

Name of memorial: Great War Memorial Cross

Inventory No. 89

Place: St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church of Ireland,

Address and map reference: Market Street, Galway. Map reference M 297 251.

Position: In corner between north and west walls.

Description and dimensions: Stone Celtic cross, approx. 150cms high, on square stone base: height approx. 100cms, width approx. 100cms, depth approx 100cms.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 20 June, 2003.

Text:

South-west face of base.

ROLL OF HONOUR 1914 – 1915

Cecil Crampton Holmes¹, Captain 1st Battn.
the Lincolnshire Regt., son of Captn. Harry W. Holmes, Rockwood,
Galway, died 26th Aug. 1914 from wounds received near Mons
24th. Aug. 1914, and buried in Framieres Cemetery. Aged 26 years.

Richard Crofton George Moore Kinkead¹, M.B.. R.U.I.,
Captain in R.A.M.C., attached the 10th Royal Hussars, son of
Professor and Mrs. E. Kinkead, Galway, killed near Klein Zillebeke,
Flanders, 30th. Oct. 1914 and buried in Ypres cemetery, aged 31 years.

Hon. John Beresford Campbell, D.S.O., D.L. Captain
the Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Lord Stratheden & Campbell,
killed at Guinchy 25th Jan. 1915, aged 40 years.

Cecil De Burgh Persse, 2nd. Lieut. the 7th Dragoon Guards,
attached the Irish Guards, son of the late Henry S. Persse, Glenarde,
Galway, died in Netley Hospital 19th July, 1915, from wounds received
at Festubert 18th May, 1915, aged 40 years.

South-east face of base.

ROLL OF HONOUR 1916

George Jones, son of the late George Jones, Galway,
killed in action in German E. Africa, 12th Feb. 1916, aged 39 years

Edward Fleetwood Berry¹, M.C., Captain & Adjutant
the 8th Gurkha Rifles, only child of the Rector of this parish,
killed at Bait Aiesa, Mesopotamia, 17th April, 1916, aged 27 years.

Joseph T. Barnett, Lce-corpl., 8th. Batt., the R. I. Fusiliers,
son of Joseph Barnett, Galway, killed near Hulluch, France,
27th April, 1916, aged 18 years.

Hubert Patrick Fisher, 2nd. Lieut. the Shropshire Light Infantry, attached the Gloucester Regt., son of Harry D. Fisher, Galway, killed in the Battle of the Somme 9th July 1916, aged 21 years.

Donald Campbell, Lieut. the Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Capt. the Hon. John B. Campbell, D.S.O., D.L., Moycullen House, killed at Ypres 19th July 1916, aged 20 years.

Alexander Young², V.C., Captain the South African Scottish, son of the late William Young, Ballinamana, Oranmore, killed at Delville Wood, France, 19th. Oct. 1916, aged 43 years.

Link to web-page about Alexander Young, V.C.:
<http://www.victoriacross.net/award.asp?vc=1343>

North-east face of base

ROLL OF HONOUR 1917-18

Tom Coy, Leading Telegraphist R.N., son of Hugh Coy, Galway, lost on Submarine E49 12th March 1917, aged 24 years.

James Ryan, Royal Engineers, son of the late William Ryan, Galway, killed in action 6th May, 1917, aged 33 years.

Edward Concannon Holmes, Lieut. R.N., H.M.S. Astraea, eldest son of Capt. Harry W. Holmes, Rockwood, Galway. died Cape of Good Hope, 11th. Oct., 1918, aged 32 years

George McCormack, Lieut. the Tank Corps, son of the late William McCormack, Galway, died in hospital at Bovington Camp, Wareham 28th. Oct. 1918, aged 25 years.

Pass not this Shrine in Sorrow but in Pride
And may you live as nobly as they died.

Book:

1 = Our Heroes

“Photographs with biographical notes of Officers of Irish Regiments and of Irish Officers of British Regiments who have fallen in action or who have been mentioned for good conduct, from August, 1914 to July, 1916.”

Dublin, Irish Life, 1916. (reprint available from www.naval-military-press.com).

Also includes photos and biographical details of some other ranks (not officers) who died or were decorated.

2 = Irish Winners of the Victoria Cross.

Doherty, Richard and Truesdale, David. Dublin, Four Courts Press, 2000. ISBN No. 1-85182-442-1

Personal stories of all the Irish V.C. winners, with photographs of 39 of them (not including Alexander Young).