

Name of memorial: Belfast Korean War Memorial

Inventory No. 803

Place: West side of City Hall, Donegall Square.

Address and map reference: Donegall Square West, Belfast. Map reference: J 337 739 (Sheet 15)
Co-ordinates: N54° 35' 48"; W 5° 55' 53".

Access: at all times. **Parking:** in adjacent streets and car parks. **Disabled access:** Yes.

Position: Free-standing memorial in a garden beside the City Hall.

Description and dimensions: White stone obelisk on a stone plinth. Height: appx. 950cms. Width: appx. 550cms.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 2 August, 2012.

Text:

(East side)

**IN MEMORY OF
the Officers and Men
of
THE 1ST BATTALION
THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES
Who lost their lives
in
KOREA
and especially those who were killed
near this place
on
3RD – 4TH JANUARY 1951**

(Badge of the Royal Ulster Rifles)

(South side)

**IN HONOUR OF
the Officers and Men
of
THE VIII
KING'S ROYAL IRISH HUSSARS
Who gave their lives for the United Nations
in
KOREA
and especially those of
"COOPERFORCE"
who died in this valley on 3RD – 4TH JANUARY, 1951**

(Badge of the VIII King's Royal Irish Hussars)

(North side)

**IN MEMORY OF
The Officers and Men
Of THE 45TH FIELD REGIMENT
And
THE 170TH MORTAR BATTERY
THE ROYAL ARTILLERY
who lost their lives
in
KOREA
and especially those who died
near this place
ON 3RD – 4TH JANUARY 1951**

(Badge of the Royal Artillery)

(East side)

**THE PEOPLE
THAT WALKED
IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN
A GREAT LIGHT. Is. 9. 2**

(On the plinth)

**MEN FROM MANY PARTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES, BUT PREDOMINANTLY FROM EVERY
COMMUNITY AND PART OF IRELAND
FOUGHT WITH THE R.U.R. IN THE 'HAPPY VALLEY' BATTLE IN DEFENCE OF SEOUL,
CAPITAL OF SOUTH KOREA.**

**THE MEMORIAL ABOVE WAS CARVED BY A KOREAN MASON DURING THE SUCCEEDING
BATTLES BEFORE BEING ERECTED ON 3 JULY 1951 OVERLOOKING THE BATTLEFIELD.**

**AS SEOUL EXPANDED THE MEMORIAL HAD TO BE MOVED AND WAS REPATRIATED
TO THE DEPOT OF THE ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES AT ST. PATRICK'S BARRACKS
BALLYMENA**

**IT WAS MOVED TO THIS FINAL RESTING PLACE ON 24 MAY 2008 WITH THE GRACIOUS
PERMISSION OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

**THIS RELOCATION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM THE
REGIMENTS AND VETERANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE, INDIVIDUALS, TRUSTS, THE
KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS.**