to highlight the contribution made by nurses from Ireland (known and unknown) during the SWW. HoN NI thank PRONI for agreeing to make the database gathered available to a wide audience by uploading it to their website. The service and sacrifice of all nurses who volunteered to serve in the SWW at home and abroad leaves a legacy which must not be forgotten.

Margaret Graham (HoN NI Chairperson, December 2023)

Technical Introduction

This work (the first of its kind) has attempted to compile a comprehensive list of those nurses born on the island of Ireland who made a significant contribution to the service effort during the Second World War, often risking their lives on the Home Front or on Battle Front lines in Europe or in the Pacific theatre. There is no simple official list available from which the names of these nurses can be compiled (QA Service Records for this period will not be released from The National Archives - TNA - for some time). Accordingly, the author made a start by examining the announcement of commissions in the Army or RAF or to other branches of the war service, in the London Gazette (& Supplement), between 1939 and 1945. These offer lists of names only and do not disclose places of birth so the selection of nurses from Northern Ireland and Eire (Republic of Ireland) for this database was made using the 'unscientific' method of recognising surnames common to the different parts of the island ('Murphy', 'Johnston' etc). Paradoxically, as nurses from the Protestant community in Northern Ireland may hold surnames common in Scotland and/or England, this method may indeed have resulted in a smaller proportion of NI nurses represented than those from Eire (ROI). The 'Gaelic' names are more easily identified, though, of course, not all of the nurses under such names were born in Ireland. There are lists of QAs available online but these are unofficial and tend to reflect English and Scottish genealogical and historical interest. The pointers given by the London Gazette were then followed up by trawling a very wide variety of other sources (see Primary and Secondary sources below). We have included in this list numbers of civilian nurses who found themselves involved in the rigours of the blitz in different parts of the UK, several of whom were tragically killed.

The biographies have been laid out in similar format to biographies assembled in the Directory of Ulster Doctors (who qualified before 1901) by Richard Clarke (2 volumes, UHF, 2013). Data from official administrative sources, such as registration books, examination records, civil registration data, commission registers (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), service records have been supplemented by newspaper and other sources to create biographical frameworks for each nurse, providing dates of birth, marriage and death, service numbers, names of parents, dates of registration and registration numbers, residences over time, attendance at training hospitals, commissions (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), awards and medals, postings, among other items of data. Archival records were consulted at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Where readily available (in interviews, published studies or in obituaries), these skeleton biographies have been filled out by reminiscences or detailed descriptions of the lives and experiences of nurses, especially during the Second World War. The work remains, however, by no means complete to date and research continues.

There are some variations in the spelling of names in the database: I have used the most common spelling for each individual. Some entries are more complete than others. Sometimes the author has come across a number of biographies potentially those of the nurse being described: the practice has been to include each one, for the reader to make the final decision. Where data is unclear or debateable question-marks have been placed in the text to acknowledge the doubt. Further research needs to be carried out once records become available and this will (we hope) result in a more complete second edition.

Seán Graffin

Author

Database author, Mr Seán Graffin is an active HoN NI (History of Nursing NI) member and has meticulously researched this detailed biographical compendium over the past four years. His research was gathered using a large number of sources, in hardcopy and online, including the London Gazette, census, nursing registers, ancestry, local paper archives, including the Ballymena Guardian, the Belfast Newsletter, the Belfast Telegraph and many others listed below. Mr Graffin served as a specialist nurse in mental health and in cardiac treatment at the Belfast City Hospital in the 1980s and 1990s and lectured in nursing at the University of Ulster (now Ulster University) between 2001 and 2013.

Timeline of the Second World War

1st – 3rd Sept 1939 – Germany invades Poland – Britain & France declare war on Germany

3rd April 1940 – Germany invades Norway and Denmark

7th May 1940 – Winston Churchill forms National Government, Britain.

10th May 1940 – Germany invades Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium

29th May – 3rd June 1940 – evacuation of Dunkirk

22nd June 1940 – Vichy France agrees terms of surrender with Germany

July-Oct 1940 – Battle of Britain

Dec 1940 –

The Manchester and Salford Blitz - the first attack was the night of 22/23 December 1940 when the cities suffered heavy bombing. It is estimated that at least 800 people were killed at this time. Manchester and Salford were again bombed on 2 June when the Salford Royal Hospital took a direct hit.

Sept 1940 to May 1941 –

The London Blitz began on 7 September 1940 when an estimated 300 planes of the German Luftwaffe dropped over 300 tons of bombs targeting the docklands. Nearly 2,000 people were killed or wounded in the first night of the Blitz. Over the following 24 nights some 5,300 tons of high explosives were dropped on London. The daily bomb attacks lasted 11 weeks until May 1941 and many hospitals were directly hit during these mass bombings. During raids, hospitals caught up in attacks used basements for emergencies and frequently had to improvise in the absence of water and electricity.

13th – 14th March 1941 – **Glasgow (Clydebank) Blitz**

This was the worst case of destruction and civilian deaths in Scotland during the war. Two nights of constant bombing saw 528 people dead and a further 617 residents seriously injured.

7/8 April, 15/16 April, 4/5 May and 5/6 May 1941 –

The Belfast Blitz - The air raids in total caused the death of over 900 civilians in Belfast with more than 1,500 people injured. It was the biggest loss of life in any air raid throughout the war outside London. The terraced rows of houses in the streets close to the dock area and in North Belfast were utterly destroyed. It has been estimated that 15,000 families lost their homes and 100,000 families made temporarily homeless.

April-May 1941 – German occupation of Greece

Timeline (ctd)

22nd June 1941 – Germany invades Soviet Union

11th Aug 1941 – Britain & United States sign Atlantic Charter

7th Dec 1941 – Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii (United States)

18th Dec 1941 – Retreat of Rommel in North Africa

15th Feb 1942 – Fall of Singapore

21st June 1942 – Rommel takes Tobruk

Oct-Nov 1942 – British 8th Army under General Bernard Montgomery defeat Afrika Korps at battle of El Alamein.

Nov 1942 to Jan 1943 – defeat of German army at Stalingrad

July 1943 – Allies land in Sicily, Italy

Jan 1944 – Relief of Leningrad

March 1944 – Bombing of Berlin by United States long-range aircraft.

6th June 1944 – D-Day landings, Normandy, France

June to Aug 1944 – flying-bomb attacks on London

Sept 1944 – Battle of Arnhem

Dec 1944 to Jan 1945 – Battle of the Bulge (Ardennes Forest)

March 1945 – Crossing of the Rhine into Germany

April 1945 – Landing on Okinawa

30th April 1945 – Hitler commits suicide in Berlin

8th May 1945 – Victory in Europe day

6th Aug 1945 – Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima

15 August 1945 - Victory in Japan Day (VJ Day)

28th Aug 1945 – Occupation of Japan by United States Armed Forces.

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Abbreviations

Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Service). The Q.A.I.M.N.S. was founded in 1902. During the First World War and Second World War nurses who applied to enlist were given short-term contracts as Reserve nurses. The nurses were commonly referred to as the QAs.

P.M.R.A.F.N.S. - The Princess Mary Royal Airforce Nursing Service was founded in 1918 as the Royal Airforce Temporary Nursing Service becoming permanent in 1921. The service received Royal patronage in 1923.

T.A.N.S. - The Territorial Auxiliary Nursing Service was renamed in 1920 having been the Territorial Force Nursing Service. These nurses staffed UK military hospitals. In times of war they served alongside the QAIMNS.

S.R.N. (State Registered Nurse). It was not until the major contribution made by thousands of nurses in the First World War (FWW) that Parliament finally approved the Nurse Registration Act in 1919. Under the Act, the title "registered nurse" became protected in law. The Nurses Registration (Ireland) Act received Royal Assent on 23rd December 1919. This Act established a General Nursing Council for Ireland which by law oversaw the regulation of the profession and the introduction of a register of nurses who had completed a state examination.

R.C.N. Royal College of Nursing is the world's largest nursing trade union and professional body. It has a local office in Belfast:- NI RCN.

R.R.C. and A.R.R.C. awards - The Royal Red Cross, introduced by Queen Victoria, is a military decoration awarded in the UK and Commonwealth for exceptional services in military nursing. A new additional class, the Associate Royal Red Cross (ARRC) was later introduced which could be conferred on a greater proportion of women. Nurses awarded a second ARRC were placed on the RCC recipient list.

SWW Second World War. The term Second World War (SWW) is used throughout as recommended by the British Commission for Military History and British Publishing Houses.

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Nursing Staff on Main Corridor, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1939 (Courtesy Royal Victoria Hospital)



Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, c.1930 (courtesy of Linen Hall Library, Belfast)

ADAIR, Isabell Patricia (Patty) McClements

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209681

Born: 29 October 1909, at Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Daughter of Robert Adair (Shoemaker) and Mary Adair (nee Jackson), of Kilcoan, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1929 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 30 May 1933. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1714].

Registration: 14 December 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75975].

Registration: 03 May 1939. (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1941). [Registration No. 14370].

Residence: Ballycarry, County Antrim. [1937; 1940; 1941; 1959].

Married: 15 April 1942 at Ballycarry Presbyterian Church, County Antrim, Robert W. Colling.

ADAIR, Martha (Martye) Elizabeth

Nursing Officer in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206616

Born: 25 May 1914, at Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Daughter of Robert Adair (Shoemaker) and Mary Adair (nee Jackson), of Kilcoan, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 17 December 1935. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2077].

Trained: Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow.

Registration: 03 November 1937. (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1938). [Registration No. 13306].

Residence: Ballycarry, County Antrim. [1938].

Appointed Sister in Viewfield Hospital, Selkirk, Scotland. She joined the QAIMNSR in March 1941. She served in Northern Ireland before being drafted overseas in March 1942. She served in India and later cared for the sick and wounded in a forward casualty clearing station in the Burma Jungle.

She was at Akyab, Burma, by February 1945. There she was involved with a number of sisters in organising two casualty clearing stations to receive the injured from the front lines.

[Larne Times – Thursday 08 February 1945].

Married: Wednesday 06 February 1946 at Hillhead Presbyterian Church, Ballycarry, County Antrim, Captain Alec Hubbard (1915 – 1978) of the 3rd. Gurkha Regiment, son of John Hubbard and Ellen Hubbard (née Hadley), from Coventry, Warwickshire.

ADGEY, Agnes Crawford

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 25655 (?)

Born: 02 July 1914, at 'Greenview', Salisbury Drive, Belfast.

Daughter of Robert James Adgey Jr. (Pawnbroker) and Catherine Adgey (née Hagan), of 'Greenview', Salisbury Drive, Belfast.

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 88749].

Registration: 10 November 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. ---57].

Residence: Moss House, Ballymather, Muckamore, County Antrim. [1940; 1943; 1946; 1949].

Was a member of the Burma Star Memorial Fund from 1954.

Died: 12 October 2008 at Movilla House Nursing Home, Newtownards, County Down.

AICKEN, Eleanor Elizabeth

Hospital Matron.

Born: 19 September 1903, at Lisnagarron, Portglenone, County Antrim.

Daughter of Robert Aicken (Farmer) (1843 – 1922) and Mary Aicken (née Millar) (1862 – 1954), of Lisnagarron, Portglenone, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1925 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 22 May 1928. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1152].

Residence: Fern Bank, Portglenone, County Antrim. [1928].

'She was appointed Matron [of the Ulster Hospital, Belfast]. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where she was later Staff Nurse, and in Midwifery at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. Miss Aicken has also been Sister and deputy Matron at the War Memorial Hospital, Isle of Arran; Labour Ward Sister in the Maternity Unit, District Hospital, Banbridge ; Sister, Ante-natal Wards and Private block, and Assistant Matron and Housekeeping Sister at the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Miss Aicken has done Private Nursing Home duty in Belfast and took the Hospital Housekeeping Course at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.' [British Journal of Nursing - March 1938 p.69.]

Commendation for Bravery: Civil Defence Gallantry Award – 'Devotion to duty, firefighting etc. at the Ulster Hospital on 4th. / 5th. May 1941 at night.' Matron, Ulster Hospital, Belfast. [07 November 1941].

Awarded M.B.E.: Matron, Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, Belfast. [05 January 1962].

Died: 07 June 2001

AIREY, Flores Hilda

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206552

Born: 20 April 1879, in Sunderland, Durham, England.

Daughter of John Smith Airey (Master Mariner) and Martha Ann Airey (née Lewis), of Sunderland, Durham, England.

Trained: Middlesbrough Union Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Broomlands.

Registration: 22 September 1922.

Residence: Sunderland. [1925].

Miss Airey was appointed Lady Superintendent of Belfast Infirmary - February 1932.

When war broke out, she left to join the QAIMNSR as a Sister in May 1941.

Resumed her civilian role as Lady Superintendent of Belfast City Hospital [Belfast News-Letter, 11 May 1945].

Permanent Address: Belfast City Hospital. [1946].

Permanent Address: Folkestone, Kent. [1956].

Died: 22 March 1973 at Clearmount Nursing Home, The Hill, Charing, Ashford, Kent.

ALEXANDER, Elizabeth Eleanor Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322510

Born: 04 April 1913, at McMurrough (sic), New Ross, County Wexford.

Daughter of Arthur John Alexander (Farmer) and Anna Mary Alexander (née Nevill), of McMurrough (sic), New Ross, County Wexford.

Trained: Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, June 1933 – January 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 13 January 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5793].

Residence: New Ross, County Wexford. [1939; 1943].

Residence: Bexhill, Sussex. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

ANDERSON, Irne (sic)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (?)

Service Number: 305641

Born: 04 October 1919 at Drumdonald, Ballyward, Banbridge, County Down.

Daughter of Samuel Anderson (Labourer) and Jane Anderson (née McNeilly), of Drumdonald, Ballyward, Banbridge, County Down.

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, 1939 – 1942 [Examination].

Date of Registration: 28 May 1943 (London) [Registration No. 120640].

Residence: Banbridge, County Down. [1946].

ANDERSON, Isabella Abigail

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 236414

Born: 25 August 1919, at Cloghfin, Six Mile Cross, Co. Tyrone.

Daughter of Thomas Anderson (Farmer) and Abigail Anderson (née Larmour), of Cloghfin, Six Mile Cross, Co. Tyrone.

Was appointed Sister on 04 January 1943.

Served in N. Africa, Italy and Greece.

Married: 1947 at Hull to Major Horace Cornelius William 'Mike' Galliford (1917 – 1983). His second marriage.

Died: 29 May 1994 at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England.

Source: Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (QAIMNS) Officers [website].

ANDERSON, Joan

Hospital Probationer Nurse.

Born: 20 August 1920, at 15 Great George's Street, Belfast. [Gertrude Joan].

Daughter of Herbert Lee Anderson (Engineer) and Adelaide (Ada) Lynard Anderson (née Shields), of 15 Great George's Street, Belfast.

Trained: Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow, 1939 – 1942 (?). [Examination ?].

Date of Registration: Unknown. [Registration No. Unknown].

There does not appear to be a record of her nursing qualification.

Awarded British Empire Medal: [See Citation below]

<u>FORM OF RECOMMENDATION</u>		
<u>CASE A.A.G. 14.</u> 1160A		
Name: Joan Anderson.	Age 20.	
Address: Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow.		
Service: Hospital Nurse.	Duration of Service: 2½ years.	
Ground of Recommendation, giving time and place.		
Conspicuous bravery during an incident which occurred at the yard of Messrs. Yarrow & Co., Scotstoun, Glasgow, during the Clydeside Raid 13th/14th March, 1941.		
Recommended by: Medical Officer of Health, Glasgow.		
The Secretary of State for Scotland, with the concurrence of The Regional Commissioner for the No. 11 (Scotland) Region recommends: B.E.M.		
Documents:	(1) Summary of case. (2) Copies of report by Medical Officer of Health of Glasgow.	
CASE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:	194 .	RECOMMENDATION:
TREASURY RECOMMENDATION:	GAZETTED:	194 .

Summary

Nurse Anderson was one of a team of 2 medical officers, and 6 nurses who manned a mobile F.A.P. summoned to the yard of Messrs. Yarrow & Co., Scotstoun, Glasgow, to render medical aid to injured men trapped in a basement shelter under a building which had suffered a direct hit. She showed conspicuous bravery in crawling under heavy debris to administer morphine and stimulants to such men as she could reach. In spite of the dangerous state of the building and 2 parachute mines which fell on nearby works while she was carrying on, she did this repeatedly throughout the night. On one occasion at least she had to be held by the feet while she made her way through the wreckage.

Injuries and extent of injuries: None.

Copies of Report by Medical Officer of Health of Glasgow.

Recommendation for Conspicuous Bravery (WO250/29/1160a, TNA, London)
Joan Anderson, Probationer Nurse, Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow.

Transcript:

Nurse Anderson was one of a team which manned a mobile First-Aid post summoned to render medical aid to injured men trapped in a basement shelter under a building which had suffered a direct hit from a H.E. bomb. She showed conspicuous bravery in crawling under heavy debris to administer morphine and stimulants to the casualties. Although the building was in a very dangerous state and bombs fell nearby she repeatedly did this throughout the night. On one occasion she had to be held by the feet while she made her way through the wreckage. [Ballymena Observer, Friday 11 July 1941.]

ARMSTRONG, Violet Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206592

Born: 28 January 1912 at Cronroe, Glenealy, County Wicklow.

Daughter of John Armstrong (Gardener) and Sarah Jane Armstrong (née Cummins), of Cronroe, Glenealy, County Wicklow.

Trained: Ards District Hospital, Newtownards, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1935. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2023].

Registration: 23 October 1936. (London). [Registration No. 84151].

Residence: Craigdarragh Lodge, Helen's Bay, County Down. [1937].

Residence: Helen's Bay, County Down. [1940; 1943, 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Mentioned in Despatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe. She was serving with the B.A.O.R. [British Army on the Rhine].

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 03 June 1946 / Belfast News-Letter Tuesday 04 June 1946].

Died: 28 April 1994.

Buried: Clandeboye Cemetery, Bangor, County Down.

ATCHISON, (forename unknown)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Trained: (location unknown)

She had been a nurse in the Ahoghill, Cullybackey and Galgorm District Nursing Society.

She joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. circa January 1943.

[Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 05 February 1943].

ATKINSON, Margaret

Hospital Nurse

Born: 18 September 1895 at Drumreagh, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Daughter of Thomas Atkinson (Agricultural Labourer) and Margaret Atkinson (née Boyle), of Drumreagh, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Trained: No record.

Registration: No Record.

Residence: No record.

Married: 14 March 1944 at Consett Parish Church, County Durham, Cresswell Dixon (1919 - 1969), a Sergeant in the Royal Army Pay Corps.

Malta Romance

An Irish nurse and a British soldier who met in Malta were married at Consett Church yesterday. They were Miss Margaret Atkinson, second daughter of Mrs M. and the late Mr T. Atkinson, Ballymoney, Antrim, Ireland and Sergeant Cresswell Dixon of the Royal Army Pay Corps, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Dixon, 21 Grange Street, Delves Lane, Consett. Both have just returned from the George Cross Island. The best man was Bombardier S. Walker R.A. and Miss Ruby Dixon (sister of the groom), was bridesmaid. (Newcastle Journal, 15th March 1944)

BAIRD, Mary (May) Francis Josephine

Territorial Army Nursing Service. (?)

Service Number: 209744

Born: 22 May 1907 at Annalee Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Robert Baird (R.I.C. Constable) and Frances Harriet Baird (née Hogan).

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1926 – 1929 [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1929 [Registration No. 1258].

Obituary (The Independent, Sept 2009)

....During this period she joined the Territorial Army Nursing Reserve. In 1931 she was appointed as one of Northern Ireland's first Health Visitors.

As part of the D-Day forces she was first sent to France then on to Germany. On her return to Northern Ireland, in 1948 with the introduction of the NHS, she was appointed to the Board of the Northern Ireland Hospitals' Authority. In 1964 she was awarded an MBE.

Her face appears in metal on the millennium railings of the Falls Road perimeter of the R.V.H. 'The happy bespectacled face of Mary Frances Josephine "Mousie" Baird appears in metal at the climax of the Millennium railings on the Falls Road perimeter of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, representing 100 years of the institution on its present site. She has died at 102 after an active life – she thought it was "not bad" when as a 92-year-old she regularly journeyed from Ulster to visit her 94-year-old brother in Somerset. She did not much like the photograph on which the railings portrait was based. "It shows a face with a marshalling yard of lines," she said.

The future Chief Nursing Officer for Belfast never intended to be a nurse. On leaving school she took up an apprenticeship with a well-known Belfast milliner. But her mother contracted arthritis at an early age and nursing her convinced Baird as a teenager that she wanted to train as a nurse. She persuaded her parents to put up the money to enable her to become a probationer nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, in 1927. She was 20. During her training a sister persuaded her to join the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Baird trained (unpaid) as a midwife at the Rotunda Maternity Hospital in Dublin – grateful mothers whom she delivered in the Dublin slums named daughters after her – and in 1995 she was invited as a guest of honour to the Rotunda's 250th anniversary dinner.

On returning from midwifery training to Belfast she first undertook private nursing, caring for the famous surgeon Sir William Whitla, who endowed the Whitla Halls at Ulster University and the Methodist College, Belfast, and was confined to his room for four years after a stroke.

In 1931 Baird joined Belfast Public Health Department. Northern Ireland's first health visitor, she set up clubs for mothers and babies, providing food for those who could not afford it. When the Second World War came, Baird, as a Territorial, was called up in Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Service in 1941, first serving as a sister in Bangor Hospital, Co. Down.

She was transferred to the south of England in preparation for D-Day and was one of the first nurses sent to France, landing on Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches. She followed the army through to Germany and was awarded the Field Marshall Montgomery Certificate "for outstanding devotion to duty in North-West Europe". But she would never talk about her wartime experiences.

Back in Belfast Public Health Department, she became superintendent of public health visitors, Queen's District Nurses and Midwives – chief lady of the community services. When the NHS was set up in 1948 and the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority established, nurses employed by it could not be appointed to the board – doctors had a different form of contract and could. But Baird, employed by the local authority, was eligible and was appointed. Nurses were pleased to have someone who knew so well how to represent them.

Active in the Royal College of Nursing, Baird was chairman of the Northern Ireland Branch (not president of the RCN, as a Royal Victoria Hospital booklet about the Millennium railings states). As a member of the editorial committee she ensured that articles in the Royal Victoria Hospital Nurses League were carefully scrutinised.

Baird also ranged beyond nursing. She sat on Ministry of Labour and National Insurance Tribunals, was a member of the Public Health Administrators Group and the Local Government Superannuation Committee, served on the executive of Belmont British Legion and supported the Northern Ireland Mental Health Association and Belfast Business and Professional Women's Club. She was appointed an MBE in 1964.

She helped set up a home for retired nurses in North Belfast. The suspicions of soldiers were naturally aroused in the days of the Troubles when a car was driven slowly by a woman and a nun. Baird and her companion reassured the patrol by opening the boot and revealing the tureen of soup for the nurses which they were anxious not to spill, and explaining that the nun was also a nurse.

The nickname “Mousie” did not reflect Baird’s appearance. Her family called her “Maisie” but a godchild found “Mousie” easier to say and it stuck. She adored children and they adored her. She always dressed immaculately and as a skilled seamstress made many of her clothes. Her other hobby was gardening. When she moved from her home near Stormont to sheltered housing she made a garden in a window box.

Unmarried, Baird however remembered a wartime boyfriend, Joe, who, coming from Dublin to visit her in London, and walking down Oxford Street with her wearing her uniform, didn’t know what to do when the squaddies kept giving her smart salutes. “Just tip your hat and smile,” Baird told him.

[The Independent Sunday 27 September 2009]

Died: 25 June 2009 (aged 102 years).

BALFE, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. [T.A.N.S. ???]

Service Number: 209776

Born: 02 April 1911 at R.I.C. Barracks, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Thomas Balfe (Soldier) and Margaret Balfe (née Molumby), of R.I.C. Barracks, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Trained: The General Infirmary, Leeds, Yorkshire, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 93811].

Residence: Leeds, Yorkshire. [1939].

Residence: Enniscorthy, County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

BANNON, Mary Brigid (‘Molly’)

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 350464

Born: 20 July 1904 [on Birth Certificate] at Ballinahinch, Ballymahon, County Longford.

[Birth date given on other sources as 11 April 1904]

Daughter of Thomas Bannon (Farmer) and Mary Brigid Bannon (nee Killian), of Ballinahinch, Ballymahon, County Longford.

Trained: Bucknell Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, 1924 – 1926. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 19 November 1926. (London). [Registration No. 2550].

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, London, 1928 – 1931. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 June 1931. (London). [Registration No. 60058].

Residence: Newtown, Cashel, County Longford. [1928].

Residence: Ballinahinch, Newtown Cashel, County Longford. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940].

In September 1939 she was a Sister at Paddington Hospital, London.

Married: 10 June 1943 at Newtowncashel Church, County Longford, Patrick Thompson (1894 – 1966).

Died: 25 November 1987, County Longford.

BARCLAY, Mary Kathleen (Molly)

Principal Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206031

Born: 19 June 1885, in Belfast.

Daughter of David Barclay (Governor of Malone Reformatory) and Mary Elizabeth Barclay (née Richardson), of Belfast.

Trained: Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, 1909 – 1912 [Certificate].

Registration: 21 April 1922 (London). [Registration No. 2769].

Was commissioned in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on 08 July 1914.

Between 1916 and 1918 served in France.

Appointed Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on 13 October 1934.

Principal Matron on 01 March 1939.

Was Principal Matron, General HQ, Middle East Forces from 1940 until her retirement on 19 June 1942.

Awarded C.B.E. in December 1941.

Married: 20 June 1942 at Church of St. James, West Malvern, Worcestershire to

Captain St. George Eyre Harris, O.B.E., M.D., R.A.M.C. (1877? – 27 May 1945).

Died: 25 August 1968 at Farnborough, Hampshire, England.

BARRETT, Rosamond

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325030

Born: 06 November 1919 at Dobbin Street, Armagh.

Daughter of John William Barrett (Gardener) and Caroline May Barrett (née Turner), of Dobbin Street, Armagh.

Trained: The County Hospital, Farnborough, Kent, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 120803].

Residence: 39 Elmfield Road, Bromley, Kent. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: October – December 1946 at Bromley, Kent, Group Captain Derek Shannon Vaughan Rake (26 May 1922 – 11 December 1920).

He was a pilot during the Second World War. After the end of the war in Europe, Derek was posted to India, where he met Rosamond Barrett, a "fiery" Protestant from Armagh who was working as a nurse with the British Army. Falling for her but being less enamoured of her name, he called her "Sue" for the rest of her life. The couple were married in 1946 and had a son and a daughter.

Died: 2012.

BARRY, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206703

Born: by 1910 at the latest.

Born 'Queen's County' [from 1922, County Laois].

Trained: The Middlesex Hospital, London, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1931. (London). [Registration No. 61465].

Residence: Portarlington, County Laois. [1934].

Residence: Stradbally, County Laois. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Awarded the Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class).

[Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 29 December 1944].

[See Citation below]

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Name CATHERINE BARRY				Army	2 June 44
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(WO373/9/78, TNA London)

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BARRY, Rose Ellie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 254490

Born: 10 September 1914, at Clispar (sic) [Cloysparra], County Sligo.

Daughter of Michael Barry (Farmer) and Margaret Barry (née Lockhart), of Clispar (sic) [Cloysparra], County Sligo.

Trained: Anlaby Road Institution Hospital, Kingston-upon-Hull, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 17 March 1938. (London). [Registration No. 92536].

Residence: Moneygold P.O., County Sligo. [1940; 1943].

Residence: Radlett, Hertfordshire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

BEATTIE, Annie Luke

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206803

Born: 21 January 1914, at Old Glenarm Road, Larne, County Antrim.

Daughter of John Elliott Beattie (Winding Master) and Agnes Beattie (nee Simpson), of Old Glenarm Road, Larne, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 83115].

Residence: 40 Old Glenarm Road, Larne, County Antrim. [1937].

Residence: Dhu Varren, Upper Clonlee, Larne, County Antrim. [1959].

Drafted overseas for duty with Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

[Larne Times – Thursday 15 January 1942].

Spoke with her sister via radio from overseas.

[Larne Times – Thursday 10 February 1944].

BEGLEY, Johanna Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336847

Born: 02 March 1921 at Castlemartyr, Midleton, County Cork.

Daughter of Patrick Begley (Merchant) and Margaret Begley (née Garde), of Castlemartyr, Midleton, County Cork.

Trained: Fulham Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118793].

Residence: Youghal, County Cork. [1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

BEGGS, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345612

Born: 15 February 1921 at Tulnaguigy, Irvinestown, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of John Allen Beggs (Farmer) and Annie Louise Beggs (nee Allingham), of Tulnaguigy House, Irvinestown, County Fermanagh

Trained: Manchester Northern Hospital, Lancashire, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 31 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 120036].

Residence: Irvinestown, County Fermanagh. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

BERRY, Margaret Eleanor

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206619

Born: 12 February 1914 at 13 Wellesley Avenue, Belfast.

Only daughter of William Berry (Tobacconist) and Emily Berry (née McLean), of 13 Wellesley Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Paddington Hospital, London, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 89754].

Registration: 18 December 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2954].

Registration: 18 December 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2170]. [Midwifery].

Residence: 59 Wellesley Avenue, Malone Road, Belfast. [1940; 1943; 1946].

She joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1939 and served in India and Burma for 3 years.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: December 1945 at St. Andrew's Church, Poona, India, Captain Robert Donnan Borthwick (1915 – 1989), R.A.M.C., only son of Major William Sloan Borthwick and Mrs. Isabella Kelly Borthwick (née Donnan), of Lee, London.

Residence: Dumfries, Scotland. [1951, 1959].

Died: July 1996.

Buried: 20 July 1996 in Mochrum Cemetery, Wigtownshire, Scotland.

BLACK, Charlotte Florence

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206670

Born: 03 September 1910, at 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast.

Daughter of Robert Black (Lithographer) and Charlotte Black (née Dorrity), of 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast.

Her father, Robert, was born on 03 September 1867 at 8 South St. George's Street, Glasgow, the son of a Lithographer. By 1896 he was living at 2 Canada Street, Belfast. He married Charlotte

Dorrity (born circa 1868), of 2 Adela Street, Belfast on 27 November 1896 at McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Knockbreda, Belfast. In the 1901 Census of Ireland (31 March) they were living at 59 Omeath Street, Belfast. They went on to have the following children:

Edward (Born 22 May 1897 at 19 Rosebery Road, Belfast).

Frederick Roberts (Born 28 December 1900 at 19 Rosebery Street, Belfast. Died from Pneumonia on 10 February 1901 at 19 Rosebery Street, Belfast).

Ernest (Born 14 March 1902 at 59 Omeath Street, Belfast).

David (Born 10 March 1905 at 20 Keppoch Street, Glasgow).

Edith Wilhemina (sic) (Born 27 February 1907 at 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast). She became a nurse and did her General at Brighton Infirmary (1930 – 1933). She went on to do her Fever training at Monsall Hospital, Manchester (1934 – 1935). Her home address was 128 Folly Lane, Swinton, Manchester [1934] and 1 Kempton Terrace, Torpoint, Cornwall [1937].

Mabel (Born 01 May 1909 at 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast. She died from Scarlatina Toxaemia on 01 December 1914 at Purdysburn Hospital, Belfast. Her address was given as 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast).

In the 1911 Census of Ireland (02 April) Robert and his wife, along with their 3 sons and 3 daughters, were living at 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast.

Sometime between 1915 and 1918 the family moved to Lancashire. Charlotte's mother died in the first quarter of 1919 in the Registration District of Barton upon Irwell, Salford, Lancashire.

The 1921 Census of England (19 June) lists the family as living at 21 Premier Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, Lancashire. This was within the Registration District of Barton upon Irwell. The family consisted of Robert Black, the Father (widower) along with his two sons, Ernest and David. The two daughters, Edith W. and Charlotte F., also lived with him.

In September 1939, Robert Black is listed as living at 6 Brookfield Avenue, Manchester along with his son David and daughter-in-law, Isabella. A 31 year-old widow, Minnie Smith, also boarded with them. She was described as a 'Waitress.'

Trained: Weymouth & District Hospital, Dorset, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98105].

Residence: Swinton, Lancashire. [1940].

Was a Deputy Sister at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, Southgate, London. [1939].

[BLACK – Nurse” (Miss) C. F. Black, QAIMNSR sic” (Inglis list at PRO) – later survived sinking of “TP” and was on a raft with six other Nursing sisters and three seaman from the “TP”, she was the only nurse in this group to survive the five days on the raft without food or water and she landed with Seamen Baird, Hissey and Archer”... on a beach at the south end of Banka Island at about 1800 on 22.2.42. They were robbed that night of all their money and possessions except clothes, by a party of about 20 Malays armed with poles and knives. We could get no help for the nurse, Miss Black, from Alexandra Hospital. Her leg was badly poisoned. She died on the night of 23/24 February. She had been engaged to a RAF officer. We buried her body on the beach about five miles to the north east of the village of Rambut...” (Narrative by Seaman Robert W. Archer); that she died of wounds to her leg on 24 .2.42 on a beach on Banka Island and was buried there is confirmed in the post war testimony of Able Seaman J. Baird: Sister Charlotte Florence Black, QAIMNS, 20th C. General Hospital, aged 26 years, #206670, daughter of Robert and Charlotte Black, died 24.2.42 (CWGC); Sister Charlotte Black was described as ‘Irish’ in the book, *The Emperor’s Irish Slaves: Prisoners of the Japanese in the Second World War*, by Robert Widders].

Died: 24 February 1942.

‘The whereabouts of a Swinton nurse who left Singapore a few hours before its fall are unknown, She is Sister Florence Black, who resided with Mr and Mrs F E Buckland, 128 Folly Lane, Swinton. Sister Black, who attended St Paul’s Church, Monton, began her training as a nurse in Brighton Infirmary, and later proceeded to Weymouth, becoming a Weymouth medallist. She returned to Swinton to take up private nursing pending being called up by the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Nursing Service, subsequently going to India and then to Malaya. Mr and Mrs Buckland have learned that she boarded a ship at Singapore. The ship was bombed and sunk, and it is known that Sister Black, along with other nurses swam to a small island, from which she was later taken off by a Chinese fishing vessel. Since then nothing has been heard of her. Sister Black is 28 years old’.

[Eccles Journal ... 1942]

Author B. A. Lightfoot sent the following information with regard to Charlotte Florence Black:

‘BLACK - Nurse C.F. Black (Miss), QAIMNSR, ex Alexandra Hospital and engaged to a RAF pilot - survived the sinking of “TP” and was on a small raft with Able Seamen Archer, A/S Baird, A/S Hissey and six other nurses (the nurses drowned or died of exposure a few days before reaching land) but Charlotte Black died of a wound to her leg on 22-23 or 24 February (according to differing testimonies) and was buried about five miles from the village of Rambut on Banka Island (post war testimony of Able Seaman J. Baird testimony): Sister Charlotte Florence Black, QAIMNS, 20th General Hospital, aged 26 years, #206670, daughter of Robert and Charlotte Black – she died 24.2.42 (Commonwealth War Graves Commission).’

B. A. Lightfoot, a local Lancashire author, wrote three articles about Charlotte Black in the Salford Advertiser over the month of June 2013. While he has relied on eyewitness accounts and information from people who knew Charlotte, his narrative contains a number of inaccuracies. He was not a trained historian, and his writing is quite flowery in places. Nevertheless, his articles give us some idea of the horrors that Charlotte endured in her final days.

There follows a transcription of all three pieces below:

Part 01

“Fate of Swinton Nurse Unknown” the headline announced in the 1942 Eccles Journal. The 26-year-old from Swinton had disappeared after swimming ashore from a bombed ship near Malaya.

What did happen to Florence, revealed now in this three-part article, is an amazing story of courage and heroism in the face of vindictive and sadistic cruelty.

Born in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Florence had trained as a nurse in Weymouth before returning to live in Folly Lane, working as a private nurse. But, as the war intensified, she was drawn by an urgent radio appeal in January 1941 for young nurses to join the military. Florence applied and, on March 18, 1941, became a sister in the Queen Alexandra Nursing Service.

It seemed a thrilling adventure, as well as a chance to serve the country’s war effort, when she was assigned to the 17th. Combined General Hospital, based in India.

Saying goodbye to her friends at St. Paul’s Church in Monton, Florence embarked on the long journey through the Bay of Biscay, around the horn of Africa, finally landing in the heavily hot, exotically spiced atmosphere of teeming Bombay. Following an arduous train journey north, they arrived at the hospital where soldiers suffering from malaria, dysentery, blackwater fever and severe wounds were treated.

The nurses’ lives were adapted to cope with the extreme heat and humidity: tennis played in the cool dawn, hospital operations in the mornings and evenings. In these extreme conditions, white mould quickly ruined any leather cases and their contents. Florence’s life took another dramatic turn when, in December 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour and invaded Malaya. A group of the QA nurses were sent from India to strengthen the besieged medical staff in Singapore.

Adjoined to the mainland by a causeway, Singapore was thought of as virtually impregnable. Life for those based there had been good: afternoon tea at the Raffles Hotel, dances, golf, whist drives and the Alhambra cinema made for a busy social life. Any attack, it was thought, would come from the sea. But the Japanese had bombed the Allied airfields then the Royal Navy warships before sending their fearsome soldiers through the jungles.

Despite news of Japanese atrocities in Hong Kong, Sister Black and her colleagues refused to abandon their patients. Then, as bombs fell on Singapore, some of the more mobile cases were evacuated. But on February 13, 1942, with enemy soldiers swarming down the island, they were ordered to leave.

Hastily packing, they hurried through the burning cars and buildings to Keppel Harbour. Japanese planes were already bombing the waiting boats. Through this mayhem of acrid smoke, explosions and rushing people, 150 nurses joined about 500 civilians on board the 950 ton S.S. Kuala, now manned by Royal Navy personnel. Packed tightly with evacuees, yet with little food and water to feed them, the Kuala, already damaged by bombs as she lay in the harbour, crept out of Singapore at 8.30 p.m. and headed for open water.’

[Salford Advertiser – Thursday 06 June 2013]

Part 02

'The S.S. Kuala edged away from the blazing shoreline of Singapore on the night of February 13, 1942. The 650 passengers, huddled tightly together on the crowded decks, listened to the Japanese bombers rumbling in with their deadly loads. For Sister Florence Black, tending to the injured servicemen on board, the relief was tinged with pain.

Without thought of personal safety, the military nurses had continued, throughout the bombing of Singapore, to give round-the-clock care to the sick and wounded. But finally, with enemy soldiers on the outskirts of the town, they had been ordered to leave, abandoning hundreds of bed-ridden casualties.

It had been an intensive but rewarding year since she had left Swinton after enlisting with the Queen Alexandra nurses. Posted first to the oppressively hot and humid hospitals of northern India, she had then been sent to support the besieged units in Malaya. Pushing aside hopes of a more peaceful future with her RAF pilot fiancé, Florence gave comfort and medical attention to her patients throughout those dark, tense hours of escape.

The Kuala, accompanied by the S.S. Tien Kwang, steamed down through the Barabala Straits and, as dawn broke, the engines were stopped, and the anchor dropped. Having travelled almost 70 miles, they were now just 300 yards from the lushly verdant shoreline of Pom Pong Island. In the shimmering blue waters of the bay, however, the two ships were starkly visible. Boats were sent to the island to collect vegetation for camouflage.

Watching the preparations, the passengers admired the idyllic views but a droning hum, gradually increasing, renewed fear in the hearts of the crammed-in evacuees. Japanese planes, sent to destroy another vessel, had spotted them. Guns on the boat deck proved inadequate and the storm of bombs ripped the two ships apart. Many died instantly whilst others jumped or were blown overboard from the blazing ship. With the Kuala sinking, mothers, flailing in the oily water as they grabbed at floating debris for support, screamed for their children.

The rowing boats returned, but some in the water struck out for the shore, fighting against powerful currents that swept many of them away. Florence, a strong swimmer, headed for the bay. Within minutes, the cynical Japanese pilots returned, dropping bombs in the midst of the struggling swimmers. Eventually reaching land, she climbed over the red rocks along the beach then helped others to safety. Only 30 of the 160 nurses on board the Kuala reached the island, along with perhaps 200 passengers. The rest had been killed by the bombing or been carried away by the relentless seas.

Exhausted but determined, the nurses helped the injured climb to a safe clearing in the trees. But with little medication available, they struggled to treat the sick passengers. Surviving on meagre pickings of food and water from a weak spring found by engineers, the future for the weary group seemed bleak. For Florence, stranded on this remote island in the vast, empty ocean, Swinton must have seemed like another world.'

[Salford Advertiser – Thursday 13 June 2013]

Part 03

'Weak and exhausted through lack of food and drink, Queen Alexandra nurse Florence Black from Swinton was thrilled to see the ship arriving in the bay of Pom Pong Island. For the past two days, they had been caring for their fellow survivors after the S.S. Kuala, evacuating them from Singapore, had been bombed by Japanese planes while anchored off this beautiful island. The nurses brought the badly injured down through the thick vegetation and, throughout the night, the stricken survivors were ferried to the waiting vessel.

Laden with 180 passengers, the S.S. Tandjong Pinang sailed next morning for Java. With civilians in the hold, the nurses rested in the sheltered areas on the deck. Captained by New Zealand naval officer Basil Shaw, the tiny 97 foot boat steamed slowly south and, as night closed around them, their hopes of finally reaching safe sanctuary were raised. They didn't see the vessel that fired the shot across their bows. Shining its searchlight on the frightened passengers, the Japanese ship showed no mercy. Shells hammered into the starboard side of the helpless rescue ship, destroying a lifeboat and setting fire to the ship. Many women and children, trapped in the hold and cabins, died immediately. Others jumped or were blown from the stricken vessel, grabbing at mattresses and rafts thrown by the crew from the listing deck.

As the shelling continued, the vessel keeled over at an acute angle and Sister Black, her leg wounded in the blast, jumped into the water. Within five minutes, the tiny ship that had carried so many hopes for reaching safety, sank beneath the waves. In the vast, dark, empty ocean, survivors struggled to climb onto life rafts or just hang on to the sides. Others, clinging to debris, drifted away on the current alongside oil-covered corpses and severed limbs, their cries for help fading with them into the night.

Florence, with five other nurses, found a small raft and pulled on board a badly injured signalman. The next morning they encountered some of the ship's crew. After two days, exposed to the relentless sun and with little food or water, they were tired, hungry, severely dehydrated and despairing. Three nurses went for a swim and disappeared, another died that evening. Finally, after over five tortuous days drifting in empty seas, they ran aground on Bangka Island. Sister Black, despite her worsening injury, was the only surviving nurse.

Within hours of landing, they were attacked by a gang of around twenty locals armed with poles and knives. Robbed of all their belongings apart from clothes, their situation was desperate.

For Florence, seriously ill from her poisoned leg, time had run out. Sick, fevered and utterly spent, she died the following night. Having given so much to others, yet denied medical help in her own need, she was buried on the beach near Rambat village on February 24, 1942. Now, with the unfolding of her amazing story, the courage and dedication of heroic Folly Lane nurse Florence Black, can be gratefully recognised.

[B. A. Lightfoot wishes to offer special thanks to the following for their help in the preparation of these articles: Sue Light – scarletfinders.co.uk, Michael Pether – malayanvolunteersgroup.org.uk, Stan Pyke]

[Salford Advertiser – Thursday 20 June 2013]

Probate: Charlotte Florence Black of 21 Premier Street, Manchester, spinster died 24 February 1942 on war service.

Administration: Manchester (14 January 1947) to Robert Black [her Father], of no occupation.

Effects: £160 6s. 9d.

Charlotte is commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at the Singapore Memorial Column. Her age is incorrect on this memorial. She is also commemorated on The Scottish National War Memorial, presumably because her father was Scottish. Meanwhile, in her home city of Belfast, she has been forgotten.

BLACK, Ellen (Ella) Hamilton

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348079

Born: 14 February 1921 at Carnanee, Portstewart, County Derry.

Daughter of James Gladstone Black (Farmer) and Elizabeth Glenn Black (née Kernaghan/Kernohan), of Carnanee, Portstewart, County Derry.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3475].

Residence: Portstewart, County Derry. [1946; 1956, 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

She served in the Far East (India) and Germany.

She was Assistant Matron of Runkerry House, Bushmills, County Antrim.

She was appointed Matron of the County Antrim Welfares Committee's Old People's Home, Broughshane, County Antrim.

Married: unknown date, Patrick W. J. Dimond (Died 23 November 2003).

Died: 2010.

Buried: Agherton Cemetery, Portstewart, County Derry.

BOAKE, Elizabeth Josephine Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213675

Born: 26 September 1915 at 34 Grove Road, Balham, London. [Very Likely].

Daughter of William James Boake (Civil Servant) and Anne (Annie) Mary Josephine 'Nancy' Boake (née Dillon), of 34 Grove Road, Balham, London.

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, October 1933 – November 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 29 June 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.5975].

Residence: c/o Munster & Leinster Bank, Mitchelstown, County Cork. [1939].

Residence: 17th. British General Hospital, Dehradun U.P. [Uttar Pradesh], India. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1941.

Elizabeth was listed as a passenger on the ship Athlone Castle which arrived in Southampton from Durban, South Africa on 17 August 1951. She was 35 years old. Her occupation was given as 'Nurse.' Her country of last permanent residence was recorded as South Africa. Her proposed address in the U.K. was listed as 68 Wellington Road, Dublin.

Died: Unknown Date. Possibly in Harare, Zimbabwe. (?)

BOLSTER, Bertha Maud

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227692

Born: 18 May 1912 at Garryard, Listowel, County Kerry.

Daughter of John Alexander Bolster (Farmer) and Ada Mary Bolster (née Newman), of Garryard, Listowel, County Kerry.

Trained: Unknown Hospital [Possibly Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, Ireland]
[Examination]. [No Record of General Training].

Registration: (not located)

Registration: 01 April 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3016].

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1941. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 20 March 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 456]. [Fever].

Residence: 345 London Road, Maidstone, Kent. [1943].

Residence: Ileen House, Blarney, County Cork. [1946].

Residence: Axpills, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire. [1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

She was registered as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Matiana which docked at Plymouth on 23 September 1949. Bertha had embarked at Mombasa, Kenya. Her occupation was given as 'Nursing Sister.' Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as 345 London Road, Maidstone, Kent. Bertha's future husband, Michael Arthur Tuft, was also on board the ship. He had also embarked at Mombasa. His occupation was given as 'Marine Engineer.' His proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as Axpills, Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Married: circa 1950, Michael Arthur Tuft (1922 - 1977). He was a Merchant Seaman during the War.

Residence; Stroud, Gloucestershire. [1951].

Died: 10 March 2006 at Pinner, Middlesex.

[She was the younger sister of Pearl Minnie Bolster – see below].

BOLSTER, Pearl Minnie

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 209870

Born: 28 December 1910 at Garryard, Listowel, County Kerry.

Daughter of John Alexander Bolster (Farmer) and Ada Mary Bolster (née Newman), of Garryard, Listowel, County Kerry.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, April 1934 – June 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5939].

Residence: Ileen House, Blarney, County Cork. [1939; 1943].

Residence: Maidstone, Kent. [1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

She was working at the Central Middlesex Hospital, in the Borough of Willesden in October 1949.

Married: 13 December 1952, Harry Milford.

Died: 13 March 1999 at Pinner, Middlesex.

Buried: Greenford Park Cemetery, Ealing, Greater London.

[She was the older sister of Bertha Maud Bolster – see above].

BOOHAN, Ellen (Iris)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206791

Born: 25 June 1912, at Kilmeedy, Feenagh, County Limerick.

Daughter of John Boohan (Farmer) and Margaret Boohan (née Irwin), of Kilmeedy, Feenagh, County Limerick.

Trained: University College Hospital, London, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 86202].

Residence: 4 Fairfield Road, Croydon, Surrey. [September 1939].

Residence: Bruff, Kilmallock, County Limerick. [1940].

Appointed as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 30 May 1941.

BOYCE, Betty

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305839

Born: 19 January 1916, at Dalkey, County Dublin.

Daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (later Major) William Joseph Wallace Boyce (R.A.M.C.) and Flora Lindsay Boyce (née Hamilton, from Dungannon).

She was educated at Methodist College, Belfast and the Royal School, Bath.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1935 – 1938 [Examination].

Registration: 14 June 1938 [Registration No. 2470].

She joined the Queen Alexandra's Royal Nursing Service in 1943, having worked for three years as a Sister in the R.V.H. – in Accident and Emergency, followed by one year as a Nurse Tutor in the Ulster Hospital for Women and Children.

On being called up, she was sent initially to the civilian hospital in Bangor, County Down followed by Wellhouse Municipal Hospital, Barnet, East London. Here she worked with staff from the Civil Reserve Nursing Service – a group organised by the RCN, as requested before war broke out. In June 1944, just after D-Day, she was sent to Europe, transported there in one of the Ulster ships. In Bayeux, both nursing and living accommodation as well as hospital areas consisted of tents where she nursed both Allied and enemy Prisoners of War.

She worked in France, Germany and India. On her demobilisation she took a course at the Wingfield Morris Orthopaedic Hospital in Oxford where she stayed for three months as Home Sister.

On her return to Northern Ireland she was appointed Matron of the Throne Hospital, Belfast, and later, in August 1951, of the South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon. In May 1954 she took up the post as Matron of the Londonderry City and County Hospital. In March 1958 she was appointed Matron of the new North-West Hospital (Altnagelvin) in Derry.

She was awarded an OBE in 1970.

She retired late 1960s.

Died: 07 September 2012 (aged 96 years). She is buried in Bryansford Parish Churchyard, County Down.

BOYCE, Florence Gertrude

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 18 August 1908, at Brighton House, Brighton Square, Rathmines, Dublin.

Daughter of Samuel Boyce (Merchant) and Maria Boyce (née Ellison), of Brighton House, Brighton Square, Rathmines, Dublin.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, April 1930 – September 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 02 October 1934. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.5193].

28 January 1949. (London). [Registration No. 159860].

Residence: 31st. General Hospital, Belfast. [1943].

Residence: Dundrum, County Dublin. [1946, 1948].

Residence: Wandsworth, London S.W. 18. [1950].

Died: 27 June 1974 at New Milton, Hampshire.

BOYD, Charlotte Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209828

Born: 23 November 1912, at Knockanboy, Dervock, County Antrim.

Daughter of Samuel Boyd (Farmer) and Jane Boyd (nee Henderson), of Knockanboy, Dervock, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85230].

Residence: Dervock, County Antrim. [1937, 1940, 1943, 1946].

BOYLE, Bridget Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 238998

Born: 01 November 1914 at Coarsepark, Castlebar, County Mayo.

Daughter of Michael Boyle (Farmer) and Bridget Boyle (née McTigue), of Coarsepark, Castlebar, County Mayo.

Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113402].

Residence: Castlebar, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Married: Gerald Herbert Wynne (1919 - 1995) [sometime between 1946 and 1964].

Died: June 2005 at Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

BOYLE, Cicely

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318115

Born: 02 February 1920 at Magheralosh, Bunbeg, County Donegal.

Daughter of Michael Boyle (Farmer) and Ellen Boyle (née McBride), of Magheralosh, Bunbeg, County Donegal.

Trained: St. Luke's Hospital affiliated to The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118161].

Residence: Bunbeg P.O., County Donegal. [1943].

Residence: West Didsbury, Manchester, Lancashire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Married: between 1943 and 1946, Unknown Kellard.

Died: 02 December 2015 in Lancashire.

BRACKEN, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 260231

Born: 06 June 1909 at Castle Road, Bandon, County Cork.

Daughter of James Bracken (Gardener) and Mary Anne Bracken (née Daly), of Castle Road, Bandon, County Cork.

Trained: Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, London, 1938 – 1940. [Examination]

Registration: 27 July 1934. (London). [Registration No. 6606]. [Fever]

Trained: Mayday Hospital, Croydon, 1938 – 1940. [Examination][General]

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105170].

Residence: Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, London W. 6. [1937].

Residence: Cloughjordan, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

BRADLEY, Annie Maria (Marie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206662

Born: 24 June 1913 at Spring Garden, Dromard, County Sligo.

Daughter of Robert Bradley (Farmer) and Jane Bradley (nee Lynott), of Spring Garden, Dromard, County Sligo.

Trained: Fulham Hospital, London, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95323].

Residence: Dromard, County Sligo. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

BRADLEY, Eileen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 282246

Born: 15 November 1914 at Tinniscart (?), Dripsey, County Cork.

Daughter of Edward Bradley (R.I.C. Constable) and Catherine Bradley (née [O']Mahony), of Tinniscart (?), Dripsey, County Cork.

Trained: North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Devon, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108200].

Residence: Mallow, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

BRADY, Alice Muriel

Sister in Australian Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: V144865

Born: 06 October 1903 at 2 St. Teresa's Terrace, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

Daughter of Frederick Hugh Rochfort Brady (Pharmaceutical Chemist) and Edith Laura Brady (née Mitchell), of 2 St. Teresa's Terrace, Harold's Cross, Dublin.

Trained: Homeopathic Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, 1929 – 1932. [?] [Examination].

Registration: April 1932. (Melbourne, Australia). [Registration No. ?].

Residence: Rathmines & Rathgar West, Dublin. [1911].

Residence: Wedderburn, Grampians, Victoria, Australia. [1919].

Residence: Windsor, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. [1925 – 1928; 1931, 1934, 1936, 1937].

Residence: Glen Iris, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. [1943, 1949, 1954, 1963, 1967; 1968; 1972; 1977; 1980].

Sometime between April 1911 and 1919, the whole Brady family emigrated to Australia.

She was a typist from 1925 until she started nursing sometime in the late 1920s.

She was engaged in Private Nursing before she enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service on 18 November 1941 at 115 G.H., Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia.

She was based at the 106th Australian General Hospital, Bonegilla, Victoria.

[The 106th Australian General Hospital, a 600-bed military hospital was established at Bonegilla to service defence personnel in the immediate area and to care for the wounded and disabled repatriated from the front. Bonegilla is a bounded rural locality of the City of Wodonga local government area in north-east Victoria, Australia, 10 kilometres (6.2 mi) east of Wodonga, and around 300 kilometres (190 miles) north-east of Melbourne.]

She was a Staff Nurse until she was promoted to Sister on 23 January 1942. She further promoted to Lieutenant on 23 March 1943.

She was placed on sick leave on 24 April 1945 and was medically discharged on 07 December 1945. She was suffering from Anxiety, Hysteria and P.T.E. She was 42 years old. She was described as being 5 foot 3 inches tall with a dark complexion. She had dark hair and brown eyes. She had a midline abdominal scar and a mole on her right arm.

Died: 23 April 1989 at Glen Iris, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

BRADY, Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: Before 1913 at Athy, County Kildare. [No Birth Registration Found].

Daughter of Michael Brady (Ex-Sergeant R.I.C.) and Anne (Annie) Brady (née Kilkenny), of Athy, County Kildare. [Very Likely].

Trained: General Hospital, Birmingham, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 74695].

Residence: Holywood, County Down. [1943].

[During the 1940s and until his death in 1951, John Francis Brady lived at 19 Seapark, Holywood, County Down. He was born in 1909 at Athy, County Kildare. He was the son of Michael Brady (Ex-Sergeant R.I.C.) and Anne (Annie) Brady (née Kilkenny), of Athy, County Kildare. It is very probable that Elizabeth Brady was his sister.]

BRADY, Elizabeth Johnston(e)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206740

Born: 29 August 1904 at Rathfriland, Newry, County Down.

Daughter of Hugh Glass Brady (Draper) and Annie Brady (née Johnston), of Rathfriland, Newry, County Down.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1924 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1928. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1125].

Residence: Rathfriland, County Down. [1943; 1946].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Emmett, Northern Bank Ltd., Newry, County Down. [1949].

Residence: Stroud, Gloucestershire. [1951].

Residence: London S.W.3. [1956, 1959].

BRANNIGAN, Kathleen Jacqueline

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 209846

Born: 14 November 1915, at 3 Newington Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of Thomas Brannigan (Dentist's Assistant) and Margaret Brannigan (née Duffy), of 3 Newington Avenue, Belfast. Later: 127 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast.

Trained: City General Hospital, Sheffield, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 87238].

Residence: Londonderry, County Derry. [1940].

Residence: Antrim, County Antrim. [1943, 1946].

She volunteered in 1938 for service with the Army in the event of war and was sent to India 18 months prior to her wedding.

Married: On the 03 July 1943, in India, Major Hugh Lewis Ellis (R.A.M.C.) (1910 – 1999), from Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Died: November 2000, at Somerset.

BREHONY, Phillis Agatha

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306539

Born: 06 February 1916, at Main Street, Dunmanway, County Cork.

Daughter of John Brehony (Constable R.I.C.) and Anne Brehony (née Hayes), of Dunmanway, County Cork.

Trained: Enfield War Memorial Hospital, affiliated to East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, 1934 – 1938. [Examination]

Registration: 28 May 1943 (London). [Registration No. 121369].

Commissioned, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Service on 15 January 1952.

Died: 17 March 2014 at Dunmanway, County Cork.

BRENNAN, Frances Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231735

Born: 17 March 1914, at Maryboro' Street, Graigue, County Carlow.

Daughter of William Brennan (Butcher) and Alice Brennan (née Brennan), of Maryboro' Street, Graigue, County Carlow.

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, June 1935 – June 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 26 August 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.6363].

Trained: Whittington Hospital, St. Mary's Wing, Highgate Hill, London, 1948 – 1949 (?). [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 30 November 1949. (Midwives Roll, 1951). [Registration No. 124646].

Residence: Graigue, County Carlow. [1939; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Died: 16 November 1993 in Islington, London.

BRESLIN, Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 317915

Born: 16 July 1920 at Cronkerion, Ardara, County Donegal.

Daughter of John Breslin (Farmer) and Rose Breslin (née Ward), of Cronkerion, Ardara, County Donegal.

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 121984].

Residence: Ardara, County Donegal. [1946].

Died: December 2009 and buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Holy Family, Ardara, County Donegal.

BROHAN, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234407

Born: 05 February 1913, at Cranaher (sic), Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Francis Brennan (Farmer) and Nora Brohan (née Culligan), of Cranaher (sic), Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, affiliated to Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98492].

Residence: Ennis, County Clare. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Married: 1948 (?)

[She was the younger sister of Mary Kate Brohan – see below].

BROHAN, Mary Kate

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318420

Born: 05 March 1910, at Cranaher (sic), Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Francis Brennan (Farmer) and Nora Brohan (née Culligan), of Cranaher (sic), Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, affiliated to Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, 1931 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 78974].

Residence: Cranagher (sic), Ennis, County Clare. [1937;1943; 1946].

She sailed from London on 28 April 1939 to New York on the S.S. American Farmer, arriving at New York on 10 May 1939. Her final destination in the United States was Wendover, Kentucky. The ship's manifest provides a description of her:

'Height: 5 feet 4 inches. Hair colour: Brown. Eye colour: Blue. Complexion: Medium.'

She had \$150.00 in her possession. She returned to England from Montreal, Canada on the S.S. Duchess of York, arriving at Liverpool on 01 December 1939. Her permanent address (and destination) was London E.9.

Died: 19 August 2003.

Buried: Kilraghtis Cemetery, Ennis, County Clare.

[She was the older sister of Ellen Brohan – see above].

BROPHY, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234934

Born: 25 July 1916 at Carrigeen, Kilderry, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Patrick Brophy (Farmer) and Anastatia Brophy (née Hoyne), of Carrigeen, Kilderry, County Kilkenny.

Trained: Chester City Hospital, associated with Walton Hospital, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1934 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105682].

Residence: Kilderry, County Kilkenny. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

BROWN, Madeline Rebecca

Hospital Nurse.

Born: 01 January 1914 at Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Mr. Bernard Small Brown and Mrs. Kate Brown (née Doogan), of Beaumont House, Derrynaglagh, Kingscourt, County Cavan.

Trained: The Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London 1936 – 1939.

Registration: 28 June 1940 (London). [Registration No. 103147].

Killed in Air Raid on 05 July 1944 (aged 30) at 14 Florian Avenue, Carshalton U.D., Surrey.

Sadly Madeline, along with four other SRN'S perished in an enemy air attack at Florian Avenue Sutton. She was laid to rest in nearby Cuddington cemetery with her friend Agnes Madeline O'Loughlin [See Below] on 11 July 1944.

[Civilian Deaths Carshalton U.D., Surrey p. 1942].

BUTLER, Margaret (Meta)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 254496

Born: 28 May 1913 at Barradrum, Streete, County Westmeath.

Daughter of George Francis Butler (Farmer) and Catherine (Kathleen) Amelia Butler (née Swift), of Barradrum, Streete, County Westmeath.

Trained: Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, January 1931 – January 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 17 January 1935. (Ireland). [Registration No. A5311].

Residence: Streete, County Westmeath. [1943; 1946].



Margaret Butler in QA uniform, prior to leaving for India (Courtesy of Hall Family)

She travelled by boat to India via South Africa - stopping over in Cape Town.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

She was stationed in India.

Married: 09 April 1946 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, West Bengal, India, William John Hall (1911 – 1974). He was from County Longford and had been an Anglican Army Chaplain during the War. They were both stationed in India during WW2 and that's where they met even though they lived very near each other in Ireland. They recognised each other when Bill rode by on the back of a lorry! They were married St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta by the Bishop of Calcutta (seen in photo below) - Very Rev George Clay Hubback D.D.



Marriage of Margaret Butler and Revd William John Hall, Calcutta, West Bengal, India (Courtesy Hall Family)

Margaret was a passenger on the ship Strathnaver which docked at Southampton on 06 October 1947. It had sailed initially from Japan. Margaret had boarded in Bombay. Her age was given as 34 years. Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as Kilcoursey House, Edgeworthstown, County Longford. Her occupation was listed as 'HD' [Home Duties]. Her country of last permanent residence was recorded as India.

Residence: Sheviock, Cornwall. [Vicar's Wife – 1955].

Residence: Tywardreath, Cornwall. [Vicar's Wife – 1965].

Died: August 1998 at Truro, Cornwall.

Buried: St. Andrew the Apostle Churchyard, Tywardreath, Cornwall.

BYRNE, Anna (Anne) Maureen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257383

Born: 02 August 1915 at Monasootha, Camolin, County Wexford.

Daughter of James Byrne (Farmer) and Mary Byrne (née McNeill), of Monasootha, Camolin, County Wexford.

Trained: Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston, Lancashire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105511].

Residence: Camolin, County Wexford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

[She was the younger sister of Eileen Mary Byrne – see below].

BYRNE, Eileen Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257382

Born: 29 September 1911 at Monasootha, Camolin, County Wexford.

Daughter of James Byrne (Farmer) and Mary Byrne (née McNeill), of Monasootha, Camolin, County Wexford.

Trained: West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, affiliated to Clatterbridge Hospital, Bebbington, Birkenhead, Lancashire, 1931 - 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1935. (London). [Registration No. 80899].

Residence: Camolin, County Wexford. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

[She was the older sister of Anna Maureen Byrne – see above].

BURKE, Veronica

'Hospital' Nurse - Probationer.

Born: 14 November 1913, at Askill, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Daughter of Patrick Burke (Farmer) and Mary Ann Burke (née Nicholson), of Askill, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Training: St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, London.

Killed in Air Raid on 16 October 1940 (aged 26) at St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, London.

Buried at Chelsea, Metropolitan Borough.

[Civilian Deaths Chelsea, London p. 1033].

BURNETT, Eleanor McCurdy

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 18 December 1914, at Druminard, Magherafelt, County Derry.

Daughter of Mr. Frederick Bell Burnett (Farmer) and Jane Burnett (nee Warwick), of Druminard, Magherafelt, County Derry. Later: Coagh, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 06 July 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2333].

Residence: Fishergate, York. [1943].

Married: February 1941 at St. Martin's Church, York, Captain Anthony Colbert (R.A.M.C.), son of Oliver Colbert and Mrs. Colbert, of Fishergate, York. They had met at a military hospital in Manchester.

[Larne Times – Saturday 01 March 1941].

Died: 11 May 1999, at Burnham on Sea, Somerset, England.

BURNETT, Margaret Grace ('Pearl')

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206700

Born: 27 August 1898 at Abbeydarrig (sic), Ballymahon, County Longford.

Daughter of Samuel Burnett (Farmer) and Catherine Burnett (née Curry or Corry), of Abbeydarrig (sic), Ballymahon, County Longford.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1919 – 1922. [Certificate].

Registration: 20 June 1924. (London). [Registration No. 31676].

Residence: Abbey-Derg (sic), Keenagh, County Longford. [1925].

Residence: The Abbey, Kenagh, County Longford. [1928; 1931].

Residence: Kenagh, County Longford. [1934; 1937].

Residence: Belfast. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Pearl became a nurse and between July and December 1918 was serving with the Red Cross Cheshire Branch - Daresbury Division. She served in Raddon Court Military Hospital, Latchford, Warrington and in its annexe in Stockton Heath.

