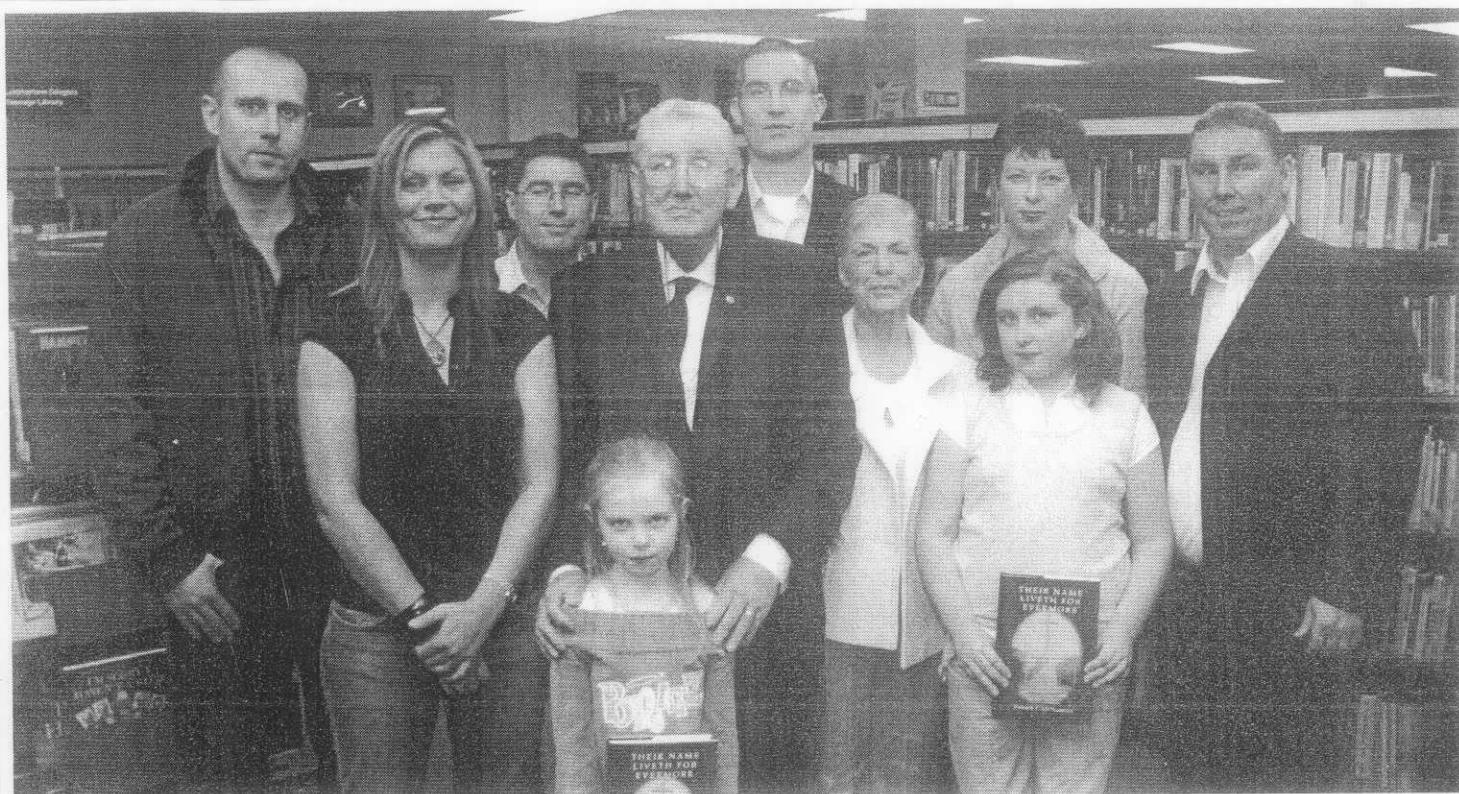


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Patrick McNamara at the launch of his book, *Their Name Liveth For Evermore*, with his wife, Rita, and members of his family, Makus Jaskari, Martin McNamara, Martin McNamara, Dermot McNamara, Ian McNamara, Caoimhe McNamara, Aoibhin McNamara, Maresa McNamara and Ger McNamara (LL)

# Peacekeeper's tribute to Patrick

By MIKE DWANE

ONE of Ireland's most distinguished soldiers has paid tribute to the author of a new book on the Limerick casualties of World War Two.

Their Name Liveth For Evermore, by Parteen military historian Patrick McNamara, records 119 Limerick fatalities during the conflict and the launch was attended by Col Michael Shannon, of the Irish Peace Institute and Col Colm Doyle, commandant of the Military College in the Curragh.

A Limerick man, Col Doyle formerly oversaw all UN peacekeeping missions across the

globe from New York. He was special representative to Lord Carrington during the Bosnian War and a witness for the prosecution in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic.

Col Doyle was back in Limerick to recommend Mr McNamara's work at the book launch at the Granary.

He noted a Captain Martin Hartigan, killed in July, 1942, was "a member of an old Limerick family from Croom with strong military connections." A total of seven members of the Hartigan family lost their lives between the First and Second World Wars.

"Patrick's meticulous research reveals that of

the 119 Limerick casualties of World War Two, 74 lie buried in 35 graveyards across 19 countries scattered over four continents. Their deaths occurred during some of the fiercest battles of the War: Dunkirk, Essen, Salerno, Monte Cassino, Okinawa, Sicily, Eindhoven, Normandy, Anzio, Freetown, Tubruk, El Alemain," he said.

Their Name Liveth For Evermore chronicles many of the soldiers tales in great detail. There is an account of a Jesuit chaplain from the city, Fr John "Battling" Hayes, who strode through the Burmese jungle in light blue rugby shorts (his brother, Bull Hayes,

skippeded Garryowen). And of Patrick's well's Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald, who took part in the Normandy landings.

Of particular importance to the author are the stories of the civilians in the merchant marine who were lost at sea. Mr McNamara was the driving force in having those who died aboard the Irish Pine, Clonlara and the Kerry Head commemorated at Spokane Walk, Bishop's Quay.

Two of the 119 casualties were women, Sgt Bridget Gilbourne from Kilmee, and Pte Mary Collopy from the city.

Mr McNamara's son Ger revealed how his father, an ex-RAF man,

had fought his own personal battle in getting this history published.

Only one fifth of the volume was complete when Mr McNamara had to go into St Luke's Hospital for treatment this time last year. The family feared the worst when he said he didn't want to look at the documents but knew "he was on the mend" when he asked for his old war movies a few weeks later.

Their Name Liveth For Evermore is published by the Leinster Leader and is on sale in bookshops and Hamsoft Communications, Tait Business Centre, for €30 (signed by the author).

