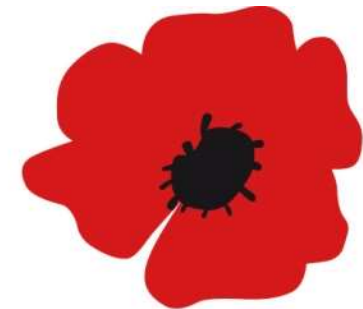




# ONCHAN'S LOSS



**2014-18**

The Great War Centenary





# YOUR KING & COUNTRY NEED YOU

## A CALL TO ARMS

An addition of 100,000 MEN to His Majesty's Regular Army is immediately necessary in the present grave National Emergency.

**LORD KITCHENER IS CONFIDENT THAT THIS APPEAL  
WILL BE AT ONCE RESPONDED TO BY ALL THOSE WHO  
HAVE THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPIRE AT HEART.**

### TERMS OF SERVICE

General Service for a period of 3 years or until the war is concluded.  
Age of Enlistment, between 19 and 30.

### HOW TO JOIN

Full information can be obtained at ANY POST OFFICE IN THE KINGDOM or at  
ANY MILITARY DEPOT.

**GOD SAVE THE KING**

Enlistments from Isle of Man: 8,261

Onchan 1911 Census:

Number of persons 2,113

Number of Males 977

Males of military age 484

Enlistments from Onchan: 176

In 1939, John Norman Hansel Kelly, vice-chairman of the Onchan British Legion, listed 176 names on the 'Onchan Roll of Honour'.

## Lieutenant George Victor HARRISON MC

#3613 Sherwood Foresters and King's Liverpool Regiment  
Born at Kewaigue Braddan on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1895

Died from wounds on the Somme on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1918  
His name is on the Onchan War Memorial

George was posthumously awarded the Military Cross (MC)  
for his gallantry during the attack where he received his  
wounds.

The citation reads:

“For conspicuous gallantry in command of a company during  
an attack. He gained his objective and organised his defence,  
capturing many enemy machine guns and over fifty prisoners.  
He showed great determination and fearlessness throughout,  
and set an inspiring example to all who saw him.”

*Isle of Man Examiner* “There have been fewer finer boys in  
Douglas than the late George Harrison.”





Holly Bank, Summerhill Road



“The tank on our right got it first, blowing one of their tracks off, but everyone escaped uninjured. We changed our direction, to get out of the way; but instead we must have run right into the muzzle of his gun, because we got a large shell right through the front, killing our officer and the driver who was driving at the time. Only ten minutes previously, I had evacuated the driver’s seat for a rest. Lucky for me, of course; but I am sorry for the chap who went under.”



**Private Herbert  
Thomas Mills**  
#69957 Heavy  
MGC (Tank Corps)





“It is with the greatest regret I am writing you these few lines, to inform you of the death in action of your son. He was killed on Wednesday night last at 8-15pm, by a chance shell, which hit the top of the parapet in which his Lewis gun team were posted.”

**Lance Corporal  
Thomas Lewin**  
#202433 5<sup>th</sup> King's  
Liverpool Regt.  
KIA 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1917



**Trimmer George Sherwood Broadbent**

#687910 Canadian Expeditionary Force

Born 16<sup>th</sup> August 1882, Douglas, died 27<sup>th</sup> June 1918



HMHS *Llandovery Castle*, 622 beds, 102 medical staff

Trimmers were hard men - they had to be. But, while their job was certainly the most unappreciated, it was one of the most vital; without them, the ship simply didn't run. Despite all of the hardships - and their lowly status, they took an enormous amount of pride in their job.





**Sister Ada Ellen Gandy QAIMNS(R),**

**Staff Nurse Constance Tongue QAIMNS(R)**

**Nurse Grace Emily Tongue VAD**

**Nurse Rubina Agnes Kaas VAD**

**Nurse Eleanor Spencer VAD**

**Nurse Florence Shaw VAD**

**Nurse May Gertrude Broadbent RRC VAD**



The Royal Red Cross



William Darling, Back row, right, at Sprottau

**Pte. William Herbert Darling**

#2257, B Company 3<sup>rd</sup> South African  
(Transvaal) Regiment

Son of Captain James Booth Darling of  
the Manx Arms, Main Road, Onchan.

Captured at Delville Wood on 19<sup>th</sup> July  
1916.

He was sent to prisoner of war camp  
Kriegsgefangenenlager Sprottau in  
Poland.

William Darling made the long  
journey home in time for Christmas  
1918.

He was buried at Onchan on 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 1958

## Acting Serjeant Thomas Wallace

#58652 17<sup>th</sup> Battery. Royal Field Artillery

B Battery 189<sup>th</sup> Brigade

Born 6<sup>th</sup> June 1889, Onchan

Member of the IoM Constabulary

KIA 1<sup>st</sup> November 1917 Flanders

Struck by a shell whilst in his dug-out. It was in the final days of the Third battle of Ypres, during the push to Passchendaele.

“The road to Berlin is a rough one, and there is still much fighting to be done, and much sacrifice to be made before we get there.”