She spent the years 1942 to 1945 at a field hospital in South-East Asia (India).

She was at the U.V.F. Hospital, Galwally, Belfast by January 1954.

BURROWS, Isabella

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 266663

Born: 04 May 1919 at Cornanurney, Tullyvin, County Cavan.

Daughter of Samuel Burrows (School Teacher) and Jane Elizabeth Burrows (formerly Barnett née Lucas), of Cornanurney, Tullyvin, County Cavan.

Trained: Withington Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107760].

Residence: Cootehill, County Cavan. [1943].

Died: 12 February 1944 at Sea when the S. S. Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

Probate: Isabella Burrows of Mountain Lodge, Cootehill, County Cavan. Spinster, died 12 February 1944 on war service. Probate 04 November 1944 (Llandudno) to Samuel Burrows, National Teacher. Effects: £345 9s. 8d. in England.

[Friend of Annie May Gardner – see below]

CAFFREY, Susanna

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270785

Born: 23 February 1909 at Four Knocks, Stamullen, County Meath.

Daughter of Edward Caffrey (Labourer) and Mary Kate Caffrey (née Connell), of Four Knocks, Stamullen, County Meath.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75387].

Residence: Stamullen, County Meath. [1937, 1940, 1946].

Residence: Darwen, Lancashire. [1946].

Died: 12 October 1946 in the Health Clinic, Union Street, Darwen, Lancashire.

Probate: 21 December 1946 (London) to John Caffrey, Farm Labourer.

Effects: £725 14s. 10d.

CAHILL, Sarah Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 230724

Born: 27 November 1913 at Ballyturin, Gort, County Galway.

Daughter of Fergus Cahill (Farmer) and Sarah Cahill (née Neilan), of Ballyturin, Gort, County Galway.

Trained: Grove Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 10111].

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1941. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 11087].

Residence: Gort, County Galway. [1940; 1943; 1946].

CALVERT, Augusta Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 254807

Born: 23 (?) September 1900 at Canterbury Villa, Station Road, Holywood, County Down.

Daughter of William John Calvert (Shop Manager) and Augusta Calvert (née McDonald), of Canterbury Villa, Station Road, Holywood, County Down.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, January 1923 – January 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 24 February 1927. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 3472].

Residence: Dublin. [1939; 1946].

Residence: Winton Road, Leeson Park, Dublin. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

Married: July – September 1953 at North Dublin, Unknown Male. [?].

CAMPBELL, Agnes

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 306658

Born: 06 July 1918 at Ballylough (sic), Ballycastle, County Antrim.

Daughter of William Campbell (Farmer) and Annie Campbell (née McAlister), of Islands, Ballycastle, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1938 – 1941 [Examination].

Registration: 16 December 1941. [Registration No. 3116].

Had experience in Casualty Clearing Stations during WW2. In civilian life as Senior Nursing Officer in Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Her area of responsibility included Accident & Emergency Department.

She was appointed Matron of the Throne Hospital I 1955.

She was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977.

She retired in 1980.

CAMPBELL, Margaret Eileen

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 209962

Born: 13 May 1897 at Annaghbo, Fintona, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Michael Campbell (Fowl Dealer) and Catherine Campbell (née Swansey), of Annaghbo, Fintona, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, 1919 – 1922. [Certificate].

Registration: 16 February 1923. (London). [Registration No. 12099].

Registration: 26 February 1925. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 739].

In the 1921 Census (England), Margaret is recorded as a 'Sick Nurse' in the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

Residence: Royal Hospital, Portsmouth [Hampshire]. [1925].

Residence: Old Park Road, Belfast. [1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Belfast. [1956; 1959].

[Margaret's father, Michael, of Old Park Road Belfast, gentleman, died 24 June 1938.

'Probate Belfast 7 October to Margaret Eileen Campbell spinster. Effects £645 6s.'].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Residence: Glengormley, Belfast. [1961].

Died: 30 September 1961 at Belfast City Hospital.

Probate: 09 November 1961. (Belfast). Administration to Mary Jane Ward, Widow.

Effects: £3,064 12s.

CARLIN, Rosalind Bertha

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209966

Born: 25 September 1912, at Skerryglass, Urney, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Daughter of John Carlin (Engineer) and Elizabeth Carlin (nee Boyle), of Skerryglass, Urney, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 81910].

Registration: 28 January 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 4686].

Residence: Urney, Strabane, County Tyrone. [1937, 1940].

In September 1939, she was listed as a Pupil Midwife/Staff Nurse at Selly Oak Hospital Nurses' Home, 2 Willow Road, Birmingham.

Residence: Strabane, County Tyrone. [1959].

Married: between 1940 and 1959, Unknown Martin.

CARNEY, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 03 November 1913 at 43 Keegan Street, Belfast.

Daughter of David Carney (Labourer) and Catherine (Cassie) Carney (née Mulvenna), of 43 Keegan Street, Belfast.

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 83940].

Registration: 27 September 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2521].

Midwifery: 22 May 1937 (London)

Residence: Andersonstown, Belfast. [1937, 1940; 1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

CAROLAN, Alice Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345309

Born: 16 January 1913 at 9 St. James' Terrace, Dublin.

Daughter of John Carolan (Farmer) and Jane Carolan (née Proudfoot), of Cregg Nobber, County Meath.

Trained: Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, December 1933 – June 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5950].

Residence: Cannistown, Navan, County Meath. [1939; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

CARROLL, Edith Katherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206070

Born: 14 December 1904 at Mill Street, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Daughter of Thomas Anderson Carroll (Hotel Keeper) and Mary Jane Carroll (née Shelton), of Mill Street, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Trained: Middlesex Hospital, London, 1924 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 21 December 1928. (London). [Registration No. 50162].

Residence: Marleybone, London. [1930].

Residence: Clifton Park Avenue, Belfast. [1931].

Died: 14 February 1942 on the S.S. Kuala, which was sunk by Japanese bombers. Final Resting Place Unknown.

Memorial: Kranji, North-West, Singapore.

CARROLL, Mary Christina

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318075

Trained: Royal Portsmouth Hospital, Hampshire, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 123376].

Residence: Charleville, County Cork. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

CARROLL, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 22 May 1913 at St. Columba's Terrace, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Daughter of John Carroll (Boiler Maker) and Delia Mary Carroll (née Costello), of St. Columba's Terrace, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1935. (London). [Registration No. 79275].

Registration: 17 June 1943. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 8146].

Residence: Athlone, County Westmeath. [1937; 1943; 1946; 1948].

CARROLL, Rosetta Maria Ita

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306155

Born: 11 December 1916 at Townhall Street, Cavan.

Daughter of Thomas J. Carroll (Veterinary Surgeon) and Kathleen Erin Carroll (née Gilmartin), of Townhall Street, Cavan.

Trained: Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Dublin, March 1937 – March 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 12 (?) June 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7478].

Residence: Leinster Square, Rathmines, Dublin. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

Married: 11 July 1945 in Dublin, William John O'Hagan (1915 – 1986) M.D..

Died: 25 Oct 1995 in Surrey.

Buried: 3 Nov 1995 in Liverpool, Lancashire.



Rosetta Maria Ita Carroll.

CARTER, Elizabeth Adelaide

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215205

Born: 11 October 1915 at Luggacurren, Stradbally, County Laois.

Daughter of Richard Carter (Farmer) and Susan Adelaide Carter (née Thompson), of Luggacurren, Stradbally, County Laois.

Trained: Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, December 1934 – May 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 23 August 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 6341].

Registration: 26 February 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2961].

Residence: St. David's Hill, Exeter, Devon. [1943].

Residence: Stradbally, County Laois. [1943 (N. Ireland Register); 1946; 1948; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Married: 17 November 1948 at Mountmellick, County Laois, Robert Ernest Stanley (1910 – 1987).

CARTY, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309356

Born: 26 December 1912 at Coolcashin, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Denis Carty (Sergeant R.I.C.) and Anastasia Carty (née Furlong), of Mooncoin, County Kilkenny.

Trained: St. Leonard's Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99199].

In September 1939 she was registered as a Staff Nurse at St. Leonard's Hospital, London.

Residence: King Street, Wexford. [1940; 1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

Died: April – June 1969 at St. Marylebone, London.

[She was an older sister of Margaret Esther Carty – see below].

CARTY, Margaret Esther

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 356094

Born: 04 April 1920 at Mooncoin, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Denis Carty (Sergeant R.I.C.) and Anastasia Carty (née Furlong), of Mooncoin, County Kilkenny.

Trained: Hammersmith Hospital, London, 1938 - 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113322].

Residence: King Street, Wexford. [1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1945.

Margaret was registered as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Oranje which sailed from Southampton on 22 September 1949. It was bound for Batavia, Java. She had contracted to disembark in Singapore. She was 29 years old. Her occupation was listed as 'Nurse.' Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as Charleville Road, London W.14.' Her country of intended future permanent residence was given as Borneo.

[She was a younger sister of Catherine Carty – see above].

CASEY, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257387

Born: 16 January 1898, Gortglass, Kildysart, County Clare.

Daughter of Thomas Casey (Farmer) and Bridget Casey (née McMahon), of Gortglass, Kildysart, County Clare.

Trained: Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton, London, 1922 - 1924. [Cert. M.A.B.]

Registration: 16 October 1925. (London). [Registration No. 2062].

Trained: St. Mary's Hospital, London, 1925 - 1929. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 21 June 1929 (London). [Registration No. 52588]. [General].

Residence: Gortglass, Kildysart, County Clare. [1928; 1931; 1934; 1937].

Residence: Redcliffe Gardens, London S.W. 10. [1940, 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was listed as a 'Trained Nurse' at Stanfield Farthing Green Lane, Eton, Buckinghamshire.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

CATHCART, Edith

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305779

Born: 14 August 1912 at Ferniskey, Kells, County Antrim.

Daughter of James Cathcart (Farmer) and Maria Cathcart (née Adair), of Ferniskey, Kells, County Antrim.

Trained: Manor Hospital, Walsall, West Midlands, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115225].

Registration: 20 September 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3(-)51].

Residence: Ferniskey, Kells, County Antrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

She was listed as a Tourist Passenger on the ship Atlantis which departed from Southampton on 05 April 1949 bound for New Zealand. Her destination was Wellington, New Zealand. Her last address in the U.K. was 18 First Street, Chelsea, London S.W.3. Her age was recorded as 36 years. Her occupation was given as 'S.R.N.' The Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was recorded as New Zealand.

In the 1949 New Zealand Electoral Roll Edith Cathcart is registered in the Onehunga district of Auckland. Her address is Cornwall Hospital, and she is a 'spinster'.

[Cornwall Hospital was constructed in Cornwall Park, Auckland, New Zealand during World War II by the American Army and was named the 39th United States General Hospital. It accommodated casualties from the war in the Pacific. From 1945 it was leased by the Auckland Hospital Board to provide maternity and geriatric services and closed in 1975.]

CATHCART, Jemima Emily (Ina)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208195

Born: 31 July 1911 at Killygowan, Belle Isle, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of William Robert Cathcart (Farmer) and Mary (Anna) Cathcart (née Graham), of Killygowan, Belle Isle, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Ards District Hospital, Newtownards, County Down, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 31 March 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2615or 2115].

Registration: 08 July 1948. (Scotland). [Registration No. 18573]. [C.M.B. Scotland].

Registration: 31 August 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3038]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Belle Isle, Lisbellaw, County Fermanagh. [1943; 1952; 1954].

Residence: Bellaneleck (sic), Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1951; 1956; 1959; 1968].

Residence: Whaley Terrace, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1957].

Residence: Garvary, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1941.

Died: 19 March 1997 at the Erne Hospital, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Buried: Derrybrusk Church of Ireland Cemetery, Lisbellaw, County Fermanagh.



Jemima Cathcart QA, c.1945 (Courtesy of Mrs H. Wilson)

CAWLEY, Katie Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336243

Born: 17 March 1917 at Greyfort, Tubbercurry, County Sligo.

Daughter of Michael J. Cawley (Farmer) and Catherine (Kate) Cawley (née Finan), of Greyfort, Tubbercurry, County Sligo.

Trained: Weymouth and District Hospital, Dorset, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107441].

Trained: Isolation Hospital, Rush Green, Romford, Essex, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 13948].

Residence: Ballymote, County Sligo. [1943].

Residence: St. Thomas Street, Weymouth, Dorset. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

CHAMBERS, Elizabeth Dowson

Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 209957

Born: 13 June 1910, at Jarrow, Durham, England.

Daughter of Robert Chambers (Metal Dresser) and Elizabeth Chambers (née Dowson), of Jarrow, Durham, England.

Trained: St. James' Hospital, Leeds, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London) [Registration No. 66529].

Residence: Grange Farm House, Monkton, Jarrow-on-Tyne. [1937].

She joined the T.A.N.S. in 1939. She served in Sicily, France and India.

She was the Sister in charge of the Surgical Ward of Tobruk General Hospital. She was taken prisoner in Tobruk.

After the War, she served for a time in the Children's Hospital, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, before moving to Darlington. She later became matron of a hospital in Dorchester.

She was appointed Matron of Musgrave Park Hospital in 1953.

Died: 01 April 1973 in Dumfries Royal Infirmary following a triple road crash in Scotland, when on her way home for two weeks' leave at her home in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. She had gone off on Friday 31 March 1973 from Belfast on a motoring trip to her family home when she was involved in the accident. She had planned to retire in three years and had made arrangements to reside in N. Ireland.

Probate: 10 July 1973 (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Effects: £4,417.00

CLANCY, Catherine Philomena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208188

Born: 13 February 1911, at Brackaville, Coalisland, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Patrick Joseph Clancy (Draper) and Anne Jane Clancy (née Treanor), of Brackaville, Coalisland, County Tyrone.

Trained: General Infirmary, Leeds, 1931 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 78209].

Residence: Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast, County Antrim. [1937].

Trained: Grove Hospital, London, 1936 – 1937. [Examination]. Fever Training.

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 8642].

Residence: Clonliffe Road, Dublin. [1940, 1950].

Married: between 1950 and 1960, Unknown Lambert.

CLUFF, Eva Barbara

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318913

Born: 21 March 1915 at 89 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.

Daughter of Richard Cluff (Engineer) and Maude Edith Cluff (née Brandon), of 2 Villiers Road, Dublin.

Trained: Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 123009].

Residence: Herbert Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

COFFEY, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: 17 December 1914 at Derrymeeleen, Desertserges, Clonakilty, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis Coffey (Farmer) and Helena (Ellen) Coffey (née Hallisy or Hallissey), of Derrymeeleen, Desertserges, Clonakilty, County Cork.

Trained: Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, 1932 – 1936. [Examination]. [Mental]

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 8049].

Trained: The Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, Warwickshire, 1937 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99859].

Residence: Ballineen, County Cork. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

COGAN, Hannah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234948

Born: 30 November 1914 at Ringabella, Carrigaline, County Cork.

Daughter of William Cogan (Naval Pensioner) and Hannah Cogan (née Spillane), of Ringabella, Carrigaline, County Cork.

Trained: Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 94924].

Residence: Ringabella, Carrigaline, County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

COLBERT, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206918

Born: 08 March 1914, at Lisquinlan, Castlemartyr, County Cork.

Daughter of John Colbert (Farmer) and Mary Colbert (née Beausang), of Lisquinlan, Castlemartyr, County Cork.

Trained: London Fever Hospital, 1934 – 1937. [Fever Nursing]. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 8889].

Trained: St. James' Hospital, London, 1937 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102895].

Residence: Lisquinlan, Castlemartyr, County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

COLE, Bridgid (sic) (Birdie) Hannah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309111

Born: 09 December 1917 at Farside (sic), Aghada, Midleton, County Cork.

Daughter of Edward John Cole (Corporal 3/R.M.F.) [3rd. Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers] and Catherine Agnes Cole (née Ahern(e)), of Farside (sic), Aghada, Midleton, County Cork.

Trained: City Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107853].

Residence: Rostellan, Midleton, County Cork. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Residence: Clifton Terrace, Rostellan, County Cork.

Died: 05 July 1964 at St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork.

Probate: 08 January 1965. (London). To Winifred Hurley, Married Woman. Effects: £1,351 in England.

Buried: Aghada old cemetery.

Gravestone Inscription:

In loving memory of CATHERINE AGNES COLE Clifton Terrace, Lower Aghada who died 11 Nov 1963. Her husband EDWARD JOHN COLE died 15 Aug 1930 (interred at Liverpool).

Her daughter BRIDGET (BIRDIE) COLE who died 5 July 1964. Also her parents MAURICE and HANNAH AHERNE.

COLLERAN, Maria (Mary Maud)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206820

Born: 02 March 1901 at Annaghkeen (sic), Killursa, County Galway.

Daughter of William Colleran (Farmer) and Bridget Delia Colleran (née Nohilly), of Annaghkeen (sic), Killursa, County Galway.

Trained: Tunbridge Wells and Counties General Hospital, Kent, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 29 November 1929. (London). [Registration No. 54539].

Trained: South-Eastern Hospital, London, 1929 – 1930. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 11 March 1931. (London). [Registration No. 4492].

Residence: Headford, County Galway. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

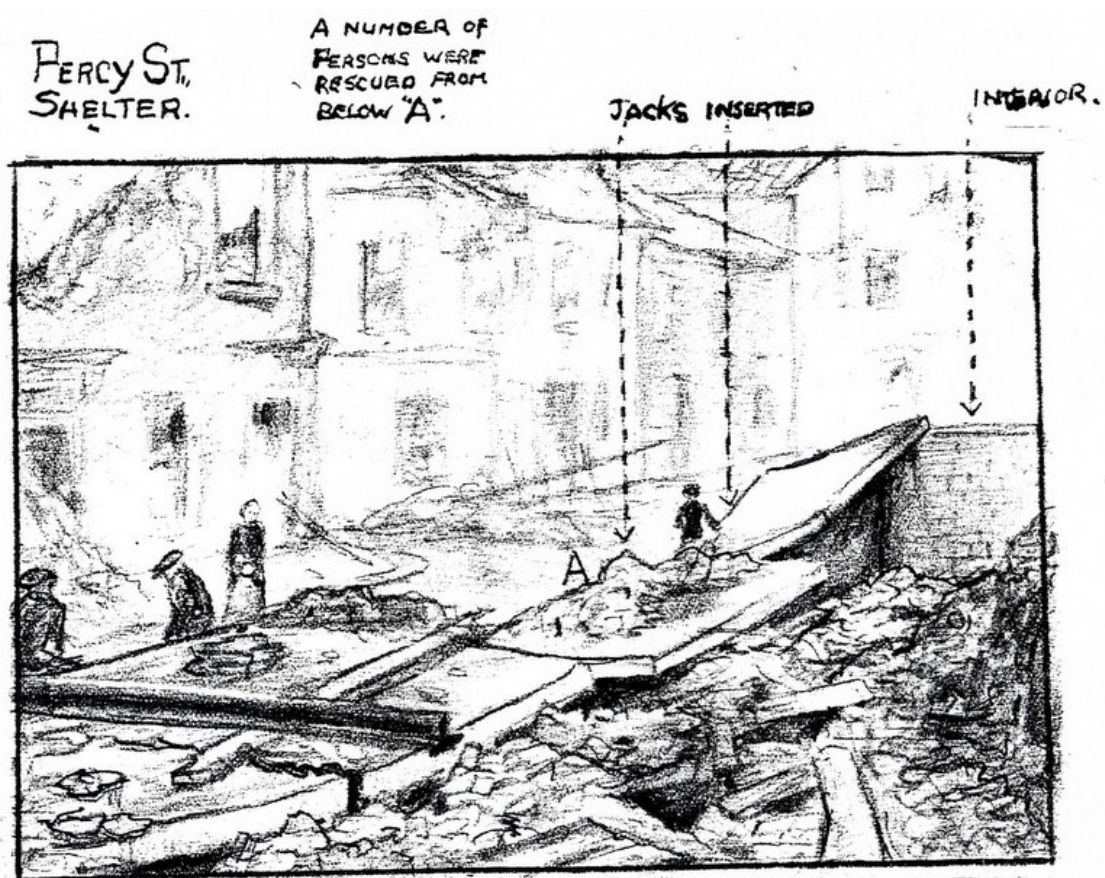
She was working as a Sister in a major General Hospital in Malta when she greeted King George VI on Monday 21 June 1943. He was visiting soldiers of the Eighth Army.

[Belfast News-Letter – Thursday 24 June 1943].

She was also posted to North Africa.

Died: 13 January 1980 in London.

Buried: Bohermore Cemetery, County Galway.



Sketch of destruction of Air-Raid Shelter, Percy St, Belfast, 15th April 1941 (CAB/3/A/68, PRONI)

CONDON, Josephine Cecilia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206098

Born: 12 June 1901 at Rapala, Kilmallock, County Limerick.

Daughter of James J. Condon (Farmer) and Deborah M. J. Condon (née Wallace), of Rapala, Kilmallock, County Limerick.

Trained: St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 21 June 1929. (London). [Registration No. 52590].

Trained: ???, 1929 – 1930. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 1934. (London). (Midwives Roll - 1931).. [Registration No. 78112].

Residence: Glenroe, Kilfinane, County Limerick. [1931; 1934].

Residence: British Military Hospital, Lucknow, India. [1935].

Residence: Letchworth Road, Ebbw Vales, Monmouthshire, Wales. [1937].

Residence: Kevinsfort, Sligo, County Sligo. [1940; 1943].

Residence: Ilfracombe Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. [1946].

Awarded Associate Royal Red Cross in 1943.

CONDON, Mary Adelaide Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206083

Born: 31 December 1902 at Mall, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Daughter of Frederick William Condon (Medical Doctor) and Mary Frances Condon (née McLoone), of Mall, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Trained: Willesden Isolation Hospital, London, 1922 – 1924. [F.N.A. Certificate]. [Fever].

Registration: 19 June 1925. (London). [Registration No. 1705].

Trained: Guy's Hospital, London, 1924 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 15 July 1927. (London). [Registration No. 45813].

Registration: 22 February 1930. (Midwives Roll - 1931). [Registration No. 77524].

Residence: Ballyshannon, County Donegal. [1928; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: The Civil Hospital, Khartoum, Egypt. [1931]

Residence: Lancaster Street, Hyde Park, London W.2. [1931].

Residence: Military Families' Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent. [1935].

Died: 07 August 1962 at Headswell Crescent, Ensbury Park, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

Probate: London (11 October 1962). Effects: £10,976 3s. 10d.

CONOLLY, Vera Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 04 June 1914 at 18 St. Patrick's Place, Cork.

Daughter of John Quarry Conolly (Clerk in Holy Orders) and Alice Alexandrina O'More Conolly (née Woodley), of 18 St. Patrick's Place, Cork.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, September 1934 – March 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 16 June 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 6244].

Residence: Clonakilty, County Cork. [1939].

Married: William (Bill) Cooke (1910 – 22 August 1979 at Branson, Taney County, Missouri, U.S.A.). He worked for Shell Oil.

Died: 2000 at Purley, Surrey.

CONWAY, Bridget Veronica

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263804

Born: 26 May 1912 at 'Bower View', Athlone, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Thomas Conway (Engine Driver) and Bridget Conway (née Jameson), of 'Bower View', Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: North-Eastern Hospital, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 7203]. Fever Training.

Residence: 7 St. Mary's Terrace, Athlone, County Meath. [1937, 1940].

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. General Training.

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97567].

Residence: Sarsfield Square, Athlone, County Meath. [1943, 1946].

Residence: North-Eastern Hospital, Hackney, London. [1933; 1934; 1939].

CONWAY, Kathleen Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206810

Born: [Catherine Ellen] 17 March 1896 at Claragh, Ramelton, County Donegal.

Daughter of Patrick Conway (Labourer) and Mary Conway (née McDermott), of Claragh, Ramelton, County Donegal.

Trained: Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, Warwickshire, 1920 – 1923. [Certificate].

Registration: 19 September 1924. (London). [Registration No. 32900].

Trained: Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe, Folkestone, Kent, 1925. [C.M.B. Midwifery].

Registration: 12 December 1925. (London). [Registration No. 67684].

Residence: Ramelton P.O., County Donegal. [1925; 1928].

Residence: Ards, Ramelton P.O., County Donegal. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1943].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Moore, Witnesham, Ipswich, Suffolk. [1935].

Residence: Harrington Gardens, South Kensington, London S.W.7. [1940].

Residence: Ards Big, Ramelton P.O., County Donegal. [1946].

Died: March 1986 at Poole, Dorset.

CONWAY, Mary Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227696

Born: 14 August 1912 at Ballyeighter, Loughrea, County Galway.

Daughter of Patrick Conway (Farmer) and Ellen (Ellie) Conway (née Cunningham), of Ballyeighter, Loughrea, County Galway.

Trained: London Jewish Hospital, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 87548].

26 July 1939. (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1941). [Registration No. 14561].

Residence: Aille, Loughrea, County Galway. [1940; 1941; 1943; 1944; 1945; 1946; 1948; 1952; 1954; 1957; 1960; 1963; 1966; 1968].

CONWAY, Nora(h) Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 291393

Born: 08 December 1917 at Rathcahill, Newcastle West, County Limerick.

Daughter of Daniel Conway (Farmer) and Mary Anne Conway (née Dalton), of Rathcahill, Newcastle West, County Limerick.

Trained: Eastern Hospital, London, 1937 – 1939. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10629].

Trained: St. Stephen's Hospital, London, 1940 – 1942. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116179].

Residence: Lisurland, Strand P.O., Newcastle West, County Limerick. [1940; 1943; 1946].

COOPER, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206892

Born: 14 September 1916 in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Patrick William Cooper (Veterinary Surgeon) and Ethel May Cooper (née Glasby), Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, September 1935 – September 1938 [Examination].

Registration: 08 May 1939 [Registration No. A6499].

‘We very sincerely regret to announce the death of Sister M. Cooper Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., previously reported missing, now known to have died from Beri-Beri and Malaria on June 25th, 1945, whilst in captivity in Sumatra. Sister Cooper trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, from 1935 to 1939, and was enrolled as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., November 20th, 1939. She embarked for services in the Far East September 28th, 1941.’

(British Journal of Nursing - 1945: p.143).

Died: 26 June 1945 (sic) (aged 27 years).

Grave: Jakarta War Cemetery, 6 H.8, Indonesia.

COSGROVE, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 20 October 1898 at Percy Cottages, Athlone, County Roscommon (sic). [Most Likely].

Daughter of John Cosgrove (Weaver) and Rose Cosgrove (née Behan), of Percy Cottages, Athlone, County Roscommon (sic).

Trained: Whitehaven and West Cumberland Hospital, 1924 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1928. (London). [Registration No. 49613].

Residence: Broher, Ballinafad, Boyle, County Roscommon. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

COSTELLO, Elizabeth Helene

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206818

Born: 26 May 1913 at Correen, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim.

Daughter of John Costello (Farmer) and Mary Anne Costello (née Gilbane), of Correen, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 87958].

She travelled on the S.S. Georgic to New York, leaving Southampton on 22 July 1939. She was visiting her sister Ms. M. Costello. A description of her states:

‘Height: 5 feet. Hair colour: Brown. Eye colour: Blue. Complexion: Sallow.’

Residence: Correen, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. [1940; 1943; 1946].

COULTER, Georgina Alberta

Sister in Princess Mary’s Royal Air Force Nursing Service (Reserve).

Service Number:

Born: 09 February 1915 at Fanaghans, Inver, County Donegal.

Daughter of Richard Coulter (Farmer and Shopkeeper) and Fanny Jane Coulter (née Scott), of Fanaghans, Inver, County Donegal.

Trained: Ilford Isolation Hospital, London, 1933 – 1935. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 February 1936. (London). [Registration No. 7696].

Trained: Southend-on-Sea and District General Hospital, Essex, 1936 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99919].

Registration: 10 August 1955. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 803]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 August 1955. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 7039]. [General].

Residence: Fanaghan (sic), Inver, Lifford, County Donegal. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Killyvilly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1956].

In September 1939 she was recorded as a Staff Nurse at Southend General Hospital.

Commissioned as a Sister in the P.M.R.A.F.N.S.R. in April 1941.

Married: January – March 1950 in County Donegal, George Wilson Quinton (1905 – 1984).

Died: Murdered 08 November 1987 in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh (Remembrance Day Bombing).

Buried: Garvary Parish Church Graveyard, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Find a Grave Memorial:

[WRAF Veteran.

Wife of George Quinton. Mother to 4. Member of the Church of Ireland and regular parishioner at the Garvary Parish Church (Holy Trinity). She was a native of Inver, Co. Donegal, an area where many Protestants such as her family had remained after partition.

She had for many years been a nurse at Erne Hospital in Enniskillen and at County Hospital, where she was fondly remembered. She was known to be of generous spirit, with much faith and caring and also full of fun. During WWII, she served in the nursing corps of the WRAF in Italy, the former Yugoslavia and in North Africa, and each year, she proudly wore her WRAF medals to the Remembrance Ceremony in Enniskillen.

Alberta was one of the 11 killed in the 1987 IRA bombing of the Remembrance Ceremony. Most of the dead were elderly and included three elderly couples. An additional victim died after several years in a coma, bringing the total to 12. 63 were injured. The shock was compounded by the fact that Enniskillen had largely been devoid of many of the sectarian tensions and paramilitary activity that had characterised certain areas of the North in the Troubles. Catholics and Protestants in the town, but also across Northern Ireland and the entire island, joined in condemning the atrocity of the Poppy Day Bombing.

Alberta's funeral was held in the Garvary Parish Church and her burial is in the adjoining cemetery (Garvary Parish Church graveyard, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

Northern Ireland). She was predeceased by her husband George (d. 1984).].

COWAN, Madeline

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338836

Born: 11 March 1919, at Cappagh, Loughbrickland, Banbridge, County Down.

Daughter of James Martin Cowan (Farmer) and Lena Cowan (née Stewart), of Cappagh, Loughbrickland, Banbridge, County Down.

Trained: Ards District Hospital, Newtownards, County Down, 1941 – 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 09 June 1944. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 3748].

Residence: Cappagh, Banbridge, County Down. [1946; 1949].

Residence: Abbots Park, Chester. [1951].

Residence: Burden Lane, Cheam, Surrey. [1956].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1945.

CRAIG, Robina Frances(s)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 287250

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 82279].

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1937. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 20 February 1937. (Midwives Roll - 1938). [Registration No. 98272].

Registration: 08 March 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2421].

Residence: Cicero Gardens, Castlereagh Road, Orangefield, Belfast. [1937; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Nurses' Home, Hope Hospital, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire. [1938].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

CRANE, Winifred (Freda)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213684

Born: 16 March 1918, at 'The Rowantree', Quilly, Dromore, County Down.

Daughter of David Crane (Farmer) and Martha Crane (née Poots), of Quilly, Dromore, County Down.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 14 March 1941. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 2969].

Residence: 'Rowantree,' Quilly, Dromore, County Down. [1943].

She was commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941. She was in India by 1944.

Married: In April 1945, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, Staff-Sergeant Norman William Jones (R.A.M.C.) (died 1981), from Wolverhampton. Winifred had been stationed in Perth, Scotland, where she met her future husband. In April 1942, both were posted with the same detachment overseas. Two of her sisters were serving with the A.T.S.

Residence: Graham Road, Wordsley, Nr. Stourbridge, West Midlands. [1959].

Died: 11 April 1996 at Lisburn, County Antrim.

CRAWFORD, (forename unknown)

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

In Egypt during WW2.

Appointed as District (Queen's) Nurse for Galgorm district [Ballymena Observer, Friday 24 May 1946]. She left there to take up duty as senior nurse to the Larne District Nursing Society in June 1947 [Ballymena Observer, Friday 13 February 1948].

CREIGHTON, Veronica Margaret

Probationer Nurse

Born: 25 January 1919 at Ruan, Corofin, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Creighton (Constable R.I.C.) and Rose Ann Creighton (née Brady), of Ruan, Corofin, County Clare.

Training: Salford Royal Hospital.

Killed in Air Raid on 02 June 1941 (aged 22 years) at Salford Royal Hospital.

Buried at Salford, County Borough.

[Civilian Deaths p. 793].

CRONIN, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 230730

Born: 28 January 1917 at Eskraha (sic), Bantry, County Cork.

Daughter of James Cronin (Farmer) and Ellie (Nellie) Cronin (née Donovan), of Eskraha (sic), Bantry, County Cork.

Trained: Park Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 10147].

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1941. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111089].

Residence: Eskraha, Kilcrohane, Bantry, County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Died: May 1988 at Camden, London.

CULHANE, Hanora

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231363

Born: (Honora) 04 May 1897 at Ballyguiltenane, Glin, County Limerick.

Daughter of Thomas Maurice Culhane (Farmer) and Mary (Maria) Culhane (née O'Shaughnessy), of Ballyguiltenane, Glin, County Limerick.

Trained: Preston & County of Lancaster Queen Victoria Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107247].

Residence: Bishop Street, Newcastle West, County Limerick. [1943; 1946].

Died: 1988 at Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

CULLEN, Esther Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 03 May 1921 at Kilmacoo, Avoca, County Wicklow.

Daughter of Patrick Cullen (Farmer) and Mary Cullen (née Cosgrave), of Kilmacoo, Avoca, County Wicklow.

Trained: Providence Free Hospital, St. Helens, Lancashire, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117214].

Residence: Kilmacoo, Avoca, County Wicklow. [1943; 1946].

CULLEN, Nora

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322777

Born: 04 August 1911, at Meenkeeragh, Glenfarne, County Leitrim.

Daughter of Charles Cullen (Farmer) and Catherine (Kate) Cullen (née McSharry), of Meenkeeragh, Glenfarne, County Leitrim.

Trained: St. George-in-the-East Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103792].

Residence: Meenkeeragh, Glenfarne, County Leitrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Died: 25 November 2007 (aged 96 years). (?)

CUMMINGS, Mary Irene

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206849 (?)

Born: 04 November 1909 at Coole, Coalisland, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Samuel Cummings (Road Contractor / Farmer) and Mary (Minnie)

Essie Cummings (née Gibson), of Coole, Coalisland, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 16 November 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1653].

Residence: Coolemount, Coalisland, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Married: 27 November 1945 at Registrar's Office, Dungannon, Reginald Oscar Blackmore (1916 - 1991), Army Lieutenant.

CURLEY, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316405

Born: 06 July 1918 at Tallow, County Waterford.

Daughter of Patrick Curley (Dealer) and Catherine Curley (née Murphy), of Tallow, County Waterford.

Trained: Archway Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115872].

Residence: West Street, Tallow, County Waterford. [1943; 1946].

Married: between 1946 and 1962, Unknown Britton.

CURRIGAN, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 244234

Born: 14 February 1914, at Creevey (sic), Lisacul, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Stephen Currigan (Farmer) and Mary Currigan (née Fitzpatrick), of Creevey (sic), Lisacul, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Trained: St. George-in-the-East Hospital, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 22 November 1935. (London). [Registration No. 79579].

Trained: South-Western Hospital, London, 1936 – 1937. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 8981].

Residence: Creevy, Lisacul, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was registered as a 'Hospital Nurse' at Mile End Hospital, Stepney, London.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

DALTON, Ellen Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 291395

Born: 12 January 1921 at Piltown, Carrick-on-Suir, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Peter Dalton (Railway Porter) and Margaret Dalton (née Quinn), of Piltown, Carrick-on-Suir, County Kilkenny.

Trained: West Bromwich and District Hospital, Staffordshire, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109318].

Residence: Ballingarry, Thurles, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Married: June 1948 at Durham, Ivor W. H. Embling (1910 – 1978).

Died: 16 December 1999 at Chester, Cheshire.

DALY, Anna

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 230230

Born: 14 February at Cahircanivan, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Daughter of James Daly (Farmer) and Mary Daly (née Lernihan), of Cahircanivan, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Trained: Leicester City General Hospital, Leicester, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85576].

Residence: Kilmurphy McMahon, Ennis, County Clare. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in March 1942.

Married: James (Jimmie) Flannan (Seamus) Reidy (1917 – 1980).

DALY, Eva Caroline

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227700

Born: 12 July 1908 at Kilnaloo, Rossory, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of William Daly (Farmer) and Rebecca Daly (née Little), of Kilnaloo, Rossory, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 22 March 1935. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1984].

Registration: 04 December 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1728]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Drumsonnis, Kilsherry, County Tyrone. [1943].

Residence: Moorfield Road, Trillick, County Tyrone. [1946].

Residence: Laughterush, Kilserry, County Tyrone. [1949; 1951].

Residence: Chestnut Grove, Mapperley Road, Nottingham. [1955].

Residence: Lyndhurst Drive, Low Fell, County Durham. [1956].

Residence: Lower Road, Beeston, Nottinghamshire. [1959].

She was awarded, in 1945, the Oak Leaf Emblem for brave conduct during the War.

She had joined the QAIMNS in early 1941. She was attached to field stations and was in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. By October 1945, she was stationed in Austria.

[Belfast Telegraph – Wednesday 31 October 1945].

Married: April – June 1953 at Portsmouth, Hampshire, John D. Malloch.

Died: June 2005 at Winchester, Hampshire.

DALY, Helena Mary (Eileen)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208202

Born: 13 April 1908 at 16 Emmet Place, Limerick.

Daughter of Patrick Daly (Goods Guard in Railway) and Julia Daly (née Wallace), of 16 Emmet Place, Limerick.

Trained: North Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 68594].

Trained: North Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1933 – 1934. [Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 11 August 1934. (London). [Registration No. 90539].

Residence: Kilmainham Wood, County Meath. [1934; 1937].

Residence: Rock View, Kingscourt, County Cavan. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: 20 February 1942 at Damascus, Syria, Ralph Marnham (1901 – 1984).

He had a medical practice at 69 Harley Street, London W.1. He later became Serjeant Surgeon to Queen Elizabeth and was awarded KCVO.

[**Ralph Marnham** was born in Stellenbosch, South Africa on 7 June 1901, the eldest son of Arthur Marnham, a farmer, and Janet (née Micklem) the daughter of a farmer. He was educated at Diocesan College, Rondebosch and on coming to England, at Caius College, Cambridge and St George's Hospital, London, qualifying in 1925. Training mostly at St George's and with clinical assistantship at St Mark's he was appointed honorary assistant surgeon, St George's. He passed the FRCS in 1930 and the MCh in 1933. In the second world war he joined the RAMC and was officer in charge of the Surgical Division of 62 and 6 General Hospitals, then consultant surgeon (Brigadier) to the 9th Army in East Africa and Southern Command. He was twice mentioned in despatches.

Afterwards besides St George's, he was also on the staff of the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Mount Vernon Hospital and King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. He was Surgeon to the Royal Household of King George VI (1946) and Surgeon and Serjeant-Surgeon to HM Queen Elizabeth (1967-1971). He was appointed KCVO (Knight Commander of the Victorian Order) in 1957. In 1964 he operated on Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for appendicitis and in 1966 he again operated for an abdominal obstruction. He was President of the Association of Surgeons 1965 and from 1965 to 1981 he served as consultant to the Republic of Sudan in London. He was examiner in surgery to the Universities of Cambridge and London and was a member of the Court of Examiners, RCS.

In 1927 he married Muriel Marnham, but she died in 1928. In 1942 he married Helena Daley. He had a daughter by his first marriage and two sons by the second. None took up medicine. He died on 25 November 1984.].

Helena was living with her husband and step-daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, at 8 Blomfield Road, Paddington, London in 1950.

Helena was listed as a passenger on a flight to New York on 22 April 1961. Her home address was recorded as Blomfield Road, Paddington, London W.9. Her intended address in New York was given as the Blackstone Hotel.

Died: 28 September 1988 in London. She was living at Fitzjames Avenue, London W.14.

Buried: 04 October 1988 in the borough of Kensington and Chelsea, London.

Probate: 08 June 1989 (London). Effects: £213,853.

DALY, Matilda Mary

Hospital Nurse.

Born: 13 May 1916 at Castleisland, Tralee, County Kerry.

Daughter of William Daly (Physician & Surgeon) and Josephine Daly (née Broderick), of Castleisland, Tralee, County Kerry.

She had started her nurse training at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, London. She was there in September 1939.

Died: 16 October 1940 at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, London as the result of a bomb.

DARCY, Mary Alice

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313826

Born: 06 January 1914 at Park Street, Dundalk, County Louth.

Daughter of James Darcy (Cashier, Steam Packet Company) and Kathleen (Kate) Darcy (née Murphy), of Park Street, Dundalk, County Louth.

Trained: Poplar Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98825].

Registration: 21 October 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.7160].

Residence: Castle Road, Dundalk, County Louth. [1940; 1943].

DELANEY, Winifred

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206131

Born: 14 July 1909 at Rathfeigh, Piercetown, County Meath.

Daughter of Laurence Joseph Delaney (Miller) and Bridget Mary Delaney (née Walsh), of Rathfeigh, Piercetown, County Meath.

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, December 1928 – December 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 02 March 1932. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.4522].

Residence: Nurses' Quarters, Tidworth House, Andover, Hampshire. [1939].

Residence: Rathfeigh Mills, Tara, County Meath. [1946; 1948].

She was commissioned as a Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S. in September 1939.
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

DELARGY, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 282250

Born: 14 February 1915 at Rosnaree, Cregagh, Belfast.

Daughter of Daniel Delargy (Hotel Proprietor) and Mary Delargy (née McCardle), of Rosnaree, Cregagh, Belfast.

Trained: Bolingbroke Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 94905].

Residence: Cregagh, Belfast. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

DEMPSEY, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 260514

Born: 29 January 1916 at Aughnagomaun, Ballysheehan, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Patrick Dempsey (Farmer) and Ellen Dempsey (née Kennedy), of Aughnagomaun, Ballysheehan, County Tipperary.

Trained: Withington Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112401].

Residence: Cathedral Street, Thurles, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.

DENVIR, Catherine Maria

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225436

Born: 12 June 1915 at Killough, Downpatrick, County Down.

Daughter of Patrick Denvir (Labourer) and Anna Maria Denvir (née Russell), of Killough, Downpatrick, County Down.

Trained: Metropolitan Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112946].

Residence: Castle Street, Killough, County Down. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

Married: September 1948 at Dudley, Staffordshire, Richard George Forrest (Born 1913).

Catherine was a First-Class Passenger on the ship Oranje which sailed from Southampton on 22 September 1949 bound for Batavia, Java. She was 34 years old with no profession. Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as c/o 42 Francklyn Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex.

Her country of intended future permanent residence was given as Borneo.

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Apapa which sailed from Liverpool on 08 May 1952 bound for Takoradi, Ghana. She was 36 years old and her occupation was 'Housewife.' Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as 44 Woodland Avenue, Quarry Bank, Nr Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Her country of intended future permanent residence was not listed but she was contracted to disembark at Takoradi, Ghana.

She was recorded as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Aureol which set sail initially from Lagos, Nigeria, arriving in Liverpool on 08 May 1952. She was accompanied by her husband, Richard George Forrest whose profession was listed as 'Draughtsman' and their 2-year-old daughter. They had embarked at Takoradi, Ghana. Catherine was 37 years old and her occupation was 'Housewife.' The family's proposed address in the U.K. was given as 44 Woodland Avenue, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Their country of last permanent residence was the Gold Coast. Their country of intended future permanent residence was given as 'Other parts of the British Empire.'

Once again Catherine was recorded as a First-Class Passenger on the R. M. M. V. Aureol which set sail initially from Lagos, Nigeria arriving in Liverpool on 11 April 1955. She was accompanied by her husband, Richard George Forrest whose profession was listed as 'Draughtsman' and their 4 year-old daughter. They had embarked at Takoradi, Ghana. Catherine's birth was recorded erroneously as 12 June 1916 and her occupation was 'Housewife.' The family's proposed address in the U.K. was given as 44 Woodland Avenue, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. They were listed as visitors and intended to stay in England for 3 months. Their country of last permanent residence was the Gold Coast. Their country of intended future permanent residence was given as the Gold Coast.

DERVAN, Gertrude

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 266750

Born: 28 October 1917 at Burrogue, Loughrea, County Galway.

Daughter of Martin Dervan (Shoemaker and Farmer) and Ellen Dervan (née Dervan), of Burrogue, Loughrea, County Galway.

Trained: High Wood Hospital for Children, Brentwood, affiliated to New End Hospital, London, 1937 – 1942 [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942 (London). [Registration No. 118228].

Residence: Brogue, Kylebrack, Loughrea, County Galway. (November 1942).

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

Killed at Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 26) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

DEVERY, Mary Brigid(Mae)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 23 May 1908 at Irishtown, Athlone, County Westmeath.

[Her birth is always recorded (incorrectly) as 21 May 1908].

Daughter of Peter Devery (Shopkeeper) and Theresa (Tessie) Devery (née Gunning), of Irishtown, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: Western Hospital, Fulham, London, 1927 – 1929. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 27 June 1930. (London). [Registration No. 4184].

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1934 – 1936. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 86303].

Residence: Harbour Street, Banagher, County Offaly. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: North Eastern Hospital, St. Ann's Road, Tottenham, London. [Electoral Roll - 1934].

Residence: St. Giles' Hospital, St. Giles' Road, Camberwell, London. [Electoral Roll -1935; 1936; 1938].

She sailed from Southampton on the S.S. Aquitania departing on 05 July 1948, arriving at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on 12 July 1948. Her last address was listed as Isolation Hospital, Watford, Hertfordshire.

She travelled to the United States from Canada, arriving in New York on 31 December 1949. Her last permanent residence was recorded as Nurses' Residence, Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Her destination was 502 East 138th. Street, Bronx, New York where she was going to visit her brother, Thomas Devery at 502 East 138th. Street, Bronx, New York. Her intended length of stay was 4 days.

Once again, she travelled to the United States from Canada, arriving at the Port of Buffalo, New York on 07 September 1950. Her last permanent residence was recorded as Nurses' Residence, Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Her destination was 502 East 138th. Street, Bronx, New York where she was going to visit her brother, Thomas Devery. She was described as being 5 foot 1 ½ inches tall, with a Medium Complexion, Brown Hair and Blue Eyes.

She became a Naturalised American citizen on 04 March 1957.

Her address then was West 80th. Street, New York.

She flew from Shannon airport to New York, arriving on 21 July 1961. She was described as a Naturalised American citizen. Her U.S. address was recorded as 440 Riverside Drive, Apartment 101, New York.

Died: 21 December 2002 at Mary Manning Walsh Home, Manhattan, New York.

DICKSON (DIXON), Jean (Janie)

Nursing Sister.

Born: circa 1900, Ballymena, County Antrim. [No Birth Record Found].

Daughter of Sarah Jane Dickson (Domestic Servant), Ballymena, County Antrim.

[Sarah Jane married Hugh Oliver 26 December 1905. She was described as a 'widower' (sic) but no Marriage record found.]

Trained: Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, 1921 – 1924 [Certificate].

Registration: 19 February 1926 (London). [Registration No. 42142].

Residence: Hill Street, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1928].

Interned in Stanley Camp since the fall of Hong Kong in December 1941.

Reported safe in Ballymena Observer, Friday 28 September 1945.

Her half-sister – Miss May Oliver lived at Larne Street, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

DICKSON, Jean Cooper

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213233

Born: 04 April 1908 at Ballyhanwood (?), Belfast, County Down. [No Birth Certificate].

Daughter of Alexander Dickson (Nurseryman) and Isobel Margaret Dickson (née Peddie), of Ballyhanwood, Belfast, County Down.

Trained: Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, 1925 – 1929. [Examination]. [Sick Children].

Registration: 01 July 1929. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 22].

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1929 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 08 January 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1534].

Residence: Merchiston Castle, School, Clinton, Edinburgh. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Malone Avenue, Belfast. [1949].

Residence: Abbey Road, Knock, Belfast. [1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 26 December 1988 at Brent, Middlesex.

DICKSON, Ruth Hanna (Anna)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 223772

Born: 15 May 1890 at Carrowcolman, Eglish, Dungannon, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Joseph Alexander Dickson (Farmer) and Lydia Ann Dickson (née Simpson), of Eglish, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast 1916 [Certificate].

Registration: 1918 [Registration No. 8082].

Was serving in Singapore in 1942. She left Singapore on the SS Kuala, which was sunk by Japanese bombers on 14 February 1942. She was rescued and interned at Palembang, Sumatra.

Died: 24 December 1944 (aged 54 years) in captivity at Palembang, Sumatra.

'Ruth Dickson was described as "the ideal missionary nurse," but it is as a nurse only that her name is inscribed in Westminster Abbey. She came from Eglish, Dungannon, and qualified in the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1917.

She volunteered for and saw service in France in the First World War. After the war, whilst Staff Sister in Lisburn Infirmary she volunteered for the post of matron of Newchang Hospital, Manchuria, and under the auspices of the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland took up her post in 1923.

The first trained nurse to be appointed by the Mission for work in Manchuria, when she left the country 18 years later she had established a nursing service there on a par with European standards. Ruth Dickson refused to leave Newchang till September 1941, when with others she was to do so. On arrival at Singapore she immediately volunteered for service and was four months employed in a military hospital. She was among the last batch of military nurses to leave Singapore. The ship was set afire and on a raft Ruth, with others, escaped to an island as yet unoccupied by the Japanese. With others she could have gone on to safety, but she refused to leave the sick and wounded. All were taken prisoner. For a time Ruth was put to nurse in a Malay hospital, but later she was assigned to work in the fields. After a period in the infamous Palembang concentration camp she reached Banka, with 700 women and children. The island was infested with malaria, and Ruth became infected. Worn out with unceasing work, semi-starvation and devotion to the highest call of duty, she died on Christmas Eve, 1944. Amongst those who dug her grave was a nurse from Eire, who burned her name "Ruth Hanna Dickson" on a rough-hewn cross which she placed over the grave.'

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

Ruth is buried in Jakarta Cemetery.

DILLON, Catherine Cecilia

Born: 1919, Rochestown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny

Trained as a nurse in England.

She did not serve in the medical corps in the British Army but worked as a civilian nurse in France after liberation, in hospitals in Nice, Lyon and Grenoble.

DINNEEN, Catherine Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 244237

Born: 08 June 1911 at Glenalappa, Listowel, County Kerry. [Catherine]. [Most Likely]

Daughter of Timothy Dinneen (Farmer) and Margaret Dinneen (née Enright), of Glenalappa, Listowel, County Kerry.

Trained: Royal Halifax Infirmary, Yorkshire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 83176].

Residence: Glenalappa, Newtownsandes, County Limerick (sic). [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939 she was working at the 'Royal Hospital, West Street, Sheffield.' Her date of birth was recorded erroneously as 08 June 1913.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

DOBSON, Henrietta Sarah Margaretta (Margrette)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213226

Born: 27 December 1906, at Bleary, Lurgan, County Armagh.

Daughter of George Dobson (Farmer) and Sarah Margaret Dobson (née Coburn), of Bleary, Lurgan, County Armagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 20 November 1930. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 1421].

Residence: Wellington Park, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

Died: 25 January 1947, at a Nursing Home, Belfast.

Probate: 1947 (Belfast) to Stanley McKeown, Merchant. Effects: £563 10s. in England.

DOGHERTY, Anne (Annie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 246144

Trained: St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, West Yorkshire, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 11 March 1931. (London). [Registration No. 59311].

Residence: Rosemount Terrace, Londonderry. [1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: Ava Avenue, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

She joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1939. She served in India and Burma for 3 years.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Awarded Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class) in December 1945.

[See Award Recommendation below]

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PERIODIC AWARD. 16 FEB - 15 MAY 45

Specimen A.F.W.3121.

Brigade _____ Division _____ Corps _____ 10 May 45 Date of recommendation.

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Regimental Number	Rank and Name (Christian Names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended Honour	To be left blank
	Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. att 13 (I) C.C.S.	P/246144	Sister DOGHERTY Miss Anne	During the period 15 Feb to 10 May 45 her work has been of a consistently high order and carried out cheerfully under hazardous conditions. She volunteered and was sent forward to work in an advance position under fire with 42 Field Ambulance. When the C.C.S. was left unprotected at SADAUNG and had to form its own defended locality with the knowledge that 400 enemy troops were approaching she accepted the position with exemplary non-chalance.	RECOMMENDED Lt. Gen. Comd. 4th Corps. (F. W. MESSERVY)	Previous Awards N/A

Field 24 May 45

Recommended for the ARRC
Lt. Col. Eustace Shipman
24 May 45

ARRC
L.G.
22 JAN 1946

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C-in-C Allied Land Forces SEA
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Recommendation for Royal Red Cross (Associate) (ARRC), Anne Dogherty

WO 373/42/85 (TNA)

Transcript:

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DOLAN, Eveline

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305945

Born: 18 September 1918 at Gallowstown, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Joseph Dolan (Carman) and Emily Dolan (née McCrann), of Gallowstown, County Roscommon.

Trained: Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, Essex, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112521].

Trained: Ilford Isolation Hospital, Romford, Essex, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 13935].

Residence: Fordyke Road, Green Lane, Becontree Heath, Essex. [1943].

Residence: Gallowstown, Roscommon. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

DOLAN, Mary (Anne)

Hospital Nurse.

Born: 28 December 1914 at Brackley, Ballyconnell, County Cavan.

Daughter of Michael Dolan (Farmer) and Kate Dolan (née Maguire), of Brackley, Ballyconnell, County Cavan.

[Daughter of Michael Dolan and Mary Dolan, of Killycar, Ballyhugh, Belturbet, County Cavan – according to the Civilian Deaths Book.

Hospital Nurse [of 3 Parkstone Avenue, Edmonton, Middlesex].

Killed in Air Raid on 17 January 1943 (aged 28) at Victoria Embankment.

Buried at Westminster City Cemetery.

[Civilian Deaths p. 892].

Family Gravestone at St. Mogue's Island Cemetery, Bawnboy, County Cavan:

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL DOLAN Brackley, Bawnboy Died 05 December 1923.

His wife KATHERINE Died 21 November 1963. Their son MICHAEL Died 27 March 1935. Their Daughter MARY Died 17 January 1943. Their son JOHN Died 25 December 1966.

DONLON, Norah (Honora)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206110

Born: 17 (28 on Birth Certificate) December 1895 at Kilseily, Broadford, County Clare.

Daughter of Thomas Donnellan (sic) (Farmer) and Bridget Donnellan (née Donnellan), of Kilseily, Broadford, County Clare.

Trained: City of Westminster Infirmary, London, 1917 – 1920. [Certificate].

Registration: 16 October 1925. (London). [Registration No. 39863].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Mulroy, Lissane, Broadford, County Clare. [1928].

Residence: Q.A.I.M.N.S., Poona, India. [1931].

Residence: Riversley Road, Gloucester. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Appointed to Q.A.I.M.N.S. on 24 October 1927. Was promoted to Major on 01 February 1949. Retired from Q.A.I.M.N.S. as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel on 31 October 1950.

She was awarded A.R.R.C.

DONNELLY, Susan Veronica (Rhona)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306979

Born: 16 February 1920 at Formil, Bodoney, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Edward Joseph Donnelly (School Teacher) and Elizabeth Donnelly (née McCormack), of Formil, Bodoney, County Tyrone.

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 122200].

Residence: Greencastle, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Residence: New York City. [1957; 1958; 1962].

Died: 22 July 2010 at Greencastle, Omagh, County Tyrone.

DOWD, Josephine Helen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316624

Born: 22 September 1919 at Malachy Terrace, Armagh, County Armagh.

Daughter of Francis Michael Dowd (Railway Official) and Mary Dowd (née Keelan), of Malachy Terrace, Armagh, County Armagh.

Trained: Park Hospital, Flixton, Manchester, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112270].

Residence: 14 Legavoreen Park, Drogheda, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

Married: between 1946 and 1968, (Bell).

Died: Still alive in 1968.

DOWDS, Ruth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279672

Born: 11 March 1918 at 37 Belwood Avenue, Dublin.

Daughter of Alexander Earls Dowds (Teacher) and Annie Dowds (née Nunan), of 37 Belwood Avenue, Dublin.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, May 1938 – June 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 08 April 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.7802].

Residence: 37 Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin. [1943].

Residence: c/o Barclay's Bank, Ormskirk, Lancashire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

Married: before 1946, Arthur John William Ridd (Parrott) (1912 – 1994).

Residence: Sherwood, Moreton, Queensland, Australia. [1954].

Residence: Moggill, Ryan, Queensland, Australia. [1963].

Died: 04 November 2008 at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

DOWLING, Beatrice Olivia Kerr

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 266662

Born: 03 September 1917, at 14 Mountcashel Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Samuel Dowling ('Hackle Seller') and Sadie Dowling (née Kerr).

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1937 – 1940.

Registration: 26 November 1940. [Registration No. 2930].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

Killed at Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 26 years) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean. '[Discussing Emily Muriel Lecky (sic) then ...] On the same day, perhaps on the same ship, another young Ulster nurse, Beatrice Olivia Dowling, also lost her life. She was a native of Bessbrook and had a distinguished career in the Royal Victoria Hospital, where she carried off the Bronze Medal for Midwifery.' [Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].



Scene after Luftwaffe bombing raid, Belfast, May 1941 (CAB/3/A/68B, PRONI)

DOYLE, Eileen Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206996

Born: 10 March 1914 at 80 The Quay, Waterford.

Daughter of John Joseph Doyle (Vintner) and Ellen (Nellie) Mary Doyle (née O'Callaghan), of 80 The Quay, Waterford.

Trained: South Charitable Infirmary, Cork, September 1934 – June 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 15 August 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.6312].

Residence: The Quay, Waterford. [1939].

Residence: Barronstead Street, Waterford. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: January 1966 (?) at Southwark, London.

DRISCOLL, Mary Hanna

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322227

Born: 15 August 1920 at Schull, County Cork.

Daughter of Michael Driscoll (Fisherman) and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Driscoll (née Hellen), of Schull, County Cork.

Trained: St. Leonard's Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116110].

Trained: Brook Hospital, London, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 23 June 1944. (London). [Registration No. 14141].

Residence: Pier Road, Schull, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

DUFFY, Bridget (Bridie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 14 October 1917, at Magheraboy, Swinford, County Mayo.

Daughter of John Duffy (Farmer) and Mary Duffy (née Duffy), of Magheraboy, Swinford, County Kilkenny.

Trained: Highwood Hospital for Children, Brentwood, affiliated to Lewisham Hospital, London, 1936 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112787].

Residence: Magheraboy, Kilmovee, Ballaghaderreen, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

In 1944 she joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service and was posted to Hatfield House and then to the 73rd British General Hospital in Normandy.

Married: 03 August 1954, Robert McLaughlin (from N. Ireland).

There is an autobiographical piece on 'Irish Identity' website.

Died: after 2004 (?).

DUGGAN, Christina Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336895

Born: 07 January 1914, at Moore Street, Kilrush, County Clare.

Daughter of Matthew Duggan (Boot Merchant) and Mary Duggan (née Bligh), of Moore Street, Kilrush, County Clare.

Trained: Eastern Hospital, London, 1939 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No 12454].

Residence: Magdalen Street, Kilkenny, County Kilkenny. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

DUGGAN, Mary Irene

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 236427

Born: 05 May 1912 at Tullys Kearney, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Daughter of James Duggan (Ex-R.I.C./Farmer) and Mary Anne Duggan (née Meehan), of Tullys Kearney, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 81444].

Trained: Brook Hospital, London, 1936 – 1937. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 8911].

Residence: St. Nicholas' Hospital, Plumstead, London S.E.18. [1934; 1937].

Residence: Tullys Kearney, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

DUIGNAN, Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213244

Born: 26 March 1906, at Mullagh, Dromod, County Leitrim.

Daughter of John Duignan (Farmer) and Anne Duignan (née Faughnan), of Mullagh, Dromod, County Leitrim.

Trained: Steyning Union Infirmary, Shoreham-by-Sea, associated with St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, London, 1925 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 22 March 1929. (London). [Registration No. 52266].

Residence: Mullagh, Dromod, County Leitrim. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

DULLEA, Nora Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 317869

Born: 05 December 1919 at Milleenanannig, Dunmanway, County Cork.

Daughter of James Dullea (Farmer) and Abina Dullea (née Lordan), of Milleenanannig, Dunmanway, County Cork.

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 122201].

Residence: Castletown, Enniskeane, County Cork. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Married: 11 June 1946 in Sussex, William Albert Guest (1910 – 1998).

Died: 2005 in London.

DUNCAN, Anne Caroline (Nancy)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227704

Born: 14 February 1917 at Cavan, Fintona, County Tyrone.

Only daughter of Andrew Robert Duncan (Farmer) and Margaret Evelyn Duncan (née Robb), of Cavan, Fintona, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 09 June 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2649].

Registration: 19 November 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2235]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 12 November 1948. (London). [Registration No. 157705].

Registration: 16 February 1951. (London). [Registration No. 2124]. [Mental Defective].

Residence: Cavan, Fintona, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946; 1948; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

S.R.N., R.M.N.D., R.M.P.A., S.C.M.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Following WW2 she held positions as Deputy and Assistant Matron in English hospitals.

In November 1955 she was appointed Matron of St. Margaret's Hospital, Birmingham.

She was awarded an O.B.E. in December 1976 when she was Principal Nursing Officer at Muckamore Abbey Hospital, Antrim.

Died: 04 September 2006.

Buried: Donacavey Church of Ireland Cemetery, Fintona, County Tyrone.

DUNN, Jane Anderson

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206107

Born: 09 June 1895, at Derrydorrhagh, Macosquin, Coleraine, County Derry.

Daughter of Samuel Dunn (Farmer) and Jane Caroline Dunn (née Jackson), of Derrydorrhagh, Macosquin, Coleraine, County Derry.

Trained: Royal United Hospital, Bath, Somerset, 1920 – 1923. [Certificate].

Registration: 17 October 1924. (London). [Registration No. 33481].

Residence: Derrydorrhagh, Macosquin, Coleraine, County Derry. [1932].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

She was the Matron of Tobruk General Hospital.

Awarded Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class) in February 1943.

There follows a direct transcription of an article published in The Belfast Telegraph – Wednesday 18 March 1959:

'Miss Jane Dunn, now living in retirement in Portstewart, is surprised and not altogether pleased to find that her activities as a nursing sister during the war are described in a book published today. Grey Touched with Scarlet (Robert Hale, 18s.) is about the war experiences of the Army nursing sisters. Wherever the British Army went, the "Q.A.s", members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (now renamed Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps) went too. In this book, which was written with the permission of the War Office and after consultations with many members and former members of the Corps, the author describes some of the incidents which occurred in various theatres of war during 1939-45.

There have been books about the war in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East; books about the war at sea, the war in the air; books about the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, about particular regiments; but until today no book about nurses. To quote the publisher's blurb. "The Corps of Nursing sisters who saved millions of fighting men from death due to disease or wounds seeks no publicity." I discovered the truth of this when I sought out Miss Dunn, who served with the Q.A.s from before the war until 1952, when she retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. When I asked her to tell me something about her experiences she said: "There's nothing to tell. We did what we were expected to do to the best of our ability. I don't like publicity, but the War Office gave the author my name so I could not refuse to supply her with information."

This is how Jean Bowden [the author] describes her.

"Miss Dunn, the matron of Tobruk General Hospital, had already an eventful life. She was the kind of woman of whom it is often said 'She's a born nurse.' Against all sorts of family disapproval she had persisted in her determination to enter nursing, and after her training in civilian hospitals was over and she had gained the necessary experience, she volunteered for Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

She had already been bombed on a ship in Tobruk harbour, and so she was under no illusions about what she would find when she went there in the spring of 1942.

Beneath a reserved way of speaking she hid a kindly, tolerant heart. When necessary she could speak her mind with alarming plainness, which from time to time caused a slight flutter in the higher ranks of Army nursing. Typically that never deterred her.”

I showed Miss Dunn this passage in the book. She smiled as she read it and said, “I suppose that’s true enough.”

Educated at Ballycastle High School, which was founded by her grandfather, she decided, while still a schoolgirl, that she wanted to become a nurse. On leaving school she did her nursing training at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

What does she think of the nurses of today?

“Higher pay and improved conditions have attracted a type of girl to whom those are the most important aspects of the job,” she says. “They have not the sense of vocation that the pre-war nurses had.”

Miss Dunn’s outspoken criticism of civilian hospitals does not, however, apply to her native Ulster. “I had been away from home so long that I knew very little about conditions here,” she says. “I do know that nurses from Irish hospitals were always better than those from England. In fact, even the Irish nurse who trained in England is better than her English counterpart. She has more thought for the patient.”

Miss Dunn’s experience of Ulster hospitals, is, oddly enough, limited to that of a visitor. Her mother, at present a patient in the Benn Hospital, Belfast, has just undergone her second her second operation for cataract of the eye.

While her mother has been there Miss Dunn has stayed in Belfast and has had an opportunity of visiting her old friend and war-time colleague, Miss E. D. Chambers, now matron of Musgrave Park Hospital.

Miss Chambers was in charge of the surgical ward at the Tobruk Hospital and was bitterly disappointed when the nurses were evacuated a few days before Rommel took the port.

Many other Ulster nurses, of course, served with the Q.A.s. Miss Dorothy Lynn, matron of the Belfast City Hospital, was with the Eight Army in the Middle East.

