

Name of memorial: John Condon Memorial

Inventory No. 1520

Place: Cathedral Square.

Address and map reference: Cathedral Square Waterford City.
Map reference: S 609 123 (Sheet 76).
Co-ordinates: N 52.2601°; W 7.1080°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** near by. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: at the western end of Cathedral Square.

Description and dimensions: free standing bronze cylinder bearing the inscriptions, on four legs. On the ground is a spotlight, the surround of which is engraved with the latitude and longitude of two places: Cathedral Square, Waterford and the War Cemetery, Poelkapelle, Belgium. Beside it is a plaque recording the unveiling.

Height: appx.420cms. Width: appx. 120cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke 20 March 2018.

Text:

JOHN CONDON MEMORIAL

**JOHN CONDON LIVED IN WHEELBARROW
LANE OFF BALLYBRICKEN IN WATERFORD
CITY. ENLISTING AS A PRIVATE, JOHN WAS POSTED
TO THE 2ND BATTALION, ROYAL
IRISH REGIMENT AND SENT TO FLANDERS IN
DECEMBER 1914. ON THE 24TH MAY 1915,
DURING THE 2ND BATTLE OF YPRES PRIVATE
JOHN CONDON 6322 WAS KILLED IN ACTION
ON BELLEVARDE RIDGE.
KNOWN AS 'THE BOY SOLDIER', HIS GRAVE
STONE IN POELKAPELLE CEMETERY, BELGIUM
RECORDS HIS AGE AS 14 WHEN HE WAS
KILLED AND HIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
VISITED WAR GRAVES IN EUROPE.**

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES
COMMISSION ARCHIVES RECORD THAT
JOHN CONDON WAS THE YOUNGEST
KNOWN BATTLE CASUALTY OF THE WAR

IN REMBRANCE OF THE MEN, WOMEN
AND CHILDREN OF WATERFORD WHO LOST
THEIR LIVES AS A RESULT OF ARMED
CONFLICT AT HOME AND ABROAD

SO HERE WHILE THE MAD GUNS
CURSE OVERHEAD
AND TIRED MEN SIGH, WITH MUD
FOR COUCH AND FLOOR,
KNOW THAT WE FOOLS,
NOW WITH THE FOOLISH DEAD
DIED NOT FOR FLAG, NOR KING
NOR EMPEROR,
BUT FOR A DREAM, BORN IN
A HERDSMAN'S SHED
AND FOR THE SECRET SCRIPTURE
OF THE POOR.

TOM KETTLE

(On the ground beside the memorial)

(Arms of the city of Waterford)

THIS MONUMENT
WAS OFFICIALLY UNVEILED BY
CLLR. JOHN CUMMINS
MAYOR OF WATERFORD
ON 18TH MAY 2014

(on the surround of the central light)

52°15'38" N 7°06'29" W [Cathedral Square. Waterford, Ireland]

50°55'11" N 2°58'19" E [Poelkapelle War Cemetery, Belgium]