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Beaumont-Hamel British Cemetery, Somme

Fred Allen interrupted his medical studies at Queen's to serve as a RN Surgeon Probationer. During and after WW2 he made a significant contribution to the development of hospitals in NI. In 1941 Chief Petty Officer from Belfast died in HMS Illustrious in an attack off Malta. Petty Officer Jamison from Lisburn survived the sinking of HMS Southampton in the same action. In 1942 Thomas Delaney from Ballymena and his crew members were lost when their Wellington Bomber had an accident en route to Germany. Lisburn 20-year-old Ian Phillips of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers died in a Japanese PoW camp in Burmah in 1943.

Navy doctor helped development of NI hospitals

Fred Allen was born at Belfast, the son of William James Allen, merchant, and Annie nee Holden, and educated at Queen's University.

In 1917, while still a student, he interrupted his studies to serve as a surgeon-probationer in the Royal Navy. As a Surgeon Probationer he served with the Grand Fleet at Scapa Floe 1917 in HMS Miranda. Following the founding of the Ulster Division of the RNVR, he rejoined and for some years was an active member of the Division as a surgeon lieutenant-commander.

At the end of the first world war he returned to Queen's University and graduated MB BCh BAO in 1920, proceeding MD in 1923, and specializing in paediatrics. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1939, and was appointed to the Nuffield Chair of Child Health at Queen's University in 1948. He was paediatrician to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children from 1924, and physician in charge of infants to the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, from 1927 until his retirement in 1963, when he also retired from the Chair of child health at the University.

Between 1939 and the end of the second world war he undertook important administrative duties in connection with the organization of medical manpower in the Province, was hospitals officer to the Ministry of Public Security with responsibility for hospital arrangements in connection with

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Civil Defence, and involved in planning work for the coming National Health Service.

One of the first members of the Northern Ireland Hospital Authority

He was one of the first members of the Northern Ireland Hospital Authority, a member of the Ministry of Health Advisory Committee on Child Guidance and Speech Therapy and of the Nuffield Regional Council and Medical Planning Committee. He served on the NI Tuberculosis Authority and for years was an active member of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Paediatric Association. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and a former President of the Ulster Medical Association.

One of Fred Allen's most notable qualities was his burning zeal to see a durable image of paediatrics established in Ulster, and in this he succeeded. He had a gift for friendship, and great fortitude and resilience in adversity. Like many strong personalities he had his prejudices or preconceived ideas, for which he was ever willing to strive, and at times some of his colleagues may have chafed under his obduracy. But with his patients — the children — he was never so and was, indeed, greatly loved by them. His crowded out-patient clinics testified to the value the doctors in Ulster put on his opinions. In 1963, the year of his retirement, he won the Dawson Williams prize. Among many publications was his book *Aids to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases in Children*.

In 1929 he married Anne Evelyn Maud Calvert, daughter of James Calvert whose son, E.G.B. Calvert, was also elected

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a Fellow of the College. His wife, Eve, supported him as loyally throughout his active life as she did in his declining years; they were fortunate to have 43 years of great happiness together.

He retired to live at Cultra, in a lovely house overlooking Belfast Lough. At home, surrounded by his pictures and treasures, he pursued his main interests outside medicine; his garden, his reading, and entertaining friends. Fred and his wife were perfect hosts. There was a gay spontaneity about their entertaining and all who had the pleasure of joining them on these occasions will remember their generous and elegant hospitality. They had no children. Born 1898 - Died 10 January 1972.