Miss N. Earls, deputy matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, shares memories of Tobruk with Miss Dunn and Miss Chambers, for she was in charge of the operating theatre at the military hospital there.

They are all reluctant to talk about their wartime experiences and laugh at the suggestion that there was anything heroic about their behaviour.’

Died: 12 August 1986 at Chippenham, Wiltshire.

DUNSEATH, Salome

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206949

Born: 09 August 1895 at High Street, Comber, County Down.

Daughter of Unnamed Father and Mary Ann Dunseath (Millworker), of High Street, Comber, County Down.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1919 – 1923. [Certificate].

Registration: 28 July 1923. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 473].

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1924 - 1925. (?) [Certificate]. [Fever].

Registration: 30 November 1925. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 115].

Trained: Midwifery [C.M.B. Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1927. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 916].

Residence: Balfour Avenue, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949].

Residence: Ravenscroft Avenue, Belfast. [1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 30 August 1992 (aged 97). Buried in Comber Cemetery.

DURKAN, Kathleen Theresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231375

Born: 14 July 1919 at Floughena, Doocastle, County Mayo.

Daughter of Patrick Durkan (Farmer) and Ellen Durkan (née Owens), of Floughena, Doocastle, County Mayo.

Trained: Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, Essex, 1937 - 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107890].

Residence: Floughena, Doocastle, Ballymote, County Sligo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1942.

DURKAN, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309358

Born: 22 November 1914 at Dromeda-Joyce, Killaser, Swinford, County Mayo.

Daughter of John Durkan (Farmer) and Maria Durkan (née Conlon), of Dromeda-Joyce, Killaser, Swinford, County Mayo.

Trained: Alder Hey Children's Hospital, West Derby, Liverpool, 1936 - 1939. [Examination]. [Sick Children's Nursing].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 4091].

Trained: The General Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands, 1940 - 1942. [Examination]. [General Nursing].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 119319].

Residence: Dromeda-Joyce, Killaser, Swinford, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

EARLS, Nora(h)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208034

Born: 22 August 1903, at 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast.

Daughter of Rennick Earls (Warehouseman) and Florence Earls (née Rusk), of 72 Sandhurst Gardens, Belfast.

[This is likely to be the correct Nora Earls. **None** born in Monaghan].

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1924 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1928. [Registration No. A1181].

Residence: Fortview, Clones, County Monaghan. [1928].

'She completed her training at the RVH, Belfast in 1929 and was a Gold Medallist. As a member of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. she was called up for active service. She served with distinction in the Middle East. She was one of the last Nursing Sisters to leave a Field Surgical Operating Unit in Tobruk as the enemy captured the area. 'She had been in the Middle East since December 1939, during which period she has carried out the arduous duties of Sister in the operating theatres of several hospitals. Posted to 62 General Hospital, she was again working in one of the operating theatres while in Tobruk and carried out valuable and meritorious service during the extreme pressure of work at the time of the Knightsbridge battle and until evacuated from Tobruk.'

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She was made an Associate of the Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) in February 1943.

[See Award Citation below].

Schedule No. (to be left blank)		Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name (If other than rank, to be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action, or to be stated)	Recommended by	Number of Award	(To be left blank)
		Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.	208034	Sister EARLS, Nora.	This lady has been in the Middle East from December 1939 till the present date, during which period she has carried out the arduous duties of Sister in the operating theatres of her several hospitals. Posted to 62 General Hospital, she was again working in one of the operating theatres whilst in TOBRUK, and carried out valuable and meritorious service during the extreme pressure of work at the time of the KNIGHTSBRIDGE battle and until evacuated from TOBRUK. Her devotion to duty was outstanding and undoubtedly helped in the alleviation of much suffering of many of the wounded.	Chief Principal Matron. and D.M.S. M.E.F.	A.R.R.C.	ARRC
				<i>Proposed Award</i> N.H.		<i>P.S. Tomlinson</i> <i>Major General</i> <i>D.M.S. M.E.F.</i>		
				<i>Awarded A.R.R.C.</i> <i>L.G. 18/2/43</i>	<i>L.G. 18/2/43</i>			117/3 128

Recommendation for Royal Red Cross (Associate) (ARRC), Norah Earls
(WO 373/23/96, TNA, London)

Transcript –

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After the War she returned to work in RVH. She retired from the post of Assistant Matron in 1966.

‘... Of Miss Earls, Mrs. Mackie [J.A. Mackie – chairman of the Hospital Authority] said that her teamwork and support had been unfailing and that she would be greatly missed by everyone. Her distinguished war service in Africa would also be remembered.’

[Retirement - Belfast Telegraph Wednesday 27 July 1966].

‘Miss Nora Earls, a former deputy matron at the Royal Victoria Hospital, has died. Miss Earls, who retired in 1966, was born in Clones and trained as a nurse at the Royal, where she won a gold medal in her final year. After midwifery training in Glasgow she returned to the Royal Victoria Hospital as a ward sister.

During the Second World War she served in the Middle East with the Queen Alexandra Institute of Military Nursing Service. For her war service Miss Earls was awarded the Associated Royal Red Cross.

She returned to the Royal as assistant matron and then deputy matron before her retirement. An Eastern Health Board spokesman today described Miss Earls as “a nurse who lived up to the highest standards of her profession”.’

[Obituary - Belfast Telegraph Thursday 21 October 1982].

Died: 19 October 1982.

ELLIOTT, Lena (Helena)

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215364

Born: 07 May 1914 at Cullion, Pettigo, County Donegal.

Daughter of Isaac Elliott (Farmer) and Susan (Jane) Elliott (née Johnston), of Cullion, Pettigo, County Donegal.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 09 June 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2650].

Registration: 05 November 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2154]. [CMB Examination].

Residence: Cullion, Pettigo, County Donegal. [1943; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Married: unknown date, Thomas Brooke.

Died: unknown date in South Africa.

FAGAN, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213690

Born: County Westmeath.

Trained: City of Bradford Municipal General (St. Luke's) Hospital, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96458].

Residence: Castletown, Streete, County Westmeath. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941.

FAHY, Christina Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Born: 08 July 1902 [Margaret] at Lisloughlin, Ballymacward, County Galway.

Daughter of Thomas J. Fahy (Landholder) and Mary Fahy (née Coneeny), of Lisloughlin, Ballymacward, County Galway.

Trained: St. Leonard's Hospital, London, 1924 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 02 December 1927. (London). [Registration No. 47176].

Residence: Lisloughlin, Ballymacward, County Galway. [1928; 1931].

Residence: Sisters' Mess, British Military Hospital, Sialkat (sic), Punjab, India. (Q.A.I.M.N.S.). [1934].

Residence: c/o Captain G. M. E. Keene, 1/16th. Punjab Regiment, c/o Messrs.

Grindlay & Co. Ltd., 54 Parliament Street, London S.W.1. [1937; 1940].

Married: 18 September 1936 at Bombay, India, Geoffrey Abbott Exshaw Keene (1906 – 1989), Captain 1st. Battalion, 16th. Punjab Regiment.

She accompanied her husband as a passenger on the S.S. Rajputana, embarking at Bombay, India, arriving in London on 09 October 1936. Their proposed address in the U.K. (sic) was recorded as 'Myn Geducht, Avenue Elizabeth, Knocke, Belgium.'

FALLON, Anne Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241806

Born: 02 December 1916 at Ardmullen, Curraghboy, Athlone, County Roscommon.

Daughter of William Fallon (Farmer) and Ellen Fallon (née Donnelly), of Ardmullen, Curraghboy, Athlone, County Roscommon.

Trained: Heatherwood Hospital for Children, Ascot, affiliated to St. Mary's Abbot's Hospital, Kensington, London, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110268].

Residence: Ardmullen, Curraghboy, Athlone, County Roscommon. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

FARRELL, Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208133

Born: 06 August 1903 at Wygram Place, Wexford.

Daughter of Sylvester Farrell (Prison Warder) and Mary Farrell (née Heffernan), of Wygram Place, Wexford.

Trained: Lambeth Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97442].

Residence: Ballybricken, Waterford. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

FARRELLY, Eileen (Aileen) Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 239718

Born: 07 September 1905 at Fort William, Virginia, County Cavan.

Daughter of Patrick Francis Farrelly (Farmer) and Margaret Farrelly (née Deignan), of Fort William, Virginia, County Cavan.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, October 1925 – February 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 19 November 1929. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 4056].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116436].

Residence: Military Hospital, Bracebridge, Lincoln. [1943].

Residence: Fort William, Virginia, County Cavan. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

She was listed as a passenger on the S. S. Carinthia which sailed from Galway on 16 July 1939 arriving at New York on 24 July 1939. She was described as being 5 feet 4 inches tall, with auburn hair and blue eyes. Her complexion was fair. She was visiting her sister Frances Claire (1903 – 1959) who was living in New York and intended to stay in the U.S. for 3 weeks. Her last permanent address was given as Dublin.

She was listed as a passenger on a flight from Dublin to New York on 01 November 1962. Her permanent address was given as Fortwilliam, Virginia, County Cavan. Her address in the U.S. was recorded as Virginia Avenue Park, Chester, New York.

Died: 1989.

FARRELLY, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274735

Born: 18 December 1911 at Oldcastle, County Meath.

Daughter of Connor Farrelly (Labourer) and Mary Farrelly (née Dolan), of Oldcastle, County Meath.

Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, London, 1939 – 1942 [Examination].

Date of Registration: 10 June 1942 [Registration No. 116038].

Residence: Castle Street, Oldcastle, County Meath. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.

Killed At Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 25 years (sic)) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

FEEHAN, Geraldine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257392

Born: 22 February 1913 at Mucklagh, Carlingford, County Louth.

Daughter of Stephen Charles Feehan (Farmer) and Alice Grace Feehan (née Murphy), of Mucklagh, Carlingford, County Louth.

Trained: Salford Royal Hospital, Lancashire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 100926].

Residence: Riverstown, Dundalk, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

Married: March 1953 at Dundalk, Matthew Finnegan (1905 – 1967).

FERGUSON, Felicitie Isobel

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338304

Born: 04 August 1917, at 13 Claremont Street, Belfast.

Daughter of James Randal Alexander Ferguson (Civil Engineer) and Annie Hamilton Ferguson (née Burns), of Newcastle, County Down.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3487].

Residence: Newcastle, County Down. [1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Tullybrannigan Road, Newcastle, County Down. [1956; 1959].

FERGUSON, Mary Scott

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: Portstewart, County Derry. (?)

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 31 March 1939. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 2618].

Residence: Drumfad, Prospect Road, Portstewart, County Derry. [1943; 1946].

FFOLIOTT, Arabella(Arabel / Arabelle) Ruby

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206145

Born: 27 April 1893 at Market Street, Kells, County Meath.

Daughter of John Abraham Ffolliott (Merchant) and Margaret Bournes Ffolliott (née Black), of Market Street, Kells, County Meath.

Attended Wesley College, Dublin from 1911.

Trained: Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, 1914 – 1917. [Certificate].

Registration: 22 September 1922. (London). [Registration No. 6402].

Registration: 14 June 1924. (Midwives Roll - 1926). [Registration No. 63337].

Residence: Herbert Road, Dublin. [1925; 1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Q.A.I.M.N.S. - Appointed 23 May 1927 (23 May 1930). Previously served under contract with Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

Retired (Honorary Principal Matron) on 27 [indecipherable].

She was awarded A.R.R.C.

Died: 20 August 1893 at Devonshire Nursing Home, 95 Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Probate: 24 November 1983 (Winchester). Effects: £99,850.

FIELD, Nora

Nurse (of Jewish Home of Rest)

Born: 23 January 1914, at Curras, Kanturk, County Cork.

Daughter of Thomas Field (Farmer) and Bridget Field (née McAuliffe), of Liscarroll, Mallow, County Cork.

Killed in Air Raid on 18 June 1944 (aged 29) at Jewish Home of Rest, Wandsworth, London.

Buried at Wandsworth, Metropolitan Borough. [Civilian Deaths].

FINERTY, Leonora

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: circa 1891 at Ahascragh, County Galway.

Daughter of Bryan Finerty (Shopkeeper) and Marion Finerty (née Staunton), of Ahascragh, County Galway.

Trained: Richmond Hospital, Dublin April 1915 – April 1919. [Certificate].

Registration: 15 July 1929. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 3948].

Residence: Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin. [1939; 1943].

She was quoted as follows:

‘Sister Finerty of the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, the next speaker, came home in the last British hospital ship to leave France in June, 1940. ‘I shall remember that nightmare journey’, she said, ‘all the days of my life. The heroism of the soldiers and the pluck of the young sisters seem almost incredible as I look back on it. We, like the rest of the world, were surprised when the miracle happened and we won through to safety. I am now in a military hospital in Northern Ireland. This is my second war as an Army Sister. I live in uniform. It solves the dress problem completely for women who have no dress sense. We go where the Army goes – at any rate, as far as the base hospitals and casualty clearing stations and on to the hospital ships and hospital trains. We rank as officers and are subject to military law’ [The Northern Whig- Tuesday 01 September 1942].

FINNEGAN, Geniveve(Genevieve) (Brigid)

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263166

Born: 06 September 1907 at Raheendaw, Rathvilly, County Carlow.

Daughter of Patrick Finnegan (Farmer) and Bridget Finnegan (née Donnelly), of Raheendaw, Rathvilly, County Carlow.

Trained: St. Mary Abbot’s Hospital, London, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75719].

Residence: Raheendaw, Rathvilly, County Carlow. [1937; 1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.

Died: 26 July 1978 at 4 Talbot Road, Bayswater London W.2.

Probate: 21 September 1978 (Oxford). Effects: £68,718.

FINNERAN, Mary Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215245

Born: 25 November 1913 at Keenagh, Athleague, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Bernard Finneran (Farmer) and Bridget Finneran (née Kenny), of Keenagh, Athleague, County Roscommon.

Trained: Farnham County Hospital, affiliated to Leicester City General Hospital, Leicestershire, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105739].

Residence: Athleague, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

FITZGERALD, Catherine Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274636

Born: 16 December 1913 at Church Street, Listowel, County Kerry.

Daughter of Richard Fitzgerald (Technical Instructor) and Ann Fitzgerald (née Murphy), of Church Street, Listowel, County Kerry.

[Their address was listed as Douglas, County Cork before February 1944].

Trained: unknown.

Registration: unknown.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: Killed at Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 30) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

['Catherine was the daughter of Richard and Ann Fitzgerald, of Douglas, Co. Cork, Irish Republic.

A Sister with the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Service No: 274636.

Catherine was onboard S.S. Khedive Ismail (London) on 12.2.1944.

In the early afternoon of Saturday 12 February 1944, a Japanese submarine sank the Khedive Ismail with two torpedoes. No fewer than 1,297 people, including 77 women, lost their lives in the two minutes it took for the Khedive Ismail to sink. Only 208 men and 6 women survived. The sinking was the third worst Allied shipping disaster of World War II and the single worst loss of female service personnel in the history of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Cause of Death: Presumed drowned at sea due to enemy action.

Her remains were unable to be recovered.

Catherine's service to her country is remembered on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial, Panel 22, Column 2.']

Brookwood 1939 – 1945 Memorial, Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England.

* A structure erected in honor of someone whose remains lie elsewhere.

Probate: 14 November 1945. (Llandudno). 'Catherine Mary Fitzgerald of 29 Ard-na-Greine, Clonmel, County Tipperary, spinster. Died 12 February 1944 at sea. To Anne Fitzgerald, widow. Effects: £129 0s. 3d.'

FITZGERALD, Mary Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208097

Born: 23 January 1906 at Listigue, Ardmore, Youghal, County Cork.

Daughter of Patrick Fitzgerald (Farmer) and Mary Fitzgerald (née Hickey), of Listigue, Ardmore, Youghal, County Cork.

Trained: The London Hospital, Whitechapel, London, 1928 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 65548].

Residence: Listigue, Ardmore, Youghal, County Cork. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Carrick Grange Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, Kent. [1939].

She had completed her Midwifery training by late 1939 – no record!

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

FITZMAHONY, Jane Marie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309391

Born: 08 October 1910 at Roches Point, Trabolgan, County Cork.

Daughter of Maurice Fitzmahony (Postmaster) and Kate Mary Fitzmahony (néePower), of Roches Point, Trabolgan, County Cork.

Trained: Charing Cross Hospital, Hampstead, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105943].

Residence: Post Office, Portarlinton, County Laois. [1943].

Residence: Rialto Drive, Rialto, Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

FITZPATRICK, Hanora (J.)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336888

Born: 06 November 1905, at Ballydoole, Freshford, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of John Fitzpatrick (Farmer) and Margaret Fitzpatrick (nee Rafter), of Ballydoole, Freshford, County Kilkenny.

Trained: St. Leonard's Hospital, London, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 21 June 1929. (London). [Registration No. 52773].

Residence: Ballydowel (sic), Rathmoyle, County Kilkenny. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In the 1939 Register she is recorded as a Nurse (and A.R.P. Branch First Aid) living at 5 Ashburton Road, Croydon, Surrey.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

Residence: Mitcham, Surrey, England. [1968].

Married: unknown date, Derick Morgan.

Died: 11 January 1988

FLANNERY, Gertrude

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206156

Born: 25 September 1908 at Beltra, Glenhest, Newport, County Mayo.

Daughter of Martin Flannery (Farmer) and Maria Flannery (née Lynn), of Beltra, Glenhest, Newport, County Mayo.

Trained: St. Olave's Hospital, London, 1927 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1931. (London). [Registration No. 60182].
Trained: location unknown, 1931 – 1932. [MCB Certificate. Examination].
Registration: 25 May 1932. (London). [Registration No. 84473].
Residence: Beltra, Glenhest, Newport, County Mayo. [1934].
Residence: Military Sisters' Quarters, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire. [1940].
Residence: c/o Matron-in-Chief, Army Headquarters, Simla, India. [1943].
Residence: Police Bungalow, Kings Pavilion, Kandy, Ceylon. [1946].
Commissioned as a Staff Nurse in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 27 February 1939.
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.
Residence: Police Bungalow, Kings Pavilion, Kandy, Ceylon. [1946].
Died: unknown date at Moseley, Surrey. (?)

FLANNIGAN, Frances Mary [2 Possibilities]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 18 May 1911 at Millbrook Road, Lisburn, County Antrim.

Daughter of George Flannigan (Joiner) and Margaret Flannigan (née McKeown), of Millbrook Road, Lisburn, County Antrim.

OR

Born: 17 July 1917 at Maternity Hospital, Belfast.

Daughter of James Flannigan (Labourer) and Jeanie (Jennie) Flannigan (née Stevenson), of 9 Fleetwood Street, Belfast.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2908].

Residence: Tavanagh Street, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Greenend Road, Bedford Park, London W.4. [1951].

Married: between 1946 and 1951, Unknown Clarke.

FLECK, Emma

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 345058

Born: 18 September 1914, at Suffolk Street, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Daughter of James Fleck (Draper) and Emma Fleck (née Williams), of Dervock, County Antrim.

Trained: Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, Kent, 1934 – 1937.

Registration: 26 November 1937 (London). [Registration No. 8340].

Residence: Belle Isle, Dervock, County Antrim. [1946].

She joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) in March 1945. Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1945.

She served in India, the Far East, and on the Hospital Ship HMHS Somersetshire.

Died: 22 November 1947 (aged 33 years) and is commemorated on the Brookwood Memorial.

FLOOD, Eva Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279313

Born: circa 1890 in County Cavan.

Daughter of Samuel Flood (Farmer) and Jane Flood (née Deane), of Aghavore, County Cavan.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1916 – 1919. [Certificate].

Registration: 1919. (London). [Registration No. 15769].

Registration: 04 June 1923. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 328].

Registration: 26 June 1931. (London). [Registration No. 59848].

Residence: Oakhill, Kilbracken, Belturbet, County Cavan. [1921].

Residence: Magdala Street, Belfast, County Antrim. [1934].

Residence: Wellington Park Avenue, Belfast, County Antrim. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Residence: East 16th. Street, Brooklyn, New York. [1949].

FORDE, Catherine Norah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325784

Born: 18 October 1915 at Terrytoal (sic), Tednavet, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Daniel Forde (Labourer) and Margaret Forde (née Monahan), of Terrytoal (sic), Tednavet, County Monaghan.

Trained: Gulson Road Municipal Hospital, Coventry, West Midlands, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105162].

Residence: Quiglough, Ballinode, County Monaghan. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: Unknown Hughes between 1946 and 1952.

FORSTER, Annie Georgina Finlay

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215567

Born: 19 February 1906 at Ballyconnell, County Cavan.

Daughter of James Arthur Forster (Merchant) and Annie Alicia Forster (née Howe), of Ballyconnell, County Cavan.

Trained: Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 15 March 1935. (London). [Registration No. 76846].

Registration: 04 July 1947. (London). [Registration No. 118206]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Drumclay House, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1937].

Residence: Golf Terrace, Portrush, County Antrim. [1940; 1943].

Residence: Mark Street, Portrush, County Antrim. [1946].

Residence: Clifton Lane Nursing Home, Rotherham, Yorkshire. [1955].

Residence: Medical and Surgical Nursing Home, Rotherham, Yorkshire. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.



Ruins after blitz, Belfast, 7th – 8th April 1941 (CAB/3/A/68B, PRONI)

FRAIN (FREYNE), Lucy Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279234

Born: 12 October 1915 at Knocknacurry, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Daughter of John Frain (Farmer) and Bridget Frain (née Regan), of Knocknacurry, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Trained: Burton-on-Trent General Infirmary, Staffordshire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104184].

Residence: Knocknacunny, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

Emigrated to Rhodesia circa 1948.

Married: 28 April 1951 at Salisbury, Rhodesia, Edward Fyfe (1913 – 1956).

Residence: Fairview Farm, Salisbury, Rhodesia. [1956].

Residence: Fordham Avenue, Greencroft P.O., Mablereign, Rhodesia.

Died: 30 June 2005 in Scotland. (?)

FRANKLIN, Helen

Hospital Nurse

Born: 27 April 1916 at Drumcliffe, County Sligo.

Daughter of John Franklin (Constable R.I.C.) and Mary Kate Franklin (née King), of Drumcliffe, County Sligo.

Trained: Park Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 10149].

Residence: Lambeth Hospital, Kennington, London S.E.11. [1940].

Killed in Air Raid on 11 January 1941 (aged 24) at Lambeth Hospital, London.

Described as an 'Irish Nurse' in the Newspapers.

[Civilian Deaths p. 1277].

GAFFNEY, Johanna

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 338033

Born: 28 February 1895, at John Street, New Ross, County Wexford.

Daughter of Philip Gaffney (Farmer) and Mary Anne Gaffney (née Doyle), of Ballygalvert, County Wexford.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, 1920 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 20 November 1925. (London). [Registration No. 40529].

Residence: Grange, Grantstown, County Waterford. [1928].

She was a Theatre Sister (TANS) in 1939.

Residence: Royal Infirmary, Cardiff. [1946].

GALLAHER, Kathleen Clara Isabella Davidson Layard Scott

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 21 August 1914 at 14 Lower Crescent, Belfast.

Daughter of George Gallaher (Bank Cashier) and Catherine Clara Gallaher (née Scott), of Claremont, Comber, County Down.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 19 December 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2547].

Residence: Myroe Lodge, Ballyholme, Bangor, County Down. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: By the Bridle, Withinlee, Prestbury, Cheshire. [1956].

Died: 06 December 1982 at Lee House, 2 Lancaster Avenue, Wimbledon, London.

Probate: 21 January 1983 (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Not exceeding £25,000.

GALWAY, Maggie Ann (Madge)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234386

Born: 12 January 1915 at Hollymount, Downpatrick, County Down.

Daughter of John Galway (Labourer) and Elizabeth Galway (née Maginiss), of Hollymount, Downpatrick, County Down.

Trained: Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton, affiliated to Clatterbridge (County) General Hospital, Bebington, Cheshire, 1935 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 108125].

Residence: Scotch Street, Downpatrick, County Down. [1943].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Shannon, New Bridge Street, Downpatrick, County Down. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: July 1945 at Preston, Lancashire, Alexander Green (1915 – 1979).

Died: 19 June 1981 at Freckleton Road, Southport, Lancashire.

Probate: 04 August 1981 (Liverpool). Effects: £47,126.00

GARA, Mary Anne (Maureen)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301727

Born: 18 January 1916 at Meenawaughran, Carrick, Lifford, County Donegal.

Daughter of Denis Gara (Farmer) and Mary Gara (née McLaughlin), of Meenawaughran, Carrick, Lifford, County Donegal.

She initially attended the National School in Meenaveen and at the age of ten moved to Carrick National School.

Trained: Bury Infirmary, Lancashire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 100886].

Residence: Meenawaughran, Carrick, Lifford, County Donegal. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

'On 14 June 1944, after the first Normandy landings, Maureen Gara, a Nursing Officer with 79th General Hospital, left in a convoy to set up a large field hospital at Bayeux. On the way to Southampton, people from towns and villages which had been devastated by German bombing cheered her and her colleagues through the streets. After a sleepless night on the troopship, she clambered down a scramble net into a landing craft, only to find that rough seas prevented the vessel from reaching shore for four hours. She spent her first night on land in trenches with a 24-hour ration pack for sustenance. There was a battle raging outside Caen, the racket was tremendous, and the ground shook beneath her.

At 10 o'clock the following morning, trucks took her to the site for the hospital. The place was buzzing with troops – Pioneers, Reme, Sappers and Royal Army Service Corps. The marquees were up, generators were humming, boiling water was bubbling in huge cauldrons, kitchens had been assembled and trenches dug. Crates were unpacked and an enormous Red Cross laid out. By four o'clock in the afternoon, the first casualties were arriving. Four hundred came in that night.

Mary Anne Gara, always known as Maureen, was the eldest of seven children in a family of subsistence farmers. She was born in rural Ireland, near Carrick, County Donegal, on 18 January 1916. Her mother died suddenly, and Maureen's aunt took over care of the family, leaving the girl free to pursue her ambition to become a nurse. Maureen went to a convent school and won a scholarship which enabled her to continue studying beyond the age of 14. After qualifying at a training school in Manchester, she volunteered to join the reserve of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Q.A.I.M.N.S.) and, in December 1943, was sent to the 79th General Hospital at Watford.

It was a mobilisation unit housed in the dreary, dark buildings of a St Agatha's orphanage. Gara was met by a woman in full battledress, boots and gaiters who trained her and the other nurses in military medical procedures, tentage and drill. The first task was to make up 600 bed rolls in readiness for deploying as a field hospital at the front. In April 1944, she moved to Peebles Hydro, Scotland, where she trained in chemical warfare and mountaineering. In May, the hospital moved to East Anglia with a large concentration of troops ready for D-Day. In her spare time, she and other nurses were sent out on to the lawns to sew a huge red cross made out of hessian.

The surgeons in the hospital in Normandy, she said afterwards, were the best that Britain could provide. Casualties had to be kept moving so that there were always trestle tables available. There was an airstrip nearby and an efficient evacuation system was organised. Penicillin was regarded as the new miracle drug but in emergencies there was not time to test patients for allergic reactions. On one occasion, a soldier that she was treating had a violent reaction to the drug and reached for a scalpel to kill himself. Only with great difficulty did she prevent him doing so. The alarm was raised one night when movement was spotted in bushes near the sleeping quarters. The hunt for a suspected prowling German soldier was called off when the real culprit, a stray cow, poked its head into Gara's tent.

While she was in Normandy, she used to watch the Luftwaffe bombers flying overhead on bombing raids. They deliberately avoided bombing the hospital area and one particular aircraft with distinctive markings always dipped its wing as it passed over the hospital. Some years later, at an event in Germany, Maureen Gara mentioned this. One of the pilots present said: "Madam, that was my plane." In September, Gara moved with the hospital to Holland for the battles of Arnhem and the Rhine crossing. On the way, she stopped in Brussels for her first proper bath since leaving England.

After the war, she applied to join the Regular Q.A.I.M.N.S., later designated the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (Q.A.R.A.N.C.) and was posted to India. She

subsequently served in the Middle East, in Singapore and at the Commonwealth Hospital, Terendak, Melaka, Malaysia, where she was deputy matron.

In 1967, she was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and posted to the Q.A.R.A.N.C. training centre as chief instructor. Two years later, she was awarded the Royal Red Cross for excellence in military nursing, and she moved to the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank, as matron. She retired in 1971. Settled in the Aldershot area, she became involved with the Normandy Veterans and Queen Alexandra Associations and served as a trustee and subsequently chairman of the latter for a total of 11 years. She never lost her love of her native Ireland and its traditional music – her father and two of her brothers played the fiddle. She also enjoyed travelling and went on several world cruises.

In 2004, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day, a stamp of St Vincent and the Grenadines was printed in her honour. Maureen Gara died on 19 October 2009. She never married.' [The Telegraph 27 December 2009].

She was awarded the Royal Red Cross medal 1st Class in 1969 for having displayed "special devotion and competency in her nursing duties."

Also, in her honour, in 1999, a ward was dedicated to her in the Ministry of Defence Hospital, in Northallerton, Yorkshire.

Died: 19 October 2009 at Farnham, Surrey.

GARDNER, Annie Marie (Mary)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218360

Born: 09 April 1916, at Ballyrobin, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Daughter of William James Gardner (Farmer) and Lizzie Gardner (née Killough), of Ballyrobin, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1935 – 1938.

Registration: 31 March 1939. [Registration No. 2619].

Residence: c/o Lloyds Bank, Victoria Road, Aldershot. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1942.

Died At Sea on the 07 December 1942 (aged 26 years) on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.

'Nurse [Annie Mary] Gardiner [sic] came from Ballyrobin, near Stranocum. She also trained at Belfast City Hospital, and qualified in February 1939. Like Nurse McMillen she went to the Middle East after she entered Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. The boat on which she sailed was torpedoed off the West Coast of Africa, and she and her close friend, Nurse [Isabella] Burrowes [sic], belonging to County Cavan, were among the victims.'

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

GARVIN, Phillis (Phyllis) Helena Jean (Jane)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309114

Born: 04 March 1917 at Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry.

Daughter of George Robert Garvin (Farmer) and Sarah Susan Garvin (née McQuillan), of Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 19 December 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2730].

Residence: Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

Died: 16 June 2010 in Wellington, New Zealand.

[Younger Sister of Sarah Susan Garvin – see below]

GARVIN, Sarah Susan (Dolly)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208237

Born: 08 June 1914 at Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry.

Daughter of George Robert Garvin (Farmer) and Sarah Susan Garvin (née McQuillan), of Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 08 December 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2382].

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital (?), Belfast, 1937 – 1938. (?) [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 01 November 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1980].

Residence: Tamnadoey, Moneymore, County Derry. [1943].

Residence: c/o Springkell Sanatorium, P.O. North Rand, Johannesburg, South Africa. [1951].

Residence: Mufulira, Northern Rhodesia. [1956; 1959].

Residence: Mt. Edgumbe Street, New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand. [1969].

Residence: Paynters, New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand. [1972].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: 07 February 1959 at Nkana-Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, James Norris Heaton (1921 – 2004).

Died: 22 October 1973 at New Plymouth, New Zealand.

Buried: Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth, New Plymouth District, Taranaki, New Zealand.

[Older Sister of Phillis (Phyllis) Helena Jean (Jane) Garvin – see above]

GATELY, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325786

Born: 05 July 1914 at Feevagh, Dysart, Ballinasloe, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Michael Gately (Farmer) and Bridget Gately (née Naughton), of Feevagh, Dysart, Ballinasloe, County Roscommon.

Trained: Royal United Hospital, Bath, Somerset, March 1933 – March 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 84714].

Registration: 15 May 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7407].

Residence: Feevagh, Dysart, Ballinasloe, County Galway/Roscommon. [1937; 1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Died: 19 February 1983.

Buried: Dysart Cemetery, County Roscommon.

'In loving memory of, Bernard Gately (sic), Breda, died, Sept. 13th, 1969, his wife, Catherine, died, Aug. 24th 1969, their son, Brien, died, Nov.3rd '933, and their daughter, Kathleen, died, Feb. 19th. 1983.'

GILL, Catherine Agnes (Kathleen)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305737

Born: 18 April 1916 at Kilronan, Inishmore, Aran Islands, County Galway.

Daughter of Robert Gill (Landholder and Boatwright) and Barbara Gill (née O'Flaherty), of Kilronan, Inishmore, Aran Islands, County Galway.

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118781].

Residence: Kilronan, Inishmore, Aran Islands, County Galway. [1943].

Residence: Lynmouth Drive, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex. [1946].

Residence: Carlyon Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex. [1980].

Died: 09 December 1980 at Duke of York's Royal Military School Hospital, Dover, Kent.

Probate: 12 February 1981 (Ipswich). Effects: £14,820.00.

GLENNON, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306865

Born: 20 January 1920 at Edgeworthstown, County Longford.

Daughter of James Glennon (Farmer) and Catherine (Kate) Glennon (née Hosey), of Edgeworthstown, County Longford.

Trained: The County Hospital, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 121086].

Residence: Aughafin, Edgeworthstown, County Longford. [1946].

Residence: Skycoor House, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, County Galway (sic). [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Married: after 1943, Unknown Briscoe.

GLENNON, Philomena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345757

Born: 16 February 1910 at Esker, Taughmaconnell, County Roscommon.

Daughter of William Glennon (Farmer) and Mary Glennon (née Foley), of Esker, Taughmaconnell, County Roscommon.

Trained: Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, London, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 82499].

Residence: Nurses' Home, Seaman's Hospital, King William Street, Greenwich, London. [1933; 1934; 1936].

Residence: Esker House, Taughmaconnell, Ballinasloe, County Roscommon. [1937; 1940; 1943].

Residence: National Service Hostel, Birmingham Road, Redditch, Worcestershire. [1939 – 1945; 1945 - 1946]. (?)

Residence: Skycoor House, Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, County Galway (sic). [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

Philomena was a Cabin Class Passenger on the ship *Orontes* which sailed from Durban, South Africa and docked at Southampton on 26 November 1946. Philomena embarked at Mombasa, Kenya.

She was 36 years old. Her proposed address in the U.K. was given as 'Parochial House, Duriry (sic), Loughsea (sic), Ireland.' [Duniry, Loughrea, County Galway]. Her occupation was recorded as 'Nursing Sister.' Her country of last permanent residence was Kenya. Her country of intended future permanent residence was listed as England. There were a number of other Nursing Sisters travelling on the ship.

Residence: Norfolk Square, Paddington, London. [1951; 1953].

Residence: Nurses' Co-operation, Langham Street, Marylebone, London. [1961 - 1965].

GLYNN, Ellen Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: 05 June 1918, at Knockadaff, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Daughter of James Glynn (Farmer) and Eveline Glynn (née O'Hara), of Knockadaff, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Trained: Central Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940 (London). [Registration No. 106336].

Residence: Oxhill, Knockvicar, Boyle, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

GORMAN, Isobel Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279544

Born: 29 March 1920 at Ballybeg, Kells, County Meath.

Daughter of James Gorman (Station Master) and Ellen Gorman (née McCann), of Ballybeg, Kells, County Meath.

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115883].

Residence: Station House, St. Johnston, County Donegal. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

She applied for membership of the Burma Star Association in December 1965.

She had served with the 49th. and 44th. I. G. H. (Indian General Hospital).

Her address (in 1965) was Vernon Grove, Clontarf, County Dublin.

GOWING, Eileen Hilda

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279598

Born: 14 April 1920 at Kilmadum, Kilkieran, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Alfred William Gowing (Farmer) and Martha Hilda Gowing (née Mitchell), of

Trained: Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108180].

Registration: 04 November 1943. (Scotland). [Registration No. 16075]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Whitepark, Ballyfoyle, County Kilkenny. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1943.

Residence: West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, Fulham, London. [1956].

GOWRAN, Brigid (Bridie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309896

Born: 10 May 1914, at Hightown, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Michael Gowran (Carpenter & Farmer) and Mary Anne Gowran (née Gorman), of Hightown, Killucan, County Westmeath.

Trained: King's College Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106002].

Residence: Hightown, Killucan, County Westmeath. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

Brigid was listed as an A-Class Passenger on the ship Strathmore which sailed from Southampton on 21 November 1947 bound for Bombay, India. She was 33 years old. She had contracted to disembark at Bombay, India. Her occupation was given as 'Nurse.' Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as 107 Oveday Road, London W.13. Her country of last permanent residence was England. Her country of intended future permanent residence was listed as India.

Residence: King Edward Hospital, Mattock Lane, Ealing, London. [1947; 1948; 1949].

Married: after 1949 (?), Goodwin N. Purcell (1908 – 1975).

Died: 1986 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Buried: Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

GRACEY, Iris Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270957

Born: 28 August 1918, at Tullgarven (?), Drumlin, Magheralin, County Down.

Daughter of Henry Gracey (Farmer) and Mary Emma Gracey (née Matthews), of Drumlin, Magheralin, County Down.

Trained: East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106999].

Trained: City Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Leicester, 1941 – 1942. [Fever].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 12635].

Residence: Diamond House, Kilfullert, Magheralin, County Down. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

GRADY, Mary Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279595

Born: 25 October 1917 at Cahircanivan, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Daughter of Patrick Grady (Farmer) and Sarah Grady (née Daly), of Cahircanivan, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Trained: Victoria Hospital, Lewes, affiliated to Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, East Sussex, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102114].

Residence: Cahircanivan, Kilmihil, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

GRAHAM, JANE

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225444

Born: 03 August 1908, at Carmavey, Killead, County Antrim.

Daughter of William Graham (Farmer) and Jane Graham (nee Johnston), of Loanends, Carmavey, Killead, County Antrim.

Trained: General Infirmary, Leeds, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 74912].

Residence: Carmavey, Muckamore, County Antrim. [1937, 1940, 1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1942.

Awarded the Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) in December 1944.

Awarded the B.E.M. (British Empire Medal) for meritorious service.

[Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 29 December 1944].

GRAY, Grace Marjorie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208252

Born: 29 June 1912 at Clonbeg Rectory, Bansha, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Robert Samuel Gray (Church of Ireland Clergyman) and Winifred Peachey Gray (née Halsted), of Clonbeg Rectory, Bansha, County Tipperary.

Trained: Liverpool City Hospitals, Group 1, Lancashire, 1932 – 1934. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 15 March 1935. (London). [Registration No. 7076].

Trained: Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95062].

Residence: Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, London E.15. [1937].

Residence: Mogorban Rectory, Fethard, County Tipperary. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: between 1946 and 1951, Unknown George.

GREENE, Emelda

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305627

Born: 13 October 1918 at Boulabrien (?) , Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Daniel Greene (Farmer) and Mary Greene (née Pyne), of Boulabrien (?), Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106614].

Residence: Boulybrien, Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare. [1943; 1946; 1950].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.



John Greene, Trainee Nurse, 1939 (Courtesy Greene Family)

GREENE, John (James)

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 09 September 1916 at Moy[ralla], Kilfiddane, Kildysart, County Clare.

[In the 1939 Register (and elsewhere) his birth is given as 08 September 1916].

Son of John Greene (Farmer) and Mary Greene (née Chambers),
Moy[ralla], Kilfiddane, Kildysart, County Clare.

Trained: Herrison Hospital, Dorchester, Dorset, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 9101]. [Mental Nursing].

Residence: Rock Avenue, Gillingham, Kent. [1946].

Married: July – September 1942 at Chatham, Kent, Betty Mary Rickers
(Born 07 April 1916. Died 24 September 2009).

Died: 01 May 2001.



John Greene, HMS Vita, 1944 (Courtesy Greene Family)

Obituary (The Guardian 23 May 2001).

‘Bringing about a revolution in the world of psychiatric nursing

John Greene, who has died aged 84, was part of a revolution that transformed the low status of psychiatric nursing into an admired service. After being appointed, in 1964, as chief nurse of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, with psychiatric and general hospitals under his care, he introduced the new concept of community psychiatric nursing, an innovation that was to spread nationwide.

It was then too that he became a member of the Salmon committee on senior nursing staff structure. He worked closely with Muriel Powell, matron of St George’s hospital, London - developing, in the process, a lifelong family friendship - and the committee’s 1966 report led to fundamental change. In the 1974 National Health Service reorganisation, Greene was appointed area nursing officer for Gloucestershire, where he implemented the new structures from the Salmon report.

Greene was one of the founders - and first president - of an association for chief male nurses, and, by 1976, had negotiated the formation of the Chief and Principal Nurses Association, which included the Association of Hospital Matrons, and the Matrons of the Mental Hospitals and Mental Handicap Hospitals. It was a decisive point in nursing history, marking the end of matrons in hospitals, and Greene became the new association's first male president.

He was born at Moyralla, Co Clare, Ireland, where his parents farmed. When he was eight, his mother died, following the birth of her 10th child, and, at 18, he moved to England, where his brother was already working in private nursing; six of his nine siblings became nurses.

In 1937, he obtained his Royal Medico-Psychological Association certificate from the Herrison county mental hospital, Dorset, where he worked until the second world war. He then joined the navy, as one of only six mentally-trained nurses, and was posted to the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham. The first thing done was to get rid of straitjackets, and staff used the padded cells to sleep in during air raids. At this time, Greene met and married Betty Rickers, a biology lecturer. Then came two years as a sick-birth attendant on the hospital ship Vita, sailing from India to South Africa. The absence of institutional bureaucracy enabled Greene and his colleagues to demonstrate their skills in direct patient care. By the end of the war, he was shore-based in Ceylon, dealing with traumatised ex-prisoners of war. In March 1946, he returned to Herrison hospital and was quickly promoted to assistant chief male nurse. He became deputy chief, and then chief male nurse, at the progressive Moorhaven hospital in Plymouth. Under his guidance, the hospital gained national recognition, and he encouraged nurses from other hospitals to gain experience in psychiatric nursing there.

The King's Fund health-care charity began to send matrons and administrators on placement, and Greene began part-time lecturing at the fund. He was also the first man to be awarded a British Commonwealth Nurses War Memorial Fund Scholarship, enabling him to study hospital systems in Scandinavia. Then came Cornwall. Greene served on many hospital boards of inspection and education, and on many inquiries into mental hospital scandals. He never lost his nursing roots, and, as a senior administrator, spent his last working day as a nurse on one of the wards before retiring in 1978. Having collected and studied the history of tiles in hospitals all his life, he and his wife published *Brightening The Long Days* (1987), an illustrated book on the use of pictorial tiles in children's wards. This led to a renewed interest in this early form of art therapy. Greene also wrote about his eventful early life in *Dominic Remembers: A Life In County Clare, 1916-1935*. He is survived by his wife and their sons, Patrick and Kevin.' See also Ethel Corduff, *Ireland's Loss: Britain's Gain: Irish Nurses in Britain* (2021).

GREENE, Norah

Territorial Army Nursing Service. (?)

Service Number: 213362

Born: 17 January 1906 at Kilbaha, Kilrush, County Clare.

Daughter of Jeremiah Greene (Farmer) and Mary (Maria) Greene (née Greene), of Kilbaha, Kilrush, County Clare.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, 1928 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 66325].

Residence: Kilbaha, Kilree, County Clare. [1934; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

GREGAN, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 08 September 1914 at Knock, Inch, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Gregan (Farmer) and Mary Gregan (née Fitzgerald), of Knock, Inch, Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: Withington Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 101641].

In late 1939 she was working as a Private Nurse ('Travelling').

Residence: Strinesdale (Tuberculosis) Sanatorium, Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire. [1939].

Residence: Knock, Inch, Ennis, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

GREHAN, Ita

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316414

Born: 05 January 1919 at Milltownpass, County Westmeath.

Daughter of James Grehan (National School Teacher) and Mary Grehan (née Ennis), of Milltownpass, County Westmeath.

Trained: Bolingbroke Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112806].

Residence: Iona, Milltownpass, County Westmeath. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

GUILFOYLE, Catherine (Bridget)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279673

Born: 12 January 1918 at Lisheen, Templetuohy, Templemore, County Tipperary.

Daughter of James Guilfoyle (Farmer) and Sarah Guilfoyle (née Fogarty), of Lisheen, Templetuohy, Templemore, County Tipperary.

Trained: Bromley and District Hospital, London, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104165].

Residence: Lisheen, Templetuohy, Templemore, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Married: unknown date, Owen. (?)

HAHESY, Shiela (sic) (Sheila)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 317872

Born: 04 November 1920 at Bishopsgate Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Patrick Hahesy (Railway Clerk) and Julia Hahesy (née Cribbin), of Bishopsgate Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 122312].

Residence: 8 Ind. C.C.S., S.E.A.C. [South East Asia Command], Singapore. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Married: October – December 1953 at Dublin South, James Murphy (1921 – 1995).

Residence: Kirkstall Lane, Headingley, Leeds, Yorkshire. [1989].

Died: 24 November 1989 at Headingley, Leeds, Yorkshire.

Probate: 28 December 1989 (Leeds). Effects: Not exceeding £100,000.

HALL, Isobel Irene

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213441

Born: 11 October 1911, at Hill Side Terrace, Dorans Hill, Newry, County Down.

Younger daughter of (the late) William Frederick Hall (Buyer) and Annie Elizabeth Hall (née Miller), of Hill Side Terrace, Dorans Hill, Newry, County Down.

Trained: Homoeopathic Hospital, Bristol, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1934. (London). [Registration No. 72570].

Residence: Boveedy Manse, Kilrea, County Derry. [1937, 1940].

Residence: Moira, Burnside Road, Portstewart, County Derry. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Married: On the 01 March 1942, at St. George's Garrison Church, Alexandria, Egypt, Lieutenant Charles Cyril Stock, King's Own Royal Regiment, younger son of Mr. Charles Stock and Mrs. Stock (née ...), from Beckenham, Kent.

HALL, Louisa Amie (Annie) Phillis (sic)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215936

Born: 15 September 1914 at Kilcoursey, Edgeworthstown, County Longford.

Daughter of George Hall (Farmer) and Louisa Hall (née Wright),
of Kilcoursey, Edgeworthstown, County Longford.

Trained: Guy's Hospital, London, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102259].

Residence: Kilcoursey House, Edgeworthstown, County Longford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

HALL, Noel Irene

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215371

Born: 25 December 1916, at Annaboe, Richhill, County Armagh.

Daughter of George Hall (Farmer) and Susan Hall (née Troughton), of Annaboe, Richhill, County Armagh.

Trained: Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey, Cheshire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 100001].

Residence: Anaboe House, Kilmore, County Armagh. [1940, 1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

She was bridesmaid to her friend and cousin (?), Eileen Trouton (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), also
from Portadown, at her wedding in Belfast on the 11 September 1942.

[Belfast Telegraph Friday 11 September 1942].

HALLAHAN, Catherine Aloysius

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 19 April 1913 at Tinniscart, Aglish, Cappoquin, County Waterford.

Daughter of Thomas Hallahan (Farmer) and Julianne Hallahan (née
Cummins), of Tinniscart, Aglish, Cappoquin, County Waterford.

Trained: St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, Lancashire, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1934. (London). [Registration No. 73711].

Trained: Municipal Hospital, Birkenhead, Cheshire, 1934 – 1935 (?). [C.M.B. Examination].
[Midwifery].

Registration: 23 February 1935. (London). [Registration No. 92160].

Trained: City Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds, West Yorkshire, 1935 – 1936. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 8426].

In late 1939 she was a Student Health Visitor

Residence: Tinniscart House, Villierstown, Cappoquin, County Waterford. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Residence: 31 Bentley Road, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1939].

HALLAHAN, Mary Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208490

Born: 26 October 1913 at Main Street, Dunmanway, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis Hallahan (Merchant Tailor) and Hannah Hallahan (née Donovan), of Main Street, Dunmanway, County Cork.

Trained: The County Hospital, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 91105].

In September 1939 she was working as a Private Nurse (Hospital).

Residence: Deptford, London S.E.14. [1939].

Residence: Main Street, Dunmanway, County Cork. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 04 October 1986 at 15 Kilbride Road, Killester, Dublin. [**? SAME PERSON**].

Probate: 24 August (London). Effects: £30,952.00

HALLIGAN, Nora Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345059

Born: 12 March 1910 at Drumart, Loughgall, County Armagh.

Daughter of John Halligan (Farmer) and Jane Halligan (née Redmond), of Drumart, Loughgall, County Armagh.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, March 1932 – June 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5934].

Registration: 22 April 1938. (London). [Registration No. 92848].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Wright, 19 Winn Road, Southampton, Hampshire. [1939].

Residence: Drumart House, Loughgall, County Armagh. [1940; 1943; 1946 (sic); 1948; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Residence: c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Dorking, Surrey. [1946 (sic)].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1945.

Died: 2004 at Drumart, Loughgall, County Armagh.

HANLY, Kathleen (Mary ?)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 07 October 1898, at Drimalough, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Patrick Hanly (Landholder) and Kate Hanly (née Cahill), of Drimalough, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, London, 1919 – 1922. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 December 1923. (London). [Registration No. 25968].

Residence: Kent Nursing Institution, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. [1925].

Residence: Drimalough, Castlerea, County Roscommon. [1928; 1931].

Residence: c/o Mrs J. Rogers, Carramore, Castlerea, County Roscommon. [1934; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London W2. [1937].

HANNA, Amy Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208506

Born: 14 August 1915 at Brookvale, Smithboro', County Monaghan.

Daughter of Thomas William Hanna (Farmer) and Ruth Whitsitt Hanna (née Betty), of Brookvale, Smithboro', County Monaghan.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, November 1936 – March 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 02 August 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7027].

Residence: Brookvale, Smithboro', County Monaghan. [1943; 1946].

Residence: The Bungalow, Brandrum, Kilmore, County Monaghan. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

Married: between 1943 and 1946, Unknown MacKenzie.

HANNON, Kathleen Frances Paulenes (Paulinis)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348101

Born: 30 June 1918 at Parkgate, Dunmurry, Belfast.

Daughter of Michael Hannon (R.I.C. Constable) and Catherine (Katie) Hannon (née McArdle), of Parkgate, Dunmurry, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, 1937 - 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108605].

Registration: 24 June 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 4821].

Residence: 51 Cardigan Drive, Belfast. [1946; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

Married: 22 September 1948 at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Belfast, Dr. Denis Irwin Peacock (1920 – 2013).

Died: circa April 1997 at Chelmsford, Essex.

[See Newspaper account below]

Redcar Doctor's Marriage

'At the Sacred Heart RC Church, Belfast, on Wednesday, the Rev Father P. McGouran officiated at the marriage between Dr Denis Irwin Peacock, son of Mr and Mrs H.I. Peacock, of 6 Dene Grove, Redcar and Miss Kathleen Hannon, daughter of Mr and the late Mrs M. Hannon, of 51 Cardigan Drive, Belfast. The bride was given away by her father and Miss Margaret Hannon was the bridesmaid. Dr G. Early was the best man. The bridegroom was a student at the Coatham School, a captain in the RAMC during the last war and is in practice a Murton Colliery'.

Cleveland Standard, 24th September 1948

HARKLEY, Selina (Selena)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322158

Born: 20 March 1919 at Magherascullion, Moneymore, County Derry.

Daughter of Thomas Barkley (Farmer) and Selina Barkley (née Taylor), of Magherascullion, Moneymore, County Derry.

Trained: Birkenhead Municipal Hospital, 1939 - 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 120602].

Residence: Magherascullion, Moneymore, County Derry. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

HART, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208398

Born: 10 March 1916 at Mogeely, Castlemartyr, County Cork.

Daughter of John Hart (Blacksmith) and Catherine (Kate) Hart (née Wallace), of Mogeely, Castlemartyr, County Cork.

Trained: Albert Dock Hospital, associated with Hospital for Women, Soho Square, London, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115262].

Residence: Mogeely, Castlemartyr, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

HASLETT, Avril

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service

Service Number: 213436

Born: ? [India ?]

Daughter of John Courtenay Haslett (Born 16 November 1856 in Belfast), the son of John Wilson Haslett, a druggist. He studied medicine at Q.U.B. Joined R.A.M.C. He married Sydney [Sidonia?] Rees in July 1888 at St. Giles, London. She died on the 13 July 1907 at Allahabad, India. He was a Lieutenant-Colonel then. [Belfast News-Letter - 16 July 1907 p.01].

He is recorded as marrying, in the District of St. Giles, on the third quarter of 1888.

1891 Census: They were living in the parish of St. Leonard, Devon. Sydney was 28 years old. She was born circa 1863 in Cardiff, Glamorgan, Wales

He died 01 May 1939 at 2 Adelaide Park, Belfast.

[Ulster Doctors Vol. 01 p.454]

Trained: Guy's Hospital, London 1931 – 1934.

Registration: 15 March 1935 (London). [Registration No.

Residence: Moylena, Muckamore, County Antrim [1937, 1940, 1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Awarded R.R.C. 2nd. Class – She was listed as from Muckamore, Co. Antrim].

[Supplement to the London Gazette, 11 October 1945 p.5000]. [See Award Citation below]

Transcript:

[See **S. HASLETT** – Below]

Transcript:

‘For ten months this lady was assistant-matron of 3 General Hospital and for the last 6 months acting-matron of 16 combined general hospital. Throughout her term in the M.E. she has shown great devotion to duty and in her present position by her tact, sympathetic bearing and good control, she has brought good nursing and efficient care to this hospital which deals with British and Indian casualties’ (6th Jan 1944)

Died: 11 May 1984 at Eversley House Nursing Home, Aldwick Avenue, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Probate: 12 July 1984 (London). Effects: Not exceeding £40,000.00

[Older Sister of Wilhelmina Henrietta HASLETT – See below]

HASLETT, S.

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service (?)

Service Number:

Daughter of John Courtenay Haslett (Born 16 November 1856 in Belfast), the son of John Wilson Haslett, a druggist. He studied medicine at Q.U.B. Joined R.A.M.C. He married Sydney [Sidonia?] Rees in July 1888 at St. Giles, London. She died on the 13 July 1907 at Allahabad, India. He was a Lieutenant-Colonel then. [Belfast News-Letter - 16 July 1907 p.01].

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[Ulster Doctors Vol. 01 p.454]

Nursing at the British Military Hospital at Kassasine, Egypt. She, and several other nurses, received the Medal of Merit from King Farouk for nursing him after a motoring incident.

She was the daughter of Major and Mrs. Haslett, Moylena Cottage, Muckamore, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. [Ballymena Observer, Friday 21 January 1944].

[See **Avril HASLETT** – Above].

HASLETT, Wilhelmina Henrietta

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206187

Born: 14 March 1907 at 97 Agincourt Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of William Henry Haslett (Clerk in Holy Orders) of Wellington, Staffordshire, England and Sarah Haslett (née Bingham), of 97 Agincourt Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Middlesex Hospital, London, 1926 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1930. (London). [Registration No. 57590].

Residence: 2 – 8 Mortimer Street, London W.1. [1930].

Residence: Gleneely Rectory, Moville, County Donegal. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Residence: Prentis Road, Streatham, London S.W.16. [1946].

Married: 1945 – 1946 (?) in India, Wilfred Cruwys Dracup (1901 – 1961), a Major in the Green Howards.

She was stationed in India for a time. She was listed as Wilhelmina Dracup, a passenger, on the S.S. Mauretania, travelling from India, which docked at Liverpool on 22 May 1946. Her occupation was 'Nurse'. Her home address was given as 42 Prentis Road, Streatham, London, S.W.

Died: 10 February 1986 at Eversley House, Nursing Home, Aldwick Avenue, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Probate: 25 April 1986 (London). Effects: £62,541.00

[Younger Sister of Isabella Bingham HASLETT – See above]

HAYES, Angelina Theresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206188

Born: 29 January 1907 at Myross (sic), Union Hall, Leap, County Cork.

Daughter of John Hayes (Publican) and Anne Hayes (née O'Driscoll), of Union Hall, Leap, County Cork.

Trained: Mayday Road Hospital, Thornton Heath, Surrey, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 11 March 1931. (London). [Registration No. 59808].

Residence: Union Hall, Leap, County Cork. [1934; 1937].

Residence: Redland Avenue, Carlton, Nottingham. [1940].

Residence: Besecar Avenue, Westdall Lane, Gedling, Nottingham. [1943].

Residence: Woodborough Road, Nottingham. [1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 15 April 1998 at Union Hall, Leap, County Cork.

Buried: Rosscarberry Cemetery, County Cork.

HAYES, Annie Maud

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215268

Born: 10 June 1907 at 29 Aberfoyle Terrace, Londonderry.

Daughter of Humphrey Hayes (Commercial Traveller) and Dinah Elizabeth Hayes (née Wilson), of 29 Aberfoyle Terrace, Londonderry.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2281].

Residence: 6 Woodland Avenue, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Residence: Waterford Lane, Lymington, Hampshire. [1982].

Died: 'Last seen alive on 05 March 1982. Dead body found 08 March 1982.' [Hampshire].

Probate: 28 April 1982 (Winchester). Effects: £18,613.00

HAYES, Lilian McCarthy

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218405

Born:

Daughter of ...

Trained: South Charitable Infirmary and County Hospital, Cork, 1912 – 1915. [Certificate].

Registration: 21 March 1924. (London). [Registration No. 29494].

Residence: Gloun (sic) na Smol (Gleann na Smol), Skibbereen, County Cork. [1925; 1928; 1931; 1934].

Residence: Oxford Terrace, London W.2. [1937].

Residence: Sussex Gardens, Sussex Place, London W.2. [1940].

Residence: Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London N.W.8. [1943].

Residence: c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Wigmore Street, London W.1. [1946].

Residence: Brownlow Road, Reading, Berkshire. [1954].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

HAYES, Mollie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208511

Born: Dublin (?).

Trained: Southwark Infirmary, Dulwich, London, November 1913 – November 1916. [Certificate].

Registration: 10 May 1923. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 1639].

Residence: Gardiner's Place, Dublin. [1939; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

HAYES, Theresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208392

Born: 17 November 1896, at Island, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Daughter of John Hayes (Farmer) and Catherine Hayes (née Carroll), of Island, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, 1921 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 17 October 1924. (London). [Registration No. 33530].

Residence: Private Nurses' Association, 195 Lloyd Street, Greenhayes, Manchester. [1925].

Residence: 10 Dennison Road, Victoria Park, Manchester. [1928].

Residence: The Island, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary. [1931; 1934; 1937].

Residence: Clarence Road, Bexley Heath, Kent. [1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was registered as living at 16 Clarence Road, Bexley Heath, Kent.

She was a 'District Nurse.'

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

HEAFEY, Helena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206212

Born: 22 June 1906 at Ballynalahessery, Dungarvan, County Waterford.

Daughter of James Heafey (Farmer) and Ellen Heafey (née McGrath), of Ballynalahessery, Dungarvan, County Waterford.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, July 1927 – July 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 23 July 1930. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 4181].

Residence: Sisters' Quarters, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, London S.E. 18. [1937; 1938].

Residence: Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, London S.E. 18. [1939].

Residence: Lloyd's Bank, Woolwich, London S.E. 18. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Appointed as J. Cmdr. In February 1949.

She was awarded A.R.R.C. in 1958 – she was a Major in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. by this time.

Recommendation of Sister Helena Heafey for award of Royal Red Cross (Associate) (1958)
(W.O. 373/165, TNA, London)

Transcript from recommendation:

'An officer with 25 years service, who has always upheld the highest tradition of nursing. By her untiring energy, enthusiasm, wise leadership and tact, she has maintained a high standard of nursing in her very busy hospital in Cyprus and provided the utmost care and comfort within her means for all her patients. This officer is confidently recommended for the award of the A.R.R.C.' (Jan 1958)

Died: 08 November 1980 at Creevelea House, Layton, County Meath.

Probate: 13 May 1981 (London). Effects: £26,981.00

HEANEY, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257793

Born: 04 January 1916 at Turnpike, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Edward Heaney (Shoemaker) and Kate Heaney (née Moore), of Turnpike, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Trained: County Hospital, Chatham, Kent, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107583].

Residence: Ormond Street, Nenagh, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

HEARNS, Norah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318117

Born: 28 March 1917 at Hill Street, Ballina, County Mayo.

Daughter of Patrick Hearn (Fisherman) and Katie Hearn (née Mangan), of Hill Street, Ballina, County Mayo.

Trained: New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 101411].

Residence: Mill Street, Ballina, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Married: July 1946 at Leeds, Unknown Turner. (?)

HEARTY, Brigid

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 287366

Born: 13 August 1918 at Dorsey, Cullyhanna, County Armagh.

Daughter of Michael Hearty (Farmer) and Mary Anne Hearty (née Quigley), of Dorsey, Cullyhanna, County Armagh.

Trained: Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, 1936 - 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104020].

Residence: Dorsey Cross Roads, Cullyhanna, County Armagh. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

Residence: King Edward Hospital, Mattock Lane, Ealing, London. [1948].

Residence: St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, Chelsea, London. [1954; 1955; 1956].

HEATON, Mabel Constance

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206213

Born: 11 May 1900 at Lock Mills, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Samuel Heaton (Woollen Manufacturer) and Emily Heaton (née Davis), of Lock Mills, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: Royal Free Hospital, London, 1930 - 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1933. (London). [Registration No. 70002].

Residence: The Willows, Athlone, County Westmeath. [1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: Oakwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London N.W.11. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Staff Nurse in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 01 June 1934.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

HEFFERNAN, Josephine Angela

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208494

Born: 25 August 1914 at Knockelly Castle, Fethard, County Tipperary.

Daughter of John Heffernan (Farmer) and Mary Heffernan (née Heffernan), of Knockelly Castle, Fethard, County Tipperary.

Trained: Providence Free Hospital, St. Helens, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 94074].

Residence: Knockelly Castle, Fethard, County Tipperary. [1940; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

HENNELLY, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 297458

Born: 21 September 1917 at Garraun, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Peter Hennelly (Farmer) and Mary Anne Hennelly (née Connolly), of Garraun, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Trained: Saffron Walden General Hospital, affiliated to Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Essex, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112704].

Residence: Garraun, CloghJordan, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

HENNESSY, Margaret Mary Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270495

Born: 13 May 1920 at Knockacree, Castledermot, County Kildare.

Daughter of Patrick Hennessy (Farmer) and Mary Anne Hennessy (née Byrne), of Knockacree, Castledermot, County Kildare.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, June 1938 – June 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 01 October 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7621].

Residence: Knockacree, Castledermot, County Kildare. [1943].

HENNIGAN, Katie(Patricia)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279227

Born: 15 November 1918 at Milltown, Killasser, County Mayo.

Daughter of John Hennigan (Farmer) and Bridget Hennigan (née Connor), of Milltown, Killasser, County Mayo.

Trained: Shrodell's Hospital, Watford, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115243].

Residence: Milltown, Killasser, Swinford, County Mayo. [1943].

Married: 24 April 1948 at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St. Andrew, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, John McAndrew (1920 – 1991), son of John McAndrew and Ellen McAndrew (née Gallagher), of Belmullet, County Mayo.

From An Interview With Katie Patricia Hennigan

(Posted 13 May 2009 by Anne Kelly)

'My mother Bridget was born in 1877 and my father John in 1878. My mother met my father when she travelled from America to stay with her parents in Ireland. They fell in love and married in 1909. I was born in 1918 on the 15th. November - Victory Day. My brother Francis died in 1924 aged 11 from rheumatic fever. In 1926 my father died leaving my mother to run the farm with my older brother Jack - and bring up the rest of the family. I started school in 1924. In 1933 I went to High school until 1937, with my mother paying for me after the age of 14. I matriculated in Irish, English, Botany, French, and Maths. When I think how much I laughed there!

In October 1937 I left Ireland to train as a nurse. I had already started to go out with Jack McAndrew in Ireland, but I wanted to become a nurse and see a bit of the world before I married. I trained at Watford Shrodell's Hospital until 1941. I started to do staff nursing and fever training then. I was waiting for my friend to finish her exams, as we were going to join the Queen Alexandra Royal Nursing Corps together. It didn't work out. She was called up before me and went to North Africa. I was posted to West Africa.

As Lieutenant Hennigan, in 1943 I caught malaria in West Africa. I spent a couple of months in Northern Ireland, then was posted to Europe to the 108th British Military Hospital and celebrated V Day and VJ Day in Brussels. Demob came in 1946.

I married Jack and had four children. Then, in 1963 I started work as a nurse again. In 1975 I went to Israel, Turkey in 1980 and witnessed a military coup. In 1983 I retired from nursing.

I've had an exciting and exhilarating life. On a troopship I received a signal wishing me a future of nothing but prosperity and happiness. I've certainly had the happiness!

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: 31 March 2006 at Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

HENRY, Henrietta Emma Olivia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313235

Born: 27 February 1911 at Ballyetherland, Dunkineely, Lifford, County Donegal.

Daughter of James Oliver Henry (Farmer) and Florence Emma Kilby Henry (née McClintock), of Ballyetherland, Dunkineely, Lifford, County Donegal.

Trained: Ilford Isolation Hospital, Romford, Essex, 1932 – 1935. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 7858].

Trained: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95928].

Trained: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire (?), 1938.
[C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery Roll of Scotland].

Registration: 26 July 1938. (Scotland). [Registration No. 14580].

Residence: Ballyetherland, Dunkineely, Lifford, County Donegal. [1937;
1940; 1941; 1943 -1946; 1948; 1951; 1954; 1957].

