

Name of memorial: Piltown Cross I.R.A. Memorial

Inventory No. 1127

Place: R 671, Piltown, Kinsalebeg

Address and map reference: Piltown, Kinsalebeg, Co. Waterford.
Map reference: X 134 801 (Sheet 82).
Co-ordinates: N 51.9742°; W 7.8058°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: on the eastern side of the R 671, 70m south of the overpass of the N25.

Description and dimensions: Granite plaque set against a stone wall with a metal railing in front. Also set in the wall are small granite plaques with the symbols of each of the four provinces of Ireland, and a small granite plaque to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising.

Height: appx. 190cms. Width: appx. 210cms.

Recorded by: Mike Dolan, 4 August, 2018.

Text:

Óglaigh na hÉireann

Here at Piltown Cross on the night of 1st November 1920, Volunteers of the West Waterford I.R.A. Brigade took on the might of the British Crown Forces fatally wounded 2 of them, captured and injured many more.

The I.R.A. captured a substantial amount of much needed arms and ammunition and destroyed enemy vehicles, in what was one of the biggest ambushes of that era in this area.

This Monument is erected in memory of those Volunteers who fought here and assisted in the West Waterford area on that night, and to all of those brave Irish men and women who fought in every generation up to the present day in the struggle for Ireland's freedom.

We also remember the following volunteers who lost their lives shortly after this ambush; Patrick Keating, James Mary Quain, Declan Hurton, Patrick O'Reilly & and Michael Fitzgerald.

Cross Of Old Piltown

At the cross of old Piltown at midnight,
We met them with rifle and steel,
The hirelings of Britain who boasted
They'd trample our flag 'neath their heel.
We fought as our fathers before us,
We rose at the word of command
To fight for the freedom of Ireland
In a cause that is holy and grand.

Chorus

I give you the brave IRA boys,
The cream of our race and are sod,
Whose lives they are willing to give boys,
For the sake of their land and their God.

The roar of the guns it was glorious,
The bullets flew 'round us like hail,
From the rifles of cowards and of traitors,
'mid the ranks of the sons of the Gael.
And every rebel a hero,
From Piltown. Old Parish, Ardmore,
And down the slopes of the Comeraghs
With Dungarvan's true sons to the fore.

Chorus

Although he fell in the fight boys,
And his body lies cold in the grave,
His spirit will be in the fight boys,
'till freedom's bright flag o'er us waves.
The dark clouds they still hang above us
And murder oppression goes on
'till the crack of a rebel's good rifle
Will tell us the morning has come

Chorus

Patrick Keating

Anseo ag Crosaire Bhaile an Phuill, ar an 1.11.1920, thug Óglaigh na hÉireann, Briogáid Iarthair Phortláirge dúshlán Fhórsai Coróineach Breataine mar ar ghoineadar mórán – beirt acu go marfach agus ghabhadar a thuilleadh acu.

Ghabh Óglaigh na hÉireann líon mór arm agus armlóin, a raibh géarphráinn acu féin leo agus chuireadar ó mhaith feithiclí a namhad le linn ceann de na luíocháin ba mhó riamh sa cheanntar seo ag an am.

Is i gcuimhne ar na Óglaigh san a bhí páirteach sa chath agus orthu san a thacaigh leo i gceantar Iarthair Phortláirge an oíche san a tógadh an leacht cuimhneachain seo. Tugtar ómós leis, do na mna agus na fearaibh mhisniúla a sheasaigh an fód i ngach glúin riamh go dtí an lá inniu sa troid ar son saoirse na hÉireann. Cuimhnímíd leis, ar ne hÓglaigh seo a leanas a maraiodh go gairid tar éis an luíocháin seo.

Pádraig Céitinn, Séamas Máire Ó Cuain, Deugláin Hurton, Pádraig Ó Rathallaigh agus Míchéal Mac Gerailt.

Erected by the Piltown Cross Ambush Memorial Committee, in conjunction with the "West Waterford Brigade I.R.A. Memorial Association" on the 2nd of November 2008.

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THE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO FOUGHT IN THE
1916 RISING
PILTOWN CROSS AMBUSH
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**