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commandment says, "thou shall not kill". You are obviously not aware that there are two kinds of terrorism, both very wrong, one committed by the likes of al Qaeda, and

cowardly bully's hunger for power and thirst for blood". I agree, but that applies equally to the draft-evader Bush as well as to the mass-murderer Saddam Hussein. I and all

per 100 one to get some pen friends for us to know each other's culture and life. Find enclosed my photo for the purpose and I hope my request will be considered. Here are my particu-

the poems which must be original and must not exceed forty lines, may be written in Irish or English. There are two categories, adult and juvenile. For full details, rules, entry form, prizes, etc.,

to the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO), that in north Dublin a ratio of patients to doctors is now one of 2,500. How is it possible that a Government is getting

anyone who has information about them is asked to contact me. MAURA SULLIVAN 166 Carriage Dr Middlebury Ct 06762 USA maritags@aol.com

## Looking for help to honour Limerick's war dead

AS a follow up to my book "The Widow's Penny" I feel the time is opportune to do a second book commemorating the Limerick casualties of World War Two. Initial research indicates that at least 4,543 from all parts of the island of Ireland gave their lives serving with the British Army.

Nowhere near as many Limerick men were to fall in the Second World War as in World War I. Total number of casualties from the Republic, serving in the British Army, would indicate a figure of 2,302, exceeding the 2,241 from the six northern counties.

The apparent state censorship of news for the period makes information gathering for the second book very difficult; information is very sparse with regards to



World War Two. Not as many Limerick men lost their lives compared to World War One.

the definite information of the Limerick casualties, hence my appeal to people to contact me with any information or stories. All details, stories, photographs, etc., will be returned/acknowledged.

During World War Two, Limerick men were involved in every arm and section of the Allied Forces. They fought and died in every theatre of conflict; they fought and

died in the air, on the sea and on the ground.

On the battlefields of Sicily, Anzio, Salerno, Cassino, Libya, Alexandria, Ismailia, Tunisia, Tobruk, Singapore, Sidon, El Alamein, Israel, Athens, Egypt, Indonesia, Crete, China, the North Atlantic, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Holland, Ardennes, France, Canada, etc., lay the

remains of the Limerick men.

Many of them have no known grave and are commemorated on a verity of memorials, which are spread across the world.

One of the first to fall was Warrant Officer Patrick Doyle, a member of the 1/8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. Patrick was killed in action during the evacua-

tion from Dunkirk on May 23, 1940.

He was aged 42, the son of James and Bridget Doyle, Limerick. His body was never recovered, and is commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France.

One of the last was Technical Sergeant James P. Alymer, 165th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, killed in action on

Okinawa Island, Japan, on May 21, 1945. James was born in Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

The holder of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, he is commemorated on the Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Over 5,000 members of the Irish Defence Forces deserted during WW2 and joined the British Forces. Unfortunately, a number of the Limerick men who 'crossed the border' were to fall in action fighting in far flung lands.

Ironically, once the war was over, these men were officially dismissed from the service.

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