

Name of memorial: Jadotville Tigers Memorial

Inventory No. 1048

Place: Athlone Civic Centre.

Address and map reference: Civic Centre, Church Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Map reference: N 041 415 (Sheet 47).
Co-ordinates: N 53.4247°; W 7.9374°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent streets. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: On a plinth in front of the Civic Centre.

Description and dimensions:

Height: 65.0cms. Width: 59.5cms.

Recorded by: Brian Smith, 17 November, 2017.

Text:

Tíogair Jadotville

An Méara Aengus O'Rourke agus Comhailtá Cheantar Bardasach Bhaile Átha Luain a chuir suas an phlaic seo an 21 Deireadh Fómhair 2017 in ómós "Tíogair Jadotville", buíon saighdiúirí as Éirinn a sheas an fód i gcúinsí dúshlánacha fad a bhí siad ar Dhualgas na Síochána do na Náisiúin Aontaithe. I Meán Fómhair 1961 a tharla Léigear Jadotville tráth a raibh na Náisiúin Aontaithe i mbun idirghabhála i gcoimhlint Katanga sa Chongó-Léopoldville san Afraic Láir. Rinne trúpaí Gendarmerie Katanga ionsaí ar ONUC, Complacht A an 35ú Cathlán arbh as Contae ma hIarmhí a bhformhór. Tháinig saighdiúirí na hÉireann, ar bheag arm a bhí ar iompair acu, faoi léigear I Jadotville agus sheas an fód in aghaidh ionsaí an Katanga a mhair cúig lá ón 13 Meán Fómhair go dtí an 17 Meán Fómhair. Tháinig gach duine acu slán.

Jadotville Tigers

This plaque was erected by Mayor Aengus O'Rourke and the Members of Athlone Municipal District on 21st of October 2017, and is dedicated to the "Jadotville Tigers" for a collective act of bravery by a group of Irish soldiers in extraordinary circumstances by long United Nations Peace-Keeping duty that is worthy of recognition. The Siege of Jadotville took place in September 1961, during the United Nations intervention in the Katanga conflict in Congo-Léopoldville, in Central Africa. 'A' Company, 35th Battalion ONUC, whom mostly came from the County of Westmeath were attacked by Katanga Gendarmerie troops. The lightly armed Irish soldiers were besieged in Jadotville and resisted Katangese assaults for five days from 13 September to 17 September with no loss of life.