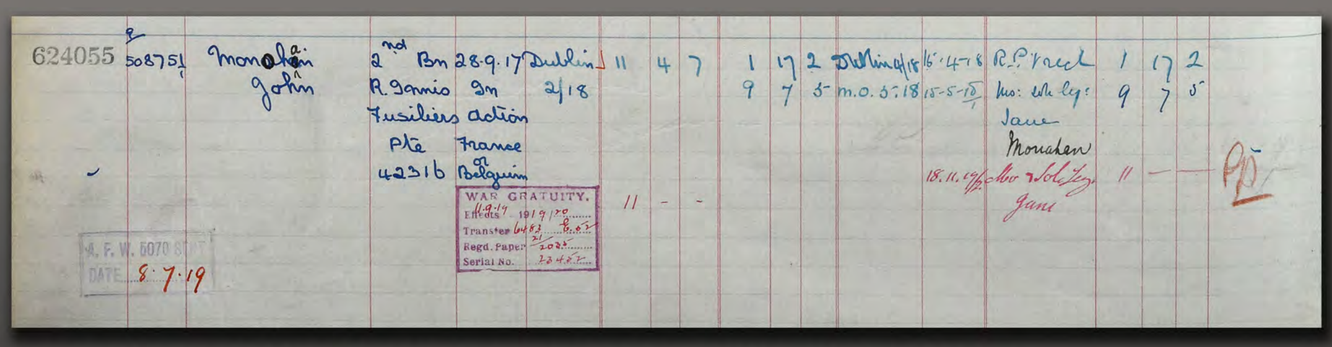
LUCAN

42316 Pte. John Monahan

2nd Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Killed in Action 28th September 1917 age 22
Nieuport

Army Service Corps Remount Section, Pte. Monahan's first unit.

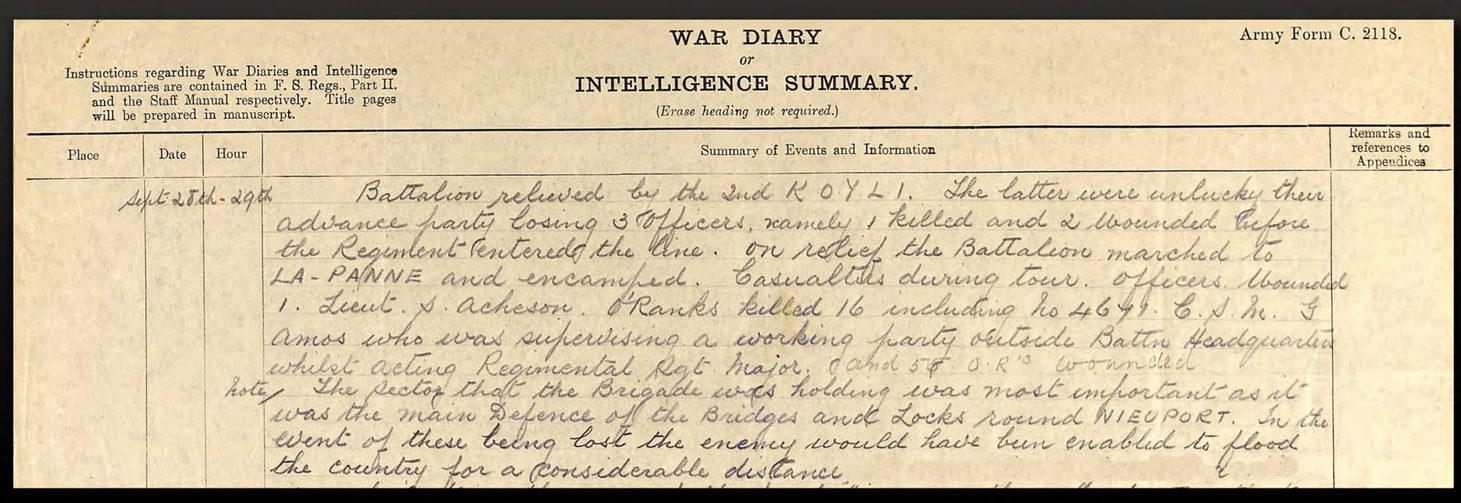


Entry in the Register of Soldiers' Effects showing Jane Monahan as the sole beneficiary of John's will.

WWI Records of the Dead show that John Monahan was born in Lucan. Latin baptismal records from Lucan in 1895 show the birth of a "Joannes Monahan" to Petro (Peter) Monahan and Joanna (Jane) Grennon in Primrose Lane, Lucan. He is not recorded in later censuses as living in the Lucan area, and it is not possible to ascertain where he spent his early years.

