

Name of memorial: Royal Irish Rifles Boer War Memorial

Inventory No. 509

Place: In the grounds of the City Hall, on east side.

Address and map reference: City Hall, Donegall Square East, Belfast, Co. Antrim.
Map reference: (Map 15) J 339 739.

Position: On a plinth surrounded by a low railing.

Description and dimensions: Life-size bronze statue of a soldier on a stone plinth bearing names of the dead.
Allegorical figures at the corners.
Height of plinth: appx. 400cms, width: appx. 400cms.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 27 August, 2008.

Text*:

East side.

Badge of the regiment between laurel branches.

IN MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
AND MEN OF THE ROYAL IRISH
RIFLES WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION
OR DIED OF WOUNDS OR DISEASE IN
THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR 1899-1902
THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED.

North side:

PTE. J. A. CLYDESDALE	1 ST BN, ROYAL IRISH RIFLES PTE. P. KERR	PTE. W. J. MC MEEKIN
LIEUT.COL. H. E. EAGAR	2 ND BN, ROYAL IRISH RIFLES CAP. W. P. DIMSDALE	LIEUT. H. L. LOW
SGT. ???????? C. ALSOPP	SGT. B. TAYLOR	SGT. C. ATKINS
CORPL. S. ANDERSON	CORPL. W. WILLIAMS	CORPL. S. MC ALLEN
LCE.CORPL. W. CARSON	LCE.CORPL. J. KENNEDY	LCE.CORPL. T. CASHEL
BUGLER J. LONGHURST	PTE. R. ARNOLD	PTE. T. ASTON
PTE. H. BRENNAN	“ W. BOYLE	“ J. BASHFORD
“ E. BURNS	“ J. BULL	“ J. CARROLL
“ H. CURRY	“ P. CROWE	“ D. CLARKE
“ W. CASEY	“ S. CROSSAN	“ W. DICKSON
“ S. DOUGHERTY	“ J. DAVIES	“ H. ESMONDE
“ J. EARLS	“ A. GRIFFITHS	“ H. GRACE
“ J. GRAY	“ J. HYNES	“ P. HAYES
“ G. HAMILL	“ A. KELLY	“ P. KENNEDY
“ J. LANE	“ J. MADDEN	“ P. MANIFOLD
“ J. MONTGOMERY	“ J. MARSHALL	“ R. MEJURY

South side

PTE. J. MC OSCAR	2 ND BN, ROYAL IRISH RIFLES PTE. J. MC DONNELL	PTE. H. MC CABE
“ S. MC AULEY	“ J. MC COMBE	“ C. MC MANUS
“ P. MC ILVENNEY	“ J. NELIS	“ W. PALMER

“ J. PARTRIDGE
“ J. REID
“ P. SMYTH
“ J. WALSH

“ W. HAMILTON
“ D. MC CRUDDEN
“ D. WOODS

“ T. GRAY
“ J. MC ALLISTER

CAP. J. T. SEEDS
CORPL. R. BECK

“ H. QUINN
“ T. SCOTT
“ W. THOMPSON
“ C. WILDE

3RD BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
PTE. W. KENNEDY
“ P. MC KEOWN

4TH BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
PTE. A. MERCER
“ F. SHIELDS

5TH BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
CR.SGT. C. LEATHEM
LCE.CORPL. J. MAHOOD

“ R. RUSSELL
“ J. SCAMMELL
“ J. TEVLIN

PTE. D. LAVERY
“ J. SPENCE

PTE. D. MC KEE

SGT. J. BELL
PTE. R. BECK

West side

PTE. R. BRIGGS
PTE. T. COWAN
“ J. EVANS
“ W. GREEN
“ J. KERR
“ W. MAGILL
“ R. PHAIR
“ J. SANDS
“ S. TRIMBLE

SERGT. F. FEGAN
PTE. S. LOUGRAN
“ C. MC GUIRK

CORPL. W. H. SHRIMPTON
PTE. F. ANGELONI
“ G. BECKER
“ R. E. RYND

5TH BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
PTE. J. BURRELL
“ W. J. DICKSON
“ J. FINLAY
“ T. GRIFFEN
“ W. H. MC CLELLAND
“ W. MALLON
“ T. PLUNKETT
“ J. SILCOCK

6TH BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
CORPL. F. MC GOVERN
PTE. J. MC CONVILLE
“ J. RYAN

THE LONDON IRISH RIFLES (16TH MIDDLESEX V.R.C.)

CORPL. A. E. WALL
PTE. W. J. BARBER
“ E. F. CHAPMAN
“ J. TRICKS
“ S. H. WRIGHT

PTE. J. CARR
“ J. DONALDSON
“ R. GIBSON
“ H. HOUSTON
“ J. MC CRACKEN
“ J. MAWHINNEY
“ M. ROONEY
“ J. THOMPSON

PTE. F. FARRELL
“ J. MC GEE

LCE.CPL. W. H. MAISEY
PTE. L. H. BURTON
“ J. E. LAW
“ H. TRIMLETT

IN MEMORY
OF THOSE WHO SERVED
IN THE
83RD (COUNTY OF DUBLIN) REGIMENT
AND
86TH (ROYAL COUNTY DOWN) REGIMENT
1793 – 1881
THE ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
1881 – 1921
THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES
1921 – 1968

*Where appropriate, the letter “U” has been substituted for “V” on the memorial. As Latin had no letter “U”, this convention used to be followed on some public inscriptions (Latin had no letter “W”, either).

Book.

IN MEMORIAM. Roll of Honour, Imperial Forces Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902
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Lists nearly all casualties with number, rank, regiment, cause of death, place of interment and type of memorial.

Photograph of the unveiling.

This image, from a postcard, shows the memorial in its original site at the front of the City Hall. It was unveiled on 6th October, 1905.