

Irish Servicewomen in the Great War

STARTER CHART / basic facts for further research for: **CO. TYRONE**

Sources include : <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/womens-army-auxiliary-corps-service-records-1917-1920/>

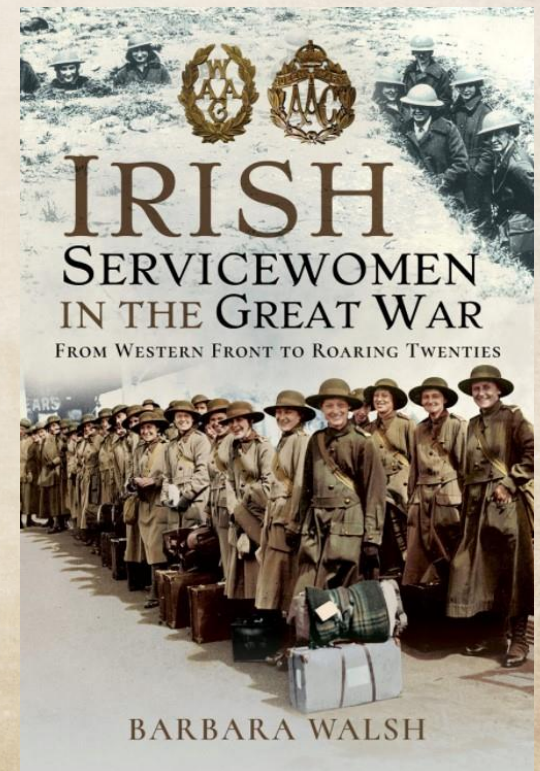
More than 80 percent of the c.60,000 First World War army service records for women who had served from 1917-1921 were completely lost when their archive was later damaged in a German bombing raid on London in the 1940s.

The number of surviving records for Irish-born women who served with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later Queen Mary's Army Corps) consequently only totals just over 500 names, mostly those of lower- ranking young women. Sadly, the memory of the contribution they had made in the First World War continues to be in danger of being completely side lined and forgotten, not only by the historical record and knowledge of the public but even by their own descendants today. It is a topic that local history and / or family history societies can help to redress.

Drawn from every level of society and from every creed and background, these ladies had come forward from all 32 counties of Ireland to offer skills at every level of ability in addition to high-tech expertise in key areas such as the telecommunication networks in France (telegraph and telephone) which linked frontline battlefields to army bases. Their work was categorised into separate sections:

- A = Office Clerks
- B = Catering /Cleaning
- C = Drivers
- D = Unskilled
- E = Telephone & Postal Services / Lines of Communication
- F = Miscellaneous
- G =Technical

The higher-ranking officers (the Officials / Administrators) are marked in the chart as: Off/I.
A usefully supportive background story of their experiences is published by Pen & Sword Books (2020)



TYRONE DETAILS for 16 identified records. Sources: National Archives, Kew and online records for cemeteries

Cat:	Name /birth place and address	Date birth & Address in 1917 if different	Relig.	Previous civilian work	Army work	Applied & Service dates	Where served & post war	Army No.
E	BAYNE , Agnes Rolleston. b. Dungannon Co. Tyrone New Mills, Dungannon	19/12/1892 Post Office, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone	Presb	GPO Telegraphist	Telegraphist Signaller	May 1917 ~ July 1917	Havre, Wimereux and Harfleur	2048
B	McFADDEN , Evelyn b. Newtownstewart Co. Tyrone Badony Manse, Newtownstewart	1/09/1895	Presb	Trained by Women's Legion army cookery school	Assistant Cook	Aug/ Sept 1917 ~ Oct 1917 to Sept 1918	Folkestone	8946
B	JOHNSTON , Jean b. Cookstown Co. Tyrone	1/09/1882 (Note age) 7 Tait Street, Carlisle	Presb	Housekeeper Father a Wesleyan Minister	Assistant Waitress	Jan 1918 In Carlisle ~ Mar 1918 to Sep 1918	Edinburgh (Dismissed as unsuitable)	35032

?	BRANNIGAN, Nellie <i>Source: https://www.cwgc.org/findrecords/find-wardead/casualtydetails/661757/brannigan,-nellie/</i>	1901 (was aged 18 when she died)	C of E			<i>From her Army Service No. probably served from May / June 1918 until Mar 1919</i>	DIED 30/03/1919 Buried in Edenderry Cemetery, Omagh, Co. Tyrone	37194
B	McATAMNEY, Agnes b. Cookstown Co. Tyrone	28/05/1897	C of I	Factory worker? Father ex. RAF	Domestic	Apr 1918 ~ June 1918 to Nov 1918	Kilkenny (Discharged/ as under-age, plus confusion re. mixup of surname)	39044
B	McKEOWN, Annie b. Stewartstown Co. Tyrone	23/02/1889 (Note age) Caho, Tully Lodge, Roscommon (work)	Presb	House and Parlourmaid Father a farmer	F/Woman waitress	May 1918 ~ Jun 1918 to March 1919	Royal Barracks Dublin	42845
B	McCONNELL, Violet b. Dromore Co. Tyrone Church Street, Dromore	22/02/1900	C of I	General servant in Dublin Father a Poultry Merchant	General Domestic	Feb 1918 ~ Jun 1918 to April 1919	Tipperary Dublin HQ	42846

A	YOUNG , Isobel b. Newtownstewart Co. Tyrone Drumlegagh, Newtownstewart, Omagh	12/12/1895	Presb	Bookkeeper Father a famer	Gen. Clerk	Feb 1918 ~ Jun 1918 to Jan 1920	Rouen	42852
B	BREENE , Tillie b. Clogher Co. Tyrone Freughmore	6/09/1895	C of I	Domestic Father a farmer	Waitress	Mar 1918 ~ Jun 1918 to Nov 1919	No detailed service chart but possibly Dublin	42859
A	McMENEMY , Lillie Annie b. Derryfubble Co. Tyrone Derryfuddle, Moy	3/10/1897	Presb	Housemaid Father a farmer	Upgraded from Domestic to General Clerk	April 1918 ~ Jul 1918 to Dec 1919/ Jan 1920	Ballyvonare, Boulogne, Camiers & Calais (Applied for Free Passage to Colonies in Jan 1920)	45911
A	SHAW , Martha Jane b. Coagh, Co. Tyrone	5/03/1898 Annahavil, Moneymore, Derry	Presb	Clerical work	Copy clerk	Oct 1917 ~ Jul 1918 to Nov 1919	Tipperary and the Curragh	45912

B	PORTER , Lilly b. Co. Tyrone	4/03/1899 249 Shankill Rd., Belfast	Meth	Stitcher in s factory Father a farmer	Domestic	June 1918 ~ Jul 1918 to April 1919	Ballyvonare	45933
B	WYLIE , Mary b. Beragh, Sixmilecross, Co Tyrone	18/12/1895 69, Wigton St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast	C of I	Stitcher (machinist) Father (and uncle)Tailors	Waitress	Apr. 1918 ~ Jul 1918 to Nov 1919	Bombing School Dublin and Ballykinlar	45939
B	O'KANE , Kathleen b. Omagh Co. Tyrone	2/02/1898 2 Brown St., Belfast	RC	Rope Factory worker Father a Mechanic	Waitress	May 1918 ~ Sep 1918 to Sept 1919	Dublin Finner Camp, Ballyshannon	48869
B	BURKE , Margaret b. Castlederg Co. Tyrone Saw Mills, Castlederg	20/05/1898	C of I	Domestic work Father a farmer	Domestic	July 1918 ~ Oct 1918 to Nov 1918	Discharged within a month. No record of service	52544
A	McFADDEN , Eileen Maria b. Co. Tyrone	17/01/1900 Newtown Falcarragh, Co. Donegal	Presb	Clerk Father a farmer and retired RIC	Copying clerk	Sept 1918 ~ Oct 1918 to Nov 1919	Londonderry (Applied for a Free Passage to colonies)	52546

