

RMS Leinster Log

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Welcome to our 8th bulletin (October 2020) which is being sent to those who have asked to be kept informed of events and research relating to the sinking of the *RMS Leinster* in October 1918. This Bulletin is currently being sent by email to 300 people.

Thanks to you, we remembered them

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Casualty
MILITARY

WOODGATE, THOMAS JOSEPH

Age	14
Awards	-
Rank/Title	Private 2nd Class
Regiment/Company	Royal Air Force
Unit / Ship / Squadron	23rd Training Sqdn.
Service No.	'297699'
Cemetery	Grangegorman, Dublin
Grave Ref.	CE. New Plot. 752.


Credit: Woodgate family

Thomas was born in Dec. 1903, son of Edward and Hanora (née Lannen) Woodgate, in Callan, Co. Kilkenny. He was the sixth of seven children and enlisted in the Royal Air Force in Sept. 1918 giving his age as 18. He was on his way to take up duty in the R.A.F. on the RMS Leinster and was lost in the sinking. His body was recovered and buried in Grangegorman.

On Sunday **11th October 2020**, a sculpture will be unveiled in Kilkenny to commemorate Private Thomas Woodgate, Royal Air Force, who was lost in the sinking of the *RMS Leinster*. Stating that he was eighteen when he enlisted, Thomas was in fact only fourteen years old.

On Sunday 4th October 2020 the *Sunday Independent* published a story about Thomas and the sculpture commemorating him.

Detailed information on Thomas can be found on our website at www.rmsleinster.com in the *People on Board* section of the website.

RESEARCH CONTINUES

Since our Bulletin last year, the RMS Leinster Team have been continuing research into the 813 people who were on board the *RMS Leinster* on the 10th October 1918. At this stage we have gone as far as we can with the information available.

Research into the survivors has been particularly difficult as, in many cases, the only information available is a name (sometimes misspelt) in a newspaper. As an example we have 3 named survivors:

Mr. De Molens (treated in Royal City of Dublin Hospital)

B. W. Cavill or B. W. Garret, Whitecroft, Kent

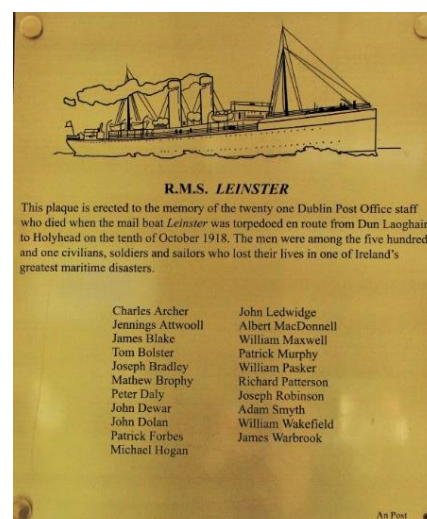
Miss May Hall.

We have also been answering queries relating to the sinking and the people on board.

The information relating to each of the 813 people (casualties and survivors) is displayed on our website. We would welcome any further information which may be available so that we can update our records. (info@rmsleinster.com)

POSTAL SORTERS RELATIVES GROUP

As detailed in our April and September 2019 bulletins, Joan Sugrue, granddaughter of *RMS Leinster* Postal Sorter William Wakefield, has formed a Postal Sorters Relatives Group. On 1st October 2019, members of the group had a meeting with the Heritage Officer of *An Post* (The Irish Post Office) at which we informed him of the existence of the group and outlined a number of ideas to promote commemoration of the *RMS Leinster* in general and the Postal Sorters in particular. We also outlined plans to carry out further research into the lives of the Postal Sorters.



In early March 2020 three members of the group travelled to Enniscorthy, County Wexford to carry out initial research for a possible project. Unfortunately Covid 19 appeared shortly afterwards, putting the group's activities on hold for 2020 at least.

If there are relatives of *RMS Leinster* Postal Sorters who are not already in contact with the Postal Sorters Relatives Group and would like to make contact with other relatives please contact Joan Sugrue at joanlouisesugrue@gmail.com

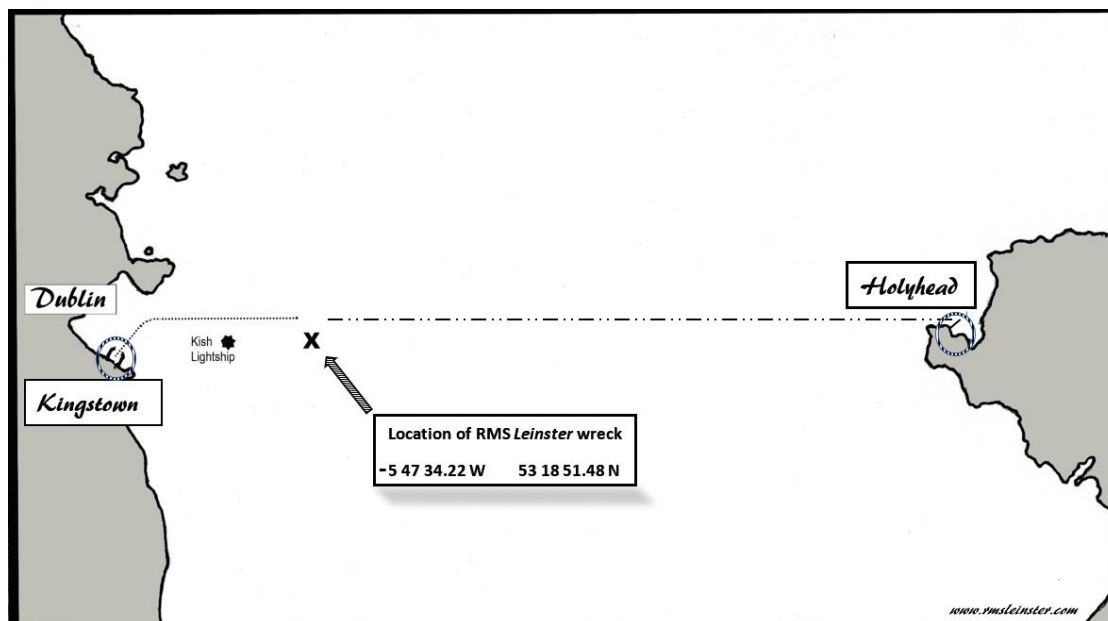
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