Residence: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., Hatfield, Hertfordshire. [1960; 1963; 1966; 1968].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

She sailed on the S.S. Canton from Southampton (departing 20 October 1950) to Singapore.

She was travelling with her husband, Joseph, whose profession was recorded as 'Posts Director'. Their country of intended future permanent residence was given as Malaya.

She travelled (alone) to Brazil, arriving in Rio de Janeiro after April 1952. Her Passport had been issued in Malaya.

She travelled (with her husband) on the S.S. Highland Monarch from Buenos Aires, Argentina to England, arriving at Tilbury on 09 October 1952. Their country of last permanent residence was recorded as Malaya and their proposed address was given as Killybegs, County Donegal.

She travelled (alone) on the S.S. Essequibo to Jamaica, arriving at Kingston on 19 April 1958. Her permanent address was recorded as: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., Hatfield, Hertfordshire. She was scheduled to stay for 2 weeks. Her reason for the visit was given as 'I.T.' (?).

She flew from Kingston, Jamaica to New York on 28 November 1959. Her destination was 22 Robin (?) Lane, South Farmingdale, Long Island. Her permanent address was recorded as 61 Hope Road, Halfway Terrace (?), Jamaica.

Married: sometime before October 1950 Joseph Green (Born circa 1897).

Died: 28 July 1978 at The Conifers, Dial Close (?), Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset.

Probate: 10 October 1978 (Winchester). Effects: £57,000.00.

HENRY, Sarah Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234390

Born: 01 April 1920 at Gortfad Glebe, Sandholes, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of William Glasgow Henry (Farmer) and Anna Henry (née Magill), of Gortfad Glebe, Sandholes, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109984].

Residence: Gortfad Glebe, Sandholes, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1942.

HIGGINS, Bridget Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301843

Born: 20 February 1918 at Leck, Gortahill, Blacklion, County Cavan. [Most Likely]

Daughter of John Higgins (Farmer) and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Higgins (née Lee), of Leck, Gortahill, Blacklion, County Cavan. [Most Likely]

Trained: New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, 1937 – 1940. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107993].

Trained: City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham, 1941 – 1942. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 12559].

Residence: Meenawaragy, Belcoo, County Fermanagh. [1943; 1946].

HOEY, Ethel Annie Norah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270709

Born: 23 February 1919, at Maxwell's Walls, Connor, County Antrim.

Daughter of James Hoey (Teacher) and Harriet Alice Hoey (née Echlin), of Maxwell's Walls, Connor, County Antrim.

Trained: Boundary Park Municipal Hospital, Oldham, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112473].

Registration: 31 July 1942. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 3297].

Registration: 05 January 1950. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 3242]. C.M.B. (England).

Residence: Maxwell's Walls, Kells, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1943, 1946, 1949].

Residence: Fernagh Garden Village, Whiteabbey, County Antrim. [1951, 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: 20 June 2002 at Belfast.

HOGAN, Johanna (Joanna) (M)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227718

Born: 11 July 1916 at Ballyneety, Pallasgreen, County Limerick.

Daughter of Michael Hogan (Farmer) and Annie Hogan (née Ryan), of Ballyneety, Pallasgreen, County Limerick.

Trained: Miller General Hospital, London, 1936 - 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102367].

Residence: Ballyneety, Pallasgreen, County Limerick. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

HOGAN, Margaret Mary (May)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 371911

Born: 25 August 1919 at Bridge Street, Birr, County Offaly.

Daughter of Thomas Hogan (Ex-Soldier) and Mary Ellen Hogan (née Cleary), of Bridge Street, Birr, County Offaly.

Trained: St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne, East Sussex, 1937 - 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117646].

Residence: Leinster Villa, Birr, County Offaly. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. (date unknown) and promoted to Subaltern in February 1949.

HOURIGAN, Ellen (Eileen) Theresa (Teresa)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305029

Born: 16 October 1916 at Ballingarry, County Limerick.

Daughter of John Hourigan (Cattle Dealer) and Margaret Hourigan (née Meagher), of Ballingarry, County Limerick.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, July 1936 – July 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 31 December 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A.7283].

Residence: St. Mary's Hospital, High Street, Manchester. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

Awarded M.B.E. in December 1944.

[See text of Citation for Award of M.B.E. – below, extracted from newspaper]

‘This nursing officer displayed much courage and a high sense of responsibility for the safety of her patients when Hospital Carrier, ‘Amsterdam’, was sunk by enemy action off the coast of Normandy on 7th August, 1944. She was aware that, in emergency stations, she was officer in charge no.4 water ambulance. Nevertheless, Miss Hourigan continued to help her patients to escape to the promenade deck from B deck, of which she was jointly in charge. By her calm example, as well as by helping the more severely wounded patients who were trying to climb the stairs, she reduced the possibility of panic. Miss Hourigan did not leave the ship until after it had capsized, when she escaped by scrambling down the almost horizontal starboard side, just before it sank’

[Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 05 January 1945].

Died: July 2010.

Obituary: Irish Times - 03 July 2010

Eileen Hourigan: EILEEN HOURIGAN, who has died aged 93, was a nurse whose life-long vocation included an episode during the second World War during which she displayed great bravery and devotion to the welfare of others. Serving on a hospital ship that was torpedoed, Hourigan stayed on board saving patients as the vessel sank. As it upended and slid beneath the waves, she was one of the last to make for safety – which she did by sliding down the deck as the ship went under. For this, she received the M.B.E. (Military).

Sister Hourigan was born Ellen Teresa Hourigan in 1916. Her parents were John and Margaret Hourigan of Ballingarry, west Limerick. John Hourigan was a well-known cattle dealer in Limerick and Clare. Eileen was the second youngest and the last survivor of nine children. Her younger sister, Agnes Purcell, was better known for her major contribution to the development of Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael throughout Ireland; she served as association president in the late 1970s. One of her brothers, Jack, was ordained a priest in 1941 and served as a missionary in Nigeria before returning to Ireland to serve the Holy Ghost Order in many different roles for nearly 50 years.

Eileen trained as a nurse and joined the staff of the Meath Hospital, where she progressed to ward sister. In the early 1940s she moved to wartime Britain for specialised training there. Along with other Irish nurses, she was caught up in the fervour of the moment.

Her story is a reminder of how the horrors of war can sometimes prompt ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and highlights the role played by Irishwomen in the second World War. She joined the Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve at Lincoln College, Oxford, in December 1943.

She served in the military hospital in Aldershot before, shortly after D-Day on June 6th, 1944, being transferred to the hospital ship Amsterdam. The Amsterdam’s mission was to collect wounded from France and bring them to Southampton.

In an unpublished memoir, she recalled the ship’s final journey. “Everything went well until August 7th, 1944. We were torpedoed at 6am in the English Channel. I was stunned – something hit me on the head when we crashed. I opened my cabin door. The channel was very calm that morning. Some of the doors were jammed. The smell of sulphur was overpowering. There was no one on the corridor. The silence was frightening . . .”

She played a leading role in saving patients as the ship began to sink. Her citation in the 1944 honours

list states: "The MBE (Military) has been awarded to Sister Ellen Teresa Hourigan (305020) Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, of Ballingarry, Co Limerick. This nursing officer displayed much courage and a high sense of responsibility for the safety of her patients, when HM Hospital Carrier Amsterdam was sunk by enemy action off the coast of Normandy on August 7th, 1944.

"Sr Hourigan was aware that, in emergency stations, she was the Officer-in-Charge of No 4 water ambulance. Nevertheless, she continued to help her patients to escape to the promenade deck from B deck, of which she was jointly in charge. By her calm example, as well as by helping the more severely wounded patients, who were trying to climb the stairs, she reduced the possibility of panic.

"Sr Hourigan did not leave the ship until after it had capsized, when she escaped by sliding down the almost horizontal starboard side just before the ship sank."

In her memoir, she recalled that after she got into a lifeboat "we started collecting the people from the water – a number of people were injured, and some had burns. In no time the lifeboat was full – it was agonising to look at all these people clamouring to get on the boat."

She was given three weeks' leave and, along with two other Irish nurses who were on the Amsterdam, she returned to Ireland. "For a long time I could not forget the agony of all those people in the water. I felt guilty that I was saved. My attitude to life changed. It was a care-free life before the 7th August, 1944. It was [now] difficult to sleep."

She continued in the nursing service, including stints in India, where she was among medical staff who treated freed prisoners of the notorious Changi Prison in Singapore, and Stanley Prison in Hong Kong. "They were admitted into the wards and made as comfortable as possible – my heart went out to them, they were so thin and pale," she recalled.

Despite being asked to stay on in the regular nursing service, she returned to Ireland where she spent the rest of her career in a number of hospitals in Limerick and Dublin. Her final positions before her retirement were in the Rotunda in Parnell Square, St Mary's in the Phoenix Park and Baltinglass Hospital. Her nephew John Purcell said that when she returned after the war, "like many other heroes and heroines before her, she slipped quietly back into the career she had left before joining the war effort. She never talked to us about her war experiences, and we hardly knew of her being decorated for bravery. This may have been partly in deference to the feelings of relations with strong republican traditions, and partly due to her own innate modesty. In fact the younger generations of the extended Hourigan family only gained an insight into the magnitude of her bravery in the war in the course of a special visit to Eileen in The Queen of Peace Centre Nursing Home in Rathgar, Dublin, by a delegation from the British Legion in 2004."

Eileen Hourigan, born October 16th, 1916; died March 30th, 2010.

Died: 30 March 2010.

HUDSON, Joan Brenda

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 318397

Born: 24 June 1921 at Rathfriland, Newry, County Down.

Daughter of Robert James Hudson (Auctioneer) and Margaret Hudson

(née Hollingsworth), of Rathfriland, County Down.

Educated at Rathfriland Primary School, Banbridge Academy and Victoria College, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1943. [Registration No. 3591].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 15 July 1944 and served in the following:

1944 – 1945: No. 105 British Military Hospital (France & Belgium)

1945 – 1946: British Military Hospitals in Bombay & Nasik (India)

1946 – 1948: No. 80 British Military Hospital (Japan) [BRINJAP Force until June 1948]

Residence: 'Warren House', Warren Road, Donaghadee, County Down. [1951].

Married: between 1951 and 1956, Captain (later Major) Donald Douglas (Don) Bathgate (04 June 1920 – 1985), Australian Army Medical Corps. They had 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Residence: [Joan Brenda Hudson Bathgate] The Terrace, Windsor, New South Wales, Australia. [1956].

Residence: [Joan Brenda Hudson Bathgate] Baker Street, Windsor, New South Wales, Australia. [1959].

Died: 25 February 2001.

HUGHES, Eva Katherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318893

Born: 04 August 1913 at Tullow Street, Carlow.

Daughter of Thomas Henry Hughes (Police Sergeant) and Kate Hughes (née Claxton), of Tullow Street, Carlow.

Trained: The Willesden General Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118669].

Registration: 08 April 1948. (Scotland). [Registration No. 18385]. [Midwives Roll of Scotland].

Residence: Shangrilah (sic), Butterfield Avenue, Templeogue, County Dublin. [1943].

Residence: 67 Bedford Road, Barton, Bedfordshire. [1946].

Residence: Greenleaf, 67 Bedford Road, Barton, Bedfordshire. [1951; 1954].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

She was registered as a First Class Passenger on the S. S. Canton which departed Southampton on 17 December 1948 bound for Hong Kong. Eva was contracted to land at Singapore. She was 35 years of age and her last address in the U.K. was given as 67 Bedford Road, Barton, Bedfordshire. Her occupation was recorded as 'Nurse.' Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was Scotland. Her Country of Future Permanent Residence was listed as Sarawak.

She was registered as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Aeneas which departed Manilla, Philippines arriving in Liverpool on 09 April 1955. Her address in the U.K. was recorded as New Bedford Road, Luton, Bedfordshire. Her occupation was given as 'Nursing Sister.' Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was Sarawak. Her intended duration of stay in the U.K. was recorded as 6 months as a visitor.

Died: 14 July 1983 at Dorwin Court, Princess Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset.

Probate: 14 October 1983 (Winchester). Effects: £26,396.00

HUNTER, Sarah (Sadie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 329834

Born: 10 July 1915 at Drumrott, Derryloran, County Derry.

Daughter of William Keane Hunter (Farmer) and Rose Anna Hunter (née Forsythe), of Drumrott, Derryloran, County Derry.

Trained: (location unknown) [Examination]. [Sick Children's].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 3751]. [Sick Children's].

Trained: North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, 1938 - 1940. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109237].

Residence: Drumrott, Moneymore, County Derry. [1940; 1946].

Residence: Drumroh, Moneymore, County Derry. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

Died: 04 March 1998 at Belfast. (?)

HYNES, Florence Victoria

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206194

Born: 20 July 1908 at 11 Warrington Place, Dublin.

Daughter of William Francis Hynes (Clerk) and Rachel Hynes (née Snodgrass), of 11 Warrington Place, Dublin.

Trained: Hornsey, Finchley and Wood Green Joint Isolation Hospital, London, 1928 - 1930. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 22 November 1935. (London). [Registration No. 7444].

Trained: St. Alfege's Hospital, London, 1930 - 1933. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 68692].

Residence: Warrington Place, Dublin. [1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: Warrington Place, Dublin. [1943; 1946].

In September 1939 she was already a Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S. (since 15 April 1939).

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

IRWIN, Joan Wright

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294738

Born: 18 October 1917 at Killicowan (Killycomaine) Road, Portadown, County Armagh.

Daughter of John Irwin (Commercial Traveller) and Maud(e) (Martha Maria) Irwin (née Armstrong), of Killicowan (Killycomaine) Road, Portadown, County Armagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 19 June 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3052].

Residence: Cowper Drive, Rathmines, Dublin. [1943].

Residence: Ennismore, Birches, Portadown. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943. She relinquished her commission after her marriage. She served in Singapore and Java. She was awarded a Campaign Medal for her service in Southeast Asia in November 1949. [See below].

I CERTIFY that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal and/or Clasp as detailed above.							
No. of copies submitted		NAME		Description of Service		Remarks	
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							Lt Colonel THE WAR OFFICE A.G.'S (MEDALS) Nov. 1949.

Award of Campaign Medal, Southeast Asia Command, Nov 1949: Joan Irwin (TNA, London)

Married: 15 June 1946 at the English Church, Jakarta, Batavia (now Indonesia), Major Keith Reid Walker (1917 - 2007) of the Seaforth Highlanders.

She travelled to Hong Kong on the Empire Halladale on 13 March 1950 to join her husband Major Keith Reid Walker, Seaforth Highlanders, with her daughter Eleanor Romaine Reid Walker and son Ian William Walker.

In January 1953 she was registered on the S. S. Empire Orwell, which departed Kure, Japan for Southampton via Hong Kong, arriving on 28 Jan 1953: Mrs. J. Walker and 4 children: Daughter (Eleanor - 4 years); son (Ian - 3 years) and twin daughters (Jean and Jennifer - 4 months).

Residence: Leadhall Lane, Harrogate, West Yorkshire. [1955].

On 03 November 1959 she sailed from Liverpool on the Tamele, for Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa. She was accompanied by her twin daughters Jennifer Reid Walker and Jean Reid Walker. Her older children, Eleanor and Ian W. R. Walker were left in Northern Ireland boarding schools.

Residence: Blackburn Road, Blackburn South, Deakin, Victoria, Australia. [1972].

Died: 21 December 2005 at Kyneton, Victoria, Australia.

Buried: Woodend, Macedon Ranges Shire, Victoria, Australia.

Probate: 07 March 2007 (Melbourne, Victoria, Australia).

JOHNSON, Doreen Beatrice

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279831

Born: 10 April 1919 at Bank House, Gort, County Galway.

Daughter of Robert Johnson (Bank Manager) and Aileen (Eileen) Florence Johnson (née Simpson), of Bank House, Gort, County Galway.

Trained: Guy's Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110387].

Registration: 09 July 1943. (Scotland). [Registration No. 15928]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Dodder Bridge, Rathfarnham, Dublin. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

JOHNSTON, Alice Mary

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213646

Born: 17 January 1911 at Clune, Cashel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Henry James Johnston (Died 21 June 1944) (Farmer) and Margaret Johnston (née Markby), of Clune, Cashel, County Tipperary.

[Daughter of 'the late' Samuel Johnston and Mrs. Johnston (née ...), of 'Clone', Gould's Cross, County Tipperary. [According to Belfast Telegraph – 06 October 1944].]

Trained: The Guest Hospital and Eye Infirmary, Dudley, West Midlands, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 74838].

Residence: Clone, Gould's Cross, County Tipperary. [1937; 1940; 1943].

Commissioned into the T.A.N.S. since the beginning of the War.

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941. She served three and a half years in Palestine, Egypt and Libya.

Married: September / October 1944, at St. John's Church, Perry Barr, Birmingham, Detective-Constable Matthew Holmes, R.U.C., Antrim Road, Belfast. He was the son of (the late) Jonathan Holmes and Mrs. Holmes (née ...), of 'Holmlea', Belfast Road, Antrim, County

JOHNSTON, Margaret Alexander

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 252842

Born: 19 March 1918, at Lammey, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of William James Johnston (Farmer) and Emily Johnston (née McMinn), of Lammey, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 18 June 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2848].

Registration: 20 March 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2273]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Lammey, Newmills, Dungannon, County Tyrone. [1943].

Residence: Drumconner, Newmills, Dungannon, County Tyrone. [1946; 1959].

Married: between 1943 and 1946, Unknown McKeown.

JOHNSTON, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294271

Born: 12 March 1920 at Riverside, Annacarthy, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Richard Johnston (Farmer) and Sarah Emily Johnston (née Thompson), of Riverside, Annacarthy, County Tipperary.

Trained: Brighton Municipal Hospital, Sussex, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 120704].

Registration: 20 June 1949. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 5097].

Residence: Riverside, Anacarthy (sic), County Tipperary. [1946; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

Married: between 1946 and 1951, Unknown Keyes.

JOHNSTON, Maud Fredaline

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274737

Born: 24 August 1909, in Kilnacross, County Cavan.

Daughter of Matthew Johnston (Farmer) and Eliza Jane Johnston (née McGinley), of Kilnacross, County Cavan.

Trained: Southmead Hospital, Bristol, 1932 – 1935 [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936 (London). [Registration No. 83699].

Residence: Kilnacross, Ballhugh, Belturbet, County Cavan. [1937 / 1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Killed at Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 34 years) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

Memorial: Kildallan Graveyard, Carn, County Cavan.

JORDAN, Mary Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345758

Born: 30 May 1917 at Curradrehid, Scramogue, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Thomas Joseph Jordan (Farmer) and Susan Jordan (née Murray), of Curradrehid, Scramogue, County Roscommon.

Trained: The County Hospital, Farnborough, Kent, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 101905].

Residence: Curradrehid, Scramogue, County Roscommon. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

JOYNT, Eileen Winifred

Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208518

Born: 03 September 1894 at Buxton Hill, Cork.

Daughter of Alfred Ernest Joynt (Bank Clerk) and Annie Jane Joynt (née Barnes), of Buxton Hill, Cork. [Later, Monkstown, County Dublin].

During the First World War, (28 May 1918 – 04 March 1919), she served as a V.A.D. in the Territorial Forces Nursing Service and was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Trained: King's College Hospital, London, 1925 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 20 April 1928 (London). [Registration No. 47978].

Residence: British Military Hospital, Bangalore, South India. [1931].

Residence: Mayo House, Roundhay, Leeds, Yorkshire. [1934].

Residence: Ardsonais, The Hill, Monkstown, County Dublin. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In the September 1939 Register Eileen W. Joynt (Army Nursing Sister) – her birth is listed as 03 September 1902.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Awarded the Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class) in January 1943. [See Award Citation below]

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Personal No.	Rank & Name	Action for which commended. (Date & place of action must be stated)	Recommended By	Honour or Branch	(To be left blank)
	Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. Reserve.	P/208518	Sister-in-Charge Miss JOYNT Eileen Winifred.	Miss Winifred Joynt has served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. and, since 1939, in Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, for over 15 years. During this period she served with the R.N.P. in France and has just returned from a year's service in Egypt. She is an expert Theatre Sister and has done valuable work instructing Junior Sisters in this specialized work. Her calm and efficient and willing co-operation has done much to ensure a smooth running theatre and thus contributed to the safety and welfare of the patients undergoing major operations in the theatre, of which she had charge. Her nursing care of patients when she was employed on ward duties has been reported as being of a very high standard. I consider that she merits the honour for which she is strongly recommended.	<i>Katherine M. M.</i> Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S.	R.R.C. (2nd Class).	

Alan Good
Director-General, Army Medical Services

Recommendation of Sister Eileen Joynt for Royal Red Cross (1st class), Oct 1945 (TNA, London)

Transcript

'Miss Winifred Joynt has served in Q.A.I.M.N.S. and since 1939 in Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, for over 15 years. During this period she served with the R.N.P. in France and has just returned from a year's service in Egypt. She is an expert Theatre Sister and has done valuable work instructing Junior Sisters in this specialist work. Her calm and efficient and willing co-operation has done much to ensure a smooth running theatre and thus contributed to the safety and welfare of the patients undergoing major operations in the theatre, of which she had charge. Her nursing care of patients when she was employed on ward duties has been reported as being of a very high standard. I consider that she merits the honour for which she is strongly recommended' (Oct., 1945)

Awarded the Royal Red Cross (1st. Class) in October 1945. [See Award Citation below]

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 Army No. and Rank (208518) SISTER (A/Matron) Q.A.I.M.N.S/R
 Name JOYNT Eileen, Winifred *Am. Gen. Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.*
 (Christian names must be stated) *O.C. 81 (Br) Gen Hosp.*

Action for which commended
 (Date and place of action must be stated)

Recommended by
 Hor. Rev

This nursing *Am. Gen.* has shewn outstanding devotion to the nursing of casualties of all categories during the past five months. (HL Glyn Hughes)
 During that period this unit has been the foremost General Hospital for at least three major battles, including the assault on the Rhine and the succeeding breakthrough. *Brig DDMS SECOND ARMY*
 On all occasions, this nursing *Am. Gen.* has given herself and demanded from her Staff a high standard of nursing care which not only resulted in the saving of many lives but also fostered a high state of morale in all the men passing through.
 Her personal example in overcoming difficulties has been an inspiration to all ranks.

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 LT. COL. R.A.M.C.
 COMMANDER, SECOND ARMY

Award of Royal Red Cross (1st Class), to Sister Eileen Joynt (Q.A.), Oct 1945 (W.O. 375/55, TNA, London)

Transcript:

‘This nursing sister has shewn outstanding devotion to the nursing of casualties of all categories during the past five months. During that period this unit has been the foremost General Hospital for at least three major battles, including the assault on the Rhine and the succeeding breakthrough. On all occasions, this nursing sister has given herself and demanded from her staff a high standard of nursing care which not only resulted in the saving of many lives but also fostered a high state of morale in all the men passing through. Her personal example in overcoming difficulties has been an inspiration to all ranks’ (11th Oct 1945)

KANE, Helen Browne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 309364

Born: 24 October 1912, at Mullaghdoe, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Daughter of James McCartney Kane (Sailor) and Margaret Roberta (Smoite) Kane (née McCartney), Mullaghduh, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Trained: Infirmary, Belfast, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 17 December 1935. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. ..05]

Residence: Holywood Road, Belfast. [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

She served in Normandy and Belgium. Then was sent to Burma.

[See Newspaper Articles below].

WAR NURSE FROM ISLANDMAGEE: BURMA SERVICE AHEAD

An Islandmagee girl, Nursing Sister Helen Browne Kane, daughter of Mr James Kane, Mullaghduh, who served during the war in Normandy with the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service and has recently been in Belgium, is at present home on embarkation leave prior to going out to Burma. Miss Kane, who wears the ribbons of the 1939-43 Star and the France-Germany Star, was in the nursing service previous to volunteering for active service overseas. She is a cousin of Captain Alex Kane, the Islandmagee man who, when master of the British steamer Brompton Manor in 1935, was the victim of a surprising instance of 'snap justice' at Palma, Majorca, which resulted in bitter criticism being levelled at the Spanish authorities responsible for his detention, British residents in Majorca were incensed at the inaction of the authorities against Captain Kane and the case also created quite a furore in England'

Larne Times, Thursday 30th August 1945

Married: sometime circa 1951-2, James Milliken Boyd (1900 – 1974).

Residence: Holywood Road, Belfast. [1952].

Deaths: too late for classification

Boyd – February 25th , 1969 (sudden), at Hospital, Helen Browne, dearly-loved wife of James M. Boyd. Funeral from her residence... Cregagh...on Thursday, at 2pm to Old Church. Burying –ground, Islandmagee. Deeply regretted.

She is listed as a First-Class Passenger along with her husband on R. M. S. Rangitoto which journeyed from Auckland, New Zealand via Panama and Curacao arriving in Southampton on 29 December 1952. Helen and her husband had embarked at Curacao. Their Proposed Address in the U.K. was listed as Sunnylands Avenue, Carrickfergus, County Antrim.

Her husband's occupation was recorded as 'Merchant Seaman.' Helen was described as a 'Domestic.' The country of their last permanent residence was listed as Aruba. Their Country of Future Permanent Residence was noted to be 'Foreign Countries.'

She is listed as a First-Class Passenger along with her husband on S. S. Cavina which sailed from Avonmouth on 09 June 1953 bound for Barbados, Trinidad and Kingston, Jamaica. They had contracted to disembark at Kingston, Jamaica. Their Country of Future Permanent Residence was noted to be Aruba. Their last address in the U.K. was listed as Sunnylands Avenue, Carrickfergus, County Antrim. Her husband's occupation was recorded as 'Master Mariner.' Helen was described as a 'Wife.'

Died: 22 February 1969 at Belfast.

KANE, Isabella

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 282531 [Isabel Kane]

Born: 26 April 1918 at Lisanymore (sic), Bailieborough, County Cavan.

Daughter of Thomas Kane (Farmer) and Sarah Kane (née Greer), of Lisanymore (sic), Bailieborough, County Cavan.

Trained: Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Dublin, March 1936 – March 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 14 August 1939. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 6633].

Residence: Lissanymore, Billis, Virginia, County Cavan. [1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1943.

KANE, Jean Marjorie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322070

Born: 30 December 1917 at 119 University Street, Belfast.

Daughter of James Whiteford Kane (Dental Surgeon) and Mary Jane Kane (née Pyper), of 119 University Street, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 18 June 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3257].

Residence: Great Victoria Street, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

KANE, Margaret Rose

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274833

Born: 14 February 1915, at Drumilly, Belleeks, Newry, County Down.

Daughter of John Kane (Farmer) and Mary Kane (née Bennett), of Drumilly, Belleeks, Newry, County Down.

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106556].

Residence: Drumilly, Belleeks, Newry, County Down. [1943, 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: 26 March 1989 at Warrenpoint, County Down.

KANE, Mary Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325336

Born: 29 January 1917 at Drumlish, County Longford.

Daughter of Stephen Kane (Leather Merchant) and Bridget 'Bea' Theresa Kane (née Whitney), of Drumlish, County Longford.

Trained: Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Essex, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99447].

Residence: Main Street, Drumlish, County Longford. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: between 1945 and 1947, David Harrison Johnson (1919 – 2004). He was from Virginia, U.S.A.

Residence: Brownsville, Fayette, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. [1947].

Residence: Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A. [1956].

Died: 15 March 1993 at Haddon Township, Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A.

KEANE (KANE), Mary Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 230768

Born: 15 November 1899 at Knockglass, Tralee, County Kerry. [Her date of birth is erroneously recorded as 15 November 1905 in the 1921 Census (England) and the 1939 Register (England and Wales). That would have made her 16 years old when she started nurse training!].

Daughter of Patrick Keane (Shopkeeper) and Mary Keane (née Fitzgerald), of Knockglass, Tralee, County Kerry.

Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, London, 1921 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 20 February 1925. (London). [Registration No. 34992].

Residence: Knockglassmore Camp, R.S.O., County Kerry. [1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Residence: Brantwood, St. Helen's Parade, Southsea, Hampshire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1942.

KEARNS, Margaret Mary Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208596

Born: 26 July 1914 at Ballinagard, Roscommon, County Roscommon.

Daughter of John Kearns (Postman) and Delia Kearns (née Kearns), of Ballinagard, Roscommon, County Roscommon.

Trained: Oldham Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97961].

Residence: Sleaveen (sic), Roscommon, County Roscommon. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She travelled on the S.S. Corfu from Southampton to the port of Penang on 21 October 1949. Her country of intended future permanent residence was recorded as Malaya. Her address was given as 45 Sunningdale Avenue, Barking, Essex.

KEARNS, Mary Kate

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313835

Born: 09 August 1908 at John Street, New Ross, County Wexford.

Daughter of Thomas Kearns (Sea Captain) and Margaret Kearns (née Foley), of John Street, New Ross, County Wexford.

Trained: National Temperance Hospital, St. Pancras, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103283].

Residence: John Street, New Ross, County Wexford. [1943; 1946; 1975].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

Died: 20 November 1975.

Probate: 22 July 1976 (London). Effects: £5,836 in England and Wales.

KEARON, Anna Margary (sic)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 221059

Born: 23 October 1900 at 59 Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow.

Daughter of George Kearon (Master Mariner) and Elizabeth J. Kearon (née Greene), of 59 Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow.

Trained: St. James' Hospital, London, 1922 – 1925 [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1926 (London) [Registration No. 42565].

Residence: Hazeldene, Ferry Bank, Arklow, County Wicklow. [1928; 1931; 1934].

Residence: Portland Terrace, The Green, Richmond, Surrey. [1937].

Residence: Church Road, Richmond, Surrey. [1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Residence: Mount Pleasant, Lambeg, County Down and 82 Shandon Park, Knock, Belfast. [1943].

Died: as a consequence of cancer, in Stranmillis Hospital, Belfast, 'on active service' on 12 September 1943 (aged 43 years).

[See Obituary below]

Miss A.M Kearon, Lambeg, Co Down

Sincere regret was caused in Arklow by the death, which occurred in Belfast, daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Kearon and the late Captain George Kearon, formerly of Hazeldeane, Arklow. The deceased belonged to a family well-known and much respected in Arklow and had gone with her family to reside in Co Down some years ago. With her bereaved mother, sisters and relatives, much sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place to Arklow cemetery on Tuesday and was largely attended by all creeds and classes. The chief mourners were Mrs Harvey, Miss Muriel Kearon (sisters), Mr H. Arnott, Rev R. Gracey (brothers-in-law), Messrs T Green, W Hall, R. Hall (uncles), H. Green (Kilkenny), R. Reynolds (Gorey) (cousins). A large number of wreaths were placed on the grave. The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev R. Gracey, assisted by Rev. W. Carroll'.

Wicklow People, 18th September 1943.

Probate: 10 March 1944 (Belfast) to Ada Cynthia Arnott, married woman. Effects: £42 18s.

Buried: Arklow Cemetery, Grave 70, County Wicklow.

Headstones: WICKLOW, Arklow Cemetery, Co. Wicklow. Part Two, Nos. 151-300

Top:- In Loving Memory | of | WILLIAM GREENE KEARON | who died 17th April 1906
| aged 13 years | SUSAN OLIVE, | who died 26th June 1918 | aged 21 years | also
GEORGE KEARON, their father | beloved husband of ELIZABETH KEARON | who was
called home | 19th Feb. 1931, aged 69. | "Fear not little flock for it is your
Father's | good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" | S. Luke XII v. 32

Bottom:- ANNA MARJORIE KEARON who died | on Active Service 12 Sept 1943 age 43
yrs. | And ELIZABETH J. beloved wife and mother | who departed this life 21st
Sept 1945, aged 78 yrs.

KEE, Annie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279441

Born: 06 November 1919 at Altnapaste, Kiltreevoge, County Donegal.

Daughter of William Kee (Farmer) and Margaret Ellen Kee (née Griffith), of Altnapaste, Kiltreevoge, County Donegal.

Trained: Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 20 March 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3193].
Residence: Altnapaste, Welchtown, County Donegal. [1943; 1946; 1949].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

KEENAN, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.
Service Number: 208605
Born: 05 December 1909 at Augherlane, Ballybay, County Monaghan.
Daughter of Patrick Keenan (Farmer) and Mary Anne Keenan (née Connolly), of Augherlane, Ballybay, County Monaghan.
Trained: Fulham Hospital, London, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].
Registration: 10 March 1933. (London). [Registration No. 67392].
Residence: Augherlane, Ballybay, County Monaghan. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

KEIGHTLEY, Margaret Rebecca

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.
Service Number: 215229
Born: 16 May 1913 at Ballylifford, Magherafelt, County Derry. [Registered as Unknown Female. This is the only person that fits the timeline].
Daughter of Isaac Keightley (Farmer) and Ann (Annie) Jane Keightley (née Orr), of Ballylifford, Magherafelt, County Derry.
Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].
Registration: 20 March 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2804].
Residence: Upperlands, County Derry. [1946; 1951].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

KELLS, Margaret (Maggie) Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.
Service Number 274727
Born: 11 December 1912 at Tully, Miltown, County Cavan.
Daughter of William Kells (Farmer) and Mary Anne Kells (née Thompson), of Tully, Miltown, County Cavan.
Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, London, 1939 – 1942 [Examination].
Registration: 10 June 1942 (London). [Registration No. 116041].
Residence: Tully, Miltown, Belturbet, County Cavan. [1943].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.
Killed at Sea (with her sister) on the 12 February 1944 (aged 30 years) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

Ballyconnell Church of Ireland Cemetery, Parish of Tomregan, Cavan, Ireland.

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In Loving Memory of | WILLIAM KELLS | Tully, Miltown, Belturbet | Who died 31st March 1940 (?) | Aged 71 years | His daughter MARGARET JANE | Aged 30 years | And WINNIFRED EVLYN | Aged 25 years | Both of whom were lost at sea | February 12th. 1944. | His son WILLIAM JOHN | Died 4th Oct. 1962, aged 51 years | His wife MARY ANNE | Died 27th Oct. 1964, aged 53 years | “For ever with the Lord” | And their son VICTOR THOMPSON KELLS | Died 12th July 1964 aged 48 (?) years | Also their son ROBERT JAMES KELLS | Died 3rd June 1975 aged 54 (?) years | And his wife MARY JANE KELLS | Died 27th September aged 74 years.

[Older Sister of Winifred Kells – See pp.149 and 152 for photos of both sisters].

KELLS, Maud(e) Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225424

Born: 31 March 1917 at Ballyveeney (sic), Ballyclog, County Tyrone.

Daughter of John James Kells (Farmer) and Ella Sophia Kells (née Watters), of Ballyveeney (sic), Ballyclog, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 09 June 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2656].

Residence: Lurgy, Newmills, Dungannon, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Ailsa Villas, Newtownkelly, Coalisland, County Tyrone. [1949; 1951].

Residence: ‘Sanville’, Coalisland, County Tyrone. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

Married: between 1946 and 1949, Unknown McCrea.

KELLS, Winifred Evelyn

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274733

Born: 01 November 1920 at Tully, Miltown, County Cavan.

Daughter of William Kells (Farmer) and Mary Anne Kells (née Thompson), of Tully, Miltown, County Cavan.

Trained: St. Andrew’s Hospital, Bow, London, 1939 – 1942 [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942 (London). [Registration No. 116042].

Residence: Tully, Miltown, Belturbet, County Cavan. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.

Killed at Sea (with her sister) on the 12 February 1944 (aged 25 years) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

[Younger Sister of Margaret Jane KELLS – See above].



Winifred Kells (killed in action with sister, Feb 1944), with friend, c.1943 (Courtesy of Kells Family)

KELLY, Mary Louisa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208602

Born: 30 June 1906 at Kilbeggan, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Thomas Joseph Kelly (Merchant) and Jane Kelly (née Dowling), of Kilbeggan, County Westmeath.

Trained: Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Dublin, January 1925 – January 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 11 September 1928. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 3794].

In September 1939 she was working as a Sister at St. Charles' Hospital, Kensington, London.

Residence: Ivy House, High Street, Tullamore, County Offaly. [1939; 1943].

Residence: Crofton Mansions, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

KEMPSON (KEMPSTON), Elizabeth Larmour

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345245

Born: 26 July 1921 at Ballymaconnell, Bangor, County Down.

Daughter of Joseph Kempson (Labourer) and Mary Kempson (née Heanen), of Ballymaconnell, Bangor, County Down.

Trained: Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, 1939 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3495].

Residence: 35 Dixon Road, Ballymaconnell, Bangor, County Down. [1946; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1945.

Married: 1947 at Bromley, Kent, Percy Eric Padbury (1918 – 1998).

She was listed as a Tourist Class Passenger along with her son, David (3), and daughter, Moira (1), on the ship *Stirling Castle* which docked at Southampton on 01 June 1951. They had departed from Durban, South Africa. Their proposed address in the U.K. was given as 37 Dixon Road, Ballymaconnell, Bangor, County Down. Elizabeth's age was recorded as 28 years and her occupation was listed as 'Housewife.' Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was listed as South Africa. Her Country of Future Permanent Residence was listed as 'Other parts of the British Empire.'

Died: October 2008 at Harare, Mashonaland East, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

KENNEALLY, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241821

Born: 25 May 1919 at Ardprior (sic), Liscarroll, Mallow, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis Kenneally (Farmer) and Mary Ellen Kenneally (née Morrissey), of Ardprior (sic), Liscarroll, Mallow, County Cork.

Trained: Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112825].

Residence: Ardaprior (sic), Liscarroll, Mallow, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

KENNEDY, Christina (Christine)

Hospital Nurse

Born: 22 November 1915 at Yard Hill, Redwood, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Thomas Kennedy (Farmer) and Mary Ann Kennedy (née Lambe), of Yard Hill, Redwood, County Tipperary.

Trained: Walthamstow Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Chingford, East London, 1935 – 1937. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 9207].

In September 1939 she was listed as a nurse at Walthamstow Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Chingford.

Residence: Redwood, Lorrha, Birr (sic), County Tipperary. [1940; 1943].

Killed in Air Raid on 19 April 1944 (aged 28 years) at Salford Royal Hospital.

Buried at Edmonton, Municipal Borough. [Civilian Deaths].

[See Newspaper accounts below].

Operated as Bombs Fell

...while hundreds of patients were being evacuated in the light of flames and under clouds of dust, one man arrived at a London hospital bombed in Tuesday night's raid to become a patient. An emergency appendicitis case, he was rushed to hospital shortly after the raiders had gone. Arrangements for his admittance were made before the sirens went. Lying on his stretcher in a corridor littered with debris and crowded with running workers, he looked in amazement at the scene of chaos. He was given a quick examination by a Czechoslovakian surgeon, who prepared to operate immediately in a theatre only partially damaged by blast.

Staff Victims

The operation was carried out while the flames in the burning ward were being fought by the hospital fire squad. Another surgeon was stitching an abdominal incision in another theatre when the ceiling caved in. He finished the stitching and then ran through the corridors to amputate a leg. Sisters and nurses were heroines of the raid. Five members of the staff were killed. They were Sister Mary Loftus, Nurse Christina Kennedy, Male Nurse Alfred Frederick Cripps, who was doing fire watching and two porters, Robert Mason and Charles Sanderson. The matron paid high tribute to Nurse Ruth Graves of Debden, Elizabeth Ramsdale of Minnshall Road, Potters Bar, both in their early twenties. 'They were in a wooden ward, which was blazing furiously', the matron said, 'They did magnificent work'.

13 Raiders Destroyed

'They immediately started pulling the patients out and continued to do this after the hospital rescue staff had arrived. I was amazed when I saw their cool behaviour under such circumstances. There were about thirty patients in the ward and with one possible exception, they were all saved'. Nurse Kennedy was killed while she was going to help in a ward in which there were children from twenty months to seven years. We managed to get all the children under their beds and then we found that were unable to get out', said Sister Kavanagh. 'Eventually we found that we could escape through a bomb crater. The ward on top caught on fire and before we could remove the children one of the men had to beat some of the flames out. Thirteen of the raiders were destroyed'

Daily Mirror, 20th April 1944.

Nurse's Tragic Death

Deep regret was occasioned by the tragic death of Nurse Christina Kennedy, RFN, SRN, who was killed in a recent air raid on London. Eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Kennedy, Yard Hill, Redwood, she belonged to one of the oldest families in Lower Ormond. She was educated at the LSU Convent, Banagher, Offaly and went to England eight years ago to begin her nursing career at the Fever Hospital, Chingford. Having passed her RFN, she went thence to the North Middlesex Hospital, London, where she passed her SRN examination. Her winning personality, gentle disposition and qualities as a nurse were well known and made her very popular and esteemed by all who knew her, and by whom her death is deeply deplored. Prior to the removal of the remains to Ireland, Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Borough Church, London Bridge, by Rev Father Moylan PP. They arrived in Birr by rail, being met there by a large cortege. Thence the funeral proceeded to St Ruadhan's Church, Lorrha, where Requiem Mass was celebrated and the internment took place in the family burial ground. The officiating clergy were Very Rev Canon Molony, PP; Rev Fr Clune, CC; Rev Fr Ryan, Rev Fr Houlihan, Rev Fr Cleary, CC, Terryglass.

Midland Counties Advertiser, 11th May 1944.



Margaret Kells QA (killed in action, Feb 1944) (Courtesy of Kells Family)

KENNEDY, Hazel Maureen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325337

Born: 22 February 1914 at 16 Springfield Parade, Belfast.

Daughter of Thomas Kennedy (Pawnbroker) and Annie Kennedy (née Courtney), of 16 Springfield Parade, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 16 June 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2190].

Residence: Clara Park, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1944.

Married: 21 June 1947. Stormont Presbyterian Church (Shaw).

Died: 15 October 1982.



Hazel Shaw QA (née Kennedy) in Bhamo, Burma (Courtesy of Mrs E. Jones, daughter)

KENNELLY, Elizabeth (Eilish)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231773

Born: 05 December 1914 at Coolnagraigue, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

Daughter of John Kennelly (Farmer) and Ellen Kennelly (née Moran), of Coolnagraigue, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

Trained: The Hospital, Oldchurch, Romford, Essex, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 87220].

Residence: 23 Laurier Road, St. Pancras, London. [September 1939].

Residence: Coolnagraigue, Ballylongford, County Kerry. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1942.

Married: between 1946 and 1964, Unknown Smith.

Died: 14 April 1971 at Dartmouth Park Hill, London N.W.5.

[She was an older sister of Maria Kennelly – See below].

KENNELLY, Maria (Mary)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 238114

Born: 05 May 1912 at Coolnagraigue, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

Daughter of John Kennelly (Farmer) and Ellen Kennelly (née Moran), of Coolnagraigue, Ballylongford, County Kerry.

Trained: The Hospital, Oldchurch, Romford, Essex, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75448].

Residence: Cool, Ballylongford, County Kerry. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939 she was working and living at St. Mary's Private Hospital, Upper Byron Place, Bristol, Gloucestershire.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Died: 13 August 1987 at Bath, Somerset.

Buried: Haycombe Cemetery and Crematorium, Bath, Somerset.

[She was a younger sister of Elizabeth Kennelly – See above].

KERR, Julia Elizabeth

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213578

Born: 19 February 1916, in Smithborough, Kilmore, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Robert James Kerr (Merchant) and Jane Anne Kerr (née Wilson), of Smithborough, Kilmore, County Monaghan.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, 1935 – 1938 [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938 (London) [Registration No. 93887].

Residence: Smithborough, County Monaghan. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

KILMARTIN, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208578

Born: 24 September 1890 at 'The Devices', Castletown, Abbeylaxey, County Laois.

[Born: 13 August 1891 - According to the 1939 Register (England & Wales)].

Daughter of Thomas Kilmartin (Farmer) and Elizabeth Kilmartin (née Austin), of 'The Devices', Castletown, Abbeylaxey, County Laois.

Trained: Chelsea Infirmary, London, 1922 – 1925. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 September 1925. (London). [Registration No. 38909].

Residence: c/o M. M. Whymys, Fair Green House, Ballinasloe, County Galway. [1928].

Residence: Bulstrode Street, London W.1. [1931].

Residence: Gliddon Road, Baron's Court, London W.14. [1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., 12 High Street, Southampton, Hampshire. [1943; 1946].

In September 1939 she was a Sister with the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. at 45 Netley Abbey, Winchester, Hampshire.

KILMURRAY, Dorothy Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 239002

Born: 20 October 1917 at Willowfield, Ballinacarrigy, Co. Westmeath.

Daughter of Patrick Kilmurray (Soldier) (?) and Emily Kilmurray (née Malloy), of Willowfield, Ballinacarrigy, Co. Westmeath.

Trained: Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109682].

Residence: Ballynacargy (sic), Mullingar, County Westmeath. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.

KILROY, Nora Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215828

Born: 11 July 1913 at The Square, Gort, County Galway.

Daughter of John J. Kilroy (Shopkeeper) and Dorothea (Dora) Kilroy (née Cassidy), of The Square, Gort, County Galway.

Trained: Croydon General Hospital, Surrey, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104269].

Residence: Sisters' Nurses' Home, Lennard Road, Croydon, Surrey. [1939].

Residence: The Square, Gort, County Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Married: in 1946 (?), Unknown Forbes (?).

Died: Edinburgh (?).



Nursing Staff Mater Infirmorum Hospital Belfast, c.1942 (Courtesy Dr M. Gormley)

KIRKPATRICK, Harriet Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208592

Born: 10 May 1909 at Killycurragh, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of William Kirkpatrick (Farmer) and Nancy Kirkpatrick (née Kirkpatrick), of Killycurragh, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1614].

Trained: ??? [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 25 July 1934. (Midwives Roll for Scotland – 1935). [Registration No. 11255].

Residence: Killycurragh, Cookstown, County Tyrone. [1934; 1938; 1941; 1943; 1944; 1945; 1948; 1951; 1952; 1954; 1956].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She was recorded, in 1944, as a Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. based in Calcutta, West Bengal, India.

She was a passenger on the S.S. Arundel Castle travelling from Singapore to Southampton, arriving there on 28 March 1947. She had boarded the ship at Bombay and was accompanied by her infant daughter, Lesley Patricia Gladys Mary Dutton.

Married: 05 September 1945 at Office of the Senior Registrar, Calcutta, West Bengal, India, Major William Leslie Dutton (1901 – 1978).

Residence: The Well House, Quorn, Leicestershire. [1959].

Died: 5 August 1993 at 27 Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England.

Probate: 13 October 1993 (Brighton). Effects: Not exceeding £125,000.00.

KIRWAN, Ann

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305262

Born: 12 August 1917 at Drumlohan, Stradbally, County Waterford.

Daughter of Patrick Kirwan (Farmer) and Bridget Kirwan (née Connors), of Drumlohan, Stradbally, County Waterford.

Trained: The Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, Yorkshire, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107350].

Trained: Monsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 June 1943. (London). [Registration No. 13536].

Residence: Drumlohan, Stradbally, County Waterford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

LAVERY, Beatrice Jane (Betty)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301369

Born: 30 June 1920 at Largy, Killead, Crumlin, County Antrim. [Twin of Doreen Mary Lavery].

Daughter of John Lavery (Farmer) and Mary Frances Lavery (née Creagh), of Largy, Killead, Crumlin, County Antrim.

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118955].

Residence: 2 Sydenham Park, Hollywood Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

Married: 11 December 1945 in Bombay, India, William Herbert McAleenan (1915 – 1984).

Died: 27 January 2011 at Wimbledon, Surrey.

LAVERY, Doreen Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270635

Born: 30 June 1920 at Largy, Killead, Crumlin, County Antrim. [Twin of Beatrice Jane Lavery].

Daughter of John Lavery (Farmer) and Mary Frances Lavery (née Creagh), of Largy, Killead, Crumlin, County Antrim.

Trained: New End Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116009].

Residence: 2 Sydenham Park, Hollywood Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Married: July 1952 at Eton, Buckinghamshire, Kenneth Edgar Thomas Steele (1913 – 1983).

Died: 30 January 2012 at Haywards Heath, Sussex.

LEA, Mary (Molly)

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213741

Born: circa 1912.

[I found a Mary Lea who was born in September 1912 in England who is probably the Molly Lea mentioned].

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lea, of Lymm, Cheshire.

Killed in action on the 13 September 1943 (aged 31 years) when HMS Newfoundland was bombed off the Salerno beaches in Italy (Monte Cassino Memorial).

A cape that belonged to Molly Lea was lent to the N.I. War Memorial Gallery in 2012 by Rene Lea, a niece of Molly's.

It is unclear if her niece, Rene Lea was from N. Ireland. I can find no direct link to Ireland/N. Ireland.

LEAHY, Dympna *

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213742

Born: 23 July 1885, County Galway. [according to the 1939 Register information].

[I found a 'Daphne Lahy' (sic) who was born on 20 August 1885 at Ballynagreeve, Loughrea, County Galway.

Daughter of Michael Lahy (Farmer) and Mary Lahy (née Donlan), of Ballynagreeve, Loughrea, County Galway.] **[Very Likely to be the same individual].**

In the 1901 Census (Ireland), Dympna Leahy was listed a pupil at Loretto Convent, Sea Lane, Balrothery, County Dublin. She was 15 years old and was recorded as having been born at Loughrea, County Galway.

In the 1911 Census (England) Dympna Leahy was listed as a Hospital Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. She was 25 years old and was recorded as having been born at Loughrea, County Galway.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, Lancashire, 01 October 1908 – 01 October 1911.

This incorporated working at the Cancer Hospital, Liverpool from 09 September 1907 to 01 July 1908. [Certificate].

Registration: 20 July 1923. (London). [Registration No. 19769].

Trained: Cheltenham, 16 June 1919 – 16 October 1919. [CMB Certificate].

Registration: November 1919. (London). [Midwifery].

Dympna worked as a Queen's Nurse until 16 March 1915 when she resigned to become a Sister in the Territorial Forces Nursing Service (T.F.N.S.) in the First World War. She resigned from the Service on 25 April 1919 and rejoined the Queen's Nursing Institute.

In the [20 June] 1921 Census (England) Dympna Leahy was listed as a 'Lodger' at 8 Finkle Street, St. Bees, Cumberland. She was 35 years and 11 months old and was recorded as having been born at Ballingreen (sic), Loughrea, County Galway. She was a 'Queen's Nurse and Certified Midwife.' She was employed by the West Cumberland Nursing Association.

She resigned from the Queen's Nursing Institute on 29 September 1923 for 'Private Nursing.'

Residence: St. Martin's, Eyrecourt, County Galway. [1925; 1928].

Residence: 9 Powis Square, Brighton, Sussex. [1931].

Residence: 29 Clifton Terrace, Brighton, Sussex. [1934].

Residence: 10 Norton Road, Hove, Sussex. [1937; 1940; 1946].

Residence: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., 168 Church Road, Hove, Sussex. [1943].

In the 1939 Register (England), Dympna Leahy is listed as a resident at 10 Norton Road, Hove, Sussex. Her date of birth is given as 23 July 1885. Her occupation is recorded as 'Trained Nurse' and she is noted to be in the T.A.N.S.

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Residence: Eyrecourt, County Galway. [February 1965].

Died: 05 February 1965 at Portiuncula (sic) Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway.

Probate: 24 February 1965 (London) to Brendan Michael Glynn, solicitor.

Effects: £391 in England.

LEAHY, Joan (Oliver)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348102

Born: 22 May 1920 at The Mall Thurles, County Tipperary.

Daughter of William Leahy (Shopkeeper) and Margaret (Peg) Leahy (née Doyle), of The Mall Thurles, County Tipperary.

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, November 1938 – December 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 07 October 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7937].

Residence: St. John's Park, Thurles, County Tipperary. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1945.

She was in the U.S.A. by July 1955.

Married: between 1945 and 1953 in Singapore (?), William Francis Maloney (1921 – 2006), a native of New York.

Died: 15 September 2005 at Oceanside, San Diego, California, U.S.A.

Buried: Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery, San Diego, California, U.S.A.

LEATHEM, Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263602

Born: 03 May 1906 at 13 Glasgow Street, Belfast, County Antrim.

Daughter of Robert Leathem (Cloth Passer) and Jane Leathem (née Strickland), of 13 Glasgow Street, Belfast, County Antrim.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 27 March 1934. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 1850].

Residence: 33 Railway Street, Lisburn, County Antrim. [1946].

Joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in 1940. Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1943.

[See Newspaper account below].

First Love

Jane Leathem ended a 42-year career in nursing at the week-end, a career that has taken her all over the world. But if it had not been for the war, she says she would probably never have left her first job, district nurse in Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh. 'I would have been content to have spent the rest of the my life there', she reflected, 'I loved that town and the people in it'. Things didn't turn out that way though and when Miss Leathem retired on Friday it was as matron of the Samaritan Hospital in Belfast's Lisburn Road, where she had been for the past eight years.

She started nursing in 1931 and after training, which included qualifying as a Queen's Nurse, she set off for Co Fermanagh. There she worked, 'You had to be a sort of jack-of-all-trades', until the start of the war. 'I remember particularly being rowed out to the islands in Lough Erne, which

was in my district, to see to the children of some of the families who lived there', she said. Miss Leathem joined the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Reserve in 1940. She was eventually transferred to the hospital ship, Atlantis, on which she served for three years, without, she admitted proudly, ever being sea sick. Atlantis was one of the biggest hospital ships', she said. 'We just followed the war and wherever there were wounded we went in and lifted them, sometimes a thousand at a time and brought them back to England. I was demobbed in 1946 but by that time the sea had rather got into my blood and until 1949 I worked on a transport ship which was used to bring civilians back to England who had not been able to get home during the war. I saw a lot of the world in those days. She finally came ashore in 1950 and spent the next 17 years in Belfast City Hospital. Eight years ago she was appointed matron of the Samaritan Hospital. Now, after over 30 years, she will be able to visit Irvinestown again. For old times' sake.

Belfast Telegraph, 1st October 1973

Died: 07 May 1996 (aged 89 Years).

Buried: Lambeg Parish Cemetery, County Antrim.



Memorial to Jane Leathem S.R.N. Q.A., Lambeg Cemetery (Courtesy of Sean Graffin)

LECKEY, Muriel Emily

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 208615

Born: 26 June 1911, at Marine Parade, Holywood, Co. Down.

Daughter of Henry Leckey (Grocer's Assistant) and Mary Ann Leckey (née McClelland) [?? of Church Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down].

Trained: Ards District Hospital, Newtownards, Co. Down, 1934 – 1937 [Examination].

Registration: 08 December 1937 [Registration No. 2371].

Address: Marine Parade, Holywood, Co. Down. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Killed at Sea on the 12 February 1944 (aged 32) when the SS Khedive Ismail was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean.

'Ten years of nursing service is the record of Muriel Emily Lecky [sic], whose memory Newtownards has already honoured. A plaque bearing her name and service hangs in the entrance hall in the Ards Hospital, where she is remembered for her kind and generous heart, and sunny disposition.

Muriel entered the hospital as a student nurse in July 1934, three years later she passed her final examination and became a State Registered Nurse.

Like many other Ulster girls she was sent to the Far East. The ship on which left England was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean, and Muriel died on February 2, 1944.'

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England.

[Memorial, Panel 22, Column 2].

LEHANE, Anne (Nancy)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209593

Born: 28 March 1911 at Monkstown, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis Lehane (Labourer) and Anne Lehane (née Casey), of Monkstown, County Cork.

Trained: St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, affiliated to National Temperance Hospital, London, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 89209].

Residence: 1 De Vesei Place, Monkstown, County Cork. [1940].

Residence: 2 Fairy Hill, Monkstown, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

Married: between 1946 and 1960, Ronald Anthony Biggs (1919 – 2005).

Died: December 1988 at Hastings, Sussex.

LEITCH, Mary Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206277

Born: 22 December 1910 at Campsie, Cappagh, Omagh, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Andrew Caldwell Leitch (Solicitor) and Sarah Isabel Leitch (née Craig), of Campsie, Cappagh, Omagh, County Tyrone.

Trained: St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97223].

Residence: Homelea, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1940].

Residence: Milltown Rectory, Portadown, County Armagh. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Staff Nurse in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in November 1939.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

LEITCH, Mary Evelyn (Eveline)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208635

Born: 27 April 1912 at Meaghy, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Samuel Charles Leitch (Farmer) and Rebecca Leitch (née Buchanan), of Meaghy, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 17 December 1935. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. -099 ?].

Trained: ?? (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1941). [C.M.B. Examination].

Registration: 28 July 1937. (Scotland). [Registration No. 13167].

Residence: Meachey (sic), Castlederg, County Tyrone. [1937; 1938; 1944; 1945; 1948; 1951; 1954].

Residence: Fairview, Portglenone, County Antrim. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: Unknown date, Unknown Thompson.

LENNOX, Jane [2 Potential Individuals]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 06 August 1902 at Moneygran, Kilrea, County Derry.

Daughter of Edward Lennox (Farmer) and Margaret Lennox (née Lennox), of Moneygran, Kilrea, County Derry.

OR

Born: 20 September 1903 at Moyknock, Kilrea, County Derry.

Daughter of Robert Lennox (Farmer) and Jane Lennox (née Lennox), of Moyknock, Kilrea, County Derry.

Trained: City and County Hospital, Londonderry, 1923 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 08 December 1927. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 1101].

Residence: Railway Road, Kilrea, County Derry. [1943].

Residence: McDonald Terrace, Coleraine, County Derry. [1946, 1959].

Married: between 1943 and 1946, Unknown McDonald.

LENNOX, Winifred

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 221043

Born: 02 September 1905, at 2 Riverdale Cottages, Rosemount, Dundrum, County Dublin.

Daughter of Albert Lennox (Printer) and Elizabeth Lennox (née Gilbert), of 2 Riverdale Cottages, Rosemount, Dundrum, County Dublin.

Trained: Leicester City General Hospital, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 88895].

Residence: 1 Wingrove Gardens, Bloomfield, Belfast. [1940; 1943; 1946].

LEONARD, Bridget

Probationer Nurse

Born: 30 March 1918 at Moyvannon, Kiltoom, Athlone, County Roscommon.

Daughter of John Leonard (Farmer) (Died 1939) and Mary Anne Leonard (née Kelly), of Moyvannon, Kiltoom, Athlone, County Roscommon.

Killed in Air Raid on 02 June 1941 (aged 21 years) at Salford Royal Hospital.

[Civilian Deaths p. 796].

[See Newspaper Accounts below].

Irish Nurses Raid Victims

Four Irish nurses were killed during the recent raid on Manchester. They were – Philomena M. McCrossan (20), Strabane; Maureen Lynch (22), Kilmaley, Ennis; Veronica Creighton (22), Corofin, Co Clare; and Bridget Leonard (21), Kilston, Athlone.

Irish Independent, 5th June 1941

Irish Girls Killed in England

‘To their relatives and friends I would like to send an expression of sympathy and to tell them that their dead, though in a strange land, are among friends who will tend their graves and pray for them’, said Most Rev Dr Vincent Marshall, the Kerry-born Bishop of Salford, who officiated at the internment of four young Irish women who were recently killed in Manchester. They were - Philomena M. McCrossan (20), Strabane; Maureen Lynch (22), Kilmaley, Ennis; Veronica Creighton (22), Corofin, Co Clare; and Bridget Leonard (21), Kilston, Athlone.

Catholic Standard, 20th June 1941

L'ESTRANGE, Elizabeth Charlotte

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206271

Born: 24 April 1906 at Auburn, Sligo, County Sligo.

Daughter of Henry George L'Estrange (Land Agent) and Evelyn Mary L'Estrange (née Wynne), of Auburn, Sligo, County Sligo.

Trained: St. Thomas' Hospital, London, 1927 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1930. (London). [Registration No. 57674].

Residence: Lisnalgur, Drumcliff, County Sligo. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

She is listed as a Government Passenger on the ship Strathnaver which sailed from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Colombo, Bombay and Mombasa. It arrived in Southampton on 24 June 1940. Her age is given as 34 years. Her proposed address was recorded as Lisnalgur, Sligo. Her occupation is listed as Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was given as Burma. It is interesting to note that one of her fellow passengers was May Westcott, Matron-in-Chief of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., whose address was given as The War Office, London.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: Oliver Philip Wagstaff (1908 – 1976) in April 1945 at Shardlow, Derbyshire.

Elizabeth Wagstaff is listed as a passenger on the S. S. Empress of Scotland which sailed from Liverpool on 23 May 1947 destined for Singapore. Her last address in the U.K. was listed as 41 Woodvale, London N.10. Her occupation was given as 'Wife of Army Officer.' Her Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as Malaya.

Died: 01 January 1974 at Lisnalgur, Sligo, County Sligo.

Probate: 23 July 1974 (Winchester). Effects: £10,858.00 in England and Wales.

LEIVINGSTONE/LIVINGSTONE, Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213773

Born: 14 February 1904 at Tomfarney, Clonroche, County Wexford. [Sarah Ruth].

Daughter of Robert Levingstone (sic) (Farmer) and Elizabeth Levingstone (née Hatton), of Tomfarney, Clonroche, County Wexford.

Sarah Elizabeth Levingstone is recorded as a 'Visitor' in the household of Phillip Sheridan (an Electrical Engineer in charge of a theatre) in the English 1921 Census. The address is in the parish of Lewisham, London. Her age is given as 17 years and 4 months and her place of birth is given as Clonroche, County Wexford. She is listed as having no occupation. Phillip's wife, Sarah Ruth Sheridan (née Hatton), who was born Templeshambo, County Wexford, was Sarah Levingstone's maternal aunt.

Trained: Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, associated with East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, 1922 – 1926. [Examination].

Registration: 16 July 1926. (London). [Registration No. 43801].

Trained: Park Hospital, Hither Green, London, 1929 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1930. (London). [Registration No. 4096].

Registration: 06 November 1935. (Scotland). [Registration No. 12079]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 24 July 1936. (London). [Registration No. 96591]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Kilcloran, Camolin, County Wexford. [1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1938; 1940; 1941; 1943; 1945; 1948; 1952; 1954].

Residence: Clonhenrit, Camolin, County Wexford. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

It would appear that she was awarded an M.B.E. at some stage (see Gravestone Inscription below) but there is no other documentary evidence of this.

Died: 08 October 2001 at Camolin, County Wexford.

Buried: Camolin Church of Ireland Cemetery, County Wexford.

Family Gravestone Inscription:

[In loving memory of Elizabeth Mary Levingstone died 7th Dec. 1919 aged 43. Also her husband Robert Levingstone died Nov. 6th. 1940 aged 73 years. Also their son Joshua died August 6th. 1967 aged 65. Also their daughter Sarah [Sadie] M.B.E. died Oct. 8th 2001 aged 97 years. Thy will be done.]

LEWIS, Evelyn Geraldine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 11 June 1912 at Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Elder daughter of Samuel Alexander Lewis (Died 1925) and Florence Amelia Lewis (née Mayne) (Died 1919), of Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Derby, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1932. (London). [Registration No. 71973].

Residence: Ulster Bank House, Killyleagh, County Down. [1937].

Married: On the 21 March 1942 at St. John's Church, Meerut, India, Captain Charles Thomas Harold Harrison (1910 – 1988), The Jat Regiment, and Imperial Bank of India: elder son of Mr. C.S. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison (née ...), of Sutton, Surrey.

[Mid-Ulster Mail – Saturday 20 June 1942].

Evelyn was listed as a First Class Passenger on the R. M. S. Circassia which docked at Liverpool on 08 April 1951 after a voyage from Karachi, Pakistan and Bombay, India. She was 38 years old and her occupation was given as 'Housewife.' She was accompanied by her 4 year-old twin daughters. They had embarked at Karachi. Their address in the U.K. was recorded as 21 Grimstone Gardens, Folkestone, Kent. Their country of last permanent residence was Pakistan. Their country of permanent future residence was listed as England.

Died: 15 October 1981.

LIKEN, Kathleen Vandermere

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208618

Born: 10 October 1906 at 119 York Drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow, Scotland.

Daughter of Thomas Alexander Liken (Commercial Traveller) and Edith Vandermere Liken (née Henry), of 119 York Drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow, Scotland.

Her father was killed in a Road Traffic Collision when struck by a car on the evening of Friday the 13 March 1942. His address at the time was 30 Quay Road, Ballycastle, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Manchester, Lancashire, 1927 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 08 January 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1547].

Residence: 20 Claremont Street, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Lisacaddy, Whiteabbey, County Antrim. [1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

During the War she served in Palestine and Cyprus.

She became Assistant Matron of Whiteabbey Hospital, retiring in October 1971.

LINTON, Florence Adelaide

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208644

Born: 07 April 1905 at Derrygonnelly, Inishmacsaint, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of Samuel George Linton (School Teacher) and Mary Elizabeth Linton (née Parke), of Derrygonnelly, Inishmacsaint, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1927 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 08 July 1930. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1382].

Registration: 11 March 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1901]. [Midwifery].

Residence: 32 Cromwell Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1959].

