Name of memorial: National Memorial to the Defence Forces

Inventory No. 691

Place: Merrion Square

Address and map reference: Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Map reference: O 165 335.

Position: Opposite park entrance on Merrion Square West.

Description and dimensions: Pyramid of granite and glass. Height: appx. 400 cms. Width and depth : appx 350cms each.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 29/01/11.

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An Cuimhneachán Náisúnta do chomhaltaí d'Óglaigh na hÉireann a fuair bás le linn sheirbhis an Stáit "An Dún Cuimhneachtáin"

Is áit mhachnaimh agus chuimhnimh í an Cuimhneachán Náisúnta do chomaltaí d'Óglaigh na hÉireann, agus ionad lárnach a bhféadann teaghlaigh, gaolta agus an pobal i gcoitinne machnamh a dhéanamh ann ar an dúthracht agus ar an iobairt a rinne comhaltaí d'Óglaigh na hÉireann a fuair bás le linn sheirbhís an Stáit.
Cuimsíonn cruth piramide an chuimhneacháin, a dhear Brian King, tagairtí stairiúla d'adhlacadh agus seasann sé mar bhuanteistiméireacht do na mairbh. Léirionn sé, freisin, cruth pubaill mhíleata. Laistigh den phirimid, coimhéadann ceithre fhior cré-umha, a sheasann do gach eilimint d'Óglaigh na h'Éireann, an lasair shíorí a éiríonn ó Shuaitheantas Óglaigh na h'Éireann. Tá an lasair ag dó i mbuanchuimhne ar chomhaltaí d'Óglaigh na h'Éireann a thug an íobairt ba mhó.

National Memorial to members of the Defence Forces who died in the service of the State "An Dun Cuimhneacháin"

The National Memorial to members of the Defence Forces is a place of contemplation and remembrance, providing a focal point where families, relatives and members of the public can reflect on the contribution and sacrifice made by members of the Defence Forces who died in the service of the State.
The pyramid shape of the memorial, which was designed by Brian King, captures historic references to burial and is a standing testament to the dead. It also reflects the shape of a military tent. Within the pyramid, four bronze figures, representing all elements of the Defence Forces, stand guard over the eternal flame that emanates from the badge of the Defence Forces. The flame burns in perpetual memory of those members of the Defence Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice.