DAY TWO - SUNDAY JULY 5TH 2026

DAY OF COMMERATION

AM- Ceremony in St Bride's church, Mount Nugent church and at the grave of Oliver Nugent.

Mount Nugent: Military Salute including The Last Post.

Tickets for day of talks on Saturday July 4th:

Full price : €15 Concession :€10

Price includes lunch and entry into the museum.

King George V (on the left) reviews the 36th (Ulster) Division at Aldershot, 30 September 1915 with Major-General Nugent (centre) and Lord Kitchener (on the right).

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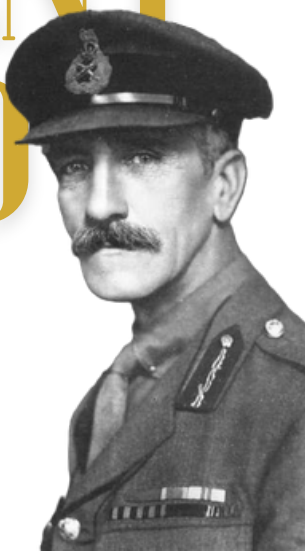

CAVAN AND THE GREAT WAR

Saturday July 4th and Sunday July 5th 2026

CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

Farrenconnell in Mountnugent, Co Cavan

Leader, Soldier, Husband, Father

Major-General Oliver Nugent is best known for his command of the 36th (Ulster) Division during the First World War and particularly at the Battle of the Somme.

During World War 1 men were cut down in their thousands while widows were left to look after the children back home. Cavan, with the rest of Ulster, paid a terrible price. Farrenconnell in Mountnugent, Co Cavan was Nugent's refuge from the horrors of trench warfare.

2026 marks the centenary of the death of General Oliver Nugent. To commemorate this and the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, the Nugent 100 committee along with Cavan County Museum have organised a high-level panel of speakers who will discuss Nugent and The Somme as well as Cavan in World War One and how the war affected women in Ireland.

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

DAY ONE - SATURDAY JULY 4TH 2026

A DAY OF TALKS IN CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

MC DR BRENDAN SCOTT, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

Major General Oliver Nugent, the Ulster Division and the Battle of the Somme

Speaker: Dr Nick Perry, CB, author of 'Major-General Oliver Nugent: The Irishman who led the Ulster Division in the Great War'.

Portrait of Major-General Oliver Nugent by William Conor, commissioned by the Ulster Division Association,which hangs in Belfast City Hall.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson in WW1, his local links and relationship with Oliver Nugent

Speaker: Ronan McGreevy, Irish Times journalist and author of several historical books including 'The Great Hatred: The Assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson' (2023).

Lunch and guided tours of the museum's World War One Trench Experience

Irish Women in World War 1

Speaker: Dr Fionnuala Walsh, Associate Professor in Modern Irish History, University College, Dublin; winner of National University of Ireland Publication Prize in Irish History (2021) for 'Irish Women and The Great War', published by the Cambridge University Press, as well as The Michael Howard Prize from the British Commission for Military History (2024).

Troops of the Royal Irish Rifles resting in a communication trench during the opening hours of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916 © IWM