Residence: Medical Department, Western Region, Ibadan, Nigeria. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Florence was a First-Class Passenger on the M. V. Apapa which docked in Liverpool on 02 July 1951. She had embarked at Lagos, Nigeria. Her occupation was listed as 'Nursing Sister' and she was aged 45 years. Her country of last permanent residence was given as Ireland. Her country of future permanent residence was recorded as Northern Ireland. Her proposed address in the U.K. was 3 Rosemont Terrace, Dunmurry, N. Ireland.

Three years later, Florence was listed as a passenger on the M. V. Apapa which sailed from England on 07 October 1954 bound for Lagos, Nigeria. Her occupation was listed as 'Nurse' and she was aged 48 years. Her last address in the U.K. was given as 32 Cromwell Road, Belfast. Her country of future permanent residence was recorded as West Africa.



Sister Florence Linton QA (far left) with friends, c.1944 (Courtesy of Dr. H. Mathews, daughter)

LINTON, Florence Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 329860

Born: 28 October 1921 at Ballyhutherland, Frosses, Cloughmills, County Antrim.

Daughter of Andrew Finlay Linton (Farmer) and Margaret Linton (née Crawford), of Ballyhutherland, Frosses, Cloughmills, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3595].

Residence: Frocess (sic), Cloughmills, County Antrim. [1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Registration: 02 December 1949. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3229]. [Midwifery].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1944.

Married: after June 1954, William Mathews (1917 – 2007) F.R.C.S.

Died: 06 November 1984.

Buried: Ballyweaney Presbyterian Cemetery, Cloughmills, County Antrim.



Florence Linton & friends on M.V. Britannic (formerly Cunard Line) (Courtesy of Dr H. Mathews, daughter)

LOANE, Catherine Alice

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313236

Born: 09 February 1916 at Carrigdale (sic), Rushbrooke, Queenstown (Cobh), County Cork.

Daughter of Henry Gordon Loane (Post Office Clerk and Telegraphist) and Mary Ellen Loane (née MacDonnell), of Carrigdale (sic), Rushbrooke, Queenstown (Cobh), County Cork.

Trained: The Willesden General Hospital, London, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118670].

Trained: North-Western Hospital, London, 1943 – 1944. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 23 June 1944. (London). [Registration No. 14185].

Residence: Carrig-Dale (sic), Queenstown (Cobh), County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

LOFTUS, Bridget Agnes (Delia)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345759

Born: 09 January 1913 at Ballyscanlan, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Daughter of John Joseph Loftus (Farmer) and Margaret Loftus (née Melvin), of Ballyscanlan, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96649].

Residence: Rathduff House, Crossmolina, County Mayo. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

Married: 10 June 1952 in Malacca, Malaysia, David Christian Hugonin (1928 – 1990) a Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Bridget was living in Hanover, Germany in August 1954.

Bridget was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Devonshire which departed from Liverpool on 04 December 1956. It was bound for the 'Far East.' She was accompanied by her four children: Susan Mary (3 years 8 months), Peter James (2 years 4 months), Anthony David (2 years 4 months), and Richard Francis (2 years 4 months). Elizabeth's date of birth is recorded erroneously as 09 January 1923 (instead of 1913). Her address in the U.K. was listed as '20 Families Hostel, Dover, Kent. Her occupation is given as 'Housewife.' Her country of last permanent residence is listed as Germany. Her Country of Future Permanent Residence was recorded as Hong Kong.

Residence: 2 Battery Close, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1961; 1962].

Died: 04 November 1981 at 15 Nottingham Road, Croydon, Greater London.

Probate: 25 February 1982 (London). Effects: Not exceeding £25,000.00.

[Older sister of Elizabeth Loftus – see below].

LOFTUS, Elizabeth (Betty)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225463

Born: 14 February 1915 at Ballyscanlan, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Daughter of John Joseph Loftus (Farmer) and Margaret Loftus (née Melvin), of Ballyscanlan, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96650].

Residence: Rathduff House, Crossmolina, County Mayo. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

Married: at unknown date, Courtney Hunter Dunn (1914 – 1919).

[Younger sister of Bridget Agnes Loftus – see above].

LOFTUS, Mary (Josephine)

Hospital Nurse

Born: 28 August 1918, at Freehen, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Daughter of Thomas Loftus (Farmer) and Bridget Loftus (née Molloy), of Freehen, Crossmolina, County Mayo.

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106387].

Residence: Freehen, Crossmolina, County Mayo. [1943].

Killed in Air Raid on 19 April 1944 (aged 25 years) at Salford Royal Hospital.

Buried at Edmonton, Municipal Borough.

[Civilian Deaths].

LONERGAN, Hanora

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208688

Born: 01 April 1903 at Kilfeacle, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Patrick Lonergan (Farmer) and Ellen Lonergan (née Ryan), of Kilfeacle, County Tipperary.

Trained: Park Royal Hospital, London, 1925 – 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 21 December 1928. (London). [Registration No. 50339].

Trained: ?? (Midwives Roll - 1935). [C.M.B. Examination].

Registration: 27 February 1932. (London). [Registration No. 83197].

Residence: Grantstown, Kilfeacle, County Tipperary. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1943; 1946].

Residence: 42a Newport Road, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire. [1935].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

LONERGAN, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208689

Born: 11 March 1897 at Park, Ardfinnan, Clogheen, County Tipperary. [Margaret*]

Daughter of Michael Lonergan (Farmer) and Johanna Lonergan (née Scully), of Park, Ardfinnan, Clogheen, County Tipperary.

Trained: North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, 1918 – 1921. [Certificate].

Registration: 19 September 1924. (London). [Registration No. 32984].

Residence: Park, Knocklofty, Clonmel, County Tipperary. [1925; 1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

LONG, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 223616

Born: 31 October 1916 at Ballystrudder, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Daughter of Robert Long (Farmer) and Catherine Long (nee McNair), of Ballystrudder, Islandmagee, County Antrim.

Trained: University College Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102576].

Residence: Mullaghduh, Islandmagee, County Antrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

LOUGHEED, Mary Jane Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 254818

Born: 18 April 1899 at Carransparran (?), Riverstown, County Sligo.

Daughter of Samuel Lougheed (Farmer) and Georgina (Georgie) Lougheed (née Heron), of Carransparran (?), Riverstown, County Sligo.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1926 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 20 November 1930. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1433].

Residence: Portballintrae, Bushmills, County Antrim. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Mill Street, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

LOWNEY, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336745

Born: 20 June 1920 at Cluin, Castletown, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis Lowney (Publican) and Bridget Lowney (née Harrington), of Castletown, County Cork.

Trained: Connaught Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1944 (London). [Registration No. 127755].

Residence: Hoe Street, Walthamstow, London E.17. [1946].

Commissioned into Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on the 20 December 1944.

She served in West Africa: Assistant Matron of the Military Hospital at Inugu and Kumassi (36th. General Hospital and 56th. General Hospital).

Married: July (?) 1948, at Essex South-Western District, Robert Michael Gardner (1924 – 2020).

They had 1 daughter and 2 sons.

Still alive in November 2014 at Moreton, Wirral, Lancashire.

LOWRY, Ellen Carr [Eleanor]

Hospital Nurse.

Born: 08 January 1903 [Ellen McDonnell Lowry – ‘Ellen Carr Lowry on form for altering name’ (23 February 1903)], at 108 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of John Frazer Lowry (Flax Merchant) and Agnes Lowry (née Garrett), of 45 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1923 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 16 June 1927. [Registration No. 1052].

Residence: Myrtlefield Park, Belfast.

Died: 17 February 1942 (aged not stated) on board the S.S. Tanjong Penang which was sunk by the Japanese off the east coast of Sumatra. [Civilian Deaths at Sea p. 2682].

‘Side by side with Ida Nelson died her chum Eleanor Lowry. They trained together in the Royal [Victoria Hospital, Belfast], but when they joined the Malayan Nursing Service Ida was sent to Penang and Eleanor to Singapore. To Singapore Ida went later, and when the order came for evacuation they left together. A Belfast friend, who eventually reached home, met and spoke to them both on their way to the ship on which they were to die. That meeting was the last link with their homes in Ulster.’

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

Probate: Ellen Carr Lowry of Myrtlefield Park, Belfast spinster died 17 February 1942 at Banka Straits Probate (Belfast) 24 November 1947 to Thomas Mayne Heron solicitor. Effects £1,428 16s. [PRONI Will Calendar].

Probate: Ellen Carr Lowry of Myrtlefield Park, Belfast spinster died 17 February 1942 at Banka Straits Probate (London) 06 January 1948 to Thomas Mayne Heron solicitor. Effects £91 6s. 9d.

LOWRY, Mary Alexandra (Tommy)

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279236

Born: 13 February 1932 at Mullaghanny, Castlefin, County Donegal.

Daughter of Andrew Lowry (Farmer) and Annie Lowry (née Liston), of Mullaghanny, Castlefin, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2284].

Residence: Argrey, Ballindrait, Lifford, County Donegal. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

“One of the few women holders of the Burma Star in Northern Ireland, and certainly the only one in Derry, is Miss Mary Lowry. She was with the 14th. Army Nursing Service from 1943 to 1946. As a member of the one-year-old Londonderry section of the Burma Star Association, she was alone in an attendance of 50 or so at the annual dinner.

Miss Lowry – she was born near Raphoe – is Assistant Matron at Londonderry Chest Hospital. She trained in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.”

[Belfast Telegraph - Wednesday 08 February 1956 p.04].

Died: January 1980 at Argrey, Mullaghanny, Lifford, County Donegal.

LUSK, Hester Jean Rogers

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213798

Born: 04 April 1908 at Ballynaskeagh, Loughbrickland, County Down.

Daughter of Rev. John James Brown Lusk (Presbyterian Minister) and Margaret Dewar Lusk (née Wilson) MB, Bch, BAO, of Ballynaskeagh, Loughbrickland, County Down.

Trained: Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridgeshire, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 68881].

Residence: Addenbrooke's Hospital, Trumpington Street, Cambridge. [1931 - 1933].

Residence: Glascar Manse, Loughbrickland, County Down. [1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: Manorcunningham, County Donegal. [1943].

Residence: 44 Elwill Way, Park Langley, Beckenham, Kent. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Married: after 1945, Eric Humphries. (?)

Residence: Red Post Hill, London S.E.24. [1980].

Died: 19 July 1980 at Sutton, Greater London.

Probate: 06 October 1980. (London). Effects: £2,488.00

LYDON, Bridget [2 Possibilities]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225464

Born: 15 May 1910 at Shannawoneen, Spiddal, County Galway.

Daughter of Daniel Lydon (Farmer) and Honora Lydon (née Folan), of Shannavooneen (sic), Spiddal, County Galway.

OR

Born: 14 June 1912 at Shannawoneen, Spiddal, County Galway.

Daughter of James Lydon (Farmer) and Mary Lydon (née Curran), of Shannavooneen (sic), Spiddal, County Galway.

Trained: St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Surrey, affiliated to Providence Free Hospital, St. Helens, Lancashire, 1929 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 81619].

Trained: Liverpool City Hospitals Group II, Lancashire, 1937 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10499].

Residence: Shannavooneen (sic), Spiddal, County Galway. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

LYNCH, Anna Mary Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318894

Born: 18 February 1921 at 2 Mount Verdon Terrace, Cork.

Daughter of Michael Lynch (Land Owner) and Teresa Lynch (née O'Connell), of Beechmount, Mallow, County Cork.

Trained: Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, January 1940 – July 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 12 January 1944. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 8379].

Residence: Beechmount, Mallow, County Cork. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944. However, this notification was cancelled in August 1944.

Married: after 1945, Thomas Lynes (Died 1974 in Cork).

Died: 29 March 1988 in County Cork.

LYNCH, Margaret (Peggy) Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305893

Born: 14 March 1920 at 57 Barrack Street, Waterford.

Daughter of James Lynch (Clerk) and Anne (Annie) Lynch (née Donovan), of 57 Barrack Street, Waterford.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, Kent, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 18 December 1942. (London). [Registration No. 119115].

Residence: Barrack Street, Waterford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

Died: 15 February 2011 at Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. (??)

LYNCH, Mary Julia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316014

Born: 28 October 1913 at Kiltultogue, Ballymacurley, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Patrick Lynch (Farmer) and Alicia (Ellen) Lynch (née Quigley), of Kiltultogue, Ballymacurley, County Roscommon.

Trained: Woolwich and District War Memorial Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118744].

Residence: Kiltultogue, Ballymacurley, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

LYNCH, Mary Teresa (Maureen)

Probationer Nurse

Born: 28 December 1919 at Fairy Hill, Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Daniel Lynch (Farmer) (Died 1936) and Ellen (Elsie) Lynch (née Molohan), of Fairy Hill, Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare.

Killed in Air Raid on 02 June 1941 (aged 21 years) at Salford Royal Hospital.

[Civilian Deaths p. 796].

Buried: St. Mary's R.C. Cemetery, Wardley, Salford, Greater Manchester.

LYNCH, Nellie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325788

Born: 03 June 1912 at Eyeries Beg, Castletown Bere, County Cork .

Daughter of John Lynch (Farmer) and Margaret Lynch (née Harrington), of Eyeries Beg, Castletown Bere, County Cork .

Trained: Long Grove Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, 1936 – 1940. [Examination]. [Mental].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 8760].

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, London, 1941 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 122207].

Residence: Eyeries Beg, Castletown Bere, County Cork . [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

LYNN, Dorothy Hermione

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 208663

Born: 19 March 1911, at Laureston, Greencastle, Belfast.

Daughter of John Lynn (Manager of Book Department of the General Assembly) and Agnes Lynn (née Andrews), of Laureston, Greencastle, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1930 – 1935 [Examination].

Registration: 17 December 1935 [Registration No. 2102].

Residence: 19 Shandon Drive, Bangor, County Down. [1956].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She served with the Armed Forces Nursing Services during WW2. After the war she joined the Colonial Service, spending time in Africa. On returning to Northern Ireland she was appointed as Matron of Belfast City Hospital.

'... Sister Dorothy Lynn, of Bangor, who recently returned to this country after serving with the Army for five years in the Middle East, tells of an unexpected encounter in the desert not far from Tobruk. She and three other nursing sisters who arrived at a military camp by rail were given an Army car and

a driver to bring them to Tobruk. The driver was delighted to act as guide and informant to the party especially because, as he confided to them, they were the first white women he had seen for three years. He had not spoken many words before Sister Lynn asked, "And what part of Ulster do you come from?" "Bangor," was the reply. Sister Lynn is now stationed at a military hospital in Northern Ireland, but many of her best Ulster friends are still overseas, friends from Belfast, Ballymena, and Limavady whose acquaintance she made in Alexandria, Durban, and Jerusalem.' [Belfast Telegraph Monday 03 September 1945].

'I hear of a Royal Victoria trained nurse, Miss Dorothy Lynn, of Bangor, who is helping to develop medical services in Africa. After three months' leave at home, Miss Lynn left for the Gold Coast last night to be regional matron under the Ministry of Health. Before her vacation she was the first matron of Kunasi [sic] General Hospital, which has 500 hundred beds and a training school for 300 nurses.

Miss Lynn, the daughter of Mrs. Lynn and the late Mr. John Lynn, of Shandon Drive, spent four years as a nursing sister in the Middle East, and was behind the front at El Alamein.'

[Belfast Telegraph Friday 21 October 1955].

During her life she was an active member of the Joint Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Northern Ireland Hospitals' Authority.

'A Bangor woman, who is Regional Matron in the Ministry of Health of the Gold Coast, has just completed a lecture tour of Great Britain as part of a campaign to recruit senior nursing officers. Miss Dorothy Lynn, who began her nursing career at Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital, completed her training at Queen Charlottes' Hospital in London and served as a sister with the Eighth Army in the Middle East. After the war she obtained a post in West Africa.

She took a course in nursing administration and now is responsible for the nursing side of a group of hospitals in the Gold Coast. She says there is no shortage of young entrants to the nursing profession there, and it is because that so many girls are anxious to be trained that senior nurses and tutors are urgently required.

"I hope to find two teams each of eight senior nursing officers, in addition to sister tutors, for our two training hospitals at Accra and Kumasi. It is really a wonderful opportunity for British nurses who want to travel and widen their experience. Conditions of service are excellent, and the contracts being offered are for two tours of 18 months. The Gold Coast does not offer long-term appointments because it is the intention that the hospitals' permanent staffs should be entirely African." Selected African nurses will "understudy" these British nurses and eventually take over the work. The large modern hospital at Kumasi is one of which any European capital would be proud, says Miss Lynn. Many Africans who used to be reluctant to leave home when they were ill are now so eager to benefit from hospital treatment that the Ministry of Health has had to extend rapidly its hospital programme. The training in the Gold Coast for Sate Registered Nurses is exactly the same as that in the United Kingdom.

Before returning to the Gold Coast, Miss Lynn will give one more talk – at Musson House, Royal Victoria Hospital, on next Monday evening. The talk will be illustrated by films showing various aspects of hospital life in the Gold Coast. "I hope I get some Ulster nurses, for I have great faith in the Ulster people," Miss Lynn said.'

[Belfast Telegraph Thursday 10 January 1957].

‘After qualifying at the Royal Victoria Hospital she completed her training at Queen Charlotte’s Hospital in London, served as a sister with the Eighth Army in the Middle East and later joined the Colonial Nursing Service. An expert in hospital administration, she was regional matron in the Gold Coast, remaining there when it achieved independence as Ghana. She was appointed matron of the City Hospital in 1958. In the last 14 years she has campaigned for better training, better pay and a better deal for nurses. In 1963 she married **Mr. William [Newell] Lemon**. “We have sold our house in Bangor and are going to live in Port Erin, Isle of Man,” she says, “And we’re both looking forward to some peace.” [Retirement - Belfast Telegraph Friday 26 May 1972].

Died: 08 March 1989. [?]

Buried: Bangor New Cemetery.

LYONS, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Born: Limerick.

MACKESY, Hester Strangman

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206316

Born: 19 April 1906 at Lady Lane, Rosecliffe, County Waterford.

Daughter of Joseph Poulter Thomas Mackesy (Captain 32nd. Royal Irish Regiment) and Sarah Neville Mackesy (née Ussher), of Harbour View, Rosecliffe, Waterford.

Trained: Mercer’s Hospital, Dublin, February 1926 – February 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 02 April 1930. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 4102].

Residence: Glenart, Greystones, County Wicklow. [1939; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: May 1998.

Buried: Christ Church Cemetery, Delgany, County Wicklow.

MACKEY, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208723

Born: 27 July 1916 at Rineen, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Daughter of James Mackey (Farmer) and Anne (Annie) Mackey (née Garrihy or Garrahy), of Rineen, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Trained: The Hospital, Oldchurch, Romford, Essex, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 91136].

Residence: Rineen P.O., Miltown Malbay, County Clare. [1940].

Residence: Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham, West Midlands. [1943].

Residence: Wrose Mount, Wrose, Shipley, Yorkshire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

MAGINNES, Eileen Nancy Susanna(h)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218094

Born: circa 1913. [South Africa ?].

Daughter of Reverend J. Maginnes and A. E. Maginnes (née), of ...

Trained: City Hospital, Belfast, 1932 –1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 March 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2147].

Residence: 18 Blackwood Street, Belfast. [1951; 1956].

She was appointed a Sister in Belfast City Hospital before the war. She joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in 1942. Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

She served in India, Britain, and after the Normandy invasion, in Belgium.

Demobilised in 1946 she took her midwifery teaching diploma in Belfast and was appointed Sister Tutor at the Jubilee Hospital.

Died: 26 February 1956 in the Jubilee Hospital, Belfast at the age of 43, as a consequence of Breast Cancer. She had been ill for some time.

Probate: Eileen Nancy Susanna Maginnes of the City Hospital Lisburn Road Belfast spinster died 26 February 1956. Probate Belfast 2 July to James Steele garage attendant and Lazer L. Glick surgeon dentist. Effects £1701 7s. 4d. [PRONI Will Index].

Buried: Droit, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone.

MAGUIRE, Irene Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206317

Born: 14 July 1911 at [England ?].

Elder daughter of Major Thomas Maguire (Commissioned Officer) and Josephine Maguire (née Naughton), of 'The Retreat', Gortmore, Omagh, County Tyrone.

[Thomas Maguire married Josephine Naughton on 19 August 1908 at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Belfast. His occupation was given as 'Military Col. Sergeant.' and his residence at the time was Malta. Josephine's occupation was listed as 'Garrison Teacher.' Her residence was Roseleigh Street, Belfast.

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, December 1929 – December 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 04 January 1933. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 4770].

Residence: The Retreat, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1939; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

In June 1943, she was acting Matron in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her work in Singapore prior to and during the evacuation.

Awarded (June 1950) the Belgian Order of the Crown in appreciation of her outstanding services in Belgium and Germany in 1944 – 1945.

[See Newspaper Account below].

Belgian Order for Tyrone Woman

Mrs J.P. Entwistle, elder daughter of Major T Maguire and Mrs Maguire, Gortmore, Omagh, has been awarded the Belgian Order of the Crown as an appreciation of her outstanding services in Belgium and Germany in 1944-45. Mrs Entwistle, who served with the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service during the war, was earlier awarded the Royal Red Cross for her work in Singapore prior to and during the evacuation. Her husband served with the Army Dental Corps.

Northern Whig, 6th July 1950

Married: 1943 at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Frank Entwistle (Army Dental Corps).

Died: August 1997 at Bromley, Greater London.

MAGUIRE, Mary Cecelia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306505

Born: 29 December 1914 at 104 Cavendish Street, Belfast.

Daughter of James Maguire (R.I.C. Constable) and Ellen Gertrude Maguire (née Gilmore), of 104 Cavendish Street, Belfast.

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1937 – 1939. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 20 December 1939. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 374].

Trained: West London Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124823].

Residence: Buoclough, Loughinisland, County Down. [1943].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Conoon, 'St. Anne's', Dunmisk Park, Andersonstown, Belfast. [1946].

Residence: Dunmisk Park, Andersonstown, Belfast. [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

Died: 10 March 1997 in the U.S.A. (?)

MAHER, Emily

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318496

Born: 06 October 1921 at Westport, County Mayo.

Daughter of Joseph Maher (School Master) and Delia Maher (née O'Malley), of Westport, County Mayo.

Trained: Mile End Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 122144].

Residence: Westport, County Mayo. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

MAHOOD, Nora Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338840

Born: 13 June 1922, at Wilson House, Broughshane, County Antrim. (?)

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 09 March 1944. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3691].

Residence: Belfast Bank House, Portaferry, County Down. [1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Bangour General Hospital, Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. [1956].

Residence: Wilson House, Broughshane, County Antrim. [1959].

Died: 26 November 2006, at Newcastle, County Down.

MALONEY, Katherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279837

Trained: Eastern Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 10938].

Trained: St. Pancras Hospital, London, 1940 – 1942. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 119054].

Residence: 205 Errigal Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. [1943].

[There is a Katherine Maloney recorded in the September 1939 Register (England) who was a Probationer Nurse at St. Pancras Hospital. Her date of birth was recorded as 03 May 1917 – No birth for that date].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

MARKEY, Bridget Maria

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316630

Born: 12 February 1917 at Shanmullagh, Ballybay, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Edward Markey (Farmer) and Sarah Anne Markey (née McBennett), of Shanmullagh, Ballybay, County Monaghan.

Trained: St. George-in-the-East Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 12510].

Trained: North-Western Hospital, London, 1941 – 1942. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 103795].

Residence: Shanmullagh, Braddox P.O., County Monaghan. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Married: January 1947 at Hendon, Middlesex, Reginald T. Stocker.

Died: 28 February 1981 at Church Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Probate: 26 May 1981 (Oxford). Effects: £19,990.00.

MARMION, Patricia

Hospital Nurse and Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208885

Born: December 1916 at Skibbereen, County Cork. [No Birth Certificate found].

Daughter of Philip Henry Oliver Marmion (Veterinary Surgeon) and Bridget Marmion (née O'Sullivan), of Skibbereen, County Cork.

Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95558].

Residence: Mardyke, Skibbereen, County Cork. [1943].

The British Journal of Nursing (February 1941) reported the following:

'Magnificent examples of gallantry are being shown day and night by men and women serving in the ranks of Britain's Civil Defence army, and were recently recounted in the

London Gazette, when further awards of George Medals were announced. Amongst the recipients, we are pleased to note doctors and nurses. We congratulate most warmly :-Dr. André Bathfield, Resident M.O., Royal Chest Hospital, London; Miss Catherine McGovern, S.R.N., Assistant Matron; and Miss Patricia Marmion, S.R.N., Staff Nurse. A bomb largely demolished the in-patient block of the hospital, covering the patients and staff with debris. Blast had filled every part of the building with thick dust so that it was difficult to breathe. Dr. Bathfield, although badly cut, did not leave the hospital for the treatment of his own wounds until every injured person had been treated and removed.

Miss McGovern, who was acting for the Matron, was also badly cut and injured by falling debris, but she refused to leave and continued to help in the removal of injured patients and staff. Finally, she went through the ruins supported by a police constable to ensure

that there was no possibility of anybody being left behind.

Staff Nurse Patricia Marmion, who was in charge of the men's ward, which was within 20 feet of where the heavy bomb struck the hospital, immediately took steps to pacify her patients. She led to safety a man who tried to throw himself out of a window, rescued another injured patient, and though herself bleeding profusely, got him across her shoulders and carried him downstairs over masses of debris. Returning, she collected dangerous drugs which she put in a safe place. By this time her condition was such that she had to be taken away for treatment. A few days later, she was in bed in the Grovelands hospital when this, too, received a direct hit. A fire was started in the ward and the floor was strewn with shattered glass, but Nurse Marmion, in her bare feet, jumped out of bed and helped to take the other patients to safety.'

Her exploits drew National attention. One of the National papers displayed, in cartoon form, a well-built Irish nurse, carrying an Australian soldier with one arm to safety.

For her actions, she was awarded the George Medal at Buckingham Palace on 27 May 1941.

Subsequently, she was commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. at the end of May 1941 and was posted to India.

She was promoted to Lieutenant in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1951. She relinquished her Commission in May 1954.



Miss Patricia Marmion (right) with Miss Catherine McGovern and Dr. Andre Bathfield, after having received their George Medals at Buckingham Palace, May 1941

Married: 1st. – Joseph Richardson Thorpe. [Query if this is the same Patricia Marmion] ???

Married: 2nd. – January-March 1954 at Ealing, Middlesex, Thomas McKinney from Bunagee, Culdaff, County Donegal.

Died: November 2001 at Carrownafe, Moville, County Donegal.

MARREN, Honoria (Nora)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 21 July 1917 at Cashel-North, Coolaney, County Sligo.

Daughter of William Marren (Farmer) and Anne (Annie) Marren (née Henry), of Cashel-North, Coolaney, County Sligo.

Trained: South-Eastern Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 10978].

Trained: Hammersmith Hospital, London, 1941 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124955].

Residence: Cashel-North, Coolaney, County Sligo. [1943; 1946].

Residence: 582 Du Cane Road, Hammersmith Hospital, London. [1945].

She flew from Shannon Airport to New York, arriving on 25 May 1948. She was 30 years old. Her intended permanent address in the U.S. was given as 37 Cherrelyn Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. She obtained a Social Security Number (054-26-0173) in October 1948.

She became a Naturalised U.S. Citizen on 21 June 1954 and her residence was Briggs Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

She departed New York on 27 September 1956 on the S.S. Mauretania bound for Cobh, County Cork. She was intending to stay in Ireland for 6 months.

She flew from London to New York on 13 September 1959. Her home address was recorded as Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

She flew from Nassau, Bahamas, arriving in New York on 14 September 1960.

Her address was still Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Her last residence in the U.S. was Bronx, New York City. [1992].

Died: 04 December 1992 at Kensington & Chelsea, London.

MARREN, Mary Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279536

Born: 29 May 1919 at Tobercurry, County Sligo. **[No Birth Certificate found]**.

Daughter of Michael Marren(Farmer) and Sarah Marren (née Durkan or Durkin), of Stonepark, Tobercurry, County Sligo. **[Most likely parents]**.

Trained: Bromley and District Hospital, Kent, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108412].

Trained: Willesden Municipal Hospital, London, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 17 December 1943. (London). [Registration No. 14010].

Residence: Stonepark, Aclare, County Sligo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

MARRINAN, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227186

Born: 08 September 1913 at Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Kilrush, County Clare.

Daughter of Martin Marrinan (Farmer) and Mary Marrinan (née Corry), of Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Kilrush, County Clare.

Trained: Croydon General Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106882].

Residence: Churchtown, Cooraclare, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

MARRINAN, Anne (Annie) *(Possible)*

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 18 December 1903 at Ballyduffbeg, Ennistymon, County Clare. [Likeliest]

Daughter of Thomas Marrinan (Farmer) and Elizabeth (Eliza) Marrinan (née Hehir), of Ballyduffbeg, Ennistymon, County Clare.

Trained: Southwark Hospital, London, 1921 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 September 1925. (London). [Registration No. 39035].

Residence: Ballyduff, Inagh, County Clare. [1928].

Residence: c/o G. Kenny Esquire, Corofin, County Clare. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940].

Residence: Clifton Villas, Warwick Avenue, London W9. [1943].

Residence: Herries Street, Queen's Park, London W10. [1946].

Married: between 1940 and 1943, Unknown Fowler.

MASON, Annie Dorward Theo

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313462

Born: 06 January 1921 at Castruse, Bogay, County Donegal.

Daughter of William Bowman Mason (Farmer) and Anne (Annie) Haxton Mason (née Dorward), of Castruse, Bogay, County Donegal.

Trained: Northampton General Hospital, East Midlands, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 123289].

Residence: Castruse, Bogay, County Donegal. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Married: On the 02 October 1945 at St. James' Church, Delhi, India, Flight Lieutenant H. J. Eaton (1915 – 2009), R.A.F., Station Road, Borrowash, Derby, England.

[Londonderry Sentinel Tuesday 20 November 1945].

Died: 05 October 1999 at Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

MAXWELL, Margaret (Madge)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 239734

Born: 27 April 1914 at 50 London Road, Belfast.

Daughter of William Maxwell (Coach Builder) and Ellen Maria Maxwell (née Walker), of 50 London Road, Belfast.

Trained: Birkenhead Municipal Hospital, Tranmere, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98155].

Residence: Woodstock Road, Belfast. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.

[See Newspaper Account below]

Belfast Nurse Lost at Sea

Margaret (Madge) Maxwell (27), Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve), who was previously reported missing, is now presumed to have been killed in action. She resided with her father, William and sister, Ella, 412 Woodstock Road, Belfast. She began her training as a nurse at the age of 17 at Birkenhead Hospital and was called up in September 1941, and served 12 months in a military hospital. She was home on leave in October 1942 and reported missing in December, her boat having been torpedoed. Another sister, Mrs A. Greer, resides at 29 Reid St, Belfast.

Belfast Telegraph, 23rd August 1943

McADAM, Agnes Johnston

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 213801

Born: 29 May 1896 at 27 Earl Lane, Belfast.

Daughter of William McAdam (Ship Carpenter) and Euphemia McAdam (née Johnston), of 27 Earl Lane, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1922 – 1925. [Examination].

Registration: 11 March 1926. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 933].

Residence: Belmont Church Road, Belfast. [1946].

Residence: Innisfayle Gardens, Belfast. [1949; 1951; 1956].

Residence: Church Road, Dundonald, Belfast. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

McALISTER (McALLISTER), Annie Rosemund Kathleen [various spellings]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231783

Born: 01 August 1914 at 32 Deramore Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of Henry McAlister (Constable R.I.C.) and Annie Margaret McAlister (née Rankin), of 32 Deramore Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 08 December 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2405].

Residence: 31 Landseer Street, Belfast. [1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Greenisland, County Antrim. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1942.

Married: between 1937 and 1949, Unknown Wilson.

Died: 19 April 2007 at Carrickfergus, County Antrim. (?)

McATEER, Helena Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215382

Born: 20 August 1903 at 18 Pine Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Edward McAteer (Sergeant R.I.C.) and Mary McAteer (née Duffy), of Grange, County Sligo.

Trained: Highgate Hospital, London, 1924 – 1927. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1930. (London). [Registration No. 57152].

Trained: 1934 - 1935. (?) [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 1935. (Midwives Roll - 1938). [Registration No. 93858].

Residence: Shaftesbury Road, Crouch Hill, London N.19. [1931].

Residence: 22 Nightingale Place, Woolwich, London S.E.18. [1934].

Residence: 4 Churchill Road, St. Thomas, Exeter, Devon. [1937].

Residence: Dix's Field, Exeter, Devon. [1938].

Residence: Sluddan, Ballylar, Lifford, County Donegal. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

McBRIDE, Eileen Edith (Ellie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348084

Born: 26 March 1920 at Freeduff, Creggan, County Armagh.

Daughter of William Scott McBride (Physician and Surgeon) and Ethel Sarah McBride (née Gilmore), of Freeduff, Creggan, County Armagh.

Trained: Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, East Sussex, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 119759].

Registration: 12 June 1945. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2621]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 25 March 1953. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 6294].

Residence: c/o Dr. W. S. McBride, Dromara, County Down. [1946].

Residence: 'Glenshesk,' Upper Greenisland, County Antrim. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

Married: 07 July 1978 at Greenisland, County Antrim, George William Ryder (1903 – 2000).

Residence: Groomsport Road, Bangor, County Down. [before 2021].

Died: 09 June 2021.

Death Notice: '9th June 2021. Peacefully at Nursing Home. Late of Groomsport Road, Bangor. Beloved wife of the late George Ryder.

Service in Groomsport Parish Church on Wednesday 16th June at 1.30pm.

Funeral afterwards to Ballyvester Cemetery [Donaghadee].'

McBRIEN, Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227736

Born: 13 September 1919, at Corratistune, Derrylin, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of John McBrien (Farmer) and Margaret Jane McBrien (née McManus), of Corratistune, Derrylin, County Fermanagh.

Trained: St. Alfege's Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940 (London). [Registration No. 106520].

Commissioned into Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on the 09 April 1942.

She served in Italy and West Africa.

McBRIEN, Theresa (Hetty)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306285

Born: 20 November 1916 at Baurroe, Feackle, County Clare.

Daughter of Charles Henry McBrien (Sergeant R.I.C.) and Sarah McBrien (née Sheppard), of Baurroe, Feackle, County Clare.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 18 December 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3345].

Residence: Southwell Street, Bangor, County Down. [1943; 1949].

In 1943, Theresa's sisters, Annie and Margaret Philomena, (both nurses) also resided with her at Southwell Street, Bangor, County Down.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Married: July – September 1949, Giles Bernard (Gyles) Durcan M.D. (1911 – 1999).

Died: October 2003 at Enfield, Greater London.

McCABE, Norah

Hospital Nurse

Born: 05 June 1913 at Fermanagh Street, Clones, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Michael McCabe (Merchant) and Margaret Mary McCabe (née Roden), of Fermanagh Street, Clones, County Monaghan.

Trained: General Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103991].

Residence: Fermanagh Street, Clones, County Monaghan. [1943].

Residence: The General Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands. [1946].

[See Newspaper Account below]

Two Irish Nurses Lost at Sea: one hails from Clones

Donegal Girl also with her

Miss Norah McCabe, Fermanagh Street, Clones, employed as a nurse in England, is one of the survivors of a ship recently lost off Great Britain. Miss McCabe was in bed at the time and save for a few articles of clothing lost all her belongings. She had to lower herself down a rope placed at the side of the ship, which had a bad list, in order to reach a tug which came to the rescue. Amongst the injured was the captain of the vessel, to whom first aid was rendered by another Irish nurse, Miss McHugh, Kilcar, Co Donegal, who accompanied Miss McCabe. The passengers, numbering about a hundred, were saved. Both nurses intend to return to their employment in England.

Belfast Telegraph, 7th January 1941

Married: after 1946 (?), Unknown Wilson.

Died: October 1993 at Birmingham, West Midlands. [Most Likely].

McCAFFREY, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345246

Born: 15 January 1913 at Lannaght, Rosslea, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of Bernard McCaffrey (Farmer) and Mary Anne McCaffrey (née Slowey or Sloey), of Lannaght, Rosslea, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Royal Halifax Infirmary, West Yorkshire, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 78141].

Residence: Lannett (sic), Roslea, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

McCALLUM, Flora Simpson

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318680

Born: 16 August 1913 at 32 Austin Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Joseph McCallum (Boilermaker) and Flora McCallum (née Nicol), of 32 Austin Street, Belfast.

Trained: Boundary Park Municipal Hospital, Oldham, Lancashire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 105479].

Registration: 17 November 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3320].

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1942 – 1944. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 21 March 1944. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 525].

Residence: Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946, 1949].

Residence: Odger Street, Battersea, London S.W.11. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Married: between 1944 and 1946, Arthur F. Spencer.

McCANN, Lilian

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208917

Born: 13 September 1914 at 5 Henryville Street, Belfast.

Daughter of James McCann (Labourer) and Bridget McCann (née McMahon), of 5 Henryville Street, Belfast.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2436].

Registration: 05 April 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2044]. [CMB Examination].

Residence: Rushfield Avenue, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Nutter Road, Cleveleys, Blackpool, Lancashire. [1949].

Residence: Tilston Road, Wallasey, Cheshire. [1951].

Residence: Leyburn Road, Wallasey, Cheshire. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: between 1946 and 1949, Unknown Mills.

McCANN, Rosena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306992

Born: 28 November 1912 at 88 Clonard Gardens, Belfast.

Daughter of John McCann (Joiner) and Sarah McCann (née Maginn), of 88 Clonard Gardens, Belfast.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, March 1935 – May 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96651].

Registration: 10 June 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7450].

In September 1939 she was registered as a Pupil Midwife with an address at 587 Promenade, Blackpool, Lancashire.

Residence: Clonard Gardens, Belfast. [1940; 1946].

Residence: Mall Road, Monaghan. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

McCARTHY, Theresa (Teresa) Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294274

Born: 25 October 1918 at Caher, Caherciveen, County Kerry.

Daughter of Daniel McCarthy (Shoemaker) and Mary McCarthy (née Shea), of Caher, Caherciveen, County Kerry.

Trained: West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111568].

Residence: Coars, Caherciveen, County Kerry. [1943].

Residence: Fairgreen, Caherciveen, County Kerry. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943.

McCASHIN (McCASHIAN), Bridget Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270114

Born: 28 March 1915 at Bonecastle, Downpatrick, County Down.

Daughter of John McCashin (sic) (Farmer) and Mary McCashin (née Maguire), of Bonecastle, Downpatrick, County Down.

Trained: Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester, Lancashire, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107770].

Residence: Alexandra Road South, Manchester, Lancashire. [1943].

Residence: Bonecastle, Downpatrick, County Down. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

[Younger Sister of Cecilia Clere McCashin – See below]

McCASHIN (McCASHION), Cecilia Clere

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279604

Born: 09 June 1913 at Bonecastle, Downpatrick, County Down.

Daughter of John McCashin (sic) (Farmer) and Mary McCashin (née Maguire), of Bonecastle, Downpatrick, County Down.

Trained: Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 83852].

Registration: 13 September 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2517].

Residence: Bonecastle, Ballydugan P.O., Downpatrick, County Down.
[1937; 1940; 1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

She was a passenger on the S.S. Scythia, departing from Southampton on 01 January 1955, bound for New York. Her address in the U.K. was recorded as c/o Australia House, Harrow Road, London W.9. Her country of future permanent residence was listed as Canada.

She returned to Southampton on 13 February 1956 on the S.S. Ascania from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Her address in England was listed as N. Hillingdon, Middlesex.

She was recorded as 'V' (visitor) intending to stay in the U.K. for 3 months.

Died: November 1999 at Downpatrick, County Down.

Buried: Downpatrick, County Down.

[Older Sister of Bridget Elizabeth McCashin – See above]

McCLURE, Martha Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241696

Born: 15 June 1912 at Foyagh, Ballintra, Drumholm, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Daughter of Thomas John Backin McClure (Farmer) and Margaret (Maggie) Jane McClure (née Morrow), of Foyagh, Ballintra, Drumholm, Ballyshannon, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 14 December 1934. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1957].

Trained: ??, 1937 – 1938. (?) [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 1938 (?). (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1941). [Registration No. 13611].

Residence: Foyagh, Ballintra, County Donegal. [1941; 1943; 1944 – 1946; 1948; 1952; 1954].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1942.

Married: January 1946 at Hendon, Middlesex, Eric Thomas Boulter (1917 – 1989), a Social Worker.

She was a passenger, along with her husband and 11 month old son (Roger Stephen), on the S.S. Queen Elizabeth departing on 17 October 1950 from Cherbourg, France sailing to New York, arriving there on 22 October 1950. Their destination was recorded as 22 W. 17th. Street, New York.

Died: 01 March 1998. (January 1998 ?) at Brent, Greater London.

McCOMISH, Eileen Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 223213

Born: 02 September 1912 at Newry Street, Banbridge, County Down.

Daughter of James McComish (Flesher) and Margaret McComish (née McCann), of Newry Street, Banbridge, County Down.

Trained: Walton Hospital, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85607].

Residence: Wyndham House, Sea View, Warrenpoint, County Down. [1937; 1940].

Residence: Phillips Lane, Formby, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1943; 1946; 1947].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

She was a passenger on the S.S. Andes, departing from Southampton on 19 January 1947, destined for Singapore. Her country of intended future permanent residence was listed as Malaya.

Married: 1947 at Malacca, Malaya, Major Jeffrey Birt (Bob) Fowler (1913 – 1987).

Died: 12 November 2003 at Canon Pyon, Herefordshire Unitary Authority, Herefordshire.

Buried: Ashes were buried at St. Peter and St. Paul Churchyard, Birtsmorton, Worcestershire.

McCONKEY, Esther Eva

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215885

Born: 28 November 1899 at 193 Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of William McConkey (Book Keeper) and Hester Eva McConkey (née Moore), of 193 Alexandra Park Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1929. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1274].

Residence: Somerton Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956].

Residence: The General's Walk, Donaghadee, County Down. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. February 1942.

Died: 03 March 1967 at 48 Wandsworth Road, Belfast.

Buried: Roselawn Cemetery, Belfast.

[Older Sister of Mary Miller McConkey - See below]

McCONKEY, Mary Miller

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227146

Born: 15 March 1903 at 129 Clifton Park Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of William McConkey (Book Keeper) and Hester Eva McConkey (née Moore), of 129 Clifton Park Avenue, Belfast.

Trained: Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112173].

Registration: 16 March 1946. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 4229].

Residence: Somerton Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951; 1956].

Residence: The General's Walk, Donaghadee, County Down. [1959].

Residence: Shore Street, Donaghadee, County Down. [1984].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. June 1942.

Died: 02 January 1984.

Buried: 05 January 1984 at Roselawn Cemetery, Belfast.

[Younger Sister of Esther Eva McConkey – See above]

McCONNELL, Martha Williams (Meta)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 358493

Born: 17 February 1923 at Drumbare, Woodquarter, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal.

Daughter of Francis Williams McConnell (Farmer) and Rebecca McConnell (née Hunter), of Drumbare, Woodquarter, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal.

Trained: City and County Hospital, Londonderry, 1941 - 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1945. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3962].

Residence: Milford, County Donegal. [1946].

'Was a S.R.N. who served on Hospital Ships WW2.'

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1946.

Was promoted from Sister to Subaltern in February 1949.

Married: 12 September 1952 at Presbyterian Church, Upper Richmond Road, London, Peter Shaw (1918 - 2002).

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the M. S. Dunera which sailed from Mombasa, Kenya and arrived at Southampton on 27 June 1958. Her Forename was given as 'Meta' and she was accompanied by her 2 young daughters (aged 5 and 3). Her address in the U.K. was given as 'Baxter, Milford, County Donegal.' Her occupation was 'Housewife.' Her country of last permanent residence was Kenya. Her intended future permanent residence was recorded as the U.K.

Died: 01 July 2021 at Tisbury, Wiltshire.

McCOOK, Evelyn

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 266467

Born: 13 December 1915 at Monaclough, Ballycastle, County Antrim.

Daughter of Alexander McCook (Farmer) and Catherine McCook (née Glass), of Monaclough, Ballycastle, County Antrim.

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1935 - 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95474].

Residence: St. Giles' Hospital, St. Giles' Road, Camberwell, London. [1937].

Residence: Killogue, Ballymoney, County Antrim. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

She was a passenger on the S.S. Scythia which departed from Liverpool on 27 November 1947. Her destination was Penang, Malaya. Her last address in the U.K. was Killogue, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

She was recorded as a passenger on the S.S. Canton which departed from Southampton on 17 December 1948. Her destination was Singapore. Her last address in the U.K. was listed as 79 High Street, Harborne, Birmingham. Her intended future permanent residence was Malaya.

She was recorded as a First-Class passenger on the S.S. Frankfurt, having embarked at Singapore and arrived in Southampton on 13 March 1955. Her last address in the U.K. was listed as 79 High Street, Harborne, Birmingham. Her country of last permanent residence was Malaya. She intended to stay in the U.K. for 6 months.

She was listed as a passenger on the S.S. Corfu which departed from Southampton on 14 October 1955. She had contracted to disembark in Singapore. Her intended future permanent residence was Malaya. Her last address in the U.K. was listed as 79 High Street, Harborne, Birmingham.

She was also a First-Class passenger along with her husband, William Percy Padbury, and their children, Elizabeth Helen (b. 06 April 1957) and John Richard (b. 09 July 1958), on the S.S. Arcadia. They had embarked at Singapore and arrived in the Port of London on 22 March 1959. Their address in the U.K. was listed as 5 Heathcote Road, Portsmouth, Devon. Their country of intended future permanent residence was recorded as the U.K.

Married: June 1956 in Singapore, William Percy Padbury (1920 – 2005), a Naval Architect.

Died: 11 January 2011 at Southampton, Hampshire.

Buried: St. Denys Road, Portswood, Southampton, Hampshire.

McCOOL, Rosaleen Bernadette [Probably]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Born: Strabane, County Tyrone.

McCORMACK, Germaine Marie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206339

Born: 06 April 1915 at 7 Palmerston Road, Rathmines, Dublin.

Daughter of William John McCormack (Doctor of Medicine) and Germaine Marie Anna John McCormack (née Plunkett), of 7 Palmerston Road, Rathmines, Dublin (and Wicklow).

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, October 1933 – January 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 29 June 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5969].

Residence: Wentworth Villa, Wicklow. [1939].

Residence: 9a Danefield Terrace, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1946].

Appointed as Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 11 September 1939.

Married: October 1946 at Kensington, London, Robert S. (Seymour ?) Cresswell (1913 - ??) from Dublin.

Died: 14 October 1993 in County Wicklow.

Buried: Rathnew Cemetery, Wicklow.

McCOY, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 342417

Born: 24 November 1911 at Ballyara, Tubbercurry, County Sligo.

Daughter of Mark McCoy (Farmer) and Ellen McCoy (née Feeney/Feeny), of Ballyara, Tubbercurry, County Sligo.

Trained: St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, West Yorkshire, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1934. (London). [Registration No. 72247].

Residence: Ballyara, Tubbercurry, County Sligo. [1937].

In September 1939 she was recorded as living at Catherine Street, Liverpool. Her occupation was listed as 'Nurse, Tin Box Factory.'

Residence: Berners Road, Grassendale, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1945.

McCREA, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 17 September 1916, Aughavary, Ahoghill, County Antrim.

Daughter of George Bovill McCrea (Poulterer) and Agnes McCrea (née Bovill), of Aughavary, Ahoghill, County Antrim.

Trained: Royal Infirmary & Children's Hospital, Leicester, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99645].

Residence: Aughavary, Ahoghill, County Antrim. [1940; 1943; 1946].

McCROSSAN, Philomena Mary

Probationer Nurse

Born: 12 September 1921 at Meeting House Street, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Daughter of James McCrossan (Tailor) and Mary McCrossan (née Duggan), of 5 Meetinghouse Street, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Killed in Air Raid on 02 June 1941 (aged 21) at Salford Royal Hospital. [Civilian Deaths p. 796].

Buried: St. Mary's R.C. Cemetery, Wardley, Salford, Greater Manchester.

McCRUDDEN, Loretto (Loretta) Maree (Marie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322226

Born: 13 December 1914 at Clarna (Cloghernagh), Tydavnet, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Matthew McCrudden (Farmer) and Bridget McCrudden (née Murphy), of Clarna (Cloghernagh), Tydavnet, County Monaghan.

Trained: Grove Hospital, London, 1935 – 1937. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 17 March 1938. (London). [Registration No. 9530].

Trained: Leicester City General Hospital, Leicester, 1938 – 1940. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117762].

Residence: Grove Hospital, Tooting Grove, London S.W. 17. [1936; 1937].

Residence: Clarna, Tydavnet, County Monaghan. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: St. John's Wood, High Street, Marylebone, London. [1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Married: 22 September 1948 at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Corracrin,
County Monaghan, Michael Mohan (1913 – 1997).

Died: 21 December 2003 at Tydavnet, County Monaghan.

McCUSKER, Elizabeth (Lilly)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 23 April 1912 at Drumcullen, Charlemont, County Armagh.

Daughter of Bernard McCusker (Labourer) and Elizabeth McCusker (née Curran), of Drumcullen, Charlemont, County Armagh.

Trained: Lurgan Hospital, Lurgan, County Armagh, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2288].

Trained: ??, 1937 – 1938. (?) [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery]

Registration: 30 June 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1942].

Residence: Drumcullion, Benburb, County Tyrone. [1943].

Residence: West McClure Street, Kewanee, Illinois, U.S.A. [1956; 1959].

She flew from Shannon Airport arriving in New York on 20 March 1946. Her destination in the U.S.A. was listed as 1215 Rockwell Street, Kewanee, Illinois. She was described as being 5 feet 3 inches, with a white complexion; her eyes were grey, and her hair was fair. Her last permanent address was recorded as 65 Lisburn Road, Belfast. Her reason for travelling was stated as joining her fiancé to get married and settling permanently in the U.S.A. She had money in the amount of \$100.00.

Married: 27 April 1946 at Kewanee, Illinois, U.S.A., Kenneth Herbert Howe (1918 – 2006).

He was a soldier during W.W.2 and was wounded on 13 October 1944 at the Battle of Metz, France. It is very likely that Elizabeth McCusker nursed him at this time.

Died: 24 January 2004 at Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.

Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.

McDONNELL, Loretta (Lorado) Celestine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309371

Born: 27 April 1916 at Shankill, Paulstown, County Kilkenny. [Lorado].

Daughter of Joseph McDonnell (Farmer) and Claire (Clare) Angela McDonnell (née Maher), of Shankill, Paulstown, County Kilkenny.

Trained: St. George's Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 121748].

Residence: South Street, Park Lane, London W.1. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

Died: 05 March 1995.

McDONNELL, Margaret Isabella (Bella)

Hospital Nurse.

Born: 04 May 1917 at Gortrighy, Rasharkin, Co. Antrim.

Daughter of Alexander McDonnell (Farmer) and Isabella McDonnell (née McKenna), of Gortrighy, Rasharkin, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

Attended St. Louis' Convent High School, Ballymena. Went to London to train as a nurse.

Killed in an air raid in London – reported in Ballymena Observer, 24 January 1941.

'Margaret Isabella McDonnell, age 23 [Born circa 1917]; Hospital Nurse. 11 January 1941, at Lambeth Hospital.'

[Civilian Deaths].

[See Newspaper Account below].

Killed in Air Raid on London: former St Louis High School Pupil

Much regret has been occasioned in Ballymena and district by the news that Miss Bella McDonnell, Gortrighy, Rasharkin, has been killed in an air raid on London. Miss McDonnell, who was a well-known and popular figure in Ballymena, was for many years a pupil of St Louis' Convent High School, Kintullagh, and went to London some years ago to take up nursing. She is a sister of Mrs Mary McDonnell, PET, Glenavy.

Ballymena Observer, 24th January 1941

Buried: Lambeth Cemetery, Wandsworth, London.

McDONNELL, Monica Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208727

Born: 20 January 1911 at Mullary, Duleek, County Louth.

Daughter of James McDonnell (Publican and Farmer) and Alice McDonnell (née Moore), of Mullary, Duleek, County Louth.

Trained: Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Dublin, January 1933 – January 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 17 February 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5856].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 94888].

Residence: St. Mary's Private Hospital, Upper Byron Place, Clifton, Bristol, England. [1940].

Residence: Lambeth Hospital, Kennington, London S.E.11. [1940].

Residence: c/o Mrs. E. Burns, Main Street, Dunleer, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

Residence: 3 St. Stephen's Crescent, Paddington, London W.2. [1949].

Residence: 59 Neville Court, Abbey Road, St. Johns Wood, London. [1966].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1941.

Died: 12 December 1966 at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, London.

Probate: 13 March 1967 (London) to Thomas Gracie, Displayman. Effects: £2,270.

McEENEY, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338160

Born: 18 January 1918, at Coolkeeney, Malin, County Donegal.

Daughter of Patrick McEleney (Farmer) and Fanny McEleney (née Doherty), of Coolkeeney, Malin, County Donegal.

Trained: East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107269].

Residence: Coolkeeney, Malin, County Donegal. [1946].

In September 1939, she was registered as a 'Probationer Nurse' at East Surrey Hospital, Reigate.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

Married: April – June 1943 in Surrey, Douglas F. Driver.

Died: June 1986 at Worthing, West Sussex.

McELHINNEY, Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208926

Born: 18 June 1908 at Cloonmore, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Daughter of William John McElhinney (Farmer) and Susan ('Annie' recorded in error on Birth Certificate) McElhinney (née Wilkinson), of Cloonmore, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Greenock, Renfrewshire, 28 March 1930 – 31 March 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 14 July 1933. (Scotland). [Registration No. A. 14325].

Registration: 11 March 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2133].

Trained: ?, 1935. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 1935. (Midwives Roll for Scotland - 1966). [Registration No. 11586].

Residence: 3 College Terrace, Derry. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. [1956; 1959; 1966 (?)].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

McEVOY, Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270137

Born: 14 May 1918 at Ullard, Mountmellick, County Laois.

Daughter of Michael McEvoy (Farmer) and Elizabeth McEvoy (née Kavanagh), of Ullard, Mountmellick, County Laois.

Trained: Park Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 May 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10591].

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1941. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111095].

Residence: Ullard, Portarlinton, County Laois. [1940; 1943].

Residence: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

She is listed as a First-Class Passenger on the M. S. Batory which departed from Southampton on 20 January 1953 bound for Bombay, India. She had contracted to land at Malta. Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as 41 Dawes Road, Fulham, London S.W.6.

Her profession was given as S.R.N. and her Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as England.

Died: January 1991 at Hendon, Greater London.

McEVOY (McAVOY), Maureen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318083

Born: 01 September 1917 at Rathfriland, County Down.

Daughter of John McEvoy (Outfitter) and Mary McEvoy (née Convery), of Rathfriland, County Down.

Trained: Dulwich Hospital, London, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103645].

Residence: Downpatrick Street, Rathfriland, County Down. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

McFADDEN, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 291165

Born: 14 April 1906 at Glen, Milford, County Donegal.

Daughter of Edward McFadden (Farmer) and Bridget McFadden (née McLaughlin), of Glen, Milford, County Donegal.

Trained: Municipal General Hospital, Burnley, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 86983].

Residence: The Glen, Kilmacrennan, Lifford, County Donegal. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

She was a First-Class passenger on the S.S. Washington which departed from Southampton on 29 November 1950 bound for New York. Her last address in the U.K. was 50 Pall Mall, London. She was 44 years old, and her 'Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence' was the U.S.A.

McFADDEN, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263605

Born: 16 March 1918 at Stragaddy, Termon, County Donegal.

Daughter of Hugh McFadden (Farmer) and Mary McFadden (née O'Donnell), of Stragaddy, Termon, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Greenock, Renfrewshire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (Scotland). [Registration No. A. 20310].

Residence: Stragaddy, Termon, County Donegal. [1945; 1948; 1950; 1955; 1957].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

McGARRITY, Bridget Ellen

Probationer Nurse

Born: 23 November 1919, at Lurganboy, Ballygawley, Clogher, County Tyrone.

Daughter of James McGarrity (Farmer/Labourer) and Mary McGarrity (née Boyle), of Lurganboy, Ballygawley, Clogher, County Tyrone.

Accidently knocked down and killed by a motor-van (during the black-out) on 01 October 1939 (aged 19) outside her place of work - Tooting Bec Hospital, London.

She was buried in Streatham Cemetery after Requiem Mass at St. Anselm's Catholic Church, Upper Tooting. [Norwood News, 20 October 1939 p.03].

McGEE, Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208884

Born: 09 January 1910 at Aughnacloy, Clogher, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Charles McGee (Victualler) and Minnie McGee (née O'Callaghan), of Aughnacloy, Clogher, County Tyrone.

Trained: St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, London, 1930 – 1933. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 68757].

Trained: South-Western Hospital, London, 1933 – 1934. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 6751].

Residence: Main Street, Aughnacloy, County Tyrone. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was lodging, along with her sister, Matilda (also a Nurse), at West End Villas, Partney Road, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

She was a First Class passenger on the R.M.M.V. Capetown Castle which departed from Durban, South Africa and docked at Southampton on 12 July 1950. Her address in the U.K. was South Africa House, London W.C.1. Her profession was 'Nursing Sister' and she was visiting the U.K. for 6 months. Her 'Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence' was South Africa.

McGEE, Ellen * Possible*

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 26 November 1917 at Nolagh, Bailieborough, County Cavan.

Daughter of John Magee (sic) (Farmer) and Anne Magee (née Lynch), of Nolagh, Bailieborough, County Cavan.

Trained: Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire and Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, April 1937 – August 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 29 September 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7597].

Residence: Coroneary (sic) [Corraneary], Bailieboro' (sic), County Cavan. [1943; 1946].

McGINITY, Margaretta (Marguiretta) Phillipina (Phillippina) (Phil)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 353427

Born: 24 August 1904 at Dungiven, County Derry.

Daughter of Philip McGinity (Constable R.I.C.) and Sarah McGinity (née Breslin), of Dungiven, County Derry.

Trained: Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, 1924 - 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 02 December 1929. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1313].

Residence: c/o C. O'Hara, Esq., Main Street, Maghera, County Derry. [1946].

Residence: c/o C. Stewart, Ballylifford, Coagh, Cookstown, County Tyrone. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Died: 18 July 1983 in County Derry.

Buried: R.C. Cemetery, Maghera, County Derry.

McGOVERN, Catherine Agnes

Hospital Matron

Born: 23 February 1890 at Bailieboro, County Cavan.

Daughter of Michael McGovern (National School Teacher) and Margaret McGovern (née Clarke), of Bailieboro, County Cavan.

Trained: Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland Street, London, 1911 – 1914. [Certificate].

Registration: 15 June 1923. (London). [Registration No. 17360].

Residence: Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, London. [1921; 1923; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Residence: Lismacaffrey, County Westmeath. [1928].

During WW1 she served in the British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance and was decorated for her service. In September 1939 she was Assistant Matron at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, Shoreditch, London.

[See Newspaper Account below]

Cavan Nurse's Pluck

When bomb hit London hospital

Our Bailieborough correspondent writes that authentic details are to hand of the pluck displayed by Sister Agnes McGovern, a native of Bailieborough, Co. Cavan, when a London hospital, of which she is matron, was hit by a bomb. Walls were ripped open, four wards were demolished and the engineer attached to the hospital was killed. Sister McGovern was injured but she went on attending to the patients and directing operations. She is making good progress and hopes to be back at work in a few days. Sister McGovern is daughter of the late Mr Michael J. McGovern, NT, Bailieborough

Belfast Telegraph, 24th September 1940

The British Journal of Nursing (February 1941) reported the following:

‘Magnificent examples of gallantry are being shown day and night by men and women serving in the ranks of Britain’s Civil Defence army, and were recently recounted in the London Gazette, when further awards of George Medals were announced. Amongst the recipients, we are pleased to note doctors and nurses. We congratulate most warmly :-Dr. André Bathfield, Resident M.O., Royal Chest Hospital, London; Miss Catherine McGovern, S.R.N., Assistant Matron; and Miss Patricia Marmion, S.R.N., Staff Nurse. A bomb largely demolished the in-patient block of the hospital, covering the patients and staff with debris. Blast had filled every part of the building with thick dust so that it was difficult to breathe. Dr. Bathfield, although badly cut, did not leave the hospital for the treatment of his own wounds until every injured person had been treated and removed.

Miss McGovern, who was acting for the Matron, was also badly cut and injured by falling debris, but she refused to leave and continued to help in the removal of injured patients and staff. Finally, she went through the ruins supported by a police constable to ensure that there was no possibility of anybody being left behind.'

[see biography of Patricia Marmion, for portrait of Catherine McGovern & Dr Andre Barthe]

McGRATH, Angelina

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 297723

Born: 22 January 1914 at Nurney, County Carlow.

Daughter of John McGrath (Farmer) and Elizabeth M. McGrath (née Byrne), of

Trained: No record of General Nursing Training.

Trained: Hardwick Fever Hospital, Dublin, January 1940 – January 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. E. 658].

Residence: Mullinahone, County Tipperary. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

McGRAW (McCRAW), Mary Monica

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316741

Born: 19 April 1919 at Friar Street, Thurles, County Tipperary.

Daughter of John McGraw (Shopkeeper) and Bridget McGraw (née Griffin), of Friar Street, Thurles, County Tipperary.

Trained: County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shropshire, affiliated to Mill Road Infirmary and Walton Hospital, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118150].

Residence: Friar Street, Thurles, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

McGUIRK, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208747

Born: 16 August 1912 at Loughlinstown, Killiney, County Dublin.

Daughter of Patrick McGuirk (Storekeeper at Workhouse) and Margaret McGuirk (née Owens), of Loughlinstown, Killiney, County Dublin.

Trained: Providence Free Hospital, St. Helens, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85194].

Residence: Hillview, Cabinteely, County Dublin. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was resident at Glebe House, Queens Road, Colchester, Essex.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

McHUGH, Mary

Hospital Nurse

Born: 04 January 1917 at Muckross, Kilcar, County Donegal.

Daughter of John McHugh (Farmer) and Anne (Annie) McHugh (née O'Donnell), of Muckross, Kilcar, County Donegal.

Trained: General Hospital, Birmingham, January 1936 – June 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103994].

Registration: 28 July 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A7558].

Residence: Muckross, Kilcar, County Donegal. [1943; 1946].

Marriage: after 1945 (?), Jack Dwyer (1922 – 2000).

Died: 07 August 2012 at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

McILVEEN, Frances Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309617

Born: 07 January 1920 at Duneight, Blaris, Castlereagh, County Down.

Daughter of William McIlveen (Cattle Dealer) and Jane McIlveen (née Bain), of Duneight, Blaris, Castlereagh, County Down.

Trained: Down County Infirmary, Downpatrick, County Down, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3600].

Residence: Crossan House, Lisburn, County Antrim. [1946; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

Married: July 1949 at Plymouth, Devon, Leslie Richard Retallick (1917 – 2012), Royal Artillery, later described as a 'Painter.'

It would appear that Frances and Leslie arrived in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia in June 1950. They were living at Bentleigh, Higinbotham, Victoria, Australia in 1954. They returned to London on 25 January 1959.

Frances, along with her husband, Leslie, their two children (a boy and a girl), sailed on the S.S. Iberia from the Port of London on 16 December 1959. The ship's ultimate destination was San Francisco. The Retallick family had contracted to disembark at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Their last address in the U.K. was Central Park Avenue, Plymouth, Devon. They intended to remain in Australia.

Died: 02 April 2015 in Australia.

McILVENNY, Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305116

Born: 12 January 1917 at 95 Old Lodge Road, Belfast.

Daughter of Charles McIlvenny (Flesher) and Margaret (Maggie)

McIlvenny (née Savage), of 95 Old Lodge Road, Belfast.

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109991].

Trained: Lancaster and District Isolation Hospital, Lancashire, 1941 – 1942. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 12992].

Residence: Old Lodge Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

McINERNEY, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 230779(?)

Born: circa 1917 at Rossalia, Currenrue, County Clare.

Daughter of James McInerney (Farmer) and Margaret McInerney (née

McInerney), of Rossalia, Currenrue, County Clare. [**Most Likely**].

Trained: North City of Cork and County General Hospital, Cork, June 1935 – June 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 15 August 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 6306].

Registration: 26 May 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98658].

Residence: Rosalie, Currenrue, County Clare. [1939].

Residence: Rossalia, Currenrue, Kinvara P.O., County Clare. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

McIVOR, Nora Annie Madeline

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 353748

Born: 21 May 1917 at Killygarvan, Desertcreat, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of William Nason (Nassau) McIvor (Farmer) and Matilda (Tilly) McIvor

(née Mayne), of Killygarvan, Desertcreat, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 107920].

Residence: Killygarvin, Newmills, Dungannon, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Married: after 1946 (?), Samuel Moore Anketell (1903 – 1975).

Died: 23 December 2011 at Cookstown, County Tyrone.

McKAY, Mary Clare (Catherine)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208824

Born: 12 August 1893 at Milltown, Clonallan, Warrenpoint, County Down.

Daughter of Michael McKay (Farmer) and Mary McKay (née McAvoy), of Milltown, Clonallan, Warrenpoint, County Down.

Trained: Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, 1912 – 1916. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 January 1924. (London). [Registration No. 27392].

