

RMS Leinster Log

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Welcome to the **July 2018** bulletin which is being sent to those who have asked to be kept informed of plans to mark the centenary of the sinking of the RMS *Leinster* in October 1918. This Bulletin is currently being sent by email to 250 people.

Outreach

The sinking of the RMS *Leinster* in October 1918 was a tragic event which, although it occurred in the Irish Sea close to Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) near Dublin, affected families throughout the world. This has become more apparent to us as we receive more and more communications from around the world regarding the Centenary.

In a number of locations, local groups are arranging to commemorate the Centenary. We are pleased to have been able to provide them with information to facilitate this. Below are some examples of contacts to date.



Isle of Man

On 26th June a group in Dundalk arranged to travel to the Isle of Man by ferry and lay wreaths at the site of the sinking of the SS Dundalk by a U-boat on 14th October 1918. The ferry stopped at the site and there was a short ceremony. They also invited Philip Lecane to accompany them as 6 casualties from the RMS *Leinster* are buried on the Isle of Man. Together with participation from the British Legion, a short ceremony was held at each of the 2 cemeteries where the RMS *Leinster* casualties are buried. A commemoration will be held at the graves on 10 October 2018.

Philip Lecane and British Legion Standard Bearer, Jim Cottier, at Douglas Borough Cemetery, Isle of Man.

The six casualties from the RMS Leinster were:

Thomas Cardiff

Michael Carroll

Horace Cook

William Hutchinson

Arthur Lott

George Lutton

Florida, U.S.A.

A sailor from the U.S. Navy, **Perry Taylor**, was lost in the sinking of the RMS Leinster. His body was recovered and returned to Florida where he was born. Following communication from us, the local community are arranging to have a commemorative service at the graveside in Geneva, Florida.

Nottingham, England

Two civilians who were lost in the sinking of the RMS Leinster, **Charles Daft Snr.** and his son, **Charles Daft Jr.** from Nottingham, are buried in the local cemetery. The headstone is being restored and the Nottingham Civic Society will hold a commemoration service on 10th October 2018.

Doncaster, England

Lindsay Marsham Rae, an officer in the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons, died in the sinking of the RMS Leinster and is commemorated on the War Memorial in the Church of St. George in Doncaster. The Memorial is currently being refurbished and it has been decided that it will be rededicated on 10th October 2018.

Ennis, Co. Clare

A number of casualties from Co. Clare are commemorated in the Peace Park in Ennis. A book about them "Clare's Connection" will be published in October and there will be a Service at the Peace Park on 10th October 2018. The eight casualties with Clare connections are:



Cooke, Margaret

Coyne, John

Davoren, Delia

Davoren, Norah

Ferber, Edwin George

Hogan, Nellie

Hynes, Clare

Hynes, James

O'Grady, Margaret

O'Grady, Mary

Ward, Owen

We would be happy to provide information to any local groups planning similar ceremonies.

Official Ceremony

As previously notified the RMS *Leinster* Centenary in October 2018 has been recognised by the Irish Government as a National Event within the “Decade of Centenaries”. The commemoration of the sinking is being overseen by Dun Laoghaire County Council under the auspices of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

We previously circulated “Expression of Interest” forms for those who may wish to attend the Official Ceremony in Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday, 10th October 2018. If you have returned a completed form you will have been added to the attendance list, although individual acknowledgements have not been sent. For those who may wish to attend and have not yet applied please note that “Expression of Interest” forms are still being accepted. Any queries related to these applications should be addressed to the Dept. of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht at

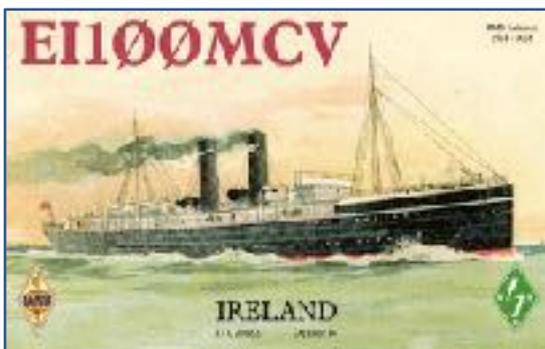
commemorations@chg.gov.ie

National Maritime Museum, Dún Laoghaire

The RMS *Leinster* team, in conjunction with the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, are organising the following events for 2018:

July to December 2018

RMS *Leinster* Exhibition including 1895 model of RMS *Leinster*, storyboards, artifacts and Touch Screen display with information on casualties and survivors.



Amateur Radio installation with special E1100MCV call sign.

<https://www.grz.com/db/E1100MCV>

OCTOBER 2018

Thursday, 4th October

Launch of Philip Murphy's RMS *Leinster* Sculpture Exhibition

Friday, 5th October

Adult Art Exhibition Launch, 18.45 hrs.

Saturday, 6th October

Children's Art Competition – (Prize giving 11.00 hrs.)

Sunday, 7th October to Sunday 14th October inclusive.

Free admission to Museum. Open 11.00 to 17.00 daily

RMS *Leinster* Inquiry Desk

Sunday, 7th October

19.30 hrs. Hedge School "WW1 at sea off the Irish Coast"

Monday, 8th October

19.00 hrs. Concert: Dublin and Anglesey Male Voice Welsh Choirs

Tuesday, 9th October

RMS *Leinster* Seminar

12.00 hrs. Dr. Michael Kennedy, RIA

14.00 hrs. Dr. Jeff Gildea, Australia

15.30 hrs. Mr. Stephen Ferguson, An Post

19.30 hrs. Mr. Philip Lecane, National Maritime Museum.

Wednesday, 10th October

Public Commemoration Ceremonies in Dun Laoghaire.

(details to be advised as information becomes available)

Thursday, 11th October

Subject to sufficient numbers, it is intended to arrange a visit by coach to the Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin. Cost €10 per person.

Coach will depart from Dun Laoghaire at 10.00 hrs.

The trip will include a guided tour of the Cemetery, where 147 military casualties of the RMS *Leinster* sinking are buried. There will be a stop for light refreshments at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre, which is hosting an RMS *Leinster* display for the month of October.

Returning to Dun Laoghaire by 1600 hrs.

Please let us know if you would like to be included so that we can determine if there are sufficient numbers to make the coach hire viable.

HOLYHEAD

Our colleagues in Holyhead, the destination of the RMS Leinster on its final voyage and also home to many of the crew, are also actively planning to commemorate the event. Further information is available on their website at:

www.rmsleinster100.com

In the days around the 10th October there will be a link between EI100MCV and a station in Holyhead using the call sign GB100MCV to mark the R.M.S. Leinster Centenary and the close bond between the two Harbour towns.

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<http://www.rmsleinster.com/privacy.htm>

Remembering all those who sailed on the final voyage of the RMS *Leinster*,

Brian, Philip, Will & Lucille

The RMSLeinster.com Team

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