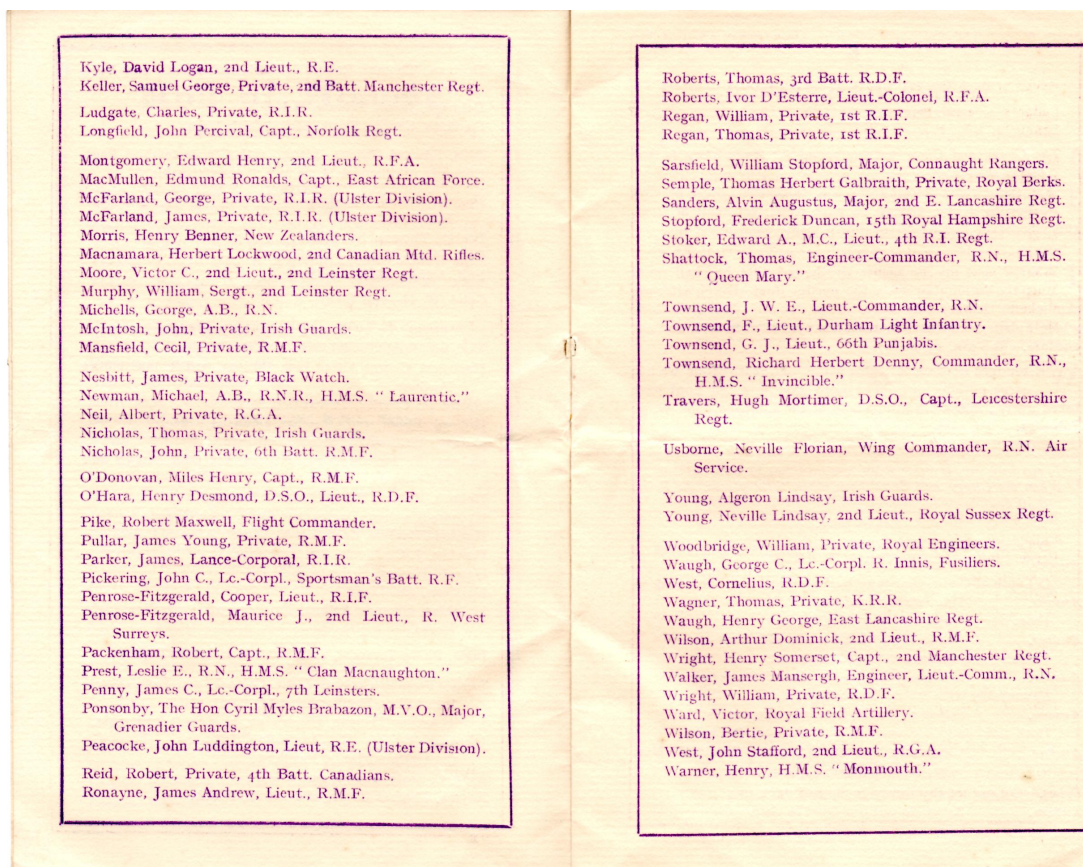
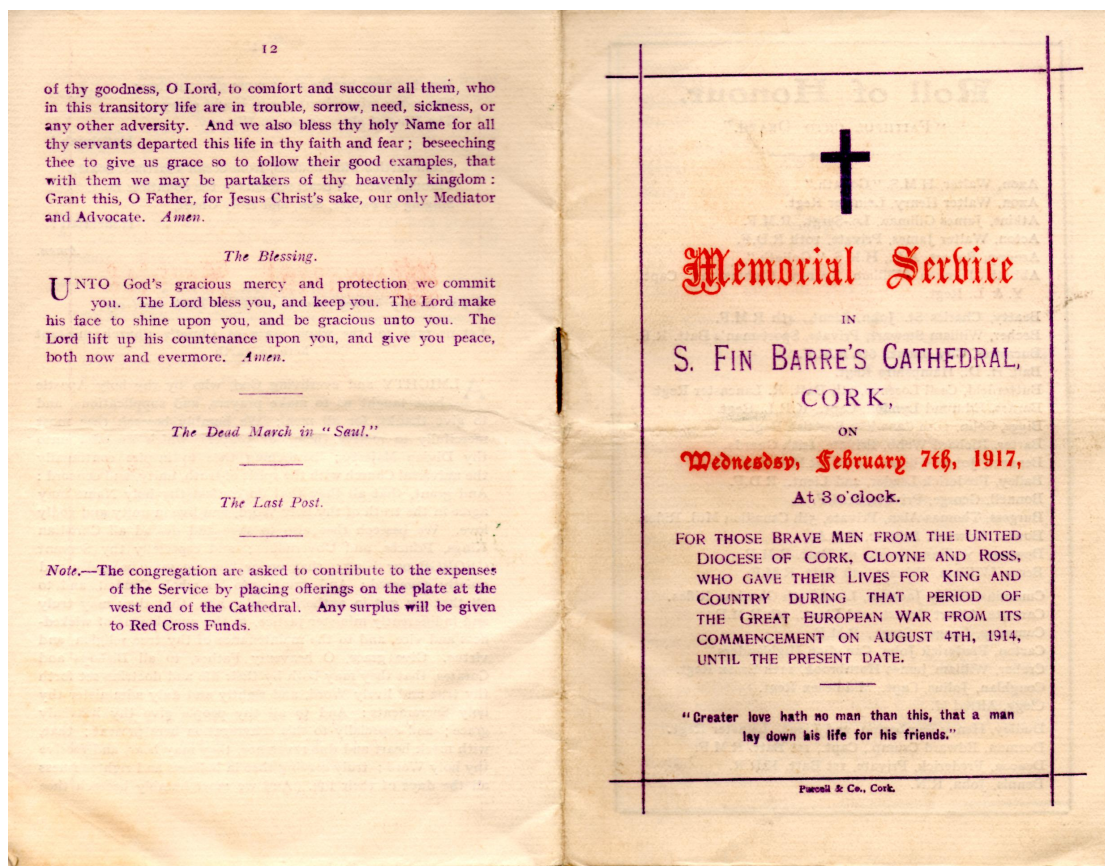