He next appears in the records when he joins the Army Service Corps in Bristol. The ASC was a branch of the British army tasked with the provisioning of war materials to the front which was an essential and immense undertaking. His regimental number in the ASC indicates he was in the area known as the Army Remount Section. This area was responsible for the care and supply of horses and mules for the war effort. On the 28th of April 1915, he transferred to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and in 1917 was in the area of Nieuport near the Belgian coast defending the canals against enemy destruction. On the 28th of September, when the Inniskillings were en route back to their base at Le Panne, they came under attack and one officer and 16 men were killed including Pte Monahan. He is buried in Coxyde cemetery.

His will stated that his personal effects were to be sent to his mother, who in 1917 was living in 47 High Street Dublin. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's commemoration of him states he is the brother of Bessey (Elizabeth) Monahan of Esker, Lucan. Bessey was born in Somerton, Lucan in 1885.



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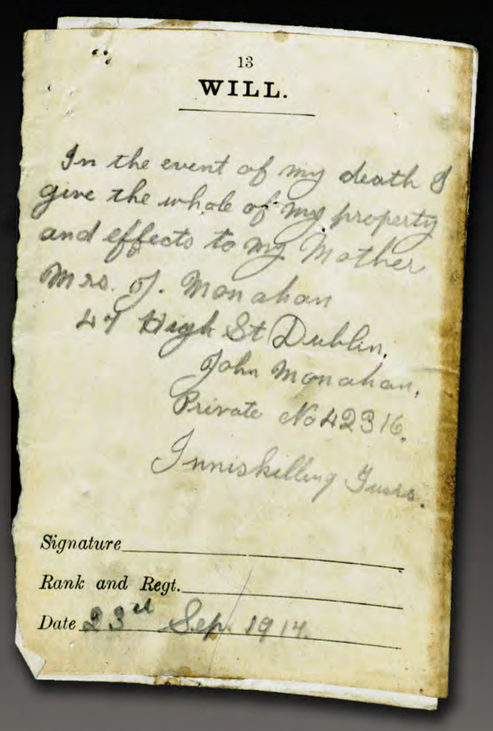
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Sept 28th-29th		Battalion relieved by the 2nd K O Y L I. The latter were unlucky their advance party losing 3 Officers, namely 1 killed and 2 Wounded before the Regiment entered the line. On relief the Battalion marched to LA-PANNE and encamped. Casualties during tour. Officers Wounded 1. Lieut. S. Acheson. O Ranks killed 16 including No 4649. C.S.M. J Amos who was supervising a working party outside Battn Headquarters whilst acting Regimental Sgt Major. 9 and 56 O.R.'s Wounded	
			Note. The sector that the Brigade was holding was most important as it was the main Defence of the Bridges and Locks round NIEUPORT. In the event of these being lost the enemy would have been enabled to flood the country for a considerable distance	

War diary detailing the actions around the Nieuport canals on the day Pte Monahan was killed