Residence: Laurencetown, County Down. [1925; 1928].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

McKAY, Susan Monica

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345247

Born: 29 January 1920 at Unshinagh, Carnlough, County Antrim.

Daughter of Randal McKay (Farmer) and Mary Ann (Marian) McKay (née McLaughlin), of Unshinagh, Carnlough, County Antrim.

Trained: The Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, Yorkshire, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111979].

Registration: 03 March 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3176].

Residence: Middleton, Carnlough, County Antrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1945.

She was a Sister in Harold Wood Hospital, Romford, Essex. [1952].

Married: February 1952 at St. Edward's R.C. Church, Romford, Essex, Douglas Charles Monkton (1918 - 2002). He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edward Monkton of 101 Cedar Road, Romford.

Residence: Ascot Court, London N.W.8. [1952].

Residence: Arcadian Close, Bexley, Greater London. [1957; 1963].

Died: 02 May 2008 at Buckingham, Buckinghamshire.

McKEATING, Ann(e) (Annie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209889

Born: 12 May 1907 at Cloughey, Portaferry, County Down.

Daughter of Edward James McKeating (Shoemaker) and Mary Ann McKeating (née Braniff), of Cloughey, Portaferry, County Down.

Trained: Epsom County Hospital, Surrey, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75320].

Residence: Ringbane, Downpatrick, County Down. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, Ann V. McKeating was recorded as a Ward Sister at Victoria Hospital, Whinney Keys Road, Blackpool, Lancashire.

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

McKEEVER, Agnes (Oonagh) Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301222

Born: 05 November 1920 at Navan, County Meath.

Daughter of Peter Herbert (Bertie) McKeever (Farmer) and Elizabeth (Lily)

Christina McKeever (née Tierney), of Navan, County Meath.

Trained: Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 30 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116339].

Residence: Harmonstown, Stackallen, Navan, County Meath. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

Married: December 1947 at Navan, County Meath, John Kevin O'Shea (1904 - ????)

Died: After 1988 (?).

McKENZIE, Kathleen Joan

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348286

Born: 16 July 1922 at 22 Cavendish Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Thomas Henry McKenzie (Head Constable R.U.C.) and Christina

Josephine McKenzie (née McGrath), of 22 Cavendish Street, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1941 – 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 09 June 1944. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3767].

Residence: St. James' Drive, Belfast. [1946; 1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

McKEON, Frances Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294798

Born: 06 March 1918 at Cloone, Mohill, County Leitrim.

Daughter of Ambrose McKeon (Farmer) and Mary Anne McKeon

(née Quinn), of Cloone, Mohill, County Leitrim.

Trained: Western Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 11536].

Trained: Central Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1941 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 121938].

Residence: Cloone, Mohill, County Leitrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

There is a record of a Frances Josephine McKeon (age 33 years) as a passenger on board the S.S. Queen Mary which sailed from New York on 27 February 1952 bound for the Port of Southampton. This is very likely to be the same individual.

Died: January 2001 at Bromley, Greater London.

McKIBBIN, Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213901

Born: 05 August 1915 at Ballynahatten (sic), Kilkeel, County Down.

Daughter of John McKibbin (Farmer) and Margaret McKibbin (née Fisher), of Ballynahatten (sic), Kilkeel, County Down.

Trained: Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 93991].

Residence: Ballinahatten, Kilkeel, County Down. [1940].

Residence: Upper Moyadd, Kilkeel, County Down. [1943].

Residence: Clash, Moneydarrabeg, Ballymartin P.O., County Down. [1946].

In September 1939 she was working as a Staff Nurse at Sheffield General Hospital, South Yorkshire. Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

McKIBBIN, Margaretta

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: 05 January 1917 at Ballinahatten, Kilkeel, County Down.

Daughter of John McKibbin (sic) (Farmer) and Margaret McKibbin (née Fisher), of Ballinahatten, Kilkeel, County Down.

Trained: St. Olave's Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95568].

Residence: Ballinahatten, Kilkeel, County Down. [1940].

Residence: Upper Moyadd, Kilkeel, County Down. [1943].

Residence: Clash, Moneydarrabeg, Ballymartin P.O., County Down. [1946].

Residence: 10 Ash Gr., Briar Bank Park, Wilstead, near Bedford, Bedfordshire. [1976].

Died: 23 May 1976 at Wilstead, near Bedford, Bedfordshire.

Probate: 09 July 1976. (Sheffield). Effects: £9,585.00.

McKNIGHT, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257413

Born: Rathfriland, County Down (?).

Trained: Belfast City Hospital, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 25 June 1935. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 2045].

Registration: 15 July 1937. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 1807]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Rathfriland, County Down. [1943; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

McLARNON, Annabella

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 350302

Born: 01 November 1919 at Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Thomas McLarnon (Bread Server) and Annabella McLarnon (née Parker), of Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1938 – 1940. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 November 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 402].

Trained: Lurgan and Portadown District Hospital, 1941 – 1944. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 09 June 1944. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3770].

Residence: Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Promoted to Subaltern in February 1949.

Married: April – June 1953 at Greenwich, London, Edward D. Cairns.

McLAUGHLIN (McLOUGHLIN), Josephine Susan

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227737

Born: 28 March 1910 at Moville, Inishowen, County Donegal. [Mary Josephine] [Two other sources give a date of birth of 21 April 1910 – but there are no birth records that corroborate this].

Daughter of Bernard McLaughlin (Sailor) and Anne (Annie) McLaughlin (née Morrison), of Moville, Inishowen, County Donegal.

Trained: Borough Isolation Hospital, Ipswich, Suffolk, 1929 – 1932. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 5470].

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1932 – 1934. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 15 March 1935. (London). [Registration No. 76340].

Residence: West End, Buncrana, County Donegal. [1934; 1937; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Speldhurst Road, Hackney, London E.9. [1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

Married: September 1949 at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Henry Pinch (1902 – 1990).

McLAVERY, Esther (Maureen)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208845

Born: 17 July 1911 at 20 Clowney Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Michael McLaverty (Waiter) and Kathleen McLaverty (née Brady), of 20 Clowney Street, Belfast.

Trained: Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 08 December 1937. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2389].

Residence: Castlereagh Road, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County Dublin. [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

She was registered as a First-Class Passenger on the S.S. Chusan, which sailed from the Port of London on 20 March 1954, bound ultimately for Yokohama, Japan. Her last address was given as 14 Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County Dublin. Her Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as Hong Kong.

She was later registered as a Passenger on the S.S. Durban Castle, which landed at the Port of London on 13 June 1958 from South Africa. Her last address was given as Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County Dublin. Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was listed as Tanganyika. Her Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was recorded as Ireland. Her Intended Duration of Stay in the U.K. was 12 months.

Married: October – December 1958 at Dundalk, Unknown Male.

McLEAN, Winifred Margaret Susan

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301568

Born: 01 October 1919 at Reloagh, Donaghmore, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Alfred James McLean (Farmer) and Emma McLean (née McKeown), of Reloagh, Donaghmore, County Tyrone.

Trained: The District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106669].

Residence: Relough (sic), Donaghmore, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

Married: 15 September 1948 at Carland Presbyterian Church, Gortnaglush Road, Dungannon, County Tyrone, Robert Thallon (1910 – 1973).

She was recorded as a First-Class Passenger on the M.S. Batory which docked at Southampton on 05 May 1952 having left from the Port of Bombay, India. She was accompanied by her husband, Robert Thallon, and their 2 young children (a boy and a girl). Their proposed address in the U.K. was given as 8 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh 12. Her husband's profession was recorded as 'Tea Planter.' Their Country of Last Permanent Residence was India. Their Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as 'Other parts of the British Empire.'

The Thallon family are recorded as First-Class Passengers on the M.S. Batory which departed from Southampton on 27 September 1952 bound for Karachi, Pakistan. The family was contracted to disembark at Bombay, India. Robert Thallon's profession was recorded as 'Tea Planter.' Their last address in the U.K. was listed as Relough (sic), Donaghmore, County Tyrone. Their Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as India.

Once again, the family were listed as First-Class Passengers on board the S.S. Chusan which departed from the Port of London on 30 September 1955. Its ultimate destination was Hong Kong. The family had contracted to disembark at Bombay, India. Their address in the U.K. was given as Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh. Robert Thallon's profession was recorded as 'Engineer.' The family's passports indicated that they held dual U.K. and Indian citizenship. Their Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as India.

Died: 2005 at Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland.

McLERNON, Susan

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257416

Born: 16 November 1911 at Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Thomas McLernon (Bread Server) and Annabella McLernon (née Parker), of Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, May 1933 – November 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 10 December 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2245].

Registration: 27 January 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97040].

Registration: 09 June 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7424].

Trained: Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin, February 1940 – February 1941. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 18 March 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. E. 673].

Registration: 04 July 1947. (Midwives Roll for Scotland – 1948). [Registration No. 17948].

Residence: 29 Union Street, Cookstown, County Tyrone. [1940; 1943; 1946; 1948; 1952; 1954; 1956; 1957].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1943.

Married: Before 1956, Unknown Savage.

McMENAMIN, Bridget (Brigid)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 246128

Born: 15 August 1915 at Carrickalangan, Cloghan, County Donegal.

Daughter of Connel (Condy) McMenamin (Farmer) and Rose McMenamin (née Kennedy), of Carrickalangan, Cloghan, County Donegal.

Trained: London Chest Hospital, affiliated to Harrow and Wealdstone Hospital, Harrow, London, 1936 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110227].

Residence: Carrickalangan, Cloghan, County Donegal. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: Unknown Date, Kevin Maguire (Born circa 1912 – Died unknown date in South Africa)

Died: Unknown date in South Africa.

McMILLEN, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215256

Born: She may have been born on 04 February 1912 (????), at Ballylummin, [Casheltown], Ahoghill, County Antrim.

Third daughter of Matthew McMillen (Farmer) and his wife Ellen McMillen (née Bankhead), of Ballylummin, [Casheltown], Ahoghill, County Antrim.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, [Examination].

Date of Registration: [not located]

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Died: for unknown reasons in Egypt on the 26 July 1942 (aged 30 years).

Buried in Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt.

'She trained in Belfast Union Infirmary and was for two years a member of the nursing staff at the Waveney Hospital, Ballymena. She was granted leave of absence for the duration of the war': Ballymena Observer, Friday 23 January 1942.

She was survived by her father and mother, seven brothers and four sisters. One of her brothers was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army and another is in the Royal Navy. A sister is on the nursing staff of St. James' Hospital, Balham, London.

'Nurse McMillen came from Castletown, Ahoghill. She qualified at the Belfast City Hospital in October 1938, took her maternity examination two years later. She volunteered for Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and was sent to the Middle East. There she died following an operation in July 1942.'

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

McNALLY, Margaret (Maggie) Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234983

Born: 06 October 1911 at Remackin, Sixmilecross, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Michael McNally (Farmer) and Catherine McNally (née Meenagh), of Remackin, Sixmilecross, County Tyrone.

Trained: King Edward VII Memorial Sanatorium, Hertford Hill, Warwick, affiliated to The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 1931 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85877].

Residence: Remackin, Sixmilecross, County Tyrone. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Redhill County Hospital, Pendleton Road, Reigate, Surrey. [1939].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

Married: 08 January 1947 at Church of St. Bernadette, Hillingdon, Middlesex, Michael John McCarron (1909 – 1985).

Died: 16 August 1982 at Kings Heath, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

McNALLY, Mabel Elizabeth * Possible*

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 18 June 1920 at Clough, Downpatrick, County Down.

Daughter of John McNally (Railway Porter) and Annie Josephine McNally (née Lewis), of Clough, Downpatrick, County Down.

Trained: Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 18 June 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3265].

Residence: Clough, County Down. [1943].

Residence: 'Hillview', Lisnafillan, Gracehill, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1946; 1949].

Married: 17 October 1945 at Seaforde Parish Church, County Down, Herbert Magill.

McNEECE (McNEICE), Sarah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 333325

Born: 21 August 1920 at Toberhead, Magherafelt, County Derry.

Daughter of Hugh McNeice (sic) (Farmer) and Lena McNeice (née McKeown), of Toberhead, Magherafelt, County Derry.

Trained: County Hospital, Whiston, Lancashire, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124361].

Residence: Toberhead, Castledawson, County Derry. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1944.

Married: after 1945, Unknown Saville.

McNEILL, Edith Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208672

Born: 25 February 1913 at Dunminning, Portglenone, County Antrim.

Daughter of William McNeill (Labourer) and Margaret McNeill (née Buchanan), of Dunminning, Portglenone, County Antrim.

Trained: St. Pancras Hospital, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 77890].

Residence: St. Pancras Hospital, St. Pancras Road, London. [1934; 1935].

Residence: Dunminning, Glarryford, County Antrim. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

McNELIS, Mary Celine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 223622

Born: 02 March 1915 at Glenties, County Donegal.

Daughter of Michael McNelis (Union Clerk) and Margaret McNelis (née McDevitt), of Glenties, County Donegal.

Trained: Putney Hospital, London, January 1935 – January 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 93091].

Registration: 31 December 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7251].

Residence: The Lodge, Glenties, County Donegal. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

She was a First-Class Passenger on the S.S. Captain Cook which was bound for New Zealand. She embarked at Glasgow where the ship departed on 05 February 1952.

Her last address in the U.K. was the National Hospital, Queen Street, London W.C.1.

The country of Future Permanent Residence was given as New Zealand.

She was a First-Class Passenger on the R.M.S. Rangitiki which docked at Southampton on 10 May 1956. She had embarked at Wellington, New Zealand. Her address in the U.K. was recorded as Ashbourne Avenue, South Woodford, Essex. Country of Future Permanent Residence was given as England. [Her date of birth is recorded as 1917 in error].

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger, on 10 June 1957, on board the S.S. Trafalgar, embarking at the Port of Rotterdam, and her intended port of debarkation was Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Her intended address in Australia was recorded as 'Melbourne Nurses' Home.'

Died: March 2007 in Surrey.

McNELLO, Winifred Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 248242

Born: 20 January 1906 at Lacklom, Inishkeen, County Monaghan.

Daughter of John Joseph McNello (Farmer) and Mary Ellen McNello (née Hoey), of Lacklom, Inishkeen, County Monaghan.

Trained: National Temperance Hospital, London, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75625].

Residence: The Cottage, Inniskeen, Dundalk, County Louth. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, Finsbury, London E.C.1. [1939].

Residence: Bedford Place, Bloomsbury Square, London W.C.1. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1942.

Died: 06 February 1959 at St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta Street, Westminster, London.

Probate: 25 May 1959 (London). Effects: £2,135 8s. 11d. to Dorothy Murray (Wife of John Patrick Murray) [Winifred's sister] and Daniel Joseph McNello (Shopkeeper) [Winifred's brother].

McNICHOLAS, Lily

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 246129

Born: 16 October 1909 at Kiltimagh, County Mayo.

Daughter of Thomas McNicholas (Baker) and Bridget McNicholas (née McDonagh), of Kiltimagh, County Mayo.

After attending the St. Louis Convent Secondary School in the town, she left Ireland in the 1930s to study nursing in England.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 91042].

Residence: Main Street, Kiltimagh, County Mayo. [1940; 1943; 1946].

On 05 October 1942 she was granted a commission as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

On 07 August 1944, McNicholas survived the sinking of the Amsterdam; a hospital carrier transporting casualties to Britain from Normandy, France. The incident was widely reported in the press after the London Gazette announced that McNicholas and two other nurses were to be awarded the M.B.E. for their heroic actions.

The Amsterdam was on her third cross-Channel voyage to pick up Allied casualties and German prisoners of war from the Battle of the Falaise Pocket, when disaster occurred. There are differing accounts of what caused the Amsterdam to sink. An official record states that the sinking was the result of enemy action," and it was widely reported in the press that the ship was hit by a torpedo. Other accounts, including the testimony of a sailor on

board, agree that the ship struck a German mine. The impact of the mine destroyed one half of the vessel, killing all the men in the engine room. As the ship lay broken and sinking in the water,

McNicholas disregarded her place in No. 3 Water Ambulance, going back into the ship to bring grievously injured men up from the hospital deck. It reportedly took eight minutes for the ship to sink, with the loss of 106 lives including ten medical staff.

McNicholas was forced to jump from the ship as it capsized. Unable to swim, she 'fell ill' and was assisted in the water by the ship's captain. On the arrival of an American cutter, McNicholas was rescued from the sea and continued to provide medical aid to the injured men as they were pulled from the water.

McNicholas was recommended for an M.B.E. in recognition of "gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner. "According to a magazine article written in 2013, McNicholas declined to attend her investiture at Buckingham Palace, travelling instead to visit the bereaved parents of her best friend. McNicholas had tragically witnessed

fellow nurse Molly Evershed go down with the ship after getting stuck in a porthole trying to escape. McNicholas was awarded an O.B.E. Correspondence from the War Office; the official recommendation record; medal and medal case, show that McNicholas confirm this.

[See Newspaper Accounts below].

Nurse's Heroic Conduct on torpedoed ships

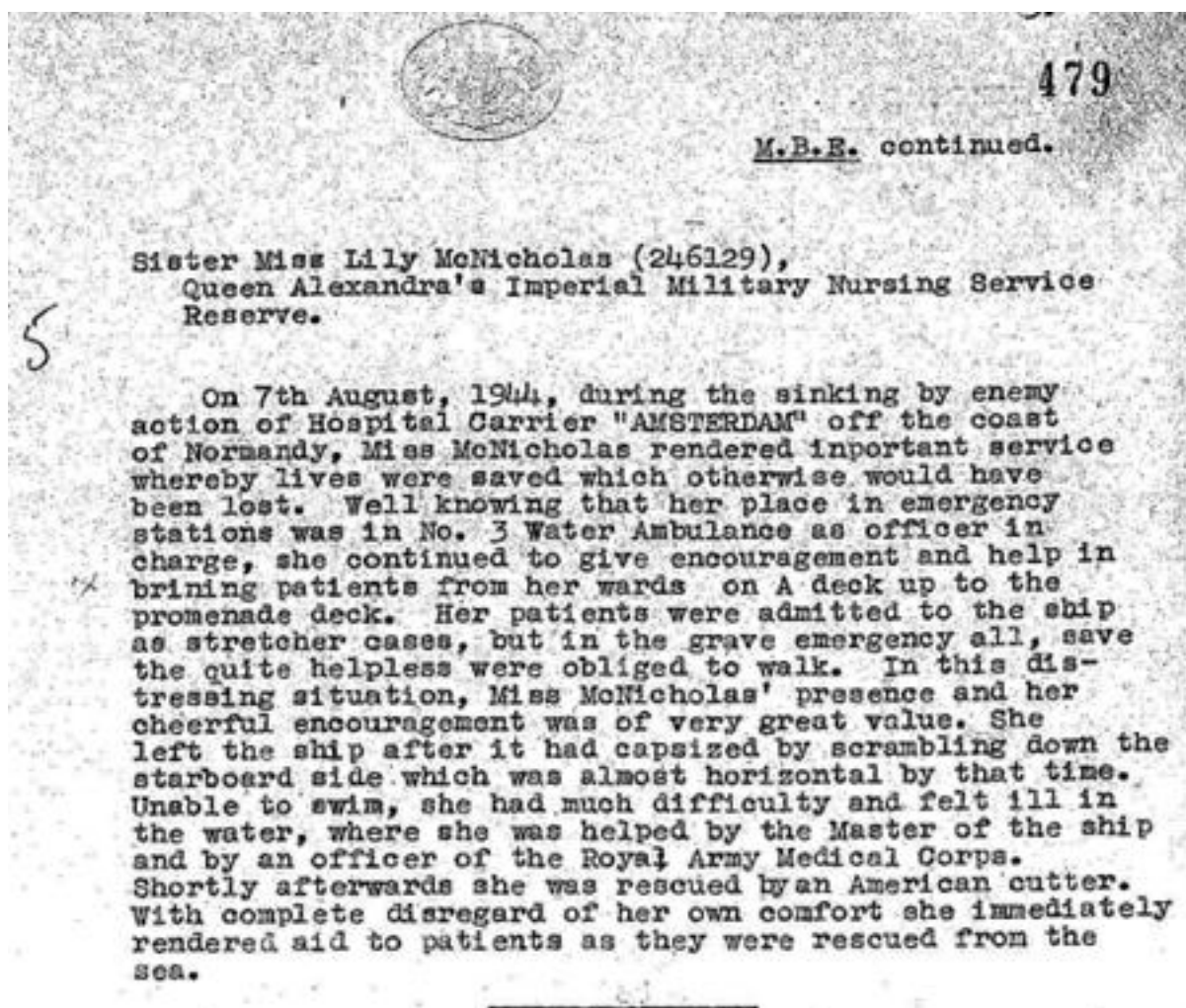
When the hospital-carrier Amsterdam was torpedoed off the Normandy coast on August 7, doctors, nurses and orderlies helped patients up to the deck until the ship capsized and then escaped by scrambling down the almost horizontal side of the carrier just before she broke in two and sank. Three RAMC officers and three sisters of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service have been awarded the MBE and four men of the RAMC the BEM, it was announced last night.

Panic Averted

The nursing sisters, who had emergency stations in charge of water ambulances, but went below to help the wounded, are – Miss Elsie Roberts of Formby, Lancs, Miss Lily McNicholas of Kiltimagh, County Mayo and Miss Ellen Theresa Hourigan, of Ballingarry, County Limerick. Miss Robert's calmness was an important factor in averting panic, and by her aid many patients reached the deck who would otherwise have been trapped in the wards', the citation said. Miss McNicholas's patients were stretcher cases but all, save the quite helpless, were obliged to walk. 'Her presence and her cheerful encouragement were of very great value. Unable to swim she fell ill in the water but as soon as she was rescued rendered first aid to patients'. Miss Hourigan, 'by her calm example, as well as by helping the more severely wounded patients who were trying to climb the stairs, reduced the possibility of panic'

Northern Whig, 30th December 1944

[See M.B.E. Citation below]



McNicholas went on to postings in London, Egypt and Bombay, demobilising in March 1946 and released from service in June that year. She travelled to New York on 16 July 1947.

She applied for U.S. citizenship giving her occupation as 'Registered Nurse'. Her address in the States was listed as N. LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. Her description was recorded: Height - 5 feet 2 ½ inches, Weight - 125 pounds, Complexion - Fair, Eyes - Brown, Hair - Brown. She continued nursing in hospitals and for the International Harvester company. McNicholas retired in 1976 and resided in Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Married: unknown date, Brian Mahoney (1902 -). [Uncertain].

Died: 05 March 1998 at Oak Lawn, Cook, Illinois, U.S.A.

McNUTT, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338839

Born: 18 December 1918, at Downings, County Donegal.

Daughter of Joseph McNutt (Grocer) and Barbara McNutt (née Scott), of Downings, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 193? – May 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 26 June 1942. (Scotland). [Registration No. A 20593].

Residence: Downings, County Donegal. [1945; 1948; 1950].

Residence: Ball Hill, Woolton Hill, near Newbury, Berkshire. [1951; 1955; 1957].

McSHANE, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 11 October 1906 at Drumilly, Belleek, County Armagh.

Youngest daughter of Bernard McShane (Farmer) and Mary McShane (née McParland), of Drumilly, Belleek, County Armagh.

Trained: The General Hospital, Birmingham, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1932. (London). [Registration No. 63109].

Residence: Drumilly, Balleeks (sic), County Armagh. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Engaged: February 1939, Captain Humphrey Philip Lambert, Royal Army Pay Corps, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Stanmore, Middlesex.

[Belfast Telegraph Tuesday 21 February 1939].

MEAGHER, Nuala Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318922

Born: 06 November 1920 at William Street, Tullamore, County Offaly.

Daughter of Timothy Meagher (Medical Practitioner) and Philomena Meagher (née Scally), of William Street, Tullamore, County Offaly.

Trained: The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 120190].

Residence: The Round House, High Street, Tullamore, County Offaly. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Married: April 1948 at Petersfield, Hampshire, Herbert Marsh Sheldon Gospatz Beadnell (or sometimes spelt Beadnall) (1912 – 1977). He was a Dental Surgeon before the War. He was a Major in the R.A.M.C. during the War and was captured by the Japanese. It is a possibility that he met Nuala at this time.

Nuala was a First-Class passenger along with her husband, Herbert, when they sailed on the S.S. Empire Bure which left the Port of Liverpool in February 1949. They had contracted to land at Trinidad, but their Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as Barbados. Their last address

in the U.K. was given as Barbrook Road, Lynton, Devon. Two years later, Nuala, her husband and their daughter, Ann, arrived at Plymouth, Devon on the S.S. Willemstad on 24 September 1951. They had embarked at the Port of Bridgetown, Barbados. Nuala was listed as a First-Class passenger along with her husband, Herbert, and their 2 daughters, on the S.S. Golfito which departed from Southampton on 14 August 1952. It was bound for the West Indies. The family had contracted to land at Trinidad. Their last address in the U.K. was given as Barbrook Road, Lynton, Devon. Their Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was recorded as British Guiana. Nuala was listed as a First-Class passenger along with her husband, Herbert, and their 4 children (3 girls and a boy), on the S.S. Golfito which docked at Bristol on 26 October 1958. The family had embarked at Trinidad. Their address in the U.K. was given as South Street, Barnstaple, Devon. Their country of last permanent residence and future permanent residence was recorded as British Guiana. Their intended duration of stay in the U.K. was 5 months and they gave their main reason for returning to the U.K. was as visitors.

Nuala was recorded as a First-Class passenger, along with her 3 daughters and 1 son, on the French Steamer Antilles which arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico (U.S.A.) from Pointe à Pitre, Guadeloupe on 05 June 1961. Her home address appears to have been Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Died: 07 October 2016 in Sussex. An announcement of her death was printed in The Telegraph: 'BEADNELL, (née Meagher) Nuala Mary. Died on 7th October 2016, aged 95 years. Beloved wife of the late Dr. H.M.S.G. Beadnell (George), loving and much loved mother of Ann, Clair, Eve and Nick, mother-in-law of Mandy, grandmother of Taya and Pria, and dear elder sister to all of her siblings. Nuala's charm and humour won all hearts, and she will be deeply missed by family and friends. May her gentle soul rest in peace.'

MEANEY, Bridget

Hospital Nurse

Born: circa 1915

Went missing in December 1939.

Missing Irish Nurse

Bridget Meaney, aged 24, an Irish nurse at St Mary's hospital, Highgate, has vanished. A fortnight ago she was to have met her sister in London to go over to Ireland for a fortnight's holiday. She failed to keep her appointment and a suitcase containing her clothes and other belongings were found in the compartment of a local train at Kings Cross Station the following day.

Northern Whig, 22nd January 1940

MEENEHAN, Margaret [2 possible biographies]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 231408

Born: 26 January 1909 at Aughinish, Ballinrobe, County Mayo.

Daughter of James Meenehan (Farmer) and Catherine Meenehan (née Feeney), of Aughinish, Ballinrobe, County Mayo.

OR

Born: 16 September 1910 at Hill Street, Ballina, County Mayo.

Daughter of Anthony Meenahan (sic) (Cattle Dealer) and Maria Meenahan (née Walkin), of Hill Street, Ballina, County Mayo.

Trained: St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne, East Sussex, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 90900].

Trained: Borough Sanatorium and Infectious Diseases Hospital, Brighton, East Sussex, 1938 – 1939. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10463].

Residence: Frenchbrook, Kilmaine, Claremorris, County Mayo. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Married: January – March 1948 at Paddington, London, Michael Brown.

MEHAFFY (MEHAFFEY), Eliza Jane.

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 15 June 1907 at Carricklee, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Daughter of John Mehaffy (Farmer) and Margaret Mehaffy (née Gardiner), of Carricklee, Strabane, County Tyrone.

Trained: North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 67016].

Registration: 25 July 1933. (Scotland). [Registration No. 10618]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 23 February 1934. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1832].

Residence: Carricklee, Strabane, County Tyrone. [1934; 1937; 1938; 1940; 1941; 1943].

'Nursing Sister Eliza Jane Mehaffey of Strabane, Co. Tyrone died on 18th July 1943 while on a flight back to H.M.S. Cormorant II, a Royal Naval Air Station in Gibraltar. She was a passenger on Short Sunderland JM687 flying between the United Kingdom and Gibraltar. Oberleutnant Gustav Christner and Leutnant Lothar Wolff of 15/KG40 shot the RAF 204 Squadron plane down at 1314hrs.'

Died: Missing presumed dead on active service 18 July 1943.



Sister Eliza Jane Mehaffy, c. mid-1930s (Courtesy Mehaffy Family)

She has no known grave. Her name is on Panel 84, Column 3 of the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Plymouth, Devon, England. Her name is also remembered on the family plot at Urney Cemetery, Strabane, Co. Tyrone:

‘In Loving Memory of
John MEHAFFY
Died 12th November 1939 aged 87 years
His wife Margaret
Died 28th Sept 1940 aged 68 years
Also their daughter
Eliza Jane
Died serving with the
Q.A.R.N.N.S.P. 18th July 1943
Also their daughter
Pearl CALHOUN
Born 24th Aug 1909 died 19th April 1982
In Florida U.S.A.’

MILLAR (MILLER), Frances Alexander

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208771

Born: 07 May 1899 at Letterkenny, County Donegal.

Eldest daughter of Rev. Ross Millar (Clergyman) and Ida Frances Millar (née Alexander), of Letterkenny, County Donegal.

Trained: St. Thomas' Hospital, London, 1920 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 24 April 1925. (London). [Registration No. 35830].

Registration: 26 May 1927. (London). [Registration No. 71139]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Hillmount, Letterkenny, County Donegal. [1928].

Residence: 12 Queen Square, Bloomsbury, London W.C.1. [1931; 1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 24 May 1943 on active service in the Middle East.

[See Newspaper Account below].

Roll of Honour

Miss Frances A Millar

QAIMNS

Their many friends especially in County Donegal, will learn with regret of the heavy bereavement which Rev Ross Millar and Mrs Millar, of Hillmount, Letterkenny, have sustained by the death of their eldest daughter, Miss Frances Alexander Millar, QAIMNS, who was on active service with the Middle East Forces.

Londonderry Sentinel, 5th June 1943.

Buried: Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

Probate: 29 September 1943 (Llandudno) to Rosa Scott Browning single woman. Effects: £828 13s. 6d.

MILLER (MILLAR), Bella Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213712

Born: 03 May 1912 at Corrick (sic), Plumbridge, Strabane, County Tyrone.[Birth Certificate].

Daughter of David Millar (Publican) and Bella Millar (née Donaghy), of Corrick (sic), Tullyherin, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 14 December 1934. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1962].

Registration: 04 May 1938. (Scotland). [Registration No. 13616]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Tullyherin, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone. [1941; 1943; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1941.

She served in Burma. She was Assistant Matron of the 81st. West African General Hospital and Matron of the 13th. Indian casualty clearing station.

After the war she held a post in Liverpool Royal Infirmary.

Appointed Assistant Matron of Lagan Valley Hospital in January 1950.

Appointed Matron of Lagan Valley Hospital in August 1951.

She was awarded an O.B.E. in 1969.

[See Newspaper account below].

Lieut Col (Acting) Bella Jane Millar, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, TAVR. Former matron of 204 (North Irish) General Hospital, RAMC (V). Now living at Tullyherin, Newtownstewart, Co Tyrone.

Belfast Telegraph, 14th June 1969

MILLIKEN, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 329843

Born: circa 1920 (Possibly in Canada?)

Only daughter of Mr. Joseph J. Milliken, Raglan Place, Ballymena and the late Mrs. Milliken, formerly of Port Dalhousie, Ontario, Canada

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 23 March 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3420].

Residence: Raglan Place, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1944.

Married: 03 September 1945 in Rangoon Cathedral to Captain John David Harrison Linfoot, R.A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Linfoot, of Topley, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England.

[Ballymena Observer, Friday 26 October 1945].

MITCHELL, Ida Elizabeth Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322227

Born: 13 March 1918 at Killaneen, Ballinamore, County Leitrim.

Daughter of Abraham Mitchell (Farmer) and Isabella Mitchell (née McMaster), of Killaneen, Ballinamore, County Leitrim.

Trained: Lambeth Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110983].

Residence: Lambeth Hospital, London. [1939].

Residence: Killaneen, Ballinamore, County Leitrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Awarded Additional Associate of R. R. C. in October 1945.

[See Document below].

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Date recommendation passed forward

Received Sub Area 20 May 45

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Rank and Army or Personal No. 322227 Sister QAIMS(R)

Name IDA ELIZABETH MARY MITCHELL

(Christian names must be stated)

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
For outstanding devotion to duty, zeal and ability in the nursing of serious casualties.	COLONEL R.G. SHAW, M.C.	A.R.R.C.	
The successful results obtained in a large number of cases of severe burns have been largely attributable to the care and attention which she has unstintingly given to them.	late R.A.M.C. O.C. 108 (Br) GENERAL HOSPITAL 11th Armd.		
	Brigadier (GS HATTON)		
	Comd. 20 L of C Sub-Area		
	Brig. (RHR PARMINTER)		
	Comd. 11 L of C Area		
	Maj-Gen 11 OCT 1945		
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Commendation of Ida Mitchell for Royal Red Cross (Associate), 23rd June 1945

(W.O. 373/55, TNA, London)

Transcript:

'For outstanding devotion to duty, zeal and ability in the nursing of serious casualties. The successful results obtained in a large number of cases of severe burns have been largely attributable to the care and attention which she has unstintingly given to them' (23rd June 1945)

Died: 29 May 1994 at 198 Orchard Way, Beckenham, Kent.

Probate: 14 July 1994 (London). Effects: £2,434.00

MITCHELL, Mary Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 333744

Born: 10 September 1917 at Donamon, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Hugh Mitchell (Farmer) and Mary Anne Mitchell (née Tighe), of Donamon, County Roscommon.

Trained: City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham, West Midlands, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10454].

Trained: Northampton General Hospital, Northampton, East Midlands, 1940 – 1941. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 31 December 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113551].

Residence: Donamon, County Roscommon. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Highland Princess which had sailed from Buenos Aires, Argentina (via Santos, Rio, Las Palmas, Lisbon and Vigo). It arrived in the Port of London on 09 January 1952. Mary Bridget had embarked at Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. Her age was 34 years and her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as Donamon, County Roscommon. Her occupation was given as 'Nurse.' Her address of last permanent residence was the Canary Islands. Her country of citizenship was 'Eire.'

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the ship Highland Monarch which had sailed from Buenos Aires, Argentina (via Montevideo, Santos, Las Palmas, and Lisbon). It docked in the Port of Tilbury on 09 October 1952. Mary Bridget had embarked at Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. Her age was 34 years and her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as 104 Riverside Drive, Whitcam, Surrey. Her occupation was given as 'Nurse.' Her address of last permanent residence was the Canary Islands. Her country of future permanent residence was recorded as England.

Died: 30 October 2011 at Chatham, Kent.

MOLLOY, Maeve

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 236454

Born: 21 February 1918 at Chord Road, Drogheda, County Louth.

Daughter of Thomas Molloy (Manager) and Mary Anne Molloy (née Daly), of Chord Road, Drogheda, County Louth.

She was educated at the Presentation Convent and Drogheda Technical School. After school she worked for about two years in the office of the old Boyne Cinema in Fair Street, Drogheda. However, she decided that she wanted to be a nurse.

Trained: Hillingdon County Hospital, Uxbridge, Greater London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110052].

Residence: 4 Boyne Terrace, Drogheda, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

After training she joined the staff of the prestigious London Clinic and then joined

the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

She served in North Africa, Egypt, Palestine, Italy and France. On V.E. Day, two representatives of all the Women's Services were chosen to take part in the Victory in Europe Day March through London. Maeve was proud to be chosen as one of the two representatives from the Q.As.

After the War she returned to civilian life and worked for a time in a General Hospital in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Married: 12 November 1952 at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Drogheda, Patrick William Fulham (1914 - 1997), of Laurence Gate, Drogheda.

Died: 07 May 1996 at Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.

Buried: Stamullen Cemetery, Gormanston, County Meath.

MOLLOY, Maeve Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241700

Born: 10 July 1919 at 22 Manor Place, Dublin.

Daughter of John Joseph Molloy (Sorting Clerk) and Mary Molloy (née Ashton), of 22 Manor Place, Dublin.

Trained: The St. Helen's Hospital, Lancashire, 1937 - 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109129].

Residence: 4 Ballymun Road, Glasnevin, Dublin. [1943].

Residence: 10 Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1942.

Residence: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Metchley Park Road, Birmingham. [1950].

Married: April - June 1961 in Surrey, Alfred Garth Gorham (1911 - 1991).

Died: 11 June 2008 at Bournemouth, Dorset.

MOLLOY, Mary Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 260532

Born: 06 October 1916 at John Street, Wexford.

Daughter of Thomas Molloy (Coach Painter) and Margaret Anne Molloy (née Nolan), of John Street, Wexford.

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, West Midlands, 1937 - 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109443].

Residence: John Street, Wexford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1943.

Married: March 1966 at Whitehaven, Cumberland, John Edward Postlethwaite (1912 - 2000).

Died: 04 April 1990 at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

MOLOHAN, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316112

Born: 01 October 1915 at Ballyvaslin, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Daughter of James Charles Molohan (Farmer) and Mary Molohan (née Clancy), of Ballyvaslin, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 89892].

Residence: Ballyvaslin, Miltown Malbay, County Clare. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Died: 19 August 2002 at Wandsworth, London.

MOLONEY, Mary Virginia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206337

Born: 20 August 1913 at Gorteen, Graigue, Thomastown, County Kilkenny.

Daughter of Richard Moloney (Farmer) and Nora Moloney (née Magee), of Gorteen, Graigue, Thomastown, County Kilkenny.

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, December 1932 – January 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 06 July 1936. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5674].

Residence: Gurteen (sic), Coresbridge, County Kilkenny. [1939; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Staff Nurse in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 14 September 1939.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 30 May 1941.

Married: April – June 1946 at Kensington, London, John D. Turner.

Died: April 1996 at Worthing, West Sussex.

MONAGHAN, Ellen Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279949 [Esther Josephine MONAHER]

Born: 11 May 1914 at Dunamore, Pomeroy, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Peter Monaghan (Postman) and Mary Jane Monaghan (née Conway), of Dunamore, Pomeroy, Cookstown, County Tyrone.

Trained: St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Surrey, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 90146].

Registration: 14 August 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3532].

Residence: Dunnamore (sic) Post Office, Cookstown, County Tyrone. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Lisburn Road, Belfast. [1956].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943.

MOODY, Kathleen Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215234

Born: 07 August 1915 at Poyntzpass, County Armagh.

Daughter of Arthur Moody (Lock Keeper/Carpenter) and Louisa Moody (née Hill), of Poyntzpass, County Armagh.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 18 June 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2859].

Residence: Lockhouse, Poyntzpass, County Armagh. [1943].

Residence: Bridge Street, Kilkeel, County Down. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

MOORE, MABEL

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 250850

Born: 01 October 1917 at Tamnecomore, Errigal, Garvagh, County Derry.

Daughter of Edward Moore (Farmer) and Elizabeth Moore (née Neely), of Tamnecomore, Errigal, Garvagh, County Derry.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, Belfast, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 18 June 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2860].

Trained: 1940 – 1941. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 19 November 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2256].

Residence: Maghera Road, Kilrea, County Derry. [1943].

Residence: Drumagarner, Kilrea, County Derry. [1949; 1951].

Residence: Lawnmount Crescent, Hilden, Lisburn, County Antrim. [1956].

Residence: Delacherois Avenue, Hilden, Lisburn, County Antrim. [1959].

She was commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1942.

She served in Libya and Italy. During 1944, whilst based at 103 General Hospital, Nocera, Salerno she met her future husband Frederick Kinsley-Smith.

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger, along with her 2 young daughters, on the S.S. Apapa which departed from the Port of Liverpool on 20 November 1951 bound for the West Coast of Africa.

She had contracted to disembark at Lagos, Nigeria. She intended to permanently settle in Nigeria.

Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as 1 Tollimache Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Lancashire.

Married: 1945 in Naples, Italy, Frederick Harold Kinsley-Smith (1917 – 1992).

'Frederick Harold Kinsley-Smith was born in Frankby, the Wirral, Merseyside. He joined the British Army before World War 2, enrolling in the Cheshire Regiment and later the 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers serving in Greece, North Africa and Italy, where he was awarded a Military Cross for his actions at the battle of Argenta Gap. While injured and in hospital in Italy he met an army nurse, Mabel Moore, and they married in Naples in 1945.

He remained in the army after the end of the war before moving with his family to Nigeria as a ground nut plantation manager. The family moved to Northern Ireland where Kinsley-Smith worked as a full time Civil Defence officer. Mabel became an NHS midwife on her return to Northern Ireland and continued as a nurse in various roles until her retirement.' [PRONI D4727].

Died: 23 January 2017 at Scrabo Isles Nursing Home, Newtownards, County Down.

Buried: Movilla Cemetery, County Down.

MORAN, Anne (Anna) Gertrude

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208677

Born: 20 October 1918 at Kilmeen, Loughrea, County Galway.

Daughter of Joseph Moran (Carpenter) and Mary Jane Moran (née Larkin), of Kilmeen, Loughrea, County Galway.

Trained: Central Hospital, Galway, April 1937 – December 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 31 December 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7285].

Residence: Athenry Road, Loughrea, County Galway. [1943].

Residence: West Bridge, Loughrea, County Galway. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

MORGAN, Mary Fiedelia

Civilian Hospital Nurse.

Born: 20 December 1916 at Lisadian, Loughgilly, County Armagh.

Daughter of Thomas Morgan (Farmer) and Delia Morgan (née Hamill), of Lisadian, Loughgilly, County Armagh.

Trained: Sheffield City General Hospital, South Yorkshire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110013].

Trained: Sheffield City General Hospital, South Yorkshire, 1942 (?) – 1943. [CMB Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1943. (London). [Registration No. 110452]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 23 April 1958. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 4585]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Aughingurk, Newtownhamilton, County Armagh. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Knockavannon, Newtownhamilton, County Armagh. [1959].

Married: 1948, Charles Kennedy (? – 1992).

Died: 08 February 2022 at Ballymoyer, Newtownhamilton, County Armagh.

MORIARTY, Julia Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270980

Born: 10 June 1916 at Grove, Dingle, County Kerry.

Daughter of Michael Moriarty (Rate Collector) and Mary Moriarty (née O'Shea), of Grove, Dingle, County Kerry.

Trained: Park Hospital, London, 1936 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 10154].

Residence: The Grove House, Dingle, County Kerry. [1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

MORONEY, Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279237

Born: 21 March 1908 at Drumcliffe, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of Patrick Moroney (Farmer) and Maria Moroney (née McMahon), of Drumcliffe, Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: Bristol Royal Infirmary, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 78010].

Residence: Drumcliffe, Ennis, County Clare. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: September 2002 at Taunton, Somerset.

MORONEY, Bridget Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336746

Born: 04 September 1920 at Cahermurphy, Kilmihill, County Clare.

Daughter of Thomas Moroney (Farmer) and Mary Moroney (née Egan), of Cahermurphy, Kilmihill, County Clare.

In September 1939 she was working as a 'Hospital Assistant Nurse' in Fairmile House Institution [Workhouse], Christchurch, Hampshire.

Trained: Hackney Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124940].

Residence: Camehmurphy (sic), Kilmihill, County Clare. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

Married: 1952 at Ennis, County Clare, Unknown Male.

['According to record on Find-a-grave, she must have married an O'Leary as her second marriage'].

Died: 25 September 1995 at Kilmihill, County Clare.

MORONEY, Mary (Madeline)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 252066

Born: 17 February 1909, at Dough, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Daughter of Thomas Moroney (Farmer) and Bridget Moroney (née Murrihy), of Dough, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, August 1927 – October 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 20 April 1931. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 4354].

Residence: Central Hotel, Miltown Malbay, County Clare. [1946; 1948].

Married: 26 June 1940, at Haifa, Palestine (Israel) Captain Alan Thomas Winny (Born: 1915), of The West Yorkshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 11 March 1942 and is buried in Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in November 1942.

She was promoted from Senior Sister to 'J. Comdr.' in February 1949.

The Supplement to the London Gazette (08 June 1950) recorded that Major Mary Madelaine (sic) Winny (Q.A.R.A.N.C.) was to be an Associate of the Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class).

Died: 30 July 2000 at Bournemouth, Dorset.

Buried: Ballard Cemetery, Miltown Malbay, County Clare.

MORROW, Kathleen Alecia (sic) (Alicia)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206304

Born: 29 March 1895 at Enagh, Glaslough, County Monaghan. [Catherine Alicia]

Daughter of James Joseph Morrow (Farmer) and Annie Morrow (née Rankin), of Enagh, Glaslough, County Monaghan.

Trained: Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, Devon, 1917 – 1921. [Certificate].

Registration: 16 March 1923. (London). [Registration No. 12765].

Residence: Enagh House, County Monaghan. [1925; 1928; 1931].

Residence: 43 Malone Avenue, Belfast. [1934].

Residence: 23 Sydenham Drive, Strandtown, Belfast. [1937].

She was listed as a passenger on the M. S. Sibajak which departed Southampton on 25 August 1939 bound for the Netherlands and India. Kathleen had contracted to disembark at Gibraltar. Her age was given as 42 years old. Her last address in the U.K. was 23 Sydenham Drive, Strandtown, Belfast. Her occupation was recorded as 'Nursing Sister.' Her Country of Future Permanent Residence was Gibraltar.

Residence: Military Hospital, Gibraltar. [1940].

Residence: Military Hospital, Holywood, County Down. [1943].

Residence: Lloyds Bank Ltd., Westminster House Branch, Millbank, London S.W.1. [1946].

'Miss Kathleen Alicia Morrow, from Q.A.M.N.S., for India (temp.), to be Staff Nurse. 18th July 1928'. [London Gazette 22 March 1929].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

She was Acting Senior Sister when she was awarded Associate of R.R.C. (2nd. Class) in January 1945.

[See Document Below]

In lieu of Army Form W.3121.

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Personal No.	Rank & Name	Action for which recommended. (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	Q.A.I.M.N.S.	E/206304	Senior Sister MORROW, Kathleen Alice	Joined Q.A.I.M.N.S. in 1926, having previous service with Q.A.M.N.S.I. Has served during this war at home and overseas and is shortly due to retire. She has consistently maintained a high standard of nursing wherever she has been and has not spared herself in the interests of her patients. Miss Morrow merits this recognition of her work and is strongly recommended for the award of the honour.	<i>Spencer</i> Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.	R.R.C. (2nd Class)	

Alma Good
Director General, Army Medical Services

Recommendation of Kathleen Morrow for Royal Red Cross (Associate), Jan 1945
(TNA, London)

She was recorded as having crossed the Detroit and Canada Tunnel on 06 July 1947. Her Date of Birth is listed (erroneously) as 25 February 1895. She was 52 years old and her occupation was given as 'Hospital Matron.' Her last permanent address was her sister-in-law's, Margaret Morrow: 16 Barnecliff Road, Toronto, Canada. Kathleen was visiting her brother, Joseph Morrow at his home: 4617 University Pl., Detroit, Michigan. She was staying there until 01 August 1947. She was described as being 5 feet 2 inches tall with medium complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes.

MOUTRAY, Eleanor Isobelle (Isabella)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241703

Born: 09 June 1915 at Ballinasaggart, Ballygawley, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Edmund Moutray (Farmer) and Eleanor Jane Moutray (née Welton), of Ballinasaggart, Ballygawley, County Tyrone.

Trained: Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109131].

Residence: 24th. (London) General Hospital, Campbell College, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: Unknown Date, Ernest Elliott (1914 - ???).

Died: October 1995 at Swindon, Wiltshire.

[Older Sister of Gertrude Isobel Moutray – See below]

MOUTRAY, Gertrude Isobel (Isabel)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241003

Born: 11 January 1920 at Ballinasaggart, Ballygawley, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Edmund Moutray (Farmer) and Eleanor Jane Moutray (née Welton), of Ballinasaggart, Ballygawley, County Tyrone.

Trained: Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 114521].

Residence: Riversdale, Ballygawley, County Tyrone. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: 19 July 1945 at unknown place, Francis Rupert Kirkpatrick (1918 – 1996).

Died: 29 August 2011 at Augher, County Tyrone.

[Younger Sister of Eleanor Isobelle Moutray – See above]



Gertie Kirkpatrick QA, née Moutray (Courtesy of Miss R. Kirkpatrick)

MOYNIHAN, Hannah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279538

Born: 04 October 1914 at Shanakeel, Millstreet, County Cork.

Daughter of Cornelius Moynihan (Farmer) and Hannah Moynihan (née Kelleher), of Shanakeel, Millstreet, County Cork.

Trained: North Eastern Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10390].

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, combined with Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Kent, 1939 – 1942. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116785].

Residence: Ballinrea, Douglas, County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: February 1989 at Birmingham, West Midlands.

MULQUEEN, Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 236456

Born: Rosbrien, County Limerick.

Trained: St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, September 1924 – February 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 28 March 1928. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 3718].

Residence: Rosbrien, County Limerick. [1939; 1946; 1948].

MULQUEEN, Kathleen

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215074

Born: 06 June 1908, Miltown, Pallaskenry, County Limerick.

Daughter of Thomas Mulqueen (Farmer) and Mary Mulqueen (née O'Connell), of Miltown, Pallaskenry, County Limerick

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1932. (London). [Registration No. 63341].

Residence: Pallaskenry, County Limerick. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

MULRY, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322412

Born: 29 February 1920, Polonaisk (sic), Mountbellew, County Galway.

Daughter of Michael Mulry (Farmer) and Ellen Mulry (née Gordon), of Polonaisk (sic), Mountbellew, County Galway.

Trained: Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109287].

Residence: Green Ville, Caltra, Ballinasloe, County Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.



Mary Mulry in Q.A. uniform, c.1944 (Courtesy of Mary Morris Trust)

'Mary Morris's desire to be a nurse led in only one direction – to Britain. At the age of 18 she passed the examination to train at Guy's Hospital in London as a nurse probationer. The time of her arrival could hardly have been more ominous. It was August 1939. Within a

few weeks, Britain was at war. Morris, who was born Mary Mulry, grew up in Caltra, Co Galway. Her mother died when she was just three weeks old, and she and her two brothers were brought up by her father and aunt. Her brother Michael emigrated to the United States, joined the US army and landed in Normandy on D-Day. He was among the US soldiers who liberated the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Throughout the war, Mary Morris kept a diary. It is a remarkable work. It was collected by the Imperial War Museum in London, which realised its significance, but it lay in its vaults until now. Those on active duties in the services are not supposed to keep diaries lest they give vital information to the enemy if apprehended, but Mary Morris inherited her father's rebellious streak and kept one anyway. She was a lucid observer of some of the most cataclysmic events in history. *A Very Private Diary – An Irish Nurse in Wartime* is published this month to coincide with the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the start of the Battle of Normandy. Mary Morris landed in Normandy on a troopship on June 18th, 12 days after D-Day. She joined active service by enrolling in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserves, known as the QAs. She did so despite the strenuous objections of her matron, who wanted her to remain in civilian service, and her republican father, who had fought in the War of Independence against the British.

At one stage when she is home on leave, she rails against partition. Pithily, she recounts how her own experiences give her a sense of perspective. "I pointed out that HM Government have enough to worry about at present".

On reaching the coastline of Normandy, she was confronted with an "astonishing sight. The girls squealed with amazement and terror. It was like Guy Fawkes night. There was the noise of aircraft and brilliant multicoloured flares which the sailors call 'flaming onions' dropping from the sky." Tragically another hospital ship which sailed with them hit a mine and sank. Morris had already lived through the terror of war before arriving in Normandy. One of her first assignments was to nurse soldiers returning from the beaches of Dunkirk. She even fell for one of them, Pierre, a handsome French officer and her brazen courtship almost cost her fledgling career. During the Blitz, she narrowly escaped death when a German bomb fell on the Alexandra Hotel in London where she had been dining with Pierre. Her diary covers the years between 1940 and 1946 from her time as a teenage ingénue to marriage, motherhood and the worldly wisdom that came from observing the worst of war's horrors. Having witnessed so much, she writes: "I feel quite ancient at times, have seen too much suffering yet would not want to have missed any of the life I have lived so far."

Amidst the serious business of war, there is much levity too. Mary Morris loved to party and does not seem to lack for male admirers. Her diary entry for Christmas Day, 1944, reveals: "We danced and drank champagne until 5am. It was great fun." She writes after two months in Normandy. "Met a crazy Irishman from Roscommon, a bomber pilot with the RAF. Paddy is a most unconventional character, a wild man of the bogs. He has all the

traditional dislike of the Irish for the British yet like thousands of other Irishmen he has joined them in this fight against Hitler."

Her diary contains insights into the Ireland of the time and the attitude of Allied soldiers to Irish

neutrality. “There is remarkable little resentment or even comment on Ireland’s neutrality during this war...anyway there are so many Irishmen in the British services that most people have forgotten that they are volunteers, and this is not their fight.”

Mary Morris married an officer four years her junior and settled down in England after the war. She had four children.

Mary Morris died in 1997, but her memory lives on in this diary skilfully edited by Carol Acton. The contribution of Irishmen from neutral Ireland to the Allied war effort remains under-reported; even more so the Irish women who served. This is a welcome addition to redressing that balance.’

[An Irishman’s Diary on an Irish nurse in wartime in The Irish Times - 03 June 2014].



Sister Mary Mulry Q.A. with Captain Malcolm Morris, c.1945 (Courtesy Mary Morris Trust)

Married: 12 October 1946 at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Mortlake, Captain Malcolm Ernest Morris (1925 – 2008), Recce Corps, of Tangier Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Died: June 1997 at Monmouthshire, Wales.

MUNGOVAN, Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241004

Born: 14 February 1914 at Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of John Mungovan (Farmer) and Norah (Honor) Mungovan (née Leahy), of Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: Park Hospital, Flixton, Manchester, Lancashire, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85519].

Residence: Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.

[Younger Sister of Mary Margaret Mungovan – See below]

MUNGOVAN, Mary *[Possible]*

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345357 (?)

Born: 09 May 1916 at Clonigulane, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Mungovan (Farmer) and Anne Mungovan (née Kelly), of Clonigulane, Kilmihil, County Clare.

Trained: Manchester Northern Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111742].

Residence: Clonigulane, Kilmihil, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

Died: 04 May 2000 at Trafford, Greater Manchester, Lancashire.

Buried: St. Michael's Old Church Graveyard, Kilmihil, County Clare.

MUNGOVAN, Mary Margaret *[Possible]*

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345357 (?)

Born: 01 June 1910 at Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare.

Daughter of John Mungovan (Farmer) and Norah (Honor) Mungovan (née Leahy), of Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: Park Hospital, Davyhulme, Manchester, Lancashire, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1933. (London). [Registration No. 70943].

Residence: Knockaneen, Ennis, County Clare. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she is recorded as a Staff Nurse at Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

Married: unknown date, Unknown Chapple.

[Older Sister of Bridget Mungovan – See above]

MURPHY, Mary (Frances) (Maureen)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241005

Born: 15 May 1916, in Killeely, Kilcolgan, County Galway.

Daughter of Michael Murphy (Farmer) and Delia Murphy (née Linnane), of Killeely, Kilcolgan, County Galway.

Trained: St. Olave's Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938 [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938 (London) [Registration No. 95569].

Residence: Killeely, Kilcolgan, County Galway. [1940].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1942.

Married: unknown date, Ian Kerr (R.A.M.C.) (?)

He died on the 15 December 2015, Garvagh, County Derry.

Died: 2005.

Nora (Noreen) Murphy

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: 30th June 1919, Kilbrenmore, Killarney, Co. Kerry, father, John Murphy (farmer), mother Maryanne Murphy.

Training: awarded certificate in general nursing, April 1942, Hackney Hospital.

Other: Commissioned QA c.1943-44, served for a time in Belgium during SWW.

Married: Denis Brennan (Royal Engineers), Arundel, Sussex, Nov 1945.

Died: 27th May 1993



Noreen Murphy in QA uniform, c.1945 (Courtesy of Brennan Family)

MURPHY, Sarah Kate

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208920

Born: 23 September 1902 at Kinnard, Castlecomer, County Sligo.

Daughter of Michael Murphy (Constable R.I.C.) and Mary Murphy (née Coggins), of Kinnard, Castlecomer, County Sligo.

Trained: Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, London, 1923 – 1926. [Examination].

Registration: 19 November 1926. (London). [Registration No. 44524].

Residence: Brian Road, Marino, Clontarf, County Dublin. [1928; 1931; 1937; 1940; 1958].

Residence: Devonshire Street, London W.1. [September 1939].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

MURRAY, Julia Anne

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215096

Born: 02 October 1897 at Togher, Carrowreagh, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Michael Murry (sic) (Farmer) and Kate Murry (née Finneran), of Togher, Carrowreagh, County Roscommon.

Trained: Hampstead General and North West London Hospital, London, 1921 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 16 January 1925. (London). [Registration No. 34745].

Residence: Atticorra House, Creagh, Ballinasloe, County Galway. [1928; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Williams Park, Rathmines, Dublin. [1931; 1934; 1937].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

MURTA, Mary Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270787

Born: 05 July 1908 at Crossakiel, Kells, County Meath.

Daughter of James Murta (Farmer) and Annie Louisa Murta (née Booker), of Crossakiel, Kells, County Meath.

Trained: Connaught Hospital, London, 1931 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 77441].

Residence: Crossakiel, Kells, County Meath. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Moorfields, Westminster and Central Eye Hospital, 178 High Holborn, London W.C.1. [1948; 1954; 1960; 1965].

In September 1939, she was a Ward Sister at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, High Holborn, London W.C.1.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

Died: 02 June 1991 at The Lodge, 82 Kirby Road, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

Probate: 21 June 1991 (Winchester). Effects: Not exceeding £115,000.00

NAUGHTON, Norah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 248280

Born: 09 December 1915, at Derrywood, Killroran, County Galway.

Daughter of John Naughton (Farmer) and Mary Naughton (née Conneally), of Derrywood, Killroran, County Galway.

Trained: Jericho Hospital, Bury, affiliated to Park Hospital, Flixton, Manchester, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 108044].

Residence: Derrywood, Ballygar, County (Roscommon) Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

NEARY, Mary Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338414

Born: 20 August 1916, at Killnordan, Scramogue, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Darby Neary (Farmer) and Bridget Neary (née Thompson), of Killnordan, Scramogue, County Roscommon.

Trained: Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111318].

Residence: Killnordan, Scramogue, County (Longford). Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

NEARY, Rose Anne (Anna)

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215023

Born: 17 February 1901, at Main Street, Cavan, County Cavan.

Daughter of Peter Neary (Publican) and Rose Anne Neary (née McEveety), of Main Street, Cavan, County Cavan.

Trained: St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, 1923 – 1926. [Examination].

Registration: 19 November 1926. (London). [Registration No. 44148].

Residence: Market Square, Cavan, County Cavan. [1928; 1931; 1934;].

Residence: Manley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In 1939 a Rosanna (sic) Neary ('Sister Tutor') was living at W.T.A.

Guesthouse, 205 Belle Vue Road, Bournemouth.

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

NEILAN, Kate

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213713

Born: 21 September 1916, at Creemully, County Roscommon.

Daughter of William Neilan (Farmer) and Ellie Neilan (née Neilan), of Creemully, County Roscommon.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102941].

Residence: Creemully, Fuerty, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1941.

NELIGAN, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208894

Born: 01 September 1904 at Ballinvounig, Dingle, County Kerry.

Daughter of Maurice Neligan (Farmer) and Bridget Neligan (née O'Connor), of Ballinvounig, Dingle, County Kerry.

Trained: North Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 75683].

Residence: Ballinvounig, Dingle, County Kerry. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

NELSON, Ida May

Nursing Sister

Born: 19 May 1906, at 67 Kansas Avenue, Belfast.

Daughter of Walter Nelson (Traveller) and Mary Nelson (née Manson), of 67 Kansas Avenue, Belfast. [Later, of Thorndale, Church Road, Helen's Bay, County Down].

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1925 – 1929 [Examination].

Registration: 28 March 1929. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1246].

Residence: Thorndale, Helen's Bay, County Down.

Died on board the S.S. Tanjong Penang which was sunk by the Japanese off the east coast of Sumatra on the 17 February 1942 (aged stated as 38 years).

[Civilian Deaths at Sea p. 2682].

‘Nurse Ida May Nelson had a longer professional career, and her name is amongst that long list of war heroines who are “missing” but of whose exact fate there is no record. Daughter of Mr. Walter Nelson, Thorndale, Church Road, Helen’s Bay, she commenced her nursing career in the Royal Victoria Hospital. She went to Queen Charlotte Hospital for maternity training, entered the Colonial Nursing Service in 1932, and was sent first to Gibraltar and later to Penang, where she was stationed at the time of the Japanese invasion.

Her last letter home was written from the General Hospital, Johore, in January 1942. It is believed that she died through the sinking of the S.S. Tanjung [sic], shelled by the Japanese in February of that year. Side by side with Ida Nelson died her chum Eleanor Lowry.’

[Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

NERRIE, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348552

Born: 07 November 1921 at Asylum, Londonderry.

Daughter of Arthur Nerrie (Storekeeper) and Kathleen Ann (Annie)

Nerrie (née Gallagher), of Asylum, Londonderry.

Trained: City and County Hospital, Londonderry, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 23 March 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3426].

Residence: Bayview Terrace, Londonderry. [1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

Married: unknown date, Kenneth Milne.

NOBLETT, Phyllis Emilie Irvine

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 363033

Born: 06 September 1921, at Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of George Harris Noblett (Inspector R.I.C.) and Dorothea Georgina

Sarah Noblett (née Ford), of Castlerea, Kilkeevan, County Roscommon.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, January 1940 – January 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 31 March 1944. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 8422].

Registration: 23 February 1945. (London). [Registration No. 131802].

Residence: Rossbeghaven, Wesport, County Mayo. [1946].

Granted commission as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. 25 February 1946.

Died: 09 August 2012, at Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

NOLAN, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 238701

Born: 06 April 1913, at Cleragh, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Patrick Nolan (Farmer) and Ellen Nolan (née Hussey), of Cleragh, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Trained: Royal City of Dublin Hospital, July 1932 – July 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 17 February 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 5853].

Residence: Cleragh, Castlerea, County Roscommon. [1939].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942. [238701]

Died: 07 December 1942 (aged 29 years) on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.

NOLAN, Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294794

Born: 21 December 1919 at Mountmellick, County Laois.

Daughter of Joseph Nolan (Plasterer) and Mary Anne Nolan (née Geoghegan), of Mountmellick, County Laois.

Trained: Lambeth Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113361].

Residence: Irishtown, Mountmellick, County Laois. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

Died: January – March 1975 at Wandsworth, London.

[Younger Sister of Martha Nolan – See below].

NOLAN, Martha

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294795

Born: 29 August 1918 at Mountmellick, County Laois.

Daughter of Joseph Nolan (Slater) and Mary Anne Nolan (née Geoghegan), of Mountmellick, County Laois.

Trained: Lambeth Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106463].

Residence: Irishtown, Mountmellick, County Laois. [1943].

Residence: c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., 145 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London S.W.15. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943. [294795]

Married: circa 1945, possibly abroad, Unknown Fairweather.

[Older Sister of Margaret Nolan – See above].

NOLAN, Rose Philomena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322935

Born: 01 July 1915, at Distillery Lane, Dundalk, County Louth.

Daughter of Philip Joseph Nolan (Labourer) and Rose Anne Nolan (née Duffy), of Distillery Lane, Dundalk, County Louth.

Trained: St. Olave's Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113479].

Residence: Bridge Street, Dundalk, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: April 1950 at Lewisham, London, Herbert Henry Mervyn Green (1914 – 1986).

Died: 27 March 1984 at St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

NOONAN, Johanna

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 218251

Born: 07 October 1912, at Kilross, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Daniel Noonan (Farmer) and Catherine (Kate)

Noonan (née Ryan), of Kilross, County Tipperary.

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, 1929 – 1932. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 69739].

Trained: City Hospital, , Little Bromwich, Birmingham, 1935 – 1936. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 7831].

Residence: Kilross, County Tipperary. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in November 1941.

NOONE, Mary Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336878

Born: 05 September 1915, at Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, County Galway.

Daughter of Joseph Martin Noone (Postmaster) and Ellen Bridget Noone (née Staunton), of Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, County Galway.

Trained: Hackney Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97404].

Residence: Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, County Galway. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

Married: September 1946 at Edmonton, Middlesex, John S. Hirst (1912 – 1991).

Died: May 2001 at West Surrey, Surrey.

NYLAND, Bridget Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 355603

Born: 29 January 1919 at Urlaur, Kilmovee, County Mayo.

Daughter of Dominic Nyland (Farmer) and Ellen Nyland (née Crean), of Urlaur, Kilmovee, County Mayo.

Trained: Epsom County Hospital, Surrey, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 114870].

Residence: Orlar, Ballyhaunis, County Mayo. [1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1945.

Promoted to Subaltern in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. February 1949.

O'BOYLE, Mary Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227742

Born: 04 July 1911, at Kincon, Killala, Ballina, County Mayo.