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On this Day – January 10

1915



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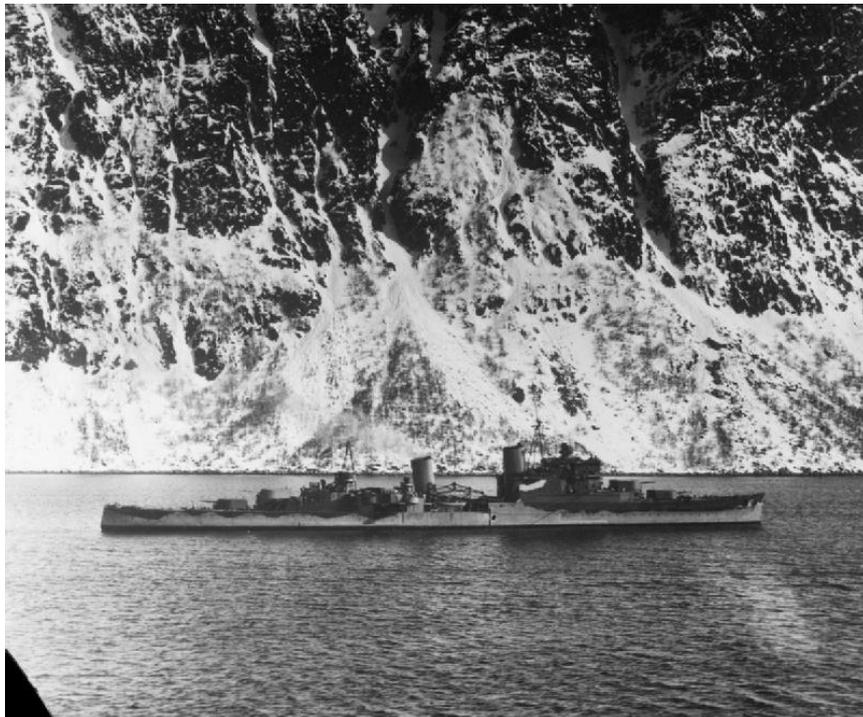
Gallipoli campaign has ended as 35,268 troops and 3,689 horses and mules are able to escape Imperial Ottoman forces. 508 mules that could not be loaded were shot. This IWM photo shows Commodore Roger Keyes on the beach during Gallipoli evacuation

1940

German planes attack 12 ships off the British coast; sinking 3 ships and killing 35 people.

Hitler informs his commanders that the attack in the west will begin on the 17th January. On this same day a German light aircraft makes a forced landing at Malines in Belgium, near the German border. The planes occupants were carrying details of the German plans, which alerted the Belgium and Dutch governments to German intentions.

1941



Light cruiser HMS Southampton was bombed by German aircraft SE of Malta and was severely damaged and set

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ablaze. 81 of her crew were killed. After rescuing survivors, RN ships scuttled the wreck with torpedoes.

German aircraft surprise the Mediterranean fleet, which is escorting 3 merchant ships to Greece. 40 Ju-87 Stukas attack them, scoring 6 hits on HMS Illustrious and severely damaging her. HMS Warspite also receives damage. Both ships make for Malta and arrive the next day.

Heavy air attacks begin on Malta.

Roosevelt introduces his 'Lend Lease' bill to the House of Representatives as House Resolution 1776 (H.R. 1776), after recognizing that neither Britain or China could continue paying indefinitely for material supplied. This allowed the fighting allies to pay the USA back in kind, but after the war. He likened this to 'lending a neighbor a garden hose to put out a fire'.

The RAF begins Circus operations – co-ordinated bomber and fighter attacks on targets in France. Six Blenheims, escorted by six/nine squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes attack supply dumps south of Calais.

Germany and the Soviet Union sign a fresh treaty, which recognizes their existing spheres of influence and affirms current trade agreements.

1942

Colonel-General Ernst Udet, head of Luftwaffe aircraft production and development, commits suicide because of his failure to provide adequate replacements and new improved aircraft models to the Luftwaffe.

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1943

After a 55-minute bombardment by thousands of guns and rocket-launchers and employing seven armies, the Red Army begins Operation Ring, the final annihilation of the tattered remnants of 6th Army defending themselves desperately against all odds in the ruins of Stalingrad.

1944

All but one of the Fascist ex-ministers on trial are sentenced to death at Castel Vecchio.

The Russians capture Lyudvipol, 2-3 miles across the Polish border. The Russians propose new Polish border further west on the so-called 'Curzon Line'. German forces in Dnieper bend are attacked by the Russians for the next five days, but an early thaw aids the German defense.

1945 The German 7th Gebirgsdivision retreats from its positions in Lat Åseno. Only a very small portion of Finland is still in German hands.

