Name of memorial: Formby-Coningbeg Memorial

Place: Adelphi Quay, Waterford City


Position: On the quay opposite the Tower Hotel.

Description and dimensions: Height 360cms, width (base) 90cms (each)


Text:

S. S. FORMBY

1917

(Emblem of the Clyde Shipping Company)

ON DECEMBER 15TH 1917, AS THE S.S. FORMBY SAILLED FROM LIVERPOOL ON HER LAST HOMeward VOYAGE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, NO DOUBT THE CREW OF HER SISTER SHIP WISHED HER ‘GOOD LUCK, SEE YOU ON THE MALL’. SADLY, THIS WAS NOT TO BE AS THE STEAMER WAS TORPEDOED OFF THE WICKLOW COAST & SANK IN MINUTES. THERE WAS NO WARNING & WERE NO SURVIVORS. ONLY ONE BODY, THAT OF ANNIE O’CALLAGHAN THE STEWARDESS, WAS RECOVERED OFF THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST. ON BOARD WERE 37 CREW & 2 PASSENGERS. THESE WERE MERCHANT SEAMEN ENGAGED IN PEACEFUL TRADING BETWEEN WATERFORD & LIVERPOOL BRINGING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES OF FOOD & GOODS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

CHARLES MINARDS MASTER
ARCHIBALD GILLIES 1ST MATE
JAMES RANKIN 2ND MATE
MAURICE BUTLER CARPENTER
WILLIAM FORTUNE SEAMAN
EDWARD BURKE SEAMAN
THOMAS KEATING SEAMAN
JOHN HURLEY SEAMAN
THOMAS COFFEY SEAMAN
JAMES CLAWSON SEAMAN
JOHN BURNS SEAMAN
PATRICK DOYLE SEAMAN
JOHN MOIR 1ST ENGINEER
WILLIAM LUMLEY 2ND ENGINEER
JOHN LEMMON 3RD ENGINEER
THOMAS CONDON FIREMAN
WALTER HENNEBRY FIREMAN
JOHN WALSH FIREMAN
PATRICK COOKE FIREMAN
GEORGE CARPENDALE FIREMAN
WILLIAM CONNOLLY FIREMAN
RICHARD MURPHY FIREMAN
JOHN KIELY FIREMAN
MAURICE HENNEBRY DONKEYMAN
EDWARD HENNESSY WINCHMAN
GEORGE SINCLAIR STEWARD
JAMES MORRISSEY COOK
ANNIE O’CALLAGHAN STEWARDESS
CHRISTOPHER CONOR GUNNER
DANIEL COUTTS GUNNER
JOHN HAYES CATTLEMAN
MARTIN EUSTACE CATTLEMAN
JAMES MANNING CATTLEMAN
JOHN McGRATH CATTLEMAN
DAN O’CONNELL CATTLEMAN
JOHN O’BRIEN CATTLEMAN
JERMIAH O’SULLIVAN CATTLEMAN
MICHAEL O’BRIEN PASSENGER
JAMES WHITE PASSENGER

S. S. CONINGBEG

1917

(Emblem of the Clyde Shipping Company)

THE S.S. CONINGBEG SAILED, HOMEWARD BOUND FROM LIVERPOOL, 2 DAYS AFTER HER SISTER SHIP THE FORMBY. ON BOARD WAS A CREW OF 40 WITH 4 PASSENGERS. THE STEAMER WAS TORPEDOED OFF THE EAST COAST BY THE SAME U-BOAT WITH NO WARNING & ALL WERE LOST. THERE WERE HARRIWOOD SCENES ON THE WATERFORD QUAY SIDE AS WOMEN & CHILDREN WAITED IN THE WET & COLD OF WINTER FOR NEWS OF LOVED ONES. IT WAS AFTER CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE SINKINGS WERE CONFIRMED, WITH THE TOTAL LOSS OF 83 LIVES. THIS WAS THE WORST DISASTER TO BEFALL WATERFORD THIS CENTURY.

JOSEPH LUMLEY MASTER
DONALD LIVINGSTONE 1ST MATE
NEIL McMULLAN 2ND MATE
PATRICK HENNESSY CARPENTER
MICHAEL BARRY SEAMAN
STEPHEN WHITTY SEAMAN
WILLIAM CAHILL SEAMAN
PATRICK WALSH SEAMAN
THOMAS GRIFFEN SEAMAN
NICHOLAS HUGHES SEAMAN
LAURENCE COMERFORD SEAMAN
MICHAEL PHELAN SEAMAN
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 1ST ENGINEER
ANDREW O’BEIRNE 2ND ENGINEER
JOHN CHESTNUTT 3RD ENGINEER
JOHN McCARTHY, FIREMAN
MICHAEL McCARTHY FIREMAN
RICHARD KEOHUE FIREMAN
EDWARD HUNT FIREMAN
DANIEL CLEARY FIREMAN
WILLIAM DOWER FIREMAN
JAMES WALL FIREMAN
PATRICK WALL FIREMAN
PATRICK CULLEN FIREMAN
JAMES KEANE FIREMAN
THOMAS WIXTRED DONKEYMAN
JOHN SULLIVAN WINCHMAN
HUGH TREACY STEWARD
WILLIAM BARNES COOK
ELIZABETH PHELAN STEWARDESS
JOHN CHAPPELL GUNNER
FRANCIS BISACRE GUNNER
PATRICK BROWNE CATTLEMAN
EDWARD MEYLER CATTLEMAN
THOMAS MEANEY CATTLEMAN
KIERAN GRANT CATTLEMAN
WALTER CULLEN CATTLEMAN
THOMAS PENDER CATTLEMAN
THOMAS DOBBYN CATTLEMAN
PATRICK QUINLAN CATTLEMAN
DENNIS McCARTHY PASSENGER
JOSEPH BROSNAN PASSENGER
MICHAEL CROTTY PASSENGER
JAMES PHELAN PASSENGER

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a n-anamacha uile