Daughter of James O'Boyle (Farmer) and Dora O'Boyle (née McDonnell), of Kincon, Killala, Ballina, County Mayo.

Trained: London Hospital, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 81086].

Residence: Kincon, Killala, Ballina, County Mayo. [1937; 1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Married: 1945, George Frederick McGregor. **[In the Forces]**

Residence: Arkleston Road, Paisley, Scotland. [1946].

O'BRIEN, Annie

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 03 August 1915, at Mowillian, Moneymore, County Derry.

Daughter of Patrick O'Brien (Farmer) and Annie O'Brien (née Devlin), of Mowillian, Moneymore, County Derry.

Trained: General Hospital, Jersey, Channel Islands, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104443].

Trained: Fever Hospital, Purdysburn, Belfast, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 29 November 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 520].

Residence: Mowillian, Moneymore, County Derry. [1943; 1946; 1951; 1956; 1959].

[Older Sister of Mary Jane O'Brien - See below].

O'BRIEN, Bridget [4 Possibilities – see Below]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218386

No. 01 [Galway / Donegal] [Less Likely]

Born: 24 December 1885 at Sheeaunroe, Spiddal, County Galway.

Daughter of Nicholas O'Brien (Farmer) and Mary O'Brien (née Kennedy), of Sheeaunroe, Spiddal, County Galway.

Trained: General Infirmary, Burton-on-Trent, 1921 – 1924. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 September 1925. (London). [Registration No. 39128].

Residence: Doaghbeg, Lifford, County Donegal. [1943].

No. 02 [Tipperary]

Born: by 1910 at the latest.

Daughter of ...

Trained: Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1932. (London). [Registration No. 63098].

Residence: Barronstown, County Tipperary. [1943].

No. 03 [Meath]

Born: by 1917 at the latest.

Trained: St. James' Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 97540].

Residence: Milltown, Oldcastle, County Meath. [1943].

No. 04 [Kerry]

Born: by 1918 at the latest.

Trained: Waterloo and District General Hospital, Liverpool, affiliated to Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 108082].

Residence: Woodlawn, Killarney, County Kerry. [1943].

No. 05 [Limerick]

Born: by 1919 at the latest.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113469].

Residence: Toureen Hill, Ballysimon, County Limerick. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Killed 31 July 1945 (aged ??).

Buried Tehran War Cemetery, Iran.

O'BRIEN, Margaret [4 Possibilities – see Below]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209657

No. 01 [Galway]

Born: 18 February 1911 at Annaghill, County Galway.

Daughter of Michael O'Brien (Farmer) and Julia O'Brien (née Connell), of Annaghill, County Galway.

Trained: City Hospital, Chester and Municipal Hospital, Birkenhead,
October 1930 – April 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1934. (London). [Registration No. 73895].

Registration: 26 September 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7098].

Residence: Annahill, Ballyglunin, County Galway. [1943].

No. 02 [Limerick]

Born: after March 1911 and before 1918

Daughter of John O'Brien (Farmer) and Maggie O'Brien (née Ryan),
of Thomastown, Kilfinnane (sic), County Limerick.

Trained: St. Olave's Hospital, London, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99268].

Residence: Upper Thomastown, Kilfinane, County Limerick. [1943].

No. 03 [Clare]

Born: 04 August 1919 at Crouaghan, Kildysart, County Clare.

Daughter of George O'Brien (Farmer) and Mary O'Brien (née
Garry), of Crouaghan, Kildysart, County Clare.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106620].

Residence: Crouaghan, Kildysart, Ennis, County Clare. [1943].

No. 04 [Monaghan] [Less Likely]

Born: 23 December 1918 at Drumsheena (sic), Kilmore, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Patrick O'Brien (Farmer) and Mary O'Brien (née Kelly), of Drumsheena (sic), Kilmore, County Monaghan.

Trained: Gulson Road Municipal Hospital, Coventry, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109522].

Residence: Drumsheeny, Three-Mile-House, Monaghan. [1943].

Commissioned into Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

O'BRIEN, Mary Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225415

Born: 13 January 1917, at Mowillian, Money more, County Derry.

Daughter of Patrick O'Brien (Farmer) and Annie O'Brien (née Devlin), of Mowillian, Money more, County Derry.

Trained: General Hospital, Jersey, Channel Islands, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104444].

Residence: Mowillian, Money more, County Derry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1942.

Formerly nursed in England and was in the Channel Islands, almost to the time of the German invasion in May 1940 but escaped. Subsequently, she served in the Middle East and was still there in December 1944.

[Mid-Ulster Mail – Saturday 09 December 1944].

[**Younger Sister of Annie O'Brien – See above.**]

O'BYRNE, Eva Christina

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208975

Born: 12 November 1893 at Castletown, Dundalk, County Louth.

Daughter of Felix O'Byrne (National School Teacher) and Mary Lucy O'Byrne (née Cousins), of Castletown, Dundalk, County Louth.

Trained: Joyce Green and Park Fever Hospitals, Dartford, Kent, 1917 – 1919. [M.A.B. Certificate]. [Fever].

Registration: 20 July 1923. (London). [Registration No. 785].

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, Essex, 1923 – 1926. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 16 July 1926. (London). [Registration No. 43398].

Trained: Edinburgh (?), 1934 – 1935 (?). [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 07 May 1935. (Scotland). [Registration No. 11636].

Residence: 34 Emer Terrace, Castletown Road, Dundalk, County

Louth. [1925; 1928; 1931; 1934; 1937; 1938].

Residence: Gardiner Grove, Blackhall, Edinburgh. [1940; 1943; 1946; 1957; 1960; 1962].

Residence: Gardiner Grove, Blackhall, Edinburgh. [1962; 1966; 1968].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

O'CALLAGHAN, Margaret Teresa (Theresa)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257417

Born: 20 August 1915 at Loughborough, Killuran, County Clare.

Daughter of Denis O'Callaghan (Farmer) and Norah O'Callaghan (née McInerney), of Loughborough, , Killuran, County Clare.

Trained: Mayday Hospital, Croydon, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96497].

Residence: Loughborough, O'Callaghan's Mills, County Clare. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

O'CARROLL, Elizabeth Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206362

Born: 10 July 1911, at Castlefleming, Borris in Ossory, County Laois.

Daughter of Martin Carroll (sic) (R.I.C. Pensioner) and Mary Carroll (née Fitzpatrick), of Castlefleming, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois.

Trained: General and Eye Hospitals, Cheltenham, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1934. (London). [Registration No. 73315].

Residence: Castlefleming, Errill, Ballybrophy, County Laois. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

O'CONNELL, Ina

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: 22 October 1912 (?), at Cahirciveen, County Kerry.[**Very likely to be the same person**]

Photograph of Sister Ina O'Connell (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R) along with Sister Paddy O'Loan (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), of Ballymena – Taken by Sergeant Mapham on 22 June 1944, at 88 General Hospital at La Delivrande. [The Northern Whig Thursday 29 June 1944], (see biography of Paddy O'Loan, below)

O'DEA, Bridget Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208981

Born: 01 March 1908 at Kinvara, County Galway.

Daughter of Arthur O'Dea (Shopkeeper) and Mary O'Dea (née Mahon), of Kinvara, County Galway.

Trained: General Hospital, Nottingham, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 15 March 1935. (London). [Registration No. 76798].

Residence: Kinvara, County Galway. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was based at the prestigious London Clinic and Nursing Home, 20 Devonshire Place, London W.1.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

[Older Sister of Jane Teresa O'Dea – See below]

O'DEA, Jane Teresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208980

Born: 17 June 1909 at Kinvara, County Galway.

Daughter of Arthur O'Dea (Shopkeeper) and Mary O'Dea (née Mahon), of Kinvara, County Galway.

Trained: Brighton Infirmary, East Sussex, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 69250].

Residence: Kinvara, County Galway. [1934; 1946].

Residence: Main Street, Kinvara, County Galway. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: 1944 at Qassasin, Egypt, Percy E. Bugg (1913 – 1979), who was a 2nd. Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers at the time.

Died: 18 August 1981 at Kinvara, County Galway.

[Younger Sister of Ellen O'Dea – See above]

O'DONNELL, Carmel Brigid

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 333677

Born: 13 June 1919 at 2 Devlin Terrace, Dublin.

Daughter of Cornelius O'Donnell (Policeman – Dublin Metropolitan Police) and Mary Catherine O'Donnell (née O'Malley), of 2 Devlin Terrace, Dublin.

Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113473].

Trained: Brook Hospital, London, 1943 – 1944. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 July 1944. (London). [Registration No. 14477].

Residence: Higginstown, Ballyshannon, County Donegal. [1943].

Residence: Annville Terrace, Dundrum, County Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

O'DONNELL, Gertrude (Gertie) Theresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279225

Born: 07 July 1914 at Kincasslagh, Dungloe, County Donegal.

Daughter of James (Seamus) O'Donnell (Fish Salesman/Merchant) and Mary Ellen O'Donnell (née Murphy), of Kincasslagh, Dungloe, County Donegal.

Trained: Park Hospital, Flixton, Manchester, 1934 – 1937. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 25 June 1937. (London). [Registration No. 88837].

Trained: North Western Hospital, London, 1940 – 1941. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 12177].

Residence: Rockfort, Kincasslagh, Lifford, County Donegal. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

Married: 05 June 1946 at Coimbatore, Madras, India, Hugh Dallas Latham (1905 – 1958), Indian Police.

Died: 28 June 1986 at Kincasslagh, Dungloe, County Donegal.

Buried: Kincasslagh, Dungloe, County Donegal.

O'DONNELL, Honoria (Nora)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338649

Born: 20 March 1913, Ballycormack, Shanagolden, County Limerick.

Second daughter of Aloysius O'Donnell (Labourer) and Nora O'Donnell (née Kenneally), of Ballycormack, Shanagolden, County Limerick.

Trained: Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital, Coleshill, affiliated to The Willesden General Hospital, London, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1935. (London). [Registration No. 79024].

Residence: Wembley Hospital, Fairview Avenue, Wembley. [1937].

Residence: Ballycormack, Shanagolden, County Limerick. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

Married: 15 August 1945, at St. Thomas' Church, Calcutta, Captain John Edmund Hatfield Brooks (1909 – 1966), of Wellingborough.

Residence: 138 Westfield Road, Wellingborough, Northampton. [1946].

Died: June 1998.

O'DONNELL, Isabella Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 297596

Born: 12 February 1916 at Point Road, Dundalk, County Louth.

Daughter of Richard O'Donnell (Light Keeper) and Ellen O'Donnell (née Gallagher), of Point Road, Dundalk, County Louth.

Trained: Ashford Hospital, Kent, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103932].

Residence: Dublin Street, Balbriggan, County Dublin. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

O'DONNELL, Johanna

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336747

Born: County Laois. (?)

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, March 1940 – September 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 22 October 1943. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 8317].

Residence: Rushboro, Abbeyleix, County Laois. [1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

O'DONOVAN, Julia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279589

Born: Cork. (?)

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1932. (London). [Registration No. 64124].

Residence: Henry Street, Cork City. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

O'DRISCOLL, Emily Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Service Number: 338569

Born: 01 November 1907 at Enniskean, Bandon, County Cork.

Daughter of Timothy O'Driscoll (Vintner) and Mary O'Driscoll (née Shorten), of Enniskean, Bandon, County Cork.

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1932. (London). [Registration No. 63008].

Trained: City Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds, , 1932 – 1933. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 16 March 1934. (London). [Registration No. 6390].

Residence: Bethnal Green Hospital, London. [1931; 1932].

Residence: Enniskean (sic), County Cork. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, Emily was recorded as a Nursing Sister living in St. Domingo Grove, Liverpool. She was Acting Senior Sister in the Q.A.R.N.N.S. in January 1945 when she awarded Associate of R.R.C.

O'FARRELL, Eithne Veronica

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322657

Born: 09 July 1919 at Holles Street Hospital, Dublin.

Daughter of John O'Farrell (Schoolmaster) and Margaret Mary O'Farrell (née Fitzgibbon), of Julianstown, near Drogheda, County Meath.

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, June 1938 – February 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 11 February 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7731].

Residence: St. Mary's Villas, Drogheda, County Louth. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

O'GARA, Mary Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313984

Born: 06 June 1912 at Culliagh, Kilmovee, Swinford, County Mayo. (sic).

Daughter of Dominic O'Gara (Farmer) and Catherine O'Gara (née Duffy), of Culliagh, Kilmovee, Swinford, County Mayo.

Trained: City Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, 1934 – 1936. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 9413].

Trained: City Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, 1937 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 101462].

Residence: Culliagh, Kilmovee, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon (sic). [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1944.

Died: October 1997 at South Warwickshire.

O'GORMAN, Jane

Hospital Nurse. ['Civil Defence'].

Born: 20 June 1912 at Cullane, Mitchelstown, County Limerick.

Daughter of John O'Gorman (Farmer) and Hannah O'Gorman (née Mannix), of Cullane, Mitchelstown, County Limerick.

Trained: Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital for Children, Coleshill, affiliated to the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, 1935 – 1940. [Examination]. (?)

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 108127]. (?)

Residence: St. Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham. (?)

Residence: Colebrook Avenue, West Ealing, London. [March 1945].

'In her home in Netherberry Road, South Ealing, a pretty 27-year old Irish nurse who has gone through every London blitz waits for the return of her French soldier husband who has been fighting with the British tanks since August. The story starts in Paris in June of 1940 where Corporal W. Y. Wager, then aged 21, was a student of engineering at the Central School of Suresne. He had an English mother, an invalid. The Germans were sweeping through France and Wager was smuggled in an R.A.F. lorry to Angouleme, where he was hidden by an aunt and uncle. The German advance swept on and one morning Wager awoke to learn that they were five miles away. Again he was rescued by the R.A.F. Eventually he reached Toulouse and, in August 1940 in a convoy of 45 ships, many carrying refugees, he reached England. Wager, his mother left in Paris when the Germans entered, immediately volunteered for the British Army, and was posted to an Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron. He told me [War Correspondent], "I just lived for D-Day, now I just live for the end of the war for, in England, I met an Irish girl who was a nurse with the Civil Defence."

"After the war I want to take her to Paris to meet my mother and, I hope, to settle in my country. The Germans put my mother in a clinic because she was English. I saw her in November when I had ten days' leave in Paris and she told me she had not been badly treated.'" [Middlesex Independent & West London Star – 17 March 1945].

O'GORMAN, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208957

Born: 03 December 1892 at Kilfenora, Ennistymon, County Clare. [Catherine O'Gorman].

Daughter of Patrick O'Gorman (Constable R.I.C.) and Hannah O'Gorman (née Ryan), of Kilfenora, Ennistymon, County Clare.

Trained: County and City Infirmary, Waterford, October 1912 – October 1915. [Certificate].

Registration: 12 January 1922. (Ireland). [Registration No. (9689) A. 447].

Residence: Chapel Street, Lismore, County Waterford. [1919; 1921; 1923; 1939; 1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

O'GRADY, Katherine (Catherine) Agatha

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215045

Born: 16 September 1903 at Ballylanders, County Limerick.

Daughter of Denis O'Grady (Timber and Iron Merchant) and Margaret O'Grady (née Ryan), of Ballylanders, County Limerick.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1931. (London). [Registration No. 62698].

Residence: Bank Place, Ballylanders, County Limerick. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

Died: 13 March 1994 at New York, U.S.A. (Unverified).

O'HALLORAN, Hilda Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208988

Born: 29 October 1914, at South View, Ballinlough Road, Cork.

Daughter of Daniel O'Halloran (R.I.C. Constable) and Hannah O'Halloran (née McEnery), of South View, Ballinlough Road, Cork.

Trained: Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 93569].

Residence: Shannon View, Ballyduff, Tralee, County Kerry. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

Married: October – December 1956 at Listowel, County Kerry, Daniel Nolan.

O'HARA, Anna Christina

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263609

Born: 31 December 1911 at 31 Jameson Street, Belfast.

Daughter of Michael O'Hara (Constable R.I.C.) and Alice O'Hara (née Slattery), of 31 Jameson Street, Belfast.

Trained: Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 98220].

Residence: Ardvarney, Glenfarne, County Leitrim. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

O'HARA, Bridget Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 350381

Born: 22 June 1916 at Cloonfinish, Swinford, County Mayo.

Daughter of James O'Hara (Farmer) and Anne O'Hara (née Egan), of Cloonfinish, Swinford, County Mayo.

Trained: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, associated with Battersea General Hospital, London, June 1937 – June 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112629].

Registration: 02 July 1947. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 9669].

Residence: Cloonfinish, Swinford, County Mayo. [1943; 1946; 1948].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Married: 1948 – 1949, Unknown Male. (?)

O'HARE, Mary Alice

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208990

Born: 22 April 1915, at Ballyroney, Katesbridge, County Down.

Daughter of Henry O'Hare (Farmer) and Rose O'Hare (née McArdle), of Ballyroney, Katesbridge, County Down.

Trained: Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, 1933 – October 1936. (?) [Examination].

Registration: 20 November 1936. (Scotland). [Registration No. C. 25264].

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, 1936 (?) – October 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 27 October 1939. (Scotland). [Registration No. A 18658].

Residence: 'Skeagh', Katesbridge, County Down. [1945; 1948; 1950; 1956; 1957].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1941.

Awarded A.R.R.C. (Second Class) in 1945.

[Supplement to the London Gazette – 24 January 1946 p.640]. Her Commanding Officer recommended her for the award in July 1945:

'Miss O'Hare came over with the advance section of this hospital on 24 June '44 and has been in charge of two of the most difficult wards ever since. She is doubly qualified in both general and mental nursing. At first she ran a tented ward for Acute "Exhaustion" cases straight from the field of battle. This task demanded great nursing skill as most of these cases had to be treated by prolonged deep sedation and also it required consummate tact and personality to deal adequately with these "unnerved" men. Because of her success in this sphere she was later put in charge of a ward of problem cases, psychopaths, disciplinary cases and men already undergoing sentence. By an exceptional degree of nursing skill, and devotion to duty she has succeeded in accomplishing both these difficult tasks with the greatest efficiency, and in accommodation at times inadequate to the type of cases.

Her name is worthy of being considered for the award of A.R.R.C.

Signed: Colonel J. F. Wilde, O.C. 32 British General Hospital.'

[O'] HARTE, Annie Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 291846

Born: 16 July 1906 at Lugnamacken, Collooney, County Sligo.

Daughter of Henry Harte (sic) (Farmer) and Annie Harte (née Moran), of Lugnamacken, Collooney, County Sligo.

Trained: General Hospital, Bristol, Somerset, 1926 – 1929. [Examination].

Registration: 21 June 1929. (London). [Registration No. 52909].

Trained: General Hospital, Bristol, Somerset, 1930 – 1931. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 15 August 1931. (London). [Registration No. 81820].

Residence: Lugnamacken, Collooney, County Sligo. [1931; 1934; 1937].

Residence: Chesterfield Nursing Home, Clifton, Bristol, Somerset. [1940].

Residence: Lackagh, Drumfin, Ballymote, County Sligo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

She was a passenger on the S.S. Carinthia which sailed from Liverpool on 15 July 1939 and arrived in New York on 24 July 1939. She listed her cousin, Miss Josephine Corcoran as next-of-kin in England with her address as General Hospital, Bristol. She is recorded as visiting her brother, P. O'Harte, who lived at Corbet Street, Dorchester, Boston, Massachusetts. She intended to stay with him for 3 months. She is described as being 5 foot 6 inches tall with fair hair and blue eyes. Her complexion is fair. She is noted to have a scar at the back of her right hand and in right axilla.

Married: 1961 at Woolwich, Kent, Henry Ernest Helwig (1894 – 1969).

Died: 25 March 1969 at Model Farm Close, Mottingham, London.

Probate: 02 June 1969 (London). Effects: £7,841.

O'HEA, Johannah (sic) ('Joan')

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336558

Born: 22 August 1921 at Woodfield, Clonakilty, County Cork.

Daughter of James O'Hea (Farmer) and Mary O'Hea (née O'Brien), of Woodfield, Clonakilty, County Cork.

Trained: Fulham Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118805].

Residence: Woodfield, Clonakilty, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

Married: after 1946, Alan Louis Willdridge (1922 – 2019).

Died: 31 August 2017 at Station Road, Oakington, Cambridgeshire.

O'KEEFFE, Bridget [???] *

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 336159

Residence: 28 Main Road, Capwell, Cork. [1931; 1934].

OR

O'KEEFFE, Bridget [???] *

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 336159

Residence: Kilmagabogue, Aglish, Cappoquin, County Waterford. [1937; 1940].

O'LEARY, Rose Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306286

Born: 25 October 1919 at Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Joseph O'Leary (Farmer) and Mary O'Leary (née Cosgrove), of Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare.

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, Exmoor Street, Ladbroke Grove, North Kensington, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113429].

Residence: Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

She nursed at St. Charles' Hospital during the Blitz. She joined Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. and expected to be sent to Europe but was posted, along with her sister, Susan, to the Pacific. She worked in India and Burma. She was demobilised in 1947 and worked at St. Charles' Hospital and Lambert Hospital, Kensington, London during 1947 – 1948.

She was a passenger (under the Free and Assisted Passage Schemes) on R.M.S. Ormonde which departed from Tilbury, Essex on 03 September 1948 bound for Australia. She was resident in Balmain East, Martin, New South Wales, Australia in 1949. By 1954, she was living at Broken Hill, Darling, New South Wales, Australia.

Married: 18 February 1955 at Paddington, New South Wales, Australia, Stanley Kenneth Trees (1910 – 2008).

In 1968, her address was 13 John Lockery Street, East Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia.

Died: 07 February 2010 at Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia.

[Younger Sister of Susan Olive O'Leary – See below]

O'LEARY, Susan Olive

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306177

Born: 29 August 1918 at Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Joseph O'Leary (Farmer) and Mary O'Leary (née Cosgrove), of Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare.

Trained: St. Charles' Hospital, Exmoor Street, Ladbroke Grove, North Kensington, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111075].

Residence: Cahercanivan, Kilmihill, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

She joined Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. and expected to be sent to Europe but was posted, along with her sister, Rose Anne, to the Pacific.

Married: 09 September 1945, Richard Karney Gorman (Born: 09 September 1924 in Omagh, County Tyrone – Died: 26 April 2006 at Sydney, New South Wales,

Australia). He was a Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army Service Corps.

Susan was a passenger, with her two children – a boy (aged 5) and a girl (aged 2), on the R.M.S. Otranto which sailed from Tilbury, Essex on 04 May 1950 bound for Australia. Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as 28 Muiredge Street, Uddington, Glasgow and she had contracted to disembark at Melbourne. She subsequently arrived in Freemantle, Western Australia on 24 June 1950.

Died: 18 August 2003 at Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

[Younger Sister of Rose Anne O'Leary – See above]

O'LOAN, Elizabeth Margaret ('Paddy')

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service. (?)

Service Number: 215050

Born: 07 October 1911 at Knockboy, Broughshane, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Daughter of Hugh O'Loan (Mill Carpenter) and Matilda O'Loan (née Logan), of Knockboy, Broughshane, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Trained: The General Infirmary, Leeds, West Yorkshire, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1935. (London). [Registration No. 80021].

Residence: Knowehead, Broughshane, Ballymena, County Antrim. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. (?) in May 1941.

Died: 27 March 1999 at Carnlough, County Antrim.

Mentioned (with photograph):

[Belfast News-Letter Thursday 29 June 1944].

[The Northern Whig Thursday 29 June 1944].

[See Photograph below]



Sister Paddy O'Loan from Ballymena with Sister Ina O'Connell from Eire, in Normandy taken at 88 General Hospital on 22nd June 1944 (Courtesy O'Loan Family)

O'LOUGHLIN, Annie Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234988

Born: 12 September 1916, in Avoca, County Wicklow.

Daughter of James Joseph O'Loughlin and Rosanna Mary O'Loughlin (née Hannigan), of The Meetings, Avoca, County Wicklow.

Trained: Stoke-on-Trent City Hospital, Bucknall, 1936 – 1938;

Registration: 24 June 1938 [Registration No. 9985].

A Letter she had written home is transcribed below:

“Nurses Home”

Smithdown Road Hospital.

Liverpool, 15.

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Dear Daddy, I suppose you will say to yourself when you get this note “wonders will never cease”, but really and truly we don't have time to look around us these days, never mind write. Well I hope you are all very well in spite of the terrible times we are having at present. Of course it is not so bad for you over there. I wish the war over and done with. I was unable to get to Eire this year, so I had to spend my holidays in Blackpool. I had a very nice time but I'm sure it would have been much nicer had I been able to spend them in dear old Eire. How is dear little Eddie, I suppose he is busy at school now for Xmas exams. Tell him and put a note in when you are writing again. Tony seems to be getting on quite well at Baldonnel. He often writes. He was expecting to get home leave a short time ago. I wonder if he did get it. Well Daddy, I have no idea when I'll be able to get home again it may be next year and it may not be for a long time. I was wondering if you could send me my little blue snap album it used to be on top of the piano. There were a few snaps of Eddie and very old one of you and mamma R.I.P. in it, perhaps it's not there at [?] new but Joe or Eddie may know something about it. I meant to ask you for it when I was home in May last year but of course forgot all about it. I would like to have it as it was the only snap I had of mamma. I had a letter from G Carey some time ago she told me of all the people who have died recently R.I.P. there will be no Eire left by the time I get home again. I see it is almost tea time so I'll have to make a dash. I almost forgot to thank you for sending Tony's address. I received it quite safely. Please excuse mistakes etc. as I've had to write it about three minutes. Remember me to everyone. your fond child, Annie.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

Killed in action on the 13 September 1943 (aged 27 years) when HMS Newfoundland was bombed off the Salerno beaches in the Mediterranean.

Italy, Cassino Memorial.

O'LOUGHLIN, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325344

Born: 09 April 1921 at Castletown Carron, Corofin, County Clare.

Daughter of Donat O'Loughlin (Farmer) and Anne (Annie) O'Loughlin (née Lynch), of Castletown Carron, Corofin, County Clare.

Trained: Mayday Hospital, Croydon, 1938 – 1941 [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942 [Registration No. 114824].

Residence: Castletown, Carron, Corofin, County Clare. [1943].

Killed on the 24 June 1945 (aged 24 years). She had been in service less than 10 months.

Buried: Celle War Cemetery, Germany.

O'LOUGHLIN, Muriel Harriet Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279279

Born: 21 July 1914 at Main Street, Thurles, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Joseph Smith O'Loughlin (Church of Ireland Clergyman) and Ruby O'Loughlin (née Haskins), of The Rectory, Ballingarry, County Tipperary.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, November 1936 – December 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 25 August 1941. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7588].

Registration: 14 April 1942. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3227].

Residence: The Rectory, Cappoquin, County Waterford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

Married: 31 March in Egypt, George Shaw Williams (1917 – 1998).

Died: 22 May 2008 at Truro, Cornwall.

O'MAHONY, Marguerite Nora

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 208987

Born: 08 July 1918 at Middleton, County Cork.

Daughter of Henry O'Mahony (Shopkeeper) and Emily Mary O'Mahony (née Murphy), of

Trained: Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital affiliated to Guy's Hospital, London, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 108110].

Residence: Woodland View, Crosshaven, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: April 1946 at Essex, David William Bowen-Davies (1918 – 1983).

Died: 25 June 2006 at Horsham, West Sussex.

O'MAHONY, Mary Anne

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348087

Born: 14 July 1915 at Toughbawn, Drinagh, County Cork.

Daughter of Daniel O'Mahony (Farmer) and Bridget (Bridgie) O'Mahony (née Regan), of Toughbawn, Drinagh, County Cork.

Trained: Brompton Hospital, London, affiliated to the Royal Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Leicester, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942 (sic). (London). [Registration No. 115345].

Residence: Toughbawn House, Drinagh, County Cork. [1943; 1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1945.

O'REILLY, Julia Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 270981

Born: 10 December 1909, at Keeleigh (sic), Molahiffe, County Kerry.

Daughter of John [O']Reilly (Farmer) and Julia [O']Reilly (née Sullivan), of Keeleigh (sic), Molahiffe, County Kerry.

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117541].

Residence: Killeagh, Farranfore, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

O'ROURKE, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294797

Born: 10 February 1920 at BallymacDonnell (sic), Farranfore, County Kerry.

Daughter of Michael O'Rourke (Farmer) and Mary O'Rourke (née Daly), of BallymacDonnell (sic), Farranfore, County Kerry.

Trained: Brighton Municipal Hospital, East Sussex, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112216].

Residence: Ballymacdonnell, Farranfore, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943.

O'ROURKE, Mary Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 221464

Born: 06 June 1919 (?) at ..., County Roscommon. (?)

Trained: East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Suffolk, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108722].

Trained: Western Hospital, London, 1941 – 1942. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 12900].

Residence: Harristown, Castlerea, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.

ORR, Anna Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 318896

Born: 27 January 1920 at 37 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

Daughter of James Lamberton Orr (Railway Official) and Euphemia McLeish Orr (née Foggo), of 3 Xavier Avenue, North Strand, Dublin.

Trained: The London Hospital, Whitechapel, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 23 January 1942. (London). [Registration No. 113600].

Residence: Rathgar, Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire. [1943].

Residence: Villaggio, Dalkey, County Dublin. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Married: after June 1944, Unknown White.

Died: 04 February 2005 at Reigate, Surrey.

ORR, Betty

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 221439

Born: 1891 at Drumack, Rasharkin (?), County Antrim.

Daughter of ...

Trained: Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, 1920 – 1923. [Certificate].

Registration: 17 July 1925. (London). [Registration No. 38041].

Residence: Ballymaconnolly, Rasharkin, County Antrim. [1931; 1934; 1937].

Residence: c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., Hitchin, Hertfordshire. [1940; 1943].

Residence: c/o Herbert Scott, Rasharkin, County Antrim. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1941 (?).

ORR, Hester Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215108

Born: 27 May 1919 at Hill House Farm, Cluntagh, Crossgar, County Down.

Daughter of Henry Cooke Orr (Farmer) and Margaretta Orr (née Napier), of Hill House Farm, Cluntagh, Crossgar, County Down.

Trained: Down Infirmary, Downpatrick, County Down, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 19 June 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3068].

Residence: Hill House, Crossgar, County Down. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1941.

Married: after 1943, Charles Flood (1913 -).

Died: unknown date at Portlaoise, County Laois.

O'SHEA, Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 20110 (?)

Born: 14 September 1909 at 42 Prosperity Square, Cork.

Daughter of Edward O'Shea (Blacksmith) and Mary O'Shea (née Malone), of 42 Prosperity Square, Cork.

[See Newspaper Article below]

War Office Casualty List

Nurse's death announced

The death of Sister M. O'Shea, of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, is announced in War Office Casualty List no.130, issued today. The list also includes the names of 11 officers, two of whom died of wounds, two wounded, one wounded and missing, two who have died and four reported prisoner of war. Of the 194 warrant officers, N.C.O's and men in the list, 32 are reported killed, eight died of wounds, 71 wounded, 32 prisoners of war, two have died as prisoners of war, and three who were previously reported prisoner of war are now stated to have died as prisoners of war. Guardsman W. Ascough, Irish Guards is one of 43 reported as having died.

Belfast Telegraph, 10th February 1941.

Died: Killed 05 January 1941.

Buried at St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Cork.

Probate: Mary O'Shea of the Military Hospital, Tidworth, Hampshire. Administration (with Will) Llandudno, Wales – 20 May 1941, granted to Catherine O'Sullivan (widow).

Effects: £175 6s 5d.

O'SULLIVAN, Bridget Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 322073

Born: 11 July 1915, in Rathkeevan, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Frederick O'Sullivan (Publican) and Mary O'Sullivan (née Lonergan), of Rathkeevan, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Trained: Mansfield and District Hospital, Nottinghamshire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938 (London). [Registration No. 96076].

Residence: Irishtown, Clonmel, County Tipperary. [1941].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1944.

Killed on the 10 February 1946 (aged 30 years).

Buried: Rangoon War Cemetery, Burma (Myanmar).

O'SULLIVAN, Elizabeth Veronica

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309378

Born: 29 August 1919 at Lurganboy, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Daughter of Jeremiah O'Sullivan (Agricultural Instructor) and Marion O'Sullivan (née McManus), of Lurganboy, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Trained: Unknown. [Examination].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Married: 03 July 1945 at Maidstone, Kent, Michael James Bruce Hornsby (1917 – 1978).

Residence: St. Mark's Court, Abercorn Place, London N.W.8. [1985].

Died: 28 January 1985 at Camden, London.

Probate: 21 February 1985 (London). Effects: Not exceeding £40,000.

O'SULLIVAN, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234989

Born: 09 August 1914 at Lisnafulla, County Limerick. [No Birth Certificate].

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 84550].

Residence: Boher Cottage, Waterfall, Bantry, County Cork. [1941].

Died on the 07 December 1942 on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.

UK, Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.

O'SULLIVAN, Nellie

Hospital Probationer Nurse (London County Council)

Born: circa 1920.

Daughter of Julia O'Sullivan, of Church Ground, Cloon Lough, County Kerry.

Killed in Air Raid on 20 April 1941 (aged 20) at St. Peter's Hospital, Stepney, London.

[Civilian Deaths Stepney, London p. 1529].

PALMER, Emily

Probationer Nurse

Born: 02 January 1920 at Direendarragh, Blackwater, Killarney, County Kerry.

Daughter of Patrick Palmer (Teacher) and Emily Palmer (née Shea), of Direendarragh, Blackwater, Killarney, County Kerry.

Killed in Air Raid on 07 September 1940 (aged 20) at South-Eastern Hospital, Deptford, London.

Buried at Deptford, Metropolitan Borough.

[Civilian Deaths p. 1066].

PARKE, Florence Mildred

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234344

Born: 18 March 1914 at Drumary, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of Charles Edward Parke (Farmer) and Jane Parke (née Kittson), of Drumary, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 10 December 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2253].

Trained: ?? 1936 – 1937. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (Midwives Roll – 1959). [Registration No. 1861].

Residence: Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1943; 1949; 1951; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1942.

Florence was listed as a passenger on the S.S. Matiana which departed from the Port of London on 18 June 1949 bound for Beira, Mozambique. Florence's Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was recorded as Kenya.

She was listed as a Tourist class passenger on the ship Stirling Castle which docked at Southampton on 27 June 1952. She had embarked at Cape Town, South Africa. She was 36 years old and her proposed address in the U.K. was given as Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. Her occupation was recorded as 'Nursing.' Her country of last permanent residence was listed as Northern Rhodesia. Her country of intended future permanent residence was given as 'Other parts of the British Empire.'

Florence was listed as a Tourist class passenger on the R.M.M.V. Carnarvon Castle which docked at Southampton on 29 April 1955 having sailed from Cape Town, South Africa. Her date of birth was erroneously recorded as 13 March 1914 and her occupation was given as

‘Nurse.’ Her proposed address in the U.K. was given as Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. Her country of last permanent residence was listed as Northern Rhodesia. Her country of intended future permanent residence was given as N. Ireland.

She was appointed as Assistant Matron at the Moyle Hospital, Larne, County Antrim in November 1959.

Died: 23 December 2003.

Buried: Parish Church of St. Ninnidh Cemetery, Inishmacsaint, Derrygonnelly, County Fermanagh.

PEDLOW, Edith Doreen

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206391

Born: 29 December 1904, at Sunnyside, Lurgan, County Armagh.

Daughter of William Pedlow (Poultry Dealer) and Edith Mary Pedlow (née Ross), of Lurgan, County Armagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1927 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 26 March 1930. [Registration No. A1347].

Residence: Brooklyn Avenue, Ballyholme, Bangor, County Down. [1930].

‘She joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in 1937. For a time she was stationed at Pallas Barracks, Holywood, County Down. On the outbreak of war she was sent East and was in Singapore when the Japanese invaded. The ship on which she left was torpedoed and sank. She escaped on a raft to a small island from which she was rescued by another British ship, only to be torpedoed for a second time. She, along with another nurse from Dublin managed to scramble on to a raft, and together they drifted for three days and three nights. On that raft Doreen Pedlow breathed her last, still wearing her badge as a nurse of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Her companion took the badge and pinned it next to the one she wore, that of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin. She was picked up by the Japanese and interned. In the camp she too died, tended by a third nurse who took the two badges and eventually brought them home to Ireland.’ [Belfast Telegraph Monday 30 October 1950].

Doreen was mentioned in Despatches.

Died: at Sea 20 February 1942 (aged 38 years) in the Far East.

Her name is on the Singapore Memorial.



Edith Pedlow (3rd L back row - died at sea, 1942) with friends and colleagues, c.1939 (Courtesy of R.V.H. Archives)

PEYTON, Margaret Bridget Theresa

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 316426

Born: 21 July 1920 at 53 Redcar Street, Belfast.

Daughter of James Peyton (Constable R.I.C.) and Margaret Peyton (née Reilly), of 53 Redcar Street, Belfast.

Trained: Dulwich Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115897].

Trained: Bucknall Isolation Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, 1960. [Examination].

Registration: 12 December 1960. (London). [Registration No. 20678].

Residence: Woodview, Castleard, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1944.

Died: 09 August 1999 at Norwich, Norfolk.

[Younger Sister of Mary Catherine Peyton – See below]

PEYTON, Mary Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. (????)

Service Number:

Born: 21 August 1918 at Lisdarragh, Clones, County Monaghan.

Daughter of James Peyton (Constable R.I.C.) and Margaret Peyton (née Reilly), of Belfast (sic).

Trained: Dulwich Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110913].

Residence: Woodview, Castleard, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1943; 1946].

[Older Sister of Margaret Bridget Theresa Peyton – See above]

PHILLIPS, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number 348740

Born: 15 August 1919 at Cloonmeen, Cloontia, County Mayo.

Daughter of Thomas (Pat Peter) Phillips (Farmer) and Catherine (Katie) Eliza Phillips (née Gannon), of Cloonmeen, Cloontia, County Mayo.

Trained: Unknown

Date of Registration: Unknown

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1945.

Died: Killed 26 May 1946 (aged 25 years).

Buried: Indonesia, Jakarta War Cemetery.

Probate: Kathleen Phillips of Enfield, Middlesex, spinster died 26 May 1946 in Sumatra.

Administration (London) 21 December 1946 to Thomas Phillips, Farmer.

Effects: £226 18s. in England.

PIGOTT, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 244264

Born: 23 April 1917, at Carrakilleen, Dunmore, County Galway.

Daughter of Patrick Pigott (Farmer) and Sarah Pigott (née Brennan), of Carrakilleen, Dunmore, County Galway.

Trained: Metropolitan Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination]. [General]

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103269].

Trained: North-Western Hospital, London, 1940 – 1941. [Examination]. [Fever]

Registration: 30 December 1941. (London). [Registration No. 12349].

Residence: Carrakilleen, Dunmore, County Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1943.

POLLY (POLLEY), Marcella Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294128

Born: 26 September 1913 at Lighthouse, Inishgort, Westport, County Mayo.

Daughter of Michael (Robert) Polly (Lighthouse Keeper) and Anne Polly (née Flynn), of Lighthouse, Inishgort, Westport, County Mayo.

Trained: Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96658].

Residence: Upper Main Street, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1940; 1943].

Residence: Northgate Lodge, Totnes, Devon. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1943.

Married: 10 March 1945 at Hargeisa, Malaysia, Frank Banfill Prout (1916 – 2000), a solicitor.

Residence: 12 Kingsland Garden Close, Plymouth, Devon. [2004].

Died: 11 January 2004 at Plymouth, Devon.

POWER, Margaret Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 13 July 1919 at Cregg, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary. [Likeliest]

Daughter of Patrick Power (Farmer) and Mary Power (née O'Gorman), of Cregg, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary.

Trained: Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110417].

Residence: Mainstown, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

POWER, Mary Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 22 February 1914 at Ballyvoile, Stradbally, County Waterford.

Daughter of Thomas Power (Farmer) and Margaret Mary Power (née Murphy), of Ballyvoile, Stradbally, County Waterford.

Trained: The General Hospital, Birmingham, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106704].

Residence: Ballyvoile, Stradbally, County Waterford. [1943; 1946].

Died: 10 April 1946.

Buried: Stradbally R.C. Churchyard, County Waterford.

PRENDERGAST, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338337

Born: 08 November 1919 at Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Daughter of Patrick John Prendergast (Farmer) and Catherine (Kitty) Prendergast (née Coleman), of Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Trained: Highgate Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124979].

Residence: Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

[Younger Sister of Celia Clare PRENDERGAST AND Julia Florence PRENDERGAST – See below].

PRENDERGAST, Celia Clare

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 246677

Born: 31 March 1915 at Ballyfarnagh (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Daughter of Patrick John Prendergast (Farmer) and Catherine (Kitty) Prendergast (née Coleman), of Ballyfarnagh (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Trained: West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, affiliated to Clatterbridge (County) General Hospital, Bebington, Cheshire, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110184].

Residence: Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1943.

Celia was listed as a First Class Passenger on the R.M.M.V. Apapa which sailed from the West Coast of Africa and docked at the port of Liverpool on 16 December 1957. Celia had embarked at the port of Takoradi, Ghana. Her date of birth was recorded as 31 March 1915. She was single and her address in the U.K. was given as Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo, Eire. Her occupation

was listed as 'Hospital Matron.' Her nationality was given as Irish. Her Country of Last Permanent Residence was recorded as Ghana. Her Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence was listed as 'Not Known.' Her Intended Duration of stay in the U.K. was noted as 3 months as a 'Visitor.'

[Older Sister of Catherine PRENDERGAST – See above and Younger Sister of Julia Florence PRENDERGAST – See below].

PRENDERGAST, Julia Florence

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 250127

Born: 18 May 1913, at Ballyfarnagh (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Daughter of Patrick John Prendergast (Farmer) and Catherine (Kitty) Prendergast (née Coleman), of Ballyfarnagh (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo.

Trained: Jersey General Dispensary and Infirmary, Channel Islands, affiliated to Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth, 1935 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102113].

Residence: Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

Julia was a First Class Passenger on the S.S. Braemar Castle which docked at the Port of London on 26 July 1953. It had sailed from various South and East African ports. She had embarked at Mombasa, Kenya. Her age was listed as 40 and her proposed address in the U.K. was given as Ballyfarna (sic), Claremorris, County Mayo. Her occupation was recorded as 'Nursing Sister.' Her country of last permanent residence was Uganda. Her country of intended future permanent residence was listed as 'Other parts of the British Empire.'

Died: 23 May 1991, at Dacre Road Eastbourne, East Sussex, England.

[Older Sister of Catherine PRENDERGAST and Celia Clare PRENDERGAST – See above].

PYBURN, Myrtle Augusta

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 348288

Born: 23 December (?) 1923 probably at Cashelfean, Durrus, County Cork.

Daughter of James Pyburn (Farmer) and Elizabeth (Jane) Pyburn (née Atteridge), of Cashelfean, Durrus, County Cork.

Trained: City Hospital, Nottingham, East Midlands, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 23 December 1943. (London). [Registration No. 125339].

Residence: Knockbrogan, Bandon, County Cork. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

Myrtle was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the M. V. Worcestershire which departed from Liverpool on 18 May 1949. It was bound for Port Said, Port Sudan, Colombo and Rangoon. She had contracted to disembark at Colombo, Ceylon (Sri Lanka). She was 26 years old. Her last address in the U.K. was recorded as Cuthbert Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire. Her

occupation was given as 'Nurse.' Her future permanent residence was given as Ceylon.

Myrtle was a passenger on a flight to New York on 27 February 1962. Her permanent address appears to have been Cuckoo Vale, West End, Woking, Surrey. Her intended address in New York is indecipherable.

Residence: Wulwyn Court, Edgumbe Park, Crowthorne, Berkshire. [1965].

Residence: Phoenix Square, Pewsey, Wiltshire. [2003].

Died: 08 March 2014 at Reading, Berkshire.

QUAID, Catherine ('Kay')

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241014

Born: 18 July 1917 at Clouncagh (Cloncagh), Knockaderry, County Limerick.

Daughter of Michael Quaid (Farmer) and Bridget Quaid (née Cregan), of Clouncagh (Cloncagh), Knockaderry, County Limerick.

Trained: Monsall Hospital, Manchester, Lancashire, 1936 – 1938. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 10 March 1939. (London). [Registration No. 10513].

Trained: St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, London, 1940 – 1942. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116049].

Residence: Mount Carmel, Magazine Road, Cork. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: January 1947 at Hampstead, London, Christopher Charles "Chris" Gimingham (1917 – 1998), formerly a Captain in the Royal Engineers.

Residence: Hinton Avenue, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire. [1955].

Residence: Gog Magog Estate, West House, Stapleford, Cambridgeshire. [1960].

Residence: Springfield Road, Plymouth, Devon. [2005 – 06].

Died: 04 January 2012 at Plymouth, Devon.

QUIGLEY, Marie Elizabeth ('Maureen')

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206399

Born: 20 December 1905 at Main Street, Birr, County Offaly.

Daughter of Patrick Quigley (Painter) and Mary Quigley (née Meagher or Maher), of Main Street, Birr, County Offaly.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, May 1925 – August 1928. [Examination].

Registration: 31 October 1928. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 3827].

Residence: Sutton, County Dublin. [1939, 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

QUILL, Catherine Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206400

Born: 18 December 1892 at Kilpadder, Kilgarvan, County Kerry.

Daughter of Daniel J. Quill (Constable R.I.C.) and Catherine (Kate)

Quill (née Rice), of New Quay, Burrin, County Clare.

She attended school at the Convent of Mercy in Ennis, County Clare.

Trained: County Clare Infirmary, Ennis, County Clare, 01 October 1913 – 01 October 1916. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 January 1924. (London). [Registration No. 27532].

Trained: 1924. [C.M.B. Certificate]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 11 October 1924. (London). [Registration No. 64580].

03 May 1939.

Residence: Killafadda, Kilgarvan, County Kerry. [1925; 1928].

Residence: 21 Endsleigh Street, London. [1926].

Residence: The British Military Hospital, Lahore Cantonments, Punjab, India. [1931].

Residence: c/o Matron-in-Chief, War Office, Whitehall, London S.W.1. [1934].

Residence: Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, London S.W. [1935].

Residence: The Citadel Military Hospital, Cairo, Egypt. [1937].

Residence: c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Pall Mall, London S.W.1. [1940; 1943; 1946].

She joined Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 10 January 1917 at the Curragh Camp, County Kildare. She served as a Staff Nurse from 18 January 1917 at Home, in India and Mesopotamia until 16 October 1923. She was then demobilised at the Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire.

She was a member of Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in the latter half of World War 1.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Awarded A.R.R.C. in July 1941.

Died: 07 August 1979 at Killafadda Cottage, Kilgarvan, Killarney, County Kerry.

Buried: New Burial Ground, Kilgarvan, County Kerry.

Probate: 01 October 1979 (London). Effects: £13,441 in England & Wales.

QUINN, Cassie (Katherine C.)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263621

Born: 11 February 1915 at Dressog (sic), Drumquin, Omagh, County Tyrone.

Daughter of John Quinn (Farmer) and Cassie Quinn (née [O']Kane),
of Dressog (sic), Drumquin, Omagh, County Tyrone.

Trained: Stoke-on-Trent City Hospital, Bucknall, Staffordshire, 1934 – 1936. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 26 June 1936. (London). [Registration No. 8197].

Trained: The Stockport Infirmary, Cheshire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 99937].

Residence: Dressogue, Drumquin, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

QUINN, Ellen Alexandra

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 230788

Born: 29 March 1915 at Ballykeel, Kilkeel, County Down.

Daughter of James Quinn (Blacksmith) and Ellen Quinn (née Mitchell), of Ballykeel, Kilkeel, County Down.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 1937 – October 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (Scotland). [Registration No. A. 19312].

Registration: 30 October 1951. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 5708].

Registration: 18 June 1954. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3939]. [Midwives Roll].

Residence: Newcastle Street, Kilkeel, County Down. [1945; 1948; 1950].

Residence: Sicily Park, Finaghy, Belfast. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Married: between 1950 and 1956, Alexander Fullerton.

Died: 28 September 1997 at Mullabrack, County Armagh.

QUINN, Veronica Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274154

Born: 04 August 1917 at Duke Street, Castlebar, County Mayo.

Daughter of Joseph F. Quinn (Journalist) and Edith M. Quinn (née Thompson), of Duke Street, Castlebar, County Mayo.

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, February 1937 – March 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 08 April 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 6926].

Residence: Duke Street, Castlebar, County Mayo. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1943.

Married: After June 1945, William Bate.

Died: 20 March 2013 at Newbrook Lodge, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Gilsenan's Funeral Home Death Notice: 'Bate (née Quinn) Veronica Mary Josephine. March 20th, 2013, in her 96th. year peacefully in Newbrook Lodge, Mullingar after a long illness. Beloved wife of the late William Bate and devoted mother of Arthur, Terence, Alan, Caroline and Pamela. Will be sadly missed by her brother Brendan, children, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, daughters-in-law and son-in-law. Burial to be arranged in Aldershot, England.'

QUINTON, Edith Derinda

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209603

Born: 23 April 1907 at Killyvilly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [Edith]

Daughter of William Quinton (Farmer) and Elizabeth Quinton (née McGahey), of Killyvilly, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 22 March 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1594].

Trained: 1934 – 1935 (?). [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 09 December 1935. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1637].

Residence: 20 Hazeldene Park, Bangor, County Down. [1943].

Residence: Westminster Bank, Mustergreen, Haywards Heath, Sussex. [1946; 1949].

Residence: c/o The Manager, Westminster Bank, 52 High Street, Littlehampton, Sussex. [1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She was awarded A.R.R.C. in January 1946. The citation for the award reads:

'This Nursing Sister has done exceptionally good work in charge of the Orthopaedic surgical wards of this hospital at a time when those wards of this hospital were extremely busy. She was selected by the Principal Matron, North Africa District, to be Sister in charge of No. 6 Field Hospital in BONE, an unusually responsible post for a Sister of her seniority and carried out her duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. I consider that her exceptional ability, both as a Nurse and in organisation, deserves recognition.' Signed by Colonel, Officer Commanding 94 (British) General Hospital on 10 July 1945.

The Hospital was based in Algeria at this time.

QUIRKE, Catherine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209112

Born: 30 October 1901 at Main Street, Mallow, County Cork.

Daughter of Michael Quirke (Victualler) and Mary Quirke (née McCarthy), of Main Street, Mallow, County Cork.

Trained: Crossham Memorial Hospital, Kingswood, Bristol, Somerset, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1934. (London). [Registration No. 72566].

Residence: Skennakilla, Castletownroche, Mallow, County Cork. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. living at Station Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

RAYEL, Kathleen Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345705

Born: 06 March 1916 at Garfinny, Dingle, County Kerry.

Daughter of Patrick Rayel (Farmer) and Mary Rayel (née Martin), of Garfinny, Dingle, County Kerry.

Trained: Grove Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 11197].

Trained: Dulwich Hospital, London, 1940 – 1942. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 18 December 1942. (London). [Registration No. 119139].

Residence: Garfinny, Dingle, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

REAGH, Jane (Jeannie)

Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206408

Born: 10 November 1890, at Magherdrummon, Ramelton, County Donegal.

Daughter of Samuel Reagh (Farmer) and Margaret Reagh (née McCarron), of Magherdrummon, Ramelton, County Donegal.

Trained: Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, Warwickshire, 1919 – 1922. [Certificate].

Registration: 18 December 1923. (London). [Registration No. 26410].

Appointed to Q.A.I.M.N.S. on 05 February 1925.

Residence: The Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, Warwickshire. [1925].

Residence: Military Families' Hospital, British Army-on-the-Rhine. [1928].

Residence: c/o Mrs. Logan, The Barracks, Buncrana, County Donegal. [1931; 1934].

Residence: Croc-na-Mac Road, Portrush, County Antrim. [1937].

Residence: Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, London S.W.1. [1940].

Residence: Sisters' Mess, Military Hospital, The Castle, Edinburgh. [1946].

Awarded R.R.C. (1st. Class) in May 1948.

'Miss Reagh, who is temporarily resident in Londonderry, lives with her sister, Mrs. Logan, Portrush. She served in India, Malta and Germany during the late war, and also in the Army of Occupation in Germany following the Great War. While on the way home on duty with Service patients from India in October 1939, the ship on which she was travelling, the Yorkshire, a first-class passenger ship in peace-time, was torpedoed after leaving Gibraltar. It was the first ship to be torpedoed following the Athenia. Miss Reagh was a Matron in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.'

[Londonderry Sentinel Thursday 27 May 1948].

Died: 12 October 1990, at Portrush, County Antrim.

REAY, Hannah Winifred

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209170

Born: 03 May 1917 at Broomfield, Collon, County Louth.

Daughter of George Reay (Farmer) and Eva Beatrice Reay (née Woods), of Broomfield, Collon, County Louth.

Trained: The Royal Infirmary, Bradford, West Yorkshire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104083].

Residence: Broomfield House, Collon, Drogheda, County Louth. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She was a passenger on a B.O.A.C. Flight from London, arriving at New York on 03 September 1962. She was on transit to Canada. Her permanent address was recorded as Wilson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Died: after 1997 (?)

REILLY, Delia Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 223242

Born: 03 November 1910 at Meelickmore, Clonbern, County Galway.

Daughter of John Reilly (Farmer) and Delia (Bridget) Reilly (née Morrow), of Meelickmore, Clonbern, County Galway.

Trained: Nottingham County Infirmary, Basford, Bulwell, affiliated to City Hospital, Nottingham, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96900].

Residence: Hospital for Consumption (Brompton), Fulham Road, South Kensington, London S.W.3. [1939].

Residence: Cappadavock, Lavally, Tuam, County Galway. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

As a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., she was promoted to Lieutenant on 22 June 1951.

REILLY, Ellen Agnes

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 260274 [Eleanor Agnes Reilly]

Born: 22 July 1906 at Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of John Reilly (Merchant) and Ellen Reilly (née McDermott), of Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Richmond etc., Hospitals, Dublin, July 1926 – July 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 25 August 1930. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 4192]. [General].

Trained: Richmond etc., Hospitals, Dublin, July 1926 – July 1930. [Examination]. [Fever].
[‘1 year in the Hardwick after Exam.’].

Registration: 28 August 1930. (Ireland). [Registration No. E. 110].

Residence: The Hotel, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh. [1939; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

She was registered as a passenger on the S.S. California which departed from the Port of Derry on 21 August 1930 bound for New York where she intended to live.

RICKEY, Dinah (Valerie)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325770

Born: 16 January 1918 at Clonfad, Clones, County Monaghan.

Daughter of John Rickey (Farmer) and Margaret Rickey (née Leeman), of Clonfad, Clones, County Monaghan.

Trained: Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 8794].

Trained: St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Kent, 1941 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 123433].

Residence: Lisnaknock, Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: 10 December 1946 at Khandallah, India, Douglas Cyril Thomas (1918 - ???).

There is a record of a Mrs. Dinah Thomas (aged 39 years) as an 'A' Class Passenger on board the ship Georgic which arrived in Liverpool on 14 April 1947. Dinah had embarked at Bombay, India. She was described as a 'Housewife' and her proposed address in the U.K. was listed as 22 Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey.

Died: 18 May 2008 at Worcester, Worcestershire.

ROBINSON, Lucinda Sara(h)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209165

Born: 27 April 1909 at Glenboy, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Daughter of Joshua Horatio Robinson (Farmer) and Sarah Isabella Robinson (née Davis), of Glenboy, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1930 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 30 May 1933. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1752].

Residence: Glenboy, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim. [1943; 1946; 1949].

Residence: 'Journey's End,' Buxted, Uckfield, Sussex. [1951].

Residence: King's Drive, Edgware, Middlesex. [1956; 1959].

She was awarded Additional Associate R.R.C. in October 1945.

[See Citation below]

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Name ROBINSON, LUCINDA, SARA

Date recommendation passed forward: 237

Received: 14.5.45 Passed: 15.5.45

Area: 17.5.45

Corps: Army

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated): 1 Feb 45 - 30 Apr 45

Recommending Officer: A. Whelan (M.O. 1000) Colonel C.O. (M.O.) General Hospital

Honour or Reward: R.R.C.

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Her unflagging zeal and endless devotion to duty have been the source of great comfort to those under her care, and an inspiration to all who have been associated with her.

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Recommendation of Lucinda Robinson for Royal Red Cross (Associate), Aug 1945 (W.O. 373/55, TNA, London)

Transcript (partial) –

Her unflagging zeal and endless devotion to duty have been the source of great comfort to those under her care and an inspiration to all who have been associated with her'

Married: 12 September 1947 at St. Mary's (Anglican) Church, Lahore, Pakistan, Lieutenant-Colonel James Richard Shelley (1902 – 1968), R.I.A.S.C. (Royal Indian Army Service Corps).

Died: 25 April 1977 at The Folkestone Private Clinic, 19 Grimston Gardens, Folkestone, Kent.

Probate: 13 June 1977 (Brighton). Effects: £26,980.00.

[**N.B.** Noonan's of Mayfair held an auction on 13 September 2012.

The following lot was listed in their catalogue:

Family group:

A Second World War A.R.R.C. group of seven awarded to Sister **Lucinda Sara Robinson**, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class (A.R.R.C.), G.V.I.R., 1st issue, silver and enamel, reverse dated, '1943', mounted on bow ribbon; 1939-45 Star; France and Germany Star; Defence and War Medals, mounted as worn; Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Cap Badge, silver, these unnamed; Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast Nursing Medal, reverse inscribed, 'Awarded to Lucinda S. Robinson for Proficiency during her training as a Nurse, 1930-33', 41mm., silver, unmounted.

Five: Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Shelley, Royal Indian Army Service Corps India General Service 1936-39, 1 clasp, North West Frontier 1936-37 (Capt., R.I.A.S.C.(M.T.)); 1939-45 Star; Burma Star; Defence and War Medals, M.I.D. oak leaf, these unnamed, mounted as worn, slight edge bruising, very fine (12). £350-400].

ROBINSON, Veida Olivia

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 13 December 1917, at Carnarvon Place, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

Daughter of William Robinson (Cashier) and Agnes Robinson (née Kane), of Carnarvon Place, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 18 January 1940. [Registration No. 2858].

Residence: Cahancroft, 40 Cushendall Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. [1943].

Married: Friday 23 August 1946 at Ahoghill Parish Church, Major John J. Lewis (Royal Signals), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Lewis, Longacre, Dysarth, North Wales. Both had been serving in Burma during WW2

'Younger daughter of the 'late' Mr. William Robinson and Mrs. Robinson of Cahancroft, Cushendall Road, Ballymena'.

[Ballymena Observer, Friday 30 August 1946 p.07].

Residence: 33 Clodien Avenue, Heath, Cardiff, South Wales. [1951].

Residence: 1 Windsor Place, Aberdare, Glamorgan, Wales. [1956].

ROCHE, Mary Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338082

Born: 04 May 1914 at Rathkeale, County Limerick.

Daughter of Thomas Roche (Shopkeeper) and Alice Roche (née Meade), of Rathkeale, County Limerick.

Trained: Barrington's Hospital, Limerick & County Infirmary, Limerick,
February 1934 – March 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 17 May 1938. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 6222].

Residence: Main Street, Rathkeale, County Limerick. [1939; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1945.

RODGERS, Eliza Ann

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209096

Born: 02 May 1910 at Killyleagh, County Down.

Daughter of Robert Rodgers (Painter) and Mary Ellen Rodgers (née Craig), of Killyleagh, County Down.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 16 June 1936. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2196].

Registration: 23 March 1956. (Scotland). [Registration No. A. 36166].

Residence: Shore Street, Killyleagh, County Down. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Balmoral Gardens, (Brightons), Polmont, Stirlingshire. [1956; 1957; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: In 1952 at Blythswood District (Glasgow, Lanarkshire), Robert Watt.

ROGAN, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294130

Born: 04 July 1912 at Bodorragha, Keadue, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Daughter of George Aloysius Rogan (National School Teacher) and Margaret Rogan (née Roden), of Bodorragha, Keadue, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Trained: Kingston County Hospital, Surrey, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 30 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116371].

Residence: Governor House, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

ROONEY, Patricia Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306584

Born: 14 February 1918 at Robinstown Levinge, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Daughter of Bernard Hubert Rooney (Insurance Superintendent) and Mary (Maude) Rooney (née McGovern), of Robinstown Levinge, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Trained: Warwickshire Orthopaedic Hospital for Children, Coleshill, affiliated to Acton Hospital, London, 1935 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112778].

Residence: Castlecoote, County Roscommon. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1944.

Married: 1944 at Islington, London, Harry Gordon (Larry) Middleton (1919 – 2000) R.A.M.C.

Patricia was listed as a First-Class Passenger (along with her husband, Harry and their two children, Ian G. and Anne) on the ship Saxonia which sailed from Canada and arrived at Southampton on 31 July 1959. Harry's occupation was given as 'Doctor' and Patricia's as 'Housewife.' Their address in the U.K. was recorded as Shorecliffe, Tidenham Chase, near Chepstow, Gloucestershire. Their country of last permanent residence was listed as the U.S.A. Their country of future permanent residence was listed as England.

Residence: Byways, Hillside Road, Hastings, East Sussex. [1961; 1962; 1963; 1981].

Died: 07 March 1981 at Chelsea, London.

Probate: 26 June 1981 (Brighton). Effects: £1,089.00.

ROSS, Mary Jane Colvin

Hospital Matron.

Born: 15 April 1879 at Clogher, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Daughter of James Ross (Farmer) and Frances (Fanny) Ross (née Ross), of Greenfield, Clougher (sic), Ballymena, County Antrim.

Trained: Brownlow Hill Hospital, Liverpool, 1905 [Certificate].

Registration: 1916 [Registration No. 599].

Matron of Hope Hospital, Eccles Old-Road, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire.

R.R.C. (First Class).

Killed in Air Raid on 23 December 1940 (aged 61) at Hope Hospital, Eccles Old-Road, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire.

Probate: 'Mary otherwise Mary Jane Colven otherwise Mary Jane Colvin otherwise Minnie Jane Colven of Hope Hospital, Eccles Old-Road, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire. Spinster who is believed to have been killed through war operations on 23 December 1940 and whose dead body was found on 09 January 1941. Probate (Manchester) 17 April to Barclays Bank Limited. Effects: £10,172 2s. Resworn: £10,161 10s. 8d.'

[Civilian Deaths p. 798].

[See Account below from Eccles Road Heritage webpage]



Mary Jane Colvin Ross (Royal Red Cross), Matron, Hope Hospital, Salford

‘Mary Jane Colvin Ross (1879-1940) was matron of Hope Hospital in both World War I and World War II. For her work caring for the injured during the first war, she was awarded the Royal Red Cross (First Class). She died in the Christmas blitz of December 1940, when the administrative block at Hope Hospital was hit during an air raid.

Born in Clogher, Ballymena in County Antrim on 15 April 1879 to James and Fanny Ross, Mary had at least two older brothers, Robert and James. By 1901, Mary had left home, presumably to train or practise as a nurse.

In 1911, she was working as Assistant Hospital Matron at the South Manchester Infirmary Workhouse at Nell lane, Withington. The infirmary housed nearly 800 inmates and another 131 in the ‘lunatic wards’. Staff resident on census night numbered 169, all but a dozen were females. By the time she was appointed Matron at Hope Hospital she would have been a very experienced nurse and manager. A Salford Board of Guardians booklet of 1927 described her as “young, keen and far-sighted”.

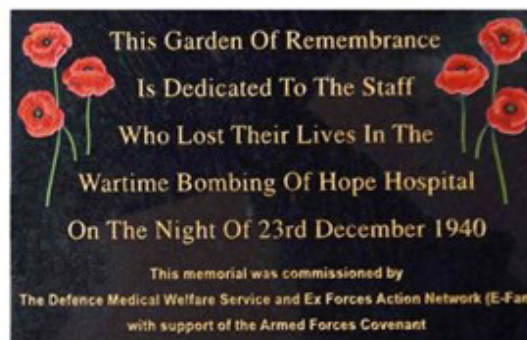
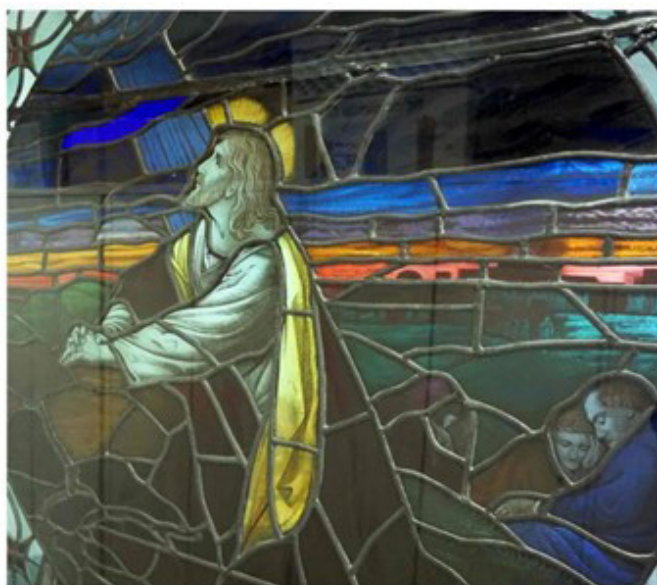
For her work in caring for wounded servicemen during World War 1 she was made a Member of the Royal Red Cross (first class). The photograph of Mary shows her wearing her medal. She continued to work at Hope Hospital for a total of almost 30 years.