Roll of Honour – January 10

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1918

+MAYNE, Joseph

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 4583. MiD. Died 10/01/1918. Aged 21. Private Joseph Mayne, who was in charge of the Lewis-gun, was wounded and collapsed

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across his gun. He was taken to No. 55 Casualty Clearing Station at Tincourt. He died of his wounds a short time later that day. Youngest son of a farming family who then lived in Tullywiggan, Tullaghoge. Joseph was working as a barman in Belfast at the outbreak of the First World War. Son of James and Mary Mayne, of Ardcumber, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Cookstown WM

1941

+HARRISON, Thomas

RN. CPO. D/J 102836. Died 10/01/1941. Age 36. HMS Illustrious. 18 years service. Elder son of John and Margaret Harrison, Deacon St., Belfast. Widow in England. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 25/01/1941). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 45

+SMYTH, William James Wilson

RN. AB. D/SSX 21645. Died 10/01/1941. Age 21. HMS Valiant. Son of Mr Francis and Mrs Mary J Smyth, Main St., Whiteabbey. Brothers in Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, RUR and Merchant Navy. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 25/01/1941). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 48

1942

+DELANEY, Thomas Alfred

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Wireless operator/air gunner.) Died 10/01/1942. 12 Squadron. Only son of James Patrick

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Delaney and Mary Delaney of 35 Summerfield Street, Ballymena. Ballymena Cemetery.

12 Squadron, was part of Bomber Command. During the winter of 1942 12 Squadron was re-equipped with Wellington Bombers. Winter months were spent in training from their base at RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire.

On 10/01/1942, Vickers Wellington Mark II W5611 took off bound for Wilhelmshaven, Germany. It left the airfield at RAF Binbrook, Lincolnshire but crashed soon after at 2330hrs.

Reports suggest the port engine failed and caught fire causing a rapid loss of height. The plane crashed one mile east of the village of Brumby and two injured survivors were taken to Scunthorpe Hospital.

Flight Sergeant Delaney died in the incident along with Flight Sergeant CF O'Connell from New Zealand, Sergeant DA Laing, and Flight Sergeant EA Parsons from Canada. The injured men were Pilot Officer HA Stickings and Sergeant CC McAllister.

Thomas was the only son of James Patrick Delaney and Mary Delaney of 35 Summerfield Street, Ballymena. Ballymena New Cemetery.

1943

+MALCOLM, Robert

RN. Leading Seaman. D/JX 186043. Died 10/01/1943. Age 28. HMS President III. Three years' service. Wounded at Dunkirk. Mother resident of Lorne St., Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Husband to Florence Malcolm, Runnymede Parade, Belfast.

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Son of William George and Esther Malcolm, Belfast, (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 26/02/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 78+PHILLIPS, Ivan Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6979364. Died 10/01/1943 as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. Aged 20. Son of John and Martha Phillips, of Lisburn. Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar. Magheragall Parish WM

1944

+FOSTER, John McIlroy

Royal Artillery. 94 H.A.A. Regt. 261 Bty. Gunner. 1486961. Died 10/01/1944. Age: 36. 261 Battery saw action at El Alamein and would have been in North Africa when John was killed. Foster-son of Mary Kernohan, of Ballymena. Memorial, Craigs C of I Churchyard, Cullybackey, Co. Antrim

VETERANS

ALLEN, Frederick Martin Brice

RN & RNVR. Surgeon - Lieutenant. As a Surgeon Probationer he served with the Grand Fleet at Scapa Floe 1917 in HMS Miranda. Following the founding of the Ulster Division of the RNVR, he rejoined and for some years was an active member of the Division. Born.10 June 1898. Died.10 January 1972. MB BCh BAO Belf(1920) MD(1923) MRCP(1925) FRCP(1939). See article above.

JAMINSON,

Petty Officer. HMS Southampton. He survived the sinking of Southampton in the Mediterranean on 11/01/1941. News of

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his survival was reported in the Lisburn Standard (January 1941). Son of Mrs Jaminson, Causeway End Road, Lisburn

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