Lieutenant Commander John Walter Elmsley Townsend [6C21]

Memorial Service St Fin Barre's Cathedral



Obituary

Lieut.-Commander Townsend.

The death took place at "Culverden," Parkstone, on Friday, of Lieut. Commander John W. Elmsley Townsend, R.N., younger son of the late E. R. Townsend, M.D., of Cork.

Though but 41 years of age, the deceased had seen a good deal of active service, and began his career in the "Britannia." He was in Crete and South Africa, and took part in the relief of Ladysmith, and was awarded the medal with clasps. He retired in 1910, but at the outbreak of the present war offered his services to the Admiralty and served in the North Sea until June last, when he contracted bronchitis, to which he eventually succumbed.

Full naval honours were accorded at the funeral in Parkstone Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Over 100 officers, men, and boys paraded from the naval base at Poole, and lined up two deep in the pathway, whilst an escort of about 24 men and lads took up a position near the grave. As the coffin was lowered heads were bared and the salute given, and at the conclusion of the service a bugler sounded the "Last Post." The Rev. G. A. D. Beckingsale (S. Peter's) was the officiating clergyman.

The mourners were Mrs. Townsend (widow); Dr. F. E. Townsend, Rev. A. H. Townsend, 2nd Lieut. P. C. Townsend, 13th Worcesters (brothers), and Mr. J. A. Cumming. The Mayor of Poole (Councillor G. C. A. Kentish) wearing his official pendant, was among those present. The naval officers attending were:—Assistant Paymaster Briggs, Lieuts. Duke, Richardson, and Trew, Sub. Lieuts. Duke and Butler. Six Petty Officers acted as bearers, and the escort was under the charge of Chief Gunnery Instructor T. Boxhall, R.N.

Among the wreaths were those from Mrs. Townsend (widow), the deceased's mother, the brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy (Inchera, Cork), Mrs. Ambrose Poynter (London), Mr. Frank H. Elliott, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Townsend (Cork), and Staff-Surgeon and Mrs. E. R. Townsend.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. H. Mew, undertaker, of Parkstone.