

CREATING A STORY OF BRAVERY

TASK 3C



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KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM LINKS

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KEY
ELEMENTS

PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING;
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING; MORAL
CHARACTER; CITIZENSHIP;
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING; MEDIA
AWARENESS; ETHICAL AWARENESS

CROSS
CURRICULAR
SKILLS

COMMUNICATION; USING ICT

THINKING
SKILLS &
PERSONAL
CAPABILITIES

MANAGING INFORMATION;
THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING,
DECISION MAKING; BEING CREATIVE;
WORKING WITH OTHERS

AREAS OF
LEARNING

THE ARTS; ENGLISH (WITH MEDIA
EDUCATION); ENVIRONMENT &
SOCIETY

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MODULE 1

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Design a comic depicting the brave actions of Robert Quigg V.C. on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Robert Quigg was one of four soldiers from the 36th (Ulster) Division to be awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery on July 1st 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

**See:
Module 3,
Unit 3,
Example 5.**



PORTRAIT OF ROBERT QUIGG V.C.



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ATTACK OF THE ULSTER DIVISION 1ST JULY 1916 BY JAMES PRINSEP BEADLE - ORIGINAL PAINTING OWNED BY BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Robert Quigg received his V.C. “for the most conspicuous bravery” in his efforts to rescue his platoon commander, Sir Harry Macnaghten, who went missing during the assault on the German lines. Quigg went searching for him, and in the process, rescued seven other wounded soldiers who had been left stranded in No Man’s Land, trailing them back to the British lines on a tarpaulin under continuous fire from the enemy. Macnaghten’s body was never found.

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Students will use publishing software to create their own comic about the first day of the Battle of the Somme and the actions of Robert Quigg V.C.

Students should research and find copyright free and non-commercial imagery from the time to use in their comic as well.

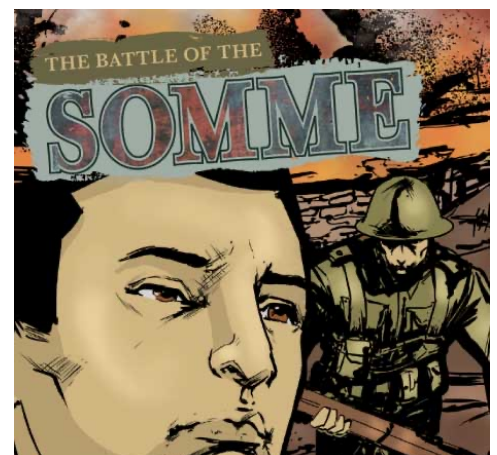
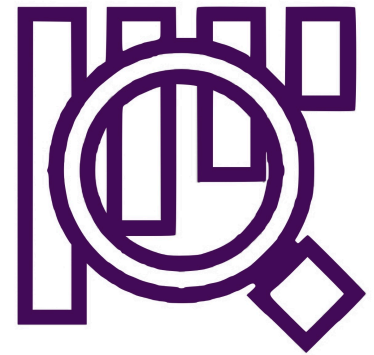
Tip: search the Imperial War Museum's online image archive at <http://IWM.org.uk/collections>.

They should also look Online for some facts and figures about the actions of the Ulster Division on July 1st.

As an example of what can be achieved, students should also take a look at the comic book written about the 36th (Ulster) Division soldier, Billy McFadzean, who was awarded a V.C. for his sacrifice on July 1st.

Download at:

Creativecentenaries.org/resources





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Historical Source: Extracts from an article in the Ballymoney Free Press and Northern Counties Advertiser, Thursday, September 21, 1916.

***RESCUED SEVEN WOUNDED COMRADES.
Thrilling Story of Bushmills Soldier's Heroism.***

“The honour accorded to Private Quigg was awarded for most conspicuous bravery. He advanced to the assault with his platoon three times. Early next morning, hearing a rumour that his platoon officer was lying out wounded, he went out seven times to look for him under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, each time bringing back a wounded man. The last man he dragged in on a waterproof sheet from within a few yards of the enemy's wire. He was seven hours engaged in this most gallant work, and finally was so exhausted that he had to give it up. Private Quigg is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quigg, of Carnkirk, a townland between Bushmills and Ballintoy, near the Antrim Coast. In July, shortly after the Ulster Division's great attack, a telegram in the following terms was sent to Private Quigg's mother by the Honourable Lady Macnaghten, of Dundarave, who was then at her London house:- ‘I hear from Major Hamilton that your son, Private Robert Quigg, has behaved magnificently, going out alone in the face of danger seven times to try and find Sir Harry (Lady Macnaghten's son). He brought back a wounded man each time. All are very proud of him.’ It will be remembered that after the ‘big push,’ Sir Harry Macnaghten was reported missing and believed killed. [...]”



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“...The new V.C. was deeply attached to Sir Harry, and did his best to discover and bring him in to his own lines on 1st July. Private Quigg is a native of Ardihennon (Giant's Causeway), where he was born on 1st March, 1885; was educated at the local national school under Mr. David M'Conaghy, by whom he is described as a diligent and reliable pupil. After his school days he worked for neighbouring farmers, and was eight years in the employment of Mr. David Forsythe, Turfahun.

Private Quigg is about six feet in height, and of powerful build. On the formation of the Ulster Volunteer Force he joined the Bushmills Company, and was one of the first batch of recruits who volunteered in September, 1914, for active service. He has participated with great credit in the Ulster Division engagements on the Western war area [...] The new V.C. is a member of Aird L.O.L., No. 1195, and a member of the flute band associated with that lodge. His family and he are connected with Billy Parish Church. His father is a well-known guide and boatman at the Giant's Causeway [...]”



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“...Congratulations have been showered upon Mr. and Mrs Quigg on their son’s noble achievement. [...]

It is told of Private Quigg, by one who knows him, that when he first offered himself to the recruiting officer he was refused.

So keen was his disappointment that on returning home he wept. Not to be daunted, however, he again offered himself, and was successful.

‘The recruiting officer will be gay proud of him now,’ added our informant. None can read the story of Private Quigg’s act without feeling thrilled: proud of him as an Ulsterman, and as a unit of the gallant Ulster Division, every man of which, we have been repeatedly told, covered himself with glory on that memorable morning of the 1st July.

To say that the people of Bushmills and district are jubilant over the great honour so nobly won by Private Quigg is putting it mildly.”