On the night of 23 December 1940, she was in the hospital administration block when it was hit by a parachute bomb dropped during an air raid. Her body was not found until 9 January 1941. In accordance with her wishes set out in her will, Mary Ross is buried in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, next to the grave of her brother Dr. James Ross, who had been a surgeon. Her other brother, Robert was later interred with her.

Her will was written in October 1939 shortly after the start of the war. The Grant of Probate indicated that she was also known as Minnie Ross, presumably by friends and / or family. The will tells us that her unmarried brother Robert was still alive and living in Whitefield, and that her late brother James had become a doctor, as had his two sons. Her instructions for her burial indicate her regard for her brother: "I desire if convenient to be buried beside my brother Dr James Ross of Liverpool in Anfield Cemetery and I direct that the cost of a memorial not exceeding £100 be erected over the grave & to be paid out of the estate..."

Her second expressed wish was for a memorial at Hope Hospital, which she would pay for:

"I desire if agreeable to the authorities of Hope Hospital that a memorial in the form of a stain-glass window be placed in the Protestant Chapel to my memory of the many years I spent at Hope Hospital as a Matron and that the sum not exceeding two hundred pounds be spent on the memorial & to be paid out of the estate this memorial to be in consultate with my nephews and the authorities & be agreeable to both."



A stained-glass window in memory of Mary was installed in Hope Hospital (above left and top right). This is now located in the chaplaincy on the 3rd floor of the Hope building. Five other members of staff died that night, including Dr John Dudgeon Giles, Medical Superintendent, Florence Hankins, wife of the hospital steward, Harold Perrett, assistant steward and Adolphus William Nichols, a hospital plumber. A memorial to the six who died is located in the WRVS garden in the Ladywell building (below right).

£875 was left in individual bequests to a number of Mary's colleagues and friends. Mary Ann Broadbridge, Hope Hospital's Assistant Matron and Martha Worth, another female member of staff, each received £200. Mrs Hankins, wife of the hospital steward was to receive £50, but sadly she also perished alongside her five colleagues.

Mary's surviving brother Robert, her niece (a hospital social worker), two nephews (both doctors) and her sister-in-law were the main beneficiaries of her will. They shared the remainder of her £10,000 estate, along with some specific items of interest.

"To my niece Sybil Ross my medals and Certificates presented to me by The Royal Family also the Honourable Women of the War and The Way of the Red Cross (Books) and picture presented to me by Queen Alexandra in 1918 also my pearl necklace and silver salver presented to me by the Staff of Hope Hospital also my jewellery and ornaments and household effects and that she personally select such articles of furniture as will be useful for the comfort of my brother Robert Ross of Whitefield and give them to him." .."

Nephew Dr James Cosbie Ross was to receive his great grandfather's clock and nephew Dr John Alexander Ross was to inherit Mary's Crystal Lamp and Royal Doulton. It is to be hoped that these items survived the bomb blast which killed Mary and that they are still in her family's possession.'

RUANE, Honoria (Honor)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215263

Born: 01 June 1899 at Ballinaleck, Foxford, County Mayo. [Honor]

Daughter of Patrick Ruane (Farmer) and Mary Ruane (née Ruane), of Ballinaleck, Foxford, County Mayo.

Trained: Hackney Hospital, London, 1926 – 1930. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1930. (London). [Registration No. 56374].

Residence: Ballinaleck, Foxford, County Mayo. [1931].

Residence: 21 St. Edmund's Terrace, Regent's Park, London N.W.8. [1934].

Residence: Bay View, Sandymount, County Dublin. [1937].

Residence: Lea Crescent, Sandymount, County Dublin. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941.

RUSK, Dorothy Georgina Magdalene

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338202

Born: 14 July 1918, at Drumoris, Aghavea, County Fermanagh.

Only daughter of Frederick William Rusk (Farmer) and Anna Elizabeth Rusk (née Garlin), of Drumoris, Aghavea, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 14 March 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2981].

C.M.B Registration: 18 March 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2367].

Residence: Cloncallick House, Clones, County Monaghan. [1943].

She was a Sister in the Roe Valley Emergency Medical Services Hospital, Limavady in December 1943. [Belfast Telegraph Wednesday 15 December 1943].

Residence: Dunlambert Park, Belfast. [1949; 1951; 1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1945.

Married: 11 September 1947, at Clones Parish Church, Geoffrey Harold MacMillan, elder son of Mr. S. T. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan, of Whitehouse, County Antrim.

[The Northern Whig Friday 12 September 1947].

SAUNDERSON, Emily

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305619

Born: 27 September 1919 at Stranorlar, County Donegal.

Daughter of John Saunderson (Bank Cashier) and Elizabeth Saunderson (née Matthews), of Stranorlar, County Donegal.

Trained: Hope Hospital, Salford, Lancashire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109999].

Residence: Alliance Avenue, Cliftonville, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

SAVAGE, Hermione

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. (?)

Born: 28 July 1919 at Ballywaddon, Portaferry, County Down.

Daughter of Alfred Ernest Savage (Farmer) and Anna (Annie) Mary Savage (née Finnegan), of Ballywaddon, Portaferry, County Down.

Trained: Guy's Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112872].

Residence: Thomastown, Portaferry, County Down. [1943; 1946].

Hermione was a passenger on the motorship Ulster Queen which ran aground at Port-E-Villen, Isle of Man in the early hours of Wednesday 28 February 1940 while crossing from Liverpool to Belfast. **[See Newspaper Report extract below].**

Nurse from Guy's Hospital

Miss Hermione Savage, of Portaferry, who is a nurse in Guy's Hospital, was also a passenger on the Ulster Queen. She said she heard nothing until she was awakened by a stewardess. Their lifeboat was taken in tow by a motor boat and they were transferred to the Heysham steamer without a mishap. Prior to taking to the boats tea was served in the lounge and the passengers kept their spirits up by singing songs. 'I was not the slightest bit frightened', she added.

Belfast Telegraph, 29th February 1940

Hermione Savage definitely served in a branch of the military nursing services:
no official records found yet.

Married: 23 February 1946 in Calcutta, West Bengal, India, John Osborne Lintott (1910 – 1991).

Died: 11 November 2006 in Norfolk.

[A Roll of Honour plaque in Portaferry Presbyterian Church includes 'Hermione Savage' and names her unit as 'RAF Princess Alexandra's Nursing Service.'].
[**Hermione was an older sister of Sarah (Pamela) Savage – see below**].

SAVAGE, Sarah (Pamela)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309550

Born: 03 April 1921 at Marlfield, Ardquin, County Down.

Daughter of Alfred Ernest Savage (Farmer) and Anna (Annie) Mary Savage (née Finnegan), of Marlfield, Ardquin, County Down.

Trained: Plaistow Fever Hospital, London, 1938 – 1940. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 24 April 1942. (London). [Registration No. 12409].

Trained: Redhill County Hospital, Surrey, 1941 – 1943. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124184].

Residence: Thomastown, Portaferry, County Down. [1943].

Residence: The Bungalow, Ardkeen, County Down. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Married: September 1945 in Spalding, Lincolnshire, William Edward Darnell (1921 – 1992). He was from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Sarah was listed as a First -Class Passenger (along with her three-year old son) on the ship Aquitania which sailed from Canada and docked at Southampton on 29 September 1949. She had embarked at Halifax, Nova Scotia. She was described as a 'Housewife' and was 28 years old. Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as Greenbank, Ardkeen, County Down. Her country of last permanent residence was Canada. Her country of intended future permanent residence was listed as 'Other Parts of The British Empire.'

Residence: Amberwood Cv (sic), Austin, Texas, U.S.A. [after 1949].

She settled in the U.S.A. sometime around 1960.

Residence: Floral Park Drive, Austin, Texas, U.S.A. [1988].

Died: 20 December 2009 in Austin, Texas, U.S.A.

[A Roll of Honour plaque in Portaferry Presbyterian Church includes 'Pamela Savage' and names her unit as 'Army Princess Alexandra's Nursing Service.'].
[**Sarah was a younger sister of Hermione Savage – see above**].

SCANNELL, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206472

Born: 22 July 1914 at Grove Street, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Timothy Patrick Scannell (Constable R.I.C.) and Bridget Theresa Scannell (née Leonard), of Grove Street, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

Sometime before 1938 the entire Scannell family emigrated to Bristol.

Trained: The General Hospital, Bristol, Somerset, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 19 March 1937. (London). [Registration No. 86419].

Residence: Salisbury Road, St. Anne's Park, Bristol, Somerset. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: 1959 in Germany, Richard Glanville Davies (1912 – 1991), formerly an Army Colonel.

Residence: Lavender Furlong, Swanmore Road, Swanmore, Hampshire. [1978].

Died: 13 April 1978 at Swanmore, Winchester, Hampshire.

Buried: St. Barnabas Churchyard, Swanmore, Winchester, Hampshire.

Probate: 08 June 1978 (Winchester). Effects: £943.00

SCOTT, Mary Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209286

Born: 07 June 1910 at Saintfield, County Down.

Daughter of Hans Scott (Tailor) and Ethel Annie Scott (née Yeates), of Saintfield, County Down.

Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 15 November 1932. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1675].

C.M.B. Registration: 02 November 1933. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1412].

Residence: c/o Provincial Bank of Ireland, Belfast. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Main Street, Saintfield, County Down. [1949].

Residence: Park Avenue, Sydenham, Belfast. [1951].

Residence: Barnett's Road, Knock, Belfast. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Awarded the Additional Associate Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class) in November 1945.

[Belfast News-Letter Friday 16 November 1945].

Transcript from Citation:

'From 16 Nov '44 to 15 Feb '45 and for three years previously this nursing sister has carried out the duties of theatre sister under exceptionally exacting conditions and has in no small way contributed to the welfare of badly wounded men' (WO 373/47, TNA, London)

Married: February 1952, Unknown DUKE (Surname).

SHARKEY, Alicia (Alice)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213720

Born: 02 November 1904, at Carrowgarraff (sic), Ballaghadurreen, County Roscommon.

Daughter of Bartholomew (Bartley) Sharkey (Farmer) and Anne Sharkey (née Leatum ?), of Carrowgarraff (sic), Ballaghadurreen, County Roscommon.

Trained: King Edward Avenue Hospital, Dartford, Kent, 1927 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 67057].

Residence: Carragarraffe, Tibohine, Frenchpark, County Roscommon. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941.

SHARP, Jessie Louise Gordon

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209328

Born: 29 October 1916, at Mount Gardens, Arkinholm (?) Terme (?), Langholm, Dumfries.

Daughter of George Gordon Sharp (Scotch Tweed Manufacturer) and Louisa Gordon Sharp (née Burden), of Langholm, Dumfries.

Trained: Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, 1935 (?) – May 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (Scotland). [Registration No. D 4725]. [Sick Children's].

Registration: 28 October 1938. (London). [Registration No. 3750]. [Sick Children's].

Trained: Central Middlesex Hospital, London, 1938 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106345]. [General].

Residence: Derryvale House, Dungannon, County Tyrone. [1940; 1943; 1945; 1946].

Residence: Brookvale Avenue, Belfast. [1948; 1950].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1941.

Awarded the Additional Royal Red Cross (2nd. Class) for her services in Italy in December 1944. [Londonderry Sentinel Saturday 23 December 1944; Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 29 December 1944].

Transcript from award citation (WO 373/9, TNA, London)

'This nursing sister volunteered for the duty of taking care of typhus cases in the Civilian Infectious Diseases at Catano, Naples from Sept 1944 to 7 Feb 1945 – her work was of great importance to the investigation into the treatment of typhus undertaken by the typhus research team and was carried out in an exemplary manner, in the face of considerable personal risk & in very difficult circumstances'

SHEAHAN, Margaret Mary (Gretta)

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215965

Born: 17 August 1911 at Freemount, Charleville, County Cork.

Daughter of Denis (Donat) Sheahan () and Katie Sheahan (née O'Connor), of Freemount, Charleville, County Cork.

Trained: Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, May 1931 – May 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 22 June 1934. (London). [Registration No. 73550].

Registration: 31 December 1940. (Ireland). [Registration No. A 7200].

Residence: Freemount, Charleville, County Cork. [1937; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in October 1941.

Died: 01 June 1993.

Buried: Kilbrin Cemetery, Castlecarr Demesne, County Cork.

Probate: 16 September 1993 (London). Effects: £18,360.00

SHEEHAN, Helen Oliver

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 333679

Born: 1919 at Ards, Fossa, Killarney, County Kerry.

Daughter of Michael Sheehan (Farmer) and Mary Sheehan (née Lyne), of Ards, Fossa, Killarney, County Kerry.

Trained: St. Alfege's Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118929].

Residence: Ards, Fossa, Killarney, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

SHEEHAN, Mary Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206452

Born: 25 August 1913 at Killaspuglonane, Ennistymon, County Clare.

Daughter of Joseph Sheehan (Farmer) and Bridget Mary Sheehan (née Murphy), of Killaspuglonane, Ennistymon, County Clare.

Trained: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, February 1933 – March 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 06 July 1936. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5675].

Residence: Killaspuglonane (sic) [Killaspuglonane], Ennistymon, County Clare. [1939].

She was commissioned as a Staff Nurse in March in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. By September 1939 she was working as a Staff Nurse at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, Hampshire.

SHERIDAN, Ethel Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215914

Born: 21 March 1909 at 137 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Daughter of Eugene Cecil Sheridan (Upholsterer) and Katherine (Kate) Sheridan (née Buckley), of 137 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Trained: Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1930 - 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 16 March 1934. (London). [Registration No. 72307].

Trained: Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1934. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery].

Registration: 1935 (?). (London). [Registration No. 91724].

Trained: Liverpool City Hospitals Group II, Liverpool, Lancashire, 1935 - 1936. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 9939].

Residence: Mill Road, Everton, Liverpool, Lancashire. [1932 - 1935].

Residence: Harley Street, London W.1. [1939].

Residence: South Circular Road, Portobello, Dublin. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Died: 07 July 1979 at Malden Homes, Percy Gardens, Manor Drive North, Worcester Park, Surrey.

Probate: 09 October 1979 (London). Effects: £2,181.00

SHERLOCK, Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 294817

Born: 17 February 1920 at Castletown (?), Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Daughter of John Joseph Sherlock (Constable R.I.C.) and Frances Sherlock (née Eggleston), of Castletown (?), Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Trained: London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffordshire, 1939 - 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117852].

Residence: Main Street, Kingscourt, County Cavan. [1943; 1946].

Married: between 1946 and 1951, Donald Kenneth Dawson (1921 - 1997).

Died: 2000.

SHERRARD, Sarah Eileen Georgina

Principal Matron of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps.

Service Number: 824305(30429)

Born: 04 February 1903, at Lisnalinchy, Ballylinny, Ballyclare, County Antrim.

Daughter of Alexander Sherrard (Farmer) and Janet Sherrard (née Logan), of Lisnalinchy, Ballyclare, County Antrim.

Trained: New Zealand

She emigrated to New Zealand from school in 1920.

She was in Northern Ireland in 1946 as part of a New Zealand victory contingent and in 1953 she won a scholarship to study the training organising of military nursing here.

She was appointed Principal Matron of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps in 1953 after distinguished service in wartime and peacetime nursing. She served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force in the Pacific and was stationed for some time in Guadalcanal.

For her work she was awarded the Royal Red Cross.

She retired in 1958.

[See Newspaper Account below].

Former head of New Zealand Corps

Ulster-born nurse back on visit

An Ulster-born nurse who rose to be head of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps is now in Belfast on a round-the-world trip, following her retirement earlier this year. Lieut-Col Eileen Sherrard was appointed principal matron of the Corps in 1953 after distinguished service in wartime and peacetime nursing. She served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force in the Pacific and was stationed for some time in Guadalcanal. For her work she was awarded the Royal Red Cross. Miss Sherrard, who was born in Lisnalinchy and emigrated to New Zealand in 1920, sees great improvements in Belfast suburban housing developments. But she would like to see more care in food hygiene, especially in the south of Ireland. 'The gap between the standards of first and second class hotels is enormous'. She has visited Northern Ireland briefly twice since the war. In 1946 she came over with the New Zealand victory contingent and in 1953 she won a scholarship to study the training organisation of military nursing. She is staying with a sister, Miss Molly Sherrard, Market Place, Carrickfergus and cousin, Mrs S.L. Alexander, Victoria Gardens, Belfast. Next Saturday she leaves for Buffalo, N.Y. where she will stay with her sister, Mrs Ruby Russel, before returning to her home in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Belfast Telegraph, 16th October 1958.

Died: 29 October 1979, Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand.

SHINE, Bridget Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 227748

Born: 02 February 1910 at Glasses Lane, Athlone, County Westmeath. [Very Likely]

Daughter of Michael Shine (Wool Carder) and Margaret Shine (née Reilly), of Glasses Lane, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: Whipps Cross Hospital, London, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113264].

Residence: Kilmacoo, Athlone, County Westmeath. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

[Very likely an older sister of Rose Shine – see below]

SHINE, Eileen Florence

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 206458

Born: 14 April 1912 at Camas (?) Park, Cashel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of David Earnest Shine (Major in R.G.A.) [Royal Garrison Artillery] and Helen Jenny (Jennie) Shine (née Sayers), of Camas (?) Park, Cashel, County Tipperary.

Trained: The Sheffield Royal Hospital, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 96250].

Residence: Camas Park, Cashel, County Tipperary. [1940].

Residence: Camasbeg, Castl lake, Cashel, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Staff Nurse in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in February 1940.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. in May 1941.

Died: 23 February 2003, aged 90 years.

Buried in St. John's Cathedral Cemetery, Cashel, County Tipperary.

[On her Gravestone is recorded Q.A.R.A.N.C. – Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps].

SHINE, Rose

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209259

Born: 20 June 1911 at Glasses Lane, Athlone, County Westmeath. [Likeliest]

Daughter of Michael Shine (Wool Carder) and Margaret Shine (née Reilly), of Glasses Lane, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Trained: Croydon General Hospital, Surrey, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 90182].

Residence: Nurses' Home, Huntley Street, St. Pancras, London W.C.1. [1939].

Residence: Kilmacoo, Athlone, County Westmeath. [1940; 1943; 1946].

[Very likely a younger sister of Bridget Mary Shine – see above]

SKEEHAN, Mary Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: Ennistymon, County Clare.

SLATTERY, Margaret Frances

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305646

Born: 25 August 1920 at 1 South Circular Road, Limerick.

Daughter of Patrick Slattery (Shopkeeper) and Catherine Slattery (née O'Brien), of Kildimo, County Limerick.

Trained: Unknown [Not on Nursing Register]

Registration: Unknown [Not on Nursing Register]

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

She was a passenger on a Pan American flight which flew from Shannon Airport to New York on 23 October 1959. Her permanent address was given as 'Maryville, Ballykeefe, Mungret, County Limerick'. The address in New York that she was staying was recorded as c/o Winslow Hotel, 55 16th. Madison, New York.

Married: 1947 at Islington, London, James S. Tryon (1924 – 2021).

Died: 20 October 2002 at Saint Albans, Hertfordshire.

[Younger sister of Mary Josephine Slattery – see below]

SLATTERY, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305637

Born: 30 November 1914 at Ballyvareen, Pallaskenry, County Limerick.

Daughter of Patrick Slattery (Farmer) and Catherine Slattery (née O'Brien), of Ballyvareen, Pallaskenry, County Limerick.

Trained: North Charitable Infirmary, Cork, January 1934 – March 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 25 March 1937. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 5909].

Residence: Kildimo, County Limerick. [1939; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

[Older sister of Margaret Frances Slattery – see above]

SLATTERY, Sarah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 282244

Born: 02 August 1915 at Courdeen, Castleisland, County Kerry.

Daughter of Patrick Slattery (Farmer) and Mary Slattery (née Geany), of Courdeen, Castleisland, County Kerry.

Trained: Metropolitan Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103270].

Residence: Courdeen, Castleisland, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943.

She was listed as a First-Class passenger on R.M.S. Media which departed from New York and arrived in Liverpool on 02 November 1957. Her address in the U.K. was recorded as 92 Delaware Mansions, Delaware Road, London W.9. Her country of last and future permanent residence was given as Kuwait. Her intended duration of stay in the U.K. was 5 days and the chief purpose of her visit was entered as 'T'. Also listed was a fellow passenger, Norah Crawford, a nurse whose U.K. address was the same as Sarah's.

SMULLEN, Alice Irvine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 336249

Born: 27 May 1920 at Drumnatinney, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Daughter of James Thomas Smullen (Farmer) and Margaret Smullen (née Patterson), of Drumnatinney, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Trained: Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital, London, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1943. (London). [Registration No. 124531].

Residence: 30 Carlton Road, Northampton. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the S.S. Stratheden which sailed from Sydney, Australia and docked at Tilbury on 03 May 1953. Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as 14 Railway Road, Strabane, County Tyrone, N. Ireland. Her country of last permanent residence was given as England.

Died: After October 2008 (?).

[Younger Sister of Margaret Elizabeth Smullen – See below]

SMULLEN, Margaret Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 282637

Born: 26 January 1914 at Drumnatinney, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Daughter of James Thomas Smullen (Farmer) and Margaret Smullen (née Patterson), of Drumnatinney, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal.

Trained: Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938. (London). [Registration No. 95812].

Residence: Ardnadrean, Falcarragh, Lifford, County Donegal. [1940; 1943].

Residence: Carlton Road, Northampton. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1943.

Died: 07 October 2008 at South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

[Older Sister of Alice Irvine Smullen – See above]

SPAIN, Sarah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209225

Born: 20 January 1910 at Moafin, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Roger (Rody) Spain (Farmer) and Anna Maria Spain (née [O']Meara), of Moafin, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Trained: St. George-in-the-East Hospital, London, 1929 – 1933. [Examination].

Registration: 23 June 1933. (London). [Registration No. 68714].

Residence: Moafin, Nenagh, County Tipperary. [1934].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

She was a First-Class passenger on the S.S. Orontes which sailed from Southampton on 23 March 1946. She had contracted to disembark at Port Said, Egypt. She was described as a 'Nursing Sister' whose last address was given as c/o Colonel Egan, Portobello Barracks, Dublin. Her country of last permanent residence was listed as N. Ireland. Her country of intended future permanent residence was recorded as Iran.

SPARROW, Mary (Teresa) (May)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309123

Born: 20 July 1913 at Ballingarry, Thurles, County Tipperary.

Daughter of John "Jack" Sparrow (Mason) and Mary T. Sparrow (née O'Brien), of Ballingarry, Thurles, County Tipperary.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1935 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102947].

Trained: North-Western Hospital, London, 1942 – 1943. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 13255].

Residence: Ballingarry, Thurles, County Tipperary. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

Married: after 1945, Frederick "Freddie" Thistlewaite (1918 – 1997).

Died: 1988.

SPENCER-SMITH, Patricia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 313412

Born: 31 October 1921, at Lisburn, County Antrim.

Youngest daughter of Cyril Frederick Spencer-Smith (School Master) and Ethel Mary Spencer-Smith (née Lightfoot), of 5 Shrewsbury Park, Belfast.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1943. [Examination].

Registration: 24 November 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3620].

Residence: St. Catherine's Bridge of Allen, Stirlingshire, Scotland. [1956].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: On the 09 April 1945, at St. Andrew's Garrison Church, Aldershot, Captain Robert Garden Murray (R.A.M.C.) (1918 – 2000), son of the late Robert Murray, M.R.C.V.S. and Mrs. Murray, of Forest Avenue, Aberdeen.

Died: 01 January 2006, at Swanage, Dorset.

STACK, Isa Molua

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 2092611

Born: 18 July 1914 at Magheracloone, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Daughter of Charles Maurice Stack (Clerk in Holy Orders) and Anna Kathleen Margaret Stack (née Stack), of Magheracloone, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Trained: St. Thomas' Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 103450].

Residence: Mullinarry, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 05 May 2004 at Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

STAFFORD, Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218198

Born: 16 May 1910, at Cullenstown, County Wexford.

Daughter of James Stafford (Farmer) and Margaret Stafford (née Bennett), of Cullenstown, County Wexford.

Trained: King's College Hospital, London, 1928 – 1931. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 27 November 1931. (London). [Registration No. 61322].

C.M.B. Enrolment: 13 August 1932. [Registration No. 84820].

Residence: Baldwinstown Castle, Wexford, County Wexford. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1942.

STARRETT, Noreen Margery

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 338842

Born: 12 May 1919, at Drumbeg, Mountcharles, County Donegal.

Daughter of George Starrett (Land Steward) and Frances Starrett (née Johnston), of Drumbeg, Mountcharles, County Donegal.

Trained: Municipal General Hospital, Burnley, Lancashire, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109491].

Registration: 04 November 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3104].

M.C.B. Registration: 16 March 1943. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2369].

Residence: 5 Castle Street, Strabane, County Tyrone. [1943; 1946].

Residence: Drumoro (sic), Bullindrait, County Donegal. [1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1945.

Married: between 1946 and 1959, John Mahaffy Meehan (1910 - 1994).

Died: 23 May 2015.

Buried: St. Lucadius, the Roughan, Lifford, County Donegal.

Grave No. 96

In loving memory | of | REBECCA ALICE MEEHAN | Dromore | died 7th Oct 1954 | also her infant daughter | MARGARET JANE MEEHAN | died 12th July 1922 | also her husband THOMAS MEEHAN | died 17th November 1959 | their son JOHN MAHAFFY MEEHAN | died 15th Sept 1994 | also his wife NOREEN MARJORIE MEEHAN | (NEE STARRETT) | died 23rd May 2015 aged 96 years.

STEEN, Sheila Mary Lyle

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209210

Born: 09 March 1908 at Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Daughter of George Bonar Steen (Bank Manager) and Margaret Helen Steen (née Keown), of Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Trained: St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1932 - 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 84369].

Residence: Glenelg, Butts Green Road, Hornchurch, Romford, Essex. [1937].

Residence: 1 Osbourne Terrace, Warrenpoint, County Down. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Married: January 1949 at Aberdare, Glamorgan, Wales, John M. Beattie (1869 - 1965). [He would have been 39 years older than her!].

Died: 26 Dec 1973 at Greylands, Maudlyn Park, Steyning, Sussex.

Probate: 03 April 1974 (London). Effects: £35,347.00.

STEVENSON, Elma

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Born: Banbridge, Co. Down, 1921.

Qualified as State Registered Nurse at Derby General Infirmary, 1943.

War: served in India, Burma during SWW, nursing in field hospitals, a hospital train and on a hospital ship.

Returned to Northern Ireland after the war and in 1953 was ward sister at Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast.

Was the first research nurse in Northern Ireland. She was part of a small team of nurses working with the Nuffield Foundation, researching, testing and suggesting improvements to design of equipment and systems to better health care. The results of this project were to shape and design hospital wards for many years. The new Nuffield Wing at Musgrave was innovative in its design because the nursing area comprised smaller units than the older Nightingale Wards. In 1977 Ms Stevenson was appointed DANO (District Administrative Nursing Officer) for the Southern Health and Social Services Board. She retired in 1984.



Elma Stevenson QA in tropical uniform

STEWART, Edna May

Sister in the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Service Number: 215496 [Edna Stewart]

Born: 30 June 1919 at Whitehead, County Antrim.

Daughter of Edward Stewart (Upholsterer) and Sarah Stewart (née Johnston), of Whitehead, County Antrim.

Trained: Redhill County Hospital, Surrey, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109915].

Registration: 11 December 1948. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 4936].

Residence: 1 Balmoral Avenue, Whitehead, County Antrim. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the T.A.N.S. in May 1941.

STOREY, Ruby Isobel (Isabel)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 350740

Born: 09 September 1915 at Aghagaw, Tednavet, County Monaghan.

Daughter of William Henry Edward Storey (Farmer) and Martha Jane Storey (née Harvey), of Aghagaw, Tednavet, County Monaghan.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1934 – 1938. [Examination].

Registration: 18 March 1938. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2451].

Residence: Aughagaw (sic), Scotstown P.O., County Monaghan. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Married: June 1947 in Singapore, Raymond Frederick Newell Eke (Born circa 1922).

[RAYMOND FREDERICK NEWELL EKE was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in September 1943. He piloted Auster Mark V light aircraft. After the end of the European War he was posted to Java in the Dutch East Indies and became one of only eleven recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross in the year 1947 (five of these awards being to members of the Royal Artillery). In 1949 Eke transferred to the Royal Engineers, retiring with the rank of Major].

[N.B. Sotheby's of London held an auction on 12 December 2008.

The following lot was listed in their catalogue:

'An M.B.E. and Java Distinguished Flying Cross Group awarded to Major Raymond Frederick Newell Eke, Royal Engineers, late Royal Artillery, Seven Order of the British Empire, Military Division, Member's Badge; Distinguished Flying Cross, George VI type 1, reverse engraved 1947;1939-45, France and Germany Stars, Defence and War Medals, unnamed as issued; General Service Medal 1918-62, 1 clasp, South-East Asia 1945-46 (Capt. R. F. N. Eke); Coronation 1953, unnamed as issued, the group mounted for wearing, very fine, rare (7) £4,000-6,000 D.F.C. London Gazette 14 February 1947 (general citation).

M.B.E: London Gazette 1 January 1967'].

Ruby Isobel Eke was listed as a First Class Passenger who had travelled from Singapore on

the ship Dilwara which arrived in Southampton on 09 May 1949. Ruby was 31 years old and was described as a 'Housewife.' Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as 'Woodside', St. Faith's Road, Old Catton, Norwich, Norfolk. Her country of last permanent residence was given as Malaya. Her country of future permanent residence was listed as England.

Residence: Lowther Road, Wokingham, Berkshire. [2003 – 2009].

Died: 29 June 2010 at Wokingham, Berkshire.

SULLIVAN, Bridget Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279590

Born: 18 July 1919 at Kilsheelan, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of John Sullivan (Horse Trainer) and Ellen Sullivan (née Coffey), of Kilsheelan, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Trained: Hasting Municipal Hospital affiliated to Brighton Municipal Hospital, East Sussex, 1937 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118159].

Residence: Kilsheelan, Clonmel, County Tipperary. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in October 1943.

Residence: No. 87 General Hospital, P.O. Box 4011, Nairobi, Kenya, British East Africa. [1946].

Married: Between 1943 and 1946, Colin Usher (1909 – 1988), Staff Sergeant in 5 King's African Rifles during WW2. Later, he was described as a 'Company Representative'.

She was listed as a First-Class Passenger on the S.S. Beschfentein which sailed from Amsterdam via Africa and arrived at Southampton on 02 July 1954. She was accompanied by her two daughters (aged 5 and 7). Their country of last permanent residence was given as Kenya.

She was recorded as a passenger on the S.S. Kenya Castle which had sailed from East and South Africa and arrived at the Port of London on 13 September 1960. She was accompanied by her husband, Colin, their two daughters and baby son. Their address in the U.K. was listed as Ursuline Drive, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent. They had been living in Kenya and were visiting the U.K. for 3 months before returning there.

Died: October 1996 at New Forest, Hampshire.

SULLIVAN, Rita

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301229

Born: 24 March 1920 at Brandon, Castlegregory, County Kerry.

Daughter of Patrick Sullivan (Fisherman) and Catherine Sullivan (née Brick), of Brandon, Castlegregory, County Kerry.

Trained: Mile End Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116005].

Residence: Brandon, Castlegregory, County Kerry. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

SWEENEY, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 279271

Born: 16 April 1915 at Corclough, Belmullet, County Mayo.

Daughter of James Sweeney (Carpenter) and Margaret (Maggie) Sweeney (née Butler), of Corclough, Belmullet, County Mayo.

Trained: Ashford Hospital, Kent, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 108174].

Residence: Corclough East, Belmullet, County Mayo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

SWEENEY, Rosemary (Rose Mary)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 236008

Born: 21 July 1892 at Borrisokane, County Tipperary.

Daughter of James Sweeney (Head Constable R.I.C.) and Rose Mary Sweeney (née Hackett), of Borrisokane, County Tipperary.

She was educated at Mercy Convent, Mallow, County Cork.

Trained: South Charitable Infirmary and County Hospital, Cork, 20 April 1912 – 1915. [Certificate].

Registration: 21 March 1924. (London). [Registration No. 29829].

Residence: Causton Road, Highgate, London N.6. [1925].

Residence: Imperial Nurses' Club, 137 Ebury Street, London S.W.1. [1928; 1931; 1934; 1937].

She had joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1916 and was stationed at the Castle Military Hospital in Edinburgh.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

SWORDS, Theresa Myrtle

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 301895

Born: 03 February 1915 at Palmyra Avenue, Galway.

Daughter of John Marmaduke Swords (Colour Sergeant C. R. Regiment) and Mary Ellen Swords (née Glen), of Palmyra Avenue, Galway.

Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 30 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 116384].

Residence: Presentation Road, Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

Married: 11 December 1945 at Ootacamund, India, Major William Argyle Watson (1920 – 2009), the Jat Regiment, Indian Army. He was the elder son of Harold Argyle Watson, C.I.E. (Companion of the Indian Empire) and Edith Lily Watson (née Davenport), of Clifton, Gloucestershire.

Died: 19 November 2009 at Lymington, Hampshire.

TANCRED, Bridget Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 213565

Born: 07 September 1918, at Abbey Street, Arklow, County Wicklow.

Daughter of Thomas Tancred (Fitter) and Mary Kate Tancred (née Birmingham), of Abbey Street, Arklow, County Wicklow.

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106559].

Residence: South Quay, Arklow, County Wicklow. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941.

[Kathleen Mary Tancred – sister was also a nurse]

TATE, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 234359

Born: 27 February at Magheranure, Cootehill, County Cavan.

Daughter of Terence James Tate (Labourer) and Catherine (Kate) Tate (née Hughes), of Magheranure, Cootehill, County Cavan.

Trained: Rotherham Hospital, South Yorkshire, 1936 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109113].

Residence: Dairy Brae, Cootehill, County Cavan. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in September 1942.

Married: 11 November 1946 in R.C. Church, Cootehill, County Cavan, George Ernest Banes (1920 – 2001), who was then a clerk. His address was Whitehall Lane, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. During the War he had been a Captain in the 2nd. Royal Scots Fusiliers and was awarded the Military Cross in 1944.

Died: 17 December 2019 (aged 100 years) in Wiltshire.

TAYLOR, Margaret Ann

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 250139

Daughter of William Taylor and Mrs. Taylor (née ...), of Victoria Street, Ballymoney, County Antrim.

[There is a record of **Margaret Ann Taylor** who was born 11 September 1920 at Ballyleny (sic), Ballycastle. She was the daughter of William Francis Taylor (Farmer) and Martha Taylor (née Huey). No others in the Ballymoney area between 1910 and 1920].

Trained: Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, [Cumbria], 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 111630].

Residence: Carrowlaverty, Armoy, County Antrim. [1943].

Residence: Cameron Place, Ballymoney, County Antrim. [1946].

Commissioned on to the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1942.

Prior to nursing, she was employed by Messrs. H. Mc. Hamilton & Sons, Church Street, Ballymoney, County Antrim. [Ballymena Weekly Telegraph Friday 26 February 1943].

Married: between 1946 and 1952, Unknown Worcester.

THOMPSON, Elizabeth Florence

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 257438

Born: 27 April 1918, at Drumminshill (sic), Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Daughter of Richard James Thompson (Farmer) and Henrietta Thompson (née Bracken), of Drumminshill, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh.

Trained: Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 113713].

Residence: Drumminskill (sic), Macken, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in February 1943.

THORNTON, Kathleen ('Kay') Mary ('May')

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209378

Born: 07 May 1913 at Ballyheens, Dualla, Cashel, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Nicholas Thornton (Farmer) and Johanna Thornton (née Cummins), of Ballyheens, Dualla, Cashel, County Tipperary.

Trained: Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich, West Midlands, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 82329].

Residence: Ballyheens, Cashel, County Tipperary. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Still on the Nursing Register in 1962.

Married: Between 1943 and 1946, George Underwood.

Died: 04 April 1999 at Dublin.

TIVNAN, (Bridget) Delia Jane

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263197

Born: 19 September 1902 at Cloughmine, County Sligo.

Daughter of James Tivnan (Farmer) and Mary Tivnan (née McDonagh), of Cloughmine, County Sligo.

Trained: Meath Hospital, Dublin, June 1923 – June 1926. [Examination].

Registration: 11 February 1927. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 3461].

Residence: Kilmastranny, Boyle, County Roscommon. [1939; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1943.

Residence: Rathmines, Dublin. [1996].

Died: 06 April 1996 at St. James' Hospital, Dublin.

Buried: Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.

TONER, Grace

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209376

Born: 03 March 1911, at Landscape Terrace, Coleraine, County Derry.

Daughter of Edward Toner (Plumber) and Sarah Toner (née Loughrey), of Landscape Terrace, Coleraine, County Derry.

Trained: Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast, 1930 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 14 December 1934. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 1950].

Residence: 5 Institution Road, Coleraine, Derry. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

[Older Sister of Sarah Toner – See below]

TONER, Sarah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215218

Born: 01 May 1918 at Landscape Terrace, Coleraine, County Derry.

Daughter of Edward Toner (Plumber / Sapper Royal Engineers) and Sarah Toner (née Loughrey), of Landscape Terrace, Coleraine, County Derry.

Trained: Rotherham Hospital, South Yorkshire, 1936 – 1939 (?). [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 100916].

Registration: 28 October 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2886].

Trained: Purdysburn Fever Hospital, Belfast, 1940 – 1941. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 16 December 1941. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 448].

Residence: Institution Road, Coleraine, County Derry. [1943, 1946; 1949, 1951].

[Younger Sister of Grace Toner – See above]

TOOHEY, Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 241732

Born: 13 April 1911 at Turnpike, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Daughter of Cornelius Toohey (Solicitor's Clerk) and Margaret Toohey (née Dooley), of Nenagh, County Tipperary.

Trained: Central Middlesex County Hospital, Willesden, London, 1933 – 1936 [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936 (London). [Registration No. 81297].

Residence: Glenmore, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire. [1937].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.
Killed At Sea on the 07 December 1942 (aged 31 years) on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.
UK, Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.

TOOMEY, Anne Anastatia (sic)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.
Service Number: 270406 [Anastasia (sic) Anne Toomey]
Born: 01 April 1919 at Market Street, Tipperary.
Daughter of Daniel Toomey (or Twomey) (Railway Signalman) and Monica Toomey (née Minogue), of Rathduff, Blarney, County Cork.
Trained: St. Nicholas' Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].
Registration: 28 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 113474].
Residence: Station House, Rathduff, Grenagh, County Cork. [1943; 1946].
Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1943.

TORNEY, Elizabeth

Sister in the South African Nursing Service.
Service Number: 316582
Born: 02 July 1900 at 223 York Street, Belfast.
Daughter of John Torney (Fruit Merchant) and Elizabeth Torney (née Stewart), of 223 York Street, Belfast.
Trained: Union Infirmary, Belfast, 1920 – 1924. [Certificate].
Registration: 02 October 1924. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 658].
Residence: Victoria Nurses' Institute, 14 Hof Street, Capetown, South Africa. [1943].
Died: On active service 16 April 1943.
Buried: Westpark Cemetery, Randburg, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, South Africa.
Probate: Elizabeth Torney of Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa. Spinster. Administration (with Will) (London) 28 July 1948 to Marion Torney spinster. Effects: £340 3s. 11d. in England.

TROUTON, (Annie) Eileen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.
Service Number: 209897 [**Eileen Anne Trouton**]
Born: 02 December 1917, at Ballinteggart, Richhill, County Armagh.
Daughter of Thomas David Trouton (Farmer) and Minnie Trouton (née Leeman), of Ballinteggart, Richhill, County Armagh.
Trained: Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].
Registration: 23 June 1939. (London). [Registration No. 100004].

Residence: Portadown, County Armagh. [1940].

Residence: Ballinahinch, Richhill, County Armagh. [1943].

Residence: South George Street, Dundee, Angus, Scotland. [1946].

Residence: Victoria Street, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, Scotland. [1949].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in November 1941.

Married: 11 September 1942, at the Methodist Church, Osborne Park, Belfast, Lieutenant D. M. Crighton (a Solicitor, serving in the Royal Artillery).

Her friend and cousin (?), Noel Irene Hall (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.), also from Portadown, was bridesmaid at her wedding in Belfast on the 11 September 1942.

[Belfast Telegraph Friday 11 September 1942].

TULLY, Annie Maria

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 333994

Born: 16 October 1920 at Carndonagh, County Donegal.

Daughter of Daniel Tully (Engine Driver) and Catherine Tully (née Kearney), of Carndonagh, County Donegal.

Trained: Walsall General Hospital, West Midlands, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 117398].

Registration: 27 June 1956. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 7515].

Residence: Merville Road, Carndonagh, County Donegal. [1943; 1946; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1944.

Died: 15 September 2003 at Carndonagh, County Donegal.

TULLY, Clare (Claire)

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 218201

Born: 28 October 1917 at Carrigaline Middle, County Cork.

Daughter of Luke Tully (National School Teacher) and Hanora Tully (née O'Donovan), of Carrigaline Middle, County Cork.

Trained: St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Surrey, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102751].

Residence: Carrigaline, County Cork. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Married: October - December 1948 at Kensington, London, Basil Eric Greene (1912 – 1986).

Residence: Imperial House, Grosvenor Road, Westminster, London S.W.1. [1950; 1951].

Residence: Wellington Square, Chelsea, London S.W.3. [1952; 1953; 1954; 1955].

Residence: Portmore Park Road, Weybridge, Surrey. [1957; 1958; 1960; 1961].

Died: August 2000 in Surrey.

[Younger Sister of Mary Josephine Tully – See below]

TULLY, Mary Josephine (Maureen)

Sister in Territorial Army Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215620

Born: 07 May 1911 at Carrigaline Middle, County Cork.

Daughter of Luke Tully (National School Teacher) and Honora Tully (née O'Donovan), of Carrigaline, County Cork.

Trained: Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 1931 – 1934. [Examination].

Registration: 23 November 1934. (London). [Registration No. 74509].

Residence: Carrigaline, County Cork. [1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

In September 1939, she was based at the prestigious London Clinic and Nursing Home, 20 Devonshire Place, London W.1.

Married: at Unknown Date.

[Older Sister of Clare Tully – See above]

TUOHY, Elizabeth Bridget

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306605

Born: 02 October 1918 at Raheen, Tuamgraney, County Clare.

Daughter of John Tuohy (Labourer) and Margaret Tuohy (née Faulkner), of Raheen, Tuamgraney, County Clare.

Trained: Miller General Hospital, London, 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 30 November 1941. (London). [Registration No. 112962].

Residence: Raheen, Tuamgraney, County Clare. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

TYNAN, Anna Maria

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Service Number:

Born: 18 April 1919 at Rockview, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois.

Daughter of John Joseph Tynan (Farmer) and Mary Bridget Tynan (née Meagher or Maher), of Rockview House, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois.

Trained: Blackburn and East Lancashire Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 113714].

Registration: 04 January 1945. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 8684].

Residence: Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois. [1943; 1946; 1950].

Appointed Superintending Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service on 01 April 1962.

Awarded A.R.R.C. on 01 January 1970.

Died: 18 September 2004 at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

[Younger Sister of Bridget Mary Tynan – See below]

TYNAN, Bridget (Brigid) Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 215955

Born: 05 September 1917 at Rockview, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois.

Daughter of John Joseph Tynan (Farmer) and Mary Bridget Tynan (née Meagher or Maher), of Rockview House, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois.

Trained: Victoria Hospital for Burnley and District, Lancashire, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 28 June 1940. (London). [Registration No. 104181].

Residence: Rockview House, Borris-in-Ossory, County Laois. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1942.

Married: After 1946 (?), David Malcolm Robert MacNaughtan (1922 – 1998).

Died: 25 September 1992 at Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Probate: 12 January 1993 (Ipswich). Effects: £90,876.00

[Older Sister of Anna Maria Tynan – See above]

TYNAN, Julia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Service Number: 209513

Born: 13 December 1912, at Newcastle Farm, Rathcoole, County Dublin.

Daughter of William Tynan (Labourer) and Mary Tynan (née Murphy), of Newcastle Farm, Rathcoole, County Dublin.

Trained: St. Mary Islington Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102950].

Residence: Whiteswall, Galmoy, County Kilkenny. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

TYNDALL, Gladys Sylvia

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve).

Service Number: 206474

Born: 07 January 1892, at 82 Marlboro Road, Dublin.

Daughter of Samuel Clayton Tyndall (Commercial Traveller) and Mary Cockburn Tyndall (née Stokes), of 82 Marlboro Road, Dublin.

Trained: Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, 1920 – 1923. [Certificate].

Registration: 16 October 1925. (London). [Registration No. 40199].

Residence: Tidworth House, Tidworth, Hampshire. [1928].

Residence: Bartholomew House, Brighton, Sussex. [1931; 1934].

Residence: Maldon Road, Brighton, Sussex. [1937].

Residence: Leinster Square, Rathmines, Dublin. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Annesley Park, Rathmines, Dublin. [1955].

Appointed Staff Nurse in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on 22 April 1924.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: 17 March 1955, at The Adelaide Hospital, Dublin.

Buried: Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin.

No. 4026

In | Loving Memory | of | JANE E. TYNDALL | died 18th February 1919 | Also her nieces
| CECIL | wife of Dr GEORGE HEWSON | died April 9th. 1923 | ISOBEL MARIE TYNDALL
| died 12th Oct. 1939 | GLADYS SYLVIA TYNDALL | died 17th March 1955.

Probate: [London 27 August 1955] to Wilfrid Mortimer Weir, Commercial Traveller and
Ralph Henry Rooney, Company Director. Effects: £1,731 5s. 8d. in England.

VAUGHAN, Mary Margaret

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 325389

Born: 27 April 1918 at Roundstone, Clifden, County Galway.

Daughter of John Vaughan (Constable R.I.C.) and Elizabeth Vaughan
(née King), of Roundstone, Clifden, County Galway.

Trained: Hackney Hospital, London, 1936 – 1939. [Examination].

Registration: 22 November 1940. (London). [Registration No. 106438].

Residence: High Street, Round Stone, County Galway. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1944.

Married: 10 December 1947 at St. James, Spanish Place, Manchester Square, London,
Thomas Baillie Smith (1920 – 1955). He was registered as a medical practitioner, with
qualifications M.R.C.S. (1943), L.R.C.P. London 1943. Medical Register (1947).

Residence: Oak Street, Abertillery, Monmouthshire. [1947 – 1951].

Residence: Handen Road, Lee Green, London S.E.12. [1951 – 1953].

Died: January 1997 at Hove, Sussex.

VESEY, Norah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309126

Born: 20 December 1918 at Barnaboy, Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon.

Daughter of James Vesey (Constable R.I.C.) and Nora Vesey (née Towey), of Farnaught, Mohill, County Leitrim.

Trained: Richmond etc. Hospitals, Dublin, April 1938 – April 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1942. (Ireland). [Registration No. A. 7816].

Residence: 'Rockdale', Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944.

WAKEHAM, Elizabeth Mary Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Born: 26 July 1904 at Water Rock, Midleton, County Cork.

Daughter of William Wakeham (Gentleman Farmer) and Mary Josephine Wakeham (née Bolster), of Water Rock, Midleton, County Cork.

She did her nurse training in New Zealand. She obtained her Auckland Hospital Certificate after completing her State Examination in June 1931. Her Registration date was July 1931.

[Registration No. 6957].

Residence: 329 Remuera Road, Auckland, New Zealand. [July 1931].

Trained: 'On the Register of the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board of New Zealand'. [Examination].

Registration: 24 February 1933. (London). [Registration No. 67142].

Residence: Water Rock, Midleton, County Cork. [1934].

Residence: Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Devon. [1937; 1949].

The Admiralty had published the following notice in The London Gazette (June 1934): 'Miss Elizabeth Mary Josephine Wakeham appointed Nursing Sister, on probation, 18 June 1934.'

She was Acting Senior Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S., when she was awarded Associate of R.R.C. in June 1946.

She was Superintending Sister Serving as Matron, Q.A.R.N.N.S., in June 1947.

Elizabeth was registered as a First-Class Passenger on the M.V. Rangitane which sailed from Wellington, New Zealand and docked in Southampton on 21 May 1950. She was 45 years old. Her proposed address in the U.K. was recorded as 'c/o C of L Bolston, Leylands, Balfour, Worcestershire.' [I suspect that these were maternal relatives – Bolster]. Her occupation was listed as 'Nurse.' Her country of last permanent residence was given as Ceylon. [This may be an error as most passengers had sailed from New Zealand].

Residence: Devore Street, Tamaki, Auckland E.1., New Zealand. (Nurse). [1960].

Residence: Tarawera Terrace, Tamaki, Auckland E.1., New Zealand.
(Retired). [1963; 1969; 1972; 1978; 1981].

Died: On or about 27 March 1986 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Funeral Service: St. Thomas' Church St. Helier's Bay Road Auckland.

Probate: 15 May 1986 (Auckland, New Zealand). She left a considerable fortune in money, assets and land (in Cork).

WALKER, Grace

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number:

Born: 18 November 1914, at Ballymore, Tandragee, County Armagh.

Youngest daughter of John Walker (Private 4 Company, 16th. Battalion Royal Irish Rifles – formerly a Weaver) and Mary Walker (née Cunningham), of Ballymore, Tandragee, County Armagh.

Trained: Park Hospital, Flixton, Manchester, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1936. (London). [Registration No. 85521].

Residence: Ballymore, Tandragee, County Armagh. [1937].

Residence: 3 Mountain View, Newry Road, Banbridge, County Down. [1940].

Married: On the 04 April 1941, at Malone Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Mr. H.P. Ritchie, R.A., son of the Mr. W.S. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie (née ?), of the Green, Dunmurry, Belfast.

H.P. Ritchie had worked in the Northern Ireland Civil Service before the war and was a well-known golfer. When he was in France, very seriously ill, Grace Walker, who was serving there, nursed him back to health. After he had returned to Northern Ireland, Grace was posted back home, and they became engaged. [Belfast News-Letter – Friday 04 April 1941].

Residence: 87 Wellesley, Malone Road, Belfast. [1950].

WALSH, Christina Kathleen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 306181

Born: 1919 (in Tubbercurry Registration District, **most likely individual**)

Daughter of David Walsh (Farmer) and Kate Walsh (née Jennings), of Cloongoonagh, Tubbercurry, County Sligo.

Trained: Central Middlesex County Hospital, London, 1939 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 10 June 1942. (London). [Registration No. 115841].

Residence: Cloongoonagh, Charlestown, County Sligo. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in January 1944.

WALSHE, Maurawan[n]

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209400

Born: circa 1895 at Killaloe, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Walshe (National Teacher) and Winifred Bridget Walshe (née O'Sullivan), of Killaloe, County Clare.

Trained: The Willesden Hospital, London, 1933 – 1936. [Examination].

Registration: 17 March 1938. (London). [Registration No. 91629].

Residence: Ellerslie, Killaloe, County Clare. [1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1941.

Residence: Maple House, Mespil Court Flats, Sussex Road, Dublin. [1982].

Died: 16 July 1982, in Dublin. [Probate (London), 10 January 1983: £24,356].

[Older Sister of Winifred Walshe – see below]

WALSHE, Winifred

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 206532

Born: 15 August 1906 at Killaloe, County Clare.

Daughter of Michael Walshe (National Teacher) and Winifred Bridget Walshe (née O'Sullivan), of Killaloe, County Clare.

Trained: General Hospital, Bristol, 1928 – 1931. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1932. (London). [Registration No. 65211].

Residence: Ellerslie, Killaloe, County Clare. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Awarded Royal Red Cross (First Class) in August 1944. She was described as Assistant Matron. [Belfast Telegraph Friday 25 August 1944 p.06].

[See Award Citation below]

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Schedule No. Div. Corps.		Date recommendation passed forward.
Unit: 70 General Hospital.		Received
Army No. and Rank: 2/206532 Assistant Matron.		Passed
Name: Miss WALSHE, Winifred. War Substantive Sister.		Brigade
(Christian Names must be stated)		Division
		Corps
		Army
ACTION FOR WHICH COMMISSIONED. (Dates & place of action must be stated)		Honour or Reward.
Over the period when thirteen thousand patients were admitted to this hospital (27 Sept. 43 to 31st Dec. 43), Miss Walshe rendered valuable assistance in the treatment, and for the comfort of the patients. She carried out her duties of Assistant Matron with great vigour and diligence and the patients appreciated the many services given to them by her.		Royal Red Cross.
Place: Taranto.		A.R.R.C.
(Sgd) C.H. Robertson. Maj. Gen.		(R.W. GALLOWAY)
C.B.O. A.A.I.		BRIGADIER.
		D.D.M.S.
		ADV. ADM. ECH. CAMP.
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Commendation of Winifred Walshe for Royal Red Cross (1st Class)

(W.O. 373/7, TNA, London)

[Younger Sister of Maura wan[n] Walshe – see above]

Transcript – 'Over the period when thirteen thousand patients were admitted to this hospital (27 Sept 43 to 31st Dec 43), Miss Walshe rendered valuable assistance in the treatment, and for the comfort of the patients. She carried out her duties of Assistant Matron with great vigour and diligence and the patients appreciated the many services given to them by her'

WEIR, Olive Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 263636

Born: 02 June 1910 at Tullamore, Loughgall, County Armagh.

Daughter of Robert Henry Weir (Farmer) and Elizabeth Anne Weir (née Loughhead), of Tullamore, Loughgall, County Armagh.

Trained: St. Giles' Hospital, London, 1929 – 1932. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1932. (London). [Registration No. 65858].

Trained: The Frascati Nursing Home, Mason's Hill, Bromley, Kent, 1933. [C.M.B. Examination]. [Midwifery]

Registration: 1933. (London). [Registration No. 87927].

Residence: Tullymore (sic), Loughgall, County Armagh. [1934; 1937; 1940; 1943; 1946].

Residence: Inchmery Road, Catford, Lewisham, London. [1936].

In September 1939 she was living, with her sisters, Evelyn Anna Weir and Frances Violet Weir (both nurses), at Inchmery Road, Catford, Lewisham, London and was a 'Nurse – Civil Nursing Reserve'.

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1943.

WHEELOCK, Lilian Maria Ethel

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 238719

Born: 11 April 1915 at Monart, Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

Daughter of Isaac Wheelock (Farmer) and Ellen Jane Wheelock (née Sutton), Monart, Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

Trained: Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, February 1937 – September 1940 [Examination].

Registration: 11 September 1940 [Registration No. A7079].

Residence: c/o Miss L. Wheelock, 30-31, Upper George's Street, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. [1943].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1942.

Killed At Sea on the 07 December 1942 (aged 27 years) on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.

WHELAN, Hilda Deborah

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 350896

Born: 13 February 1921 at 37 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

Daughter of Robert Hamilton Whelan (Clerk in Holy Orders / Missionary) and Edith Frances Whelan (née Crostwaite) [His 2nd. Wife], of 37 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

Trained: Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, 1941 – 1944. [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1944. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 3901].

Registration: 06 July 1950. (Scotland). [Registration No. 19978]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Lislimnaghan Rectory, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1946; 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in August 1945.

Married: 1952 at Portsmouth, Hampshire, Nicholas Green Evans (1922 – 2010).

Died: 2009 at Portsmouth, Hampshire.

WHITE, Helena

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225643

Born: 05 June 1914 at Reenagreena (Reenogrena), Kilfaughnabeg, Skibbereen, County Cork.

Daughter of James White (Farmer) and Helena Agnes White (née Donovan), of Reenagreena (Reenogrena), Kilfaughnabeg, Skibbereen, County Cork.

Trained: Anlaby Road Institution Hospital, Kingston-upon-Hull, East Yorkshire, 1934 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 24 June 1938. (London). [Registration No. 94361].

Residence: Castlewhite, Viaduct, [Bishopstown], County Cork. [1940; 1943; 1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Married: 1952, Albert Patrick Dignan (Dignan), R.A.M.C. (1920 – 2012).

[Major General Albert Patrick Dignan C.B.E., M.B.E., F.R.C.S.I., F.R.C.S., was a senior British Army Officer who rose to become Director of Army Surgery from 1973 to 1978.] He had been a Surgical Officer in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast in the 1940s.

Helena met Albert when they were both serving in Malaya. She was a Theatre Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. ['It was during that tour of duty that he (Albert) met his future wife Eileen (Helena née White), who happened to be designated as his theatre sister. Their first meeting was less than immediately convivial. She had been ambushed by Malayan insurgents in a convoy on the way to the hospital and she had arrived late and in a not unsurprisingly dishevelled state. Patrick had been raring to start his list and gave her a strong ticking off.']

Died: 01 September 2001 in Bromley, Greater London. [Helena Eileen Dignan].

WHITE, Katherine Frances Mary

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 223223

Born: 24 January 1915, at 10 Holles Street, Stillorgan, Dublin.

Daughter of Matthew O'Byrne White (District Inspector R.I.C.) and Mary White (née Persse), of 10 Holles Street, Dublin.

Trained: City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham, 1933 – 1935. [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 24 January 1936. (London). [Registration No. 7691].

Trained: The London Hospital, 1936 – 1939. [Examination]. [General].

Registration: 26 January 1940. (London). [Registration No. 102350].

Residence: St. David's Terrace, North Circular Road, Dublin. [1937; 1943].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on the 26 March 1942.

Died: Killed At Sea on the 07 December 1942 (aged 27 years) on board the S.S. Ceramic which was sunk by enemy submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, west of the Azores.

UK, Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial.

WHITNEY, Annie Josephine

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209626

Born: 19 October 1905, at Ballytrasna, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Daughter of James Whitney (Farmer) and Mary Jane Whitney (née Molloy), of Ballytrasna, Boyle, County Roscommon.

Trained: St. James' Hospital, London, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 15 March 1935 (London). [Registration No. 76437].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. on the 30 May 1941.

She served at Taranto, Italy in 1943.

Worked as a nurse in Mombasa, Kenya after the War.

Emigrated to Australia in the 1950s.

Died: 1981, at Richmond, Victoria, Australia.

WHITNEY, Ellen

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 345760

Born: 28 October 1918 at Haggard, New Ross, County Wexford.

Daughter of James Whitney (Farmer) and Kathleen Mary Whitney (née Caulfield), of Haggard, New Ross, County Wexford.

Trained: Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 109090].

Residence: Haggard House, Ramsgrange, County Wexford. [1943; 1946].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1945.

‘Ellen went to Japan, in 1945, as a Nurse to tend the casualties of the Atomic Bomb attacks.’

Married: ‘At an unknown time Ellen went to America/Canada where she married [1959] Vincent Ross Batstone (1914 – 1983). They lived on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where Ross ran a store. When Ross died Ellen moved back to Ireland and lived in Taghmon, Wexford’.

Died: 30 November 1999 at County Wexford. The funeral service was held at All Saints Church, Killesk, Duncannon, County Wexford.

Buried: All Saints Churchyard, Killesk, Duncannon, County Wexford.

Gravestone Inscription:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELLEN WHITNEY BATSTONE, BARRIE, ONTARIO CANADA
LATE OF HAGGARD. DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON 30TH NOV 1999. ALSO HER HUSBAND
V.ROSS BATSTONE DIED OCT 3RD 1983. INTERRED IN BARRIE ONTARIO, CANADA.

WHYTE, Emily Elizabeth

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 236482

Born: 11 November 1910 at 3 Kildare Street, Newry, County Down.

Daughter of Hamilton Whyte (Merchant) and Annie Whyte (née Robinson), of 3 Kildare Street, Newry, County Down.

Trained: Royal Infirmary, Manchester, Lancashire, 1933 – 1937. [Examination].

Registration: 26 November 1937. (London). [Registration No. 90444].

Registration: 02 July 1940. (N. Ireland). [Registration No. 2869].

Residence: Corry Square, Newry, County Down. [1940; 1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in July 1942.

WHYTE, Kathleen Winifred

Sister in Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209443

Born: 03 April 1888 at Lenamore, Gortin, County Tyrone.

Daughter of Adam Whyte (Presbyterian Minister) and Lydia Whyte (née Hamilton), of Lenamore, Gortin, County Tyrone.

Trained: Western Infirmary, Glasgow, 1911 – 1915. [Certificate].

Registration: 1919. (London). [Registration No. 14522].

Registration: 03 February 1922. (London). [Registration No. 1913].

Residence: The Manse, Gortin, [Newtownstewart], County Tyrone.
[1921 – 1923; 1925; 1928; 1931; 1934; 1937].

Residence: 31 Church Street, Nottingham, East Midlands. [September 1939].

Residence: Ardnaskea, Dublin Road, Omagh, County Tyrone. [1940; 1943; 1946].

She was already in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. by September 1939. She was promoted to Sister on 30 May 1941.

Died: 24 November 1981.

Buried: St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cemetery, Lower Badoney, Gortin, County Tyrone.

Gravestone Inscription:

'In Loving Memory of Revd. Adam Whyte Minister of Scots Presbyterian Church, Gortin for over 51 years who died 13 August 1938, aged 78 years. Also his son Lt. Col. Frederick H. Whyte F.R.C.S. M.Ch. I.M.S. buried at Farnborough, Kent 25 April 1946. And his grandson Grant Walsh, died 09 March 1956. And his son-in-law William Walsh, died 23 March 1956. And his wife Lydia, died 31 October 1956, aged 91 years. And his daughters Dorothea Wallace Walsh, died 15 July 1979. Kathleen Winifred Whyte died 24 November 1981. For now we see through a glass darkly 1 Cor. XIII 12.'

WILSON, Dorothea May

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 274345

Born: 01 May 1916, at 15 Elmdale Street, Belfast.

Daughter of George Alexander Clement Wilson (Ticket Collector for the Belfast & County Down Railway; Sergeant in the 8th. Battalion Royal Irish Rifles) and Charlotte Wilson (née Gilmore), of 15 Elmdale Street, Belfast.

Trained: Belfast Infirmary (City Hospital), 1938 – 1941. [Examination].

Registration: 16 December 1941. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 3161].

Registration: 16 March 1943. (Northern Ireland). [Registration No. 2370]. [Midwifery].

Residence: Hyndford Street, Belfast, County Antrim. [1943; 1946; 1949; 1951].

Residence: Sagimor Gardens, Belfast, County Antrim. [1956; 1959].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in June 1943.

WINSTON, Mary Kate

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 309387

Born: 06 December 1917 at Clooncran, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Daughter of James Winston (Landholder) and Mary Ellen Winston (née Winston), of Clooncran, Castlerea, County Roscommon.

Trained: Dulwich Hospital, London, 1937 – 1940. [Examination].

Registration: 27 June 1941. (London). [Registration No. 110918].

Trained: Grove Hospital, London, 1941 – 1942 (?). [Examination]. [Fever].

Registration: 28 May 1943. (London). [Registration No. 13225].

Residence: Clooncran, Castlerea, County Roscommon. [1943].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in March 1944

WOODS, Sarah Heathwood

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 225419

Born: 09 August 1911 in Ballinaleck, Poyntz Pass, County Armagh.

Daughter of Samuel John Woods (Farmer) and Annie Woods (née Leeman), of Ballinaleck, Poyntz Pass, County Armagh.

Trained: County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shropshire, affiliated to Walton Hospital, Liverpool, 1934 – 1938 [Examination].

Registration: 25 November 1938 (London). [Registration No. 96908].

Commissioned as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in April 1942.

Died: 16 May 1985.

WORKMAN, Margaret Louisa Rainey

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 305055

Born: 10 January 1920 at 25 Beechwood Avenue, Derry.

Daughter of Robert Workman (Merchant) and Margaret Workman (née Kerrison), of 25 Beechwood Avenue, Derry.

Trained: West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, affiliated to Clatterbridge (County) General Hospital, Bebington, Cheshire, 1938 – 1942. [Examination].

Registration: 27 November 1942. (London). [Registration No. 118174].

Residence: Nursery Avenue, Coleraine, County Derry. [1943].

Residence: University Street, Belfast. [1946].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in December 1943.

WRIGHT, Irene

Sister in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Service Number: 209440

Born: 16 August 1913, at 4 Park Road, Portadown, County Armagh.

Daughter of Albert Ernest Wright (a Baker) and Eliza Jane Wright (née Patterson), of 4 Park Road, Portadown, County Armagh.

Trained: Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool, 1932 – 1935. [Examination].

Registration: 13 March 1936. (London). [Registration No. 82187].

She was working as a Sick Nurse at a Nurse's Home at 17 Beech Grove, Preston, Lancashire. [1939].

Commissioned as a Sister in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. in May 1941.

Died: Lost at sea on the 14 February 1942 (age 28 years) when the S. S. Kuala was sunk by Japanese bombers.

Grave: Singapore Memorial, Column 114, Singapore.



Gertie Kirkpatrick QA, nee Moutray, wearing service medal, c.1946 (Courtesy of Miss R. Kirkpatrick)

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