

**Name of memorial:** Cathal Brugha Memorial

**Inventory No. 1438**

**Place:** Cathal Brugha Barracks.

**Address and map reference:** Military Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.  
Map reference: O 151 322 (Sheet 50).  
Co-ordinates: N 53.3279°; W 6.2721°.

**Access:** permission required. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

**Position:** at the northern side of the parade ground.

**Description and dimensions:** Standing stone, with an Ogham inscription, on a stepped plinth in a walled enclosure with a metal plaque.  
Height: appx. 200cms. Width: appx. 20cms. Depth: appx 25cms.

**Recorded by:** Edward Bourke 23 September 2022.

**Text on the plaque:**

(Badge of the Defence Forces)

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Rugadh Cathal Brugha I mBaile Átha Cliath ar 18 Iúil 1874. Bhog a chroí chuig an chúis náisiúnta agus chláraigh sé ina bhaill de Chonradh na Gaeilge i 1899, i mBráithreachas na Poblachta i 1908 agus chuaigh sé isteach i nÓglaigh na hÉireann i 1913. Le linn Éirí Amach na Cásca, 1916, throid sé i nAontas Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas.

Ceapadh ina Cheann Foirne ar Óglaigh na hÉireann é i 1917 agus togadh ina Theachta Dála Shinn Féin é i 1918. Ba é an Ceann Comhairle nuair a thionóil an chéad Dáil i 1919 agus bhí sé ina uachtarán shealadach ar an Dáil fhad is a bhí Eamonn DeValera in easnamh I bpríosún. Ceapadh ina Áire Cosanta é i nÁibreán 1919. Bhí sé dubh in éadan an Chonradh Angla-Éireannach agus le linn troda go gairid i ndiaidh don Chogadh Cathartha a thosnú goineadh é agus d'éag sé ar 7 Iúil 1922.

Mar a scríobh Micheál Ó Coillín mar bhuafhocal faoi:

*“When many of us are forgotten, Cathal Brugha will be remembered”.*

Cuimhníonn an phlaic seo cothrom an lae céad bliana bás  
Chathail Bhrugha, 7 Iúil 2022

## Cathal Brugha

Cathal Brugha was born 18 July 1874 in Dublin. Drawn to the National cause, he joined the Gaelic League (1899) and IRB (1908) and the Irish volunteers (1913), During the 1916 Easter Rising he fought at the South Dublin Union. In 1917 he became chief of staff of the Irish Volunteers and in 1918 he was elected a Sinn Féin TD, taking his place in the separatist Dáil Eireann in 1919. Here he served as Ceann Comhairle, as acting President in the absence of the imprisoned Eamon de Valera, and from April 1919 as Minister for Defence. Opposing the Anglo Irish Treaty, Brugha was killed in action during the fighting in Dublin in the early days of the Civil War, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1922. The words of Michael Collins are a fitting epithet:

*“When many of us are forgotten Cathal Brugha will be remembered.”*

The plaque commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the death of Cathal Brugha 7 July 2022

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