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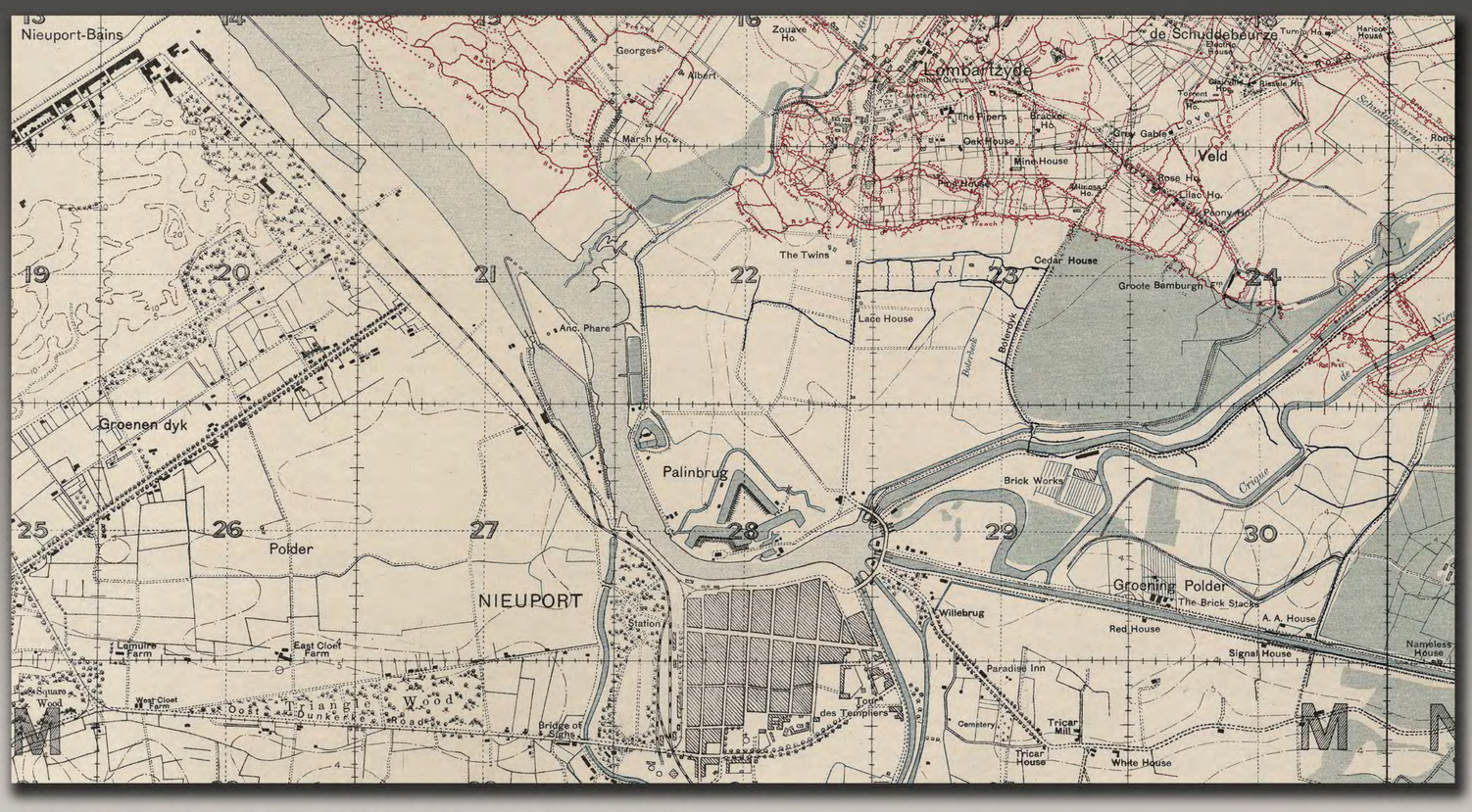
WILL.

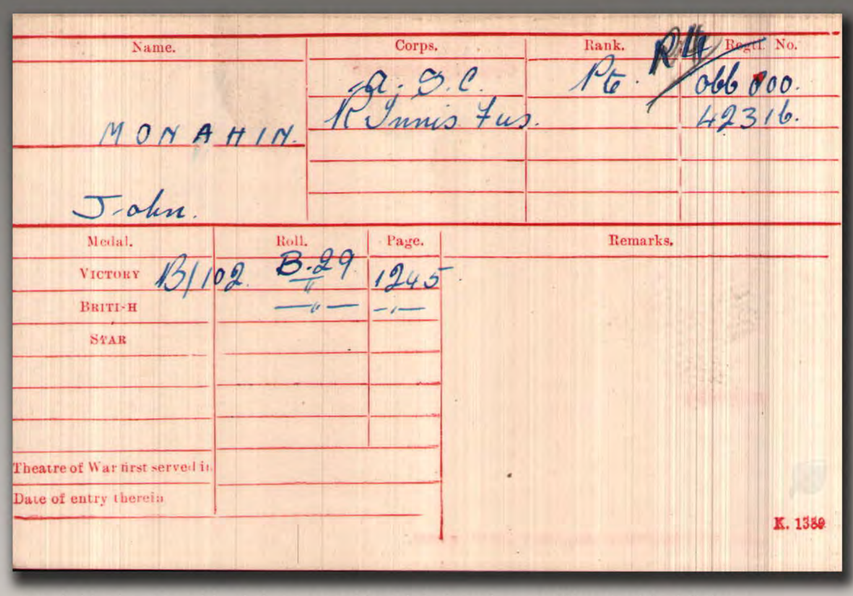
In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Mother
Mrs. J. Monahan
47 High St Dublin,
John Monahan,
Private No 42316.
Inniskilling Fusrs.

Signature
Rank and Regt.
Date 23rd Sept 1914

Pte. John Monahan's will



Map of the area around Nieuport, Pte. Monahan's place of death.



Name. MONAHIN. John.
Corps. R.I.R. 1st Innis Fus.
Rank. Pte.
Regt. No. 066 800. 42316.

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Medal Index Card to John Monahin [sic] showing entitlement to Victory and British War Medal