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OUR NOBLE DEAD.

To the four names mentioned in our last issue as having made the supreme sacrifice we have now to add two more. The six are :

- Second Lieutenant W. G. Hogg.
- Corporal John Snowden.
- Private Hugh M'Connell.
- Private John Welch.
- Private Samuel M'Bride.
- Private James Johnston.

Corporal John Snowden was killed during a heavy bombardment of the British trenches on the 5th May, and was buried in the British Cemetery, just behind the trenches, where quite a number of the 14th Batt. of the Royal Irish Rifles have been laid to rest. He was a great favourite with his comrades in the trenches, "as he was always so cheery and in such good spirits." He was struck in the breast by a piece of shell and killed outright. He was a good son, a faithful church member, a quiet citizen. He was greatly respected, and is much mourned.

Of Privates Hugh M'Connell and James Johnston we have no complete information. Both served their King and country well. They were respectable, valiant soldiers, counting not their lives dear unto death. Private James Johnston has not been heard of since the battle of the Somme on July 1, 1917, and it is believed that he was killed in that action.

Private John Welch was a quiet, unobtrusive, earnest young man. He was twenty-one years of age, and belonged to the Canadian Contingent, who have covered themselves with such glory in this great war. He was a member of the machine-gun section of the 3rd Canadians, and was reported as believed killed in action on May 3. An industrious, earnest, and brave Christian, he was converted under the first mission held in M'Quiston by the Rev. Thomas M'Connell, B.A. We extend our deep sympathy to these mourning families and their friends.

Private Samuel M'Bride belonged to the 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers, and was stationed at Londonderry, where he died whilst on sentry duty at the Quay. He formerly held the rank of sergeant in the Royal Irish Rifles, in which he served for eighteen years, and had been retired on pension. When the war broke out he joined his new regiment as private, and served his King and country faithfully until death claimed him. He was a valiant, worthy soldier and a good husband and kind father. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

We tender our sincere sympathy to these families who have been recently bereaved.

THE LATE SEC.-LIEUT. R. M'DOWELL, M.C.

The following communication has been received in reference to the late Second-Lieutenant Robert M'Dowell, M.C. :—

Mesopotamia, 27/3/17.

Dear Mr. M'Dowell,

It is with the deepest regret that I am writing to express my sympathy at the death of your brother. He was killed in action on the 25th February, at Imari, Madhi, shortly after we crossed the Tigris about Kut. I would have written sooner but have been unable to obtain your address before.

I got to know your brother very well during the operations from December onwards. He did most gallant work on the 25th January, being the only officer left before we were driven out of the line of trenches we had captured and held on to all day against heavy odds. He was wounded in the foot then, and I saw a good bit of him at Amara, where I was getting well of a wound. I was just too late to see him again, as I arrived back in the middle of the action in which he fell. The Turks had taken up a rearguard position, and we attacked them towards evening, advancing over 1,200 yards and taking their trenches. Your brother was killed whilst holding these trenches. He was hit in the heart, and must have died almost at once. Later the Turks counter-attacked us, and we had to withdraw to a line behind. We recovered his body next morning and buried him before we moved on again. I am sorry to say that the Turks had taken all personal effects on him.

We all feel his loss very much, as he was beloved by both officers and men. He was doing Regimental Signalling Officer for some time, and lived in our mess.

I miss him very much, as I had got very fond of him for his fine, manly, and soldierly qualities.

With sincere sympathy at your loss,

Yours sincerely,

J. W. LEX, Lt.-Col.,
Commanding 7th N. Staffords Regt.

Since receiving above, some of his effects were found on a dead Turk above Bagdad on 5th April, and have been sent on to me.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate Miss Edith Moore, 101, The Mount, upon having passed her First University Examination in Queen's University, Belfast, with distinction.

We also congratulate Miss Annie Kell, 179, Templemore Avenue, upon having completed her training in Dublin, and upon having passed her final examination as a National School teacher with distinction. We wish her an early and a happy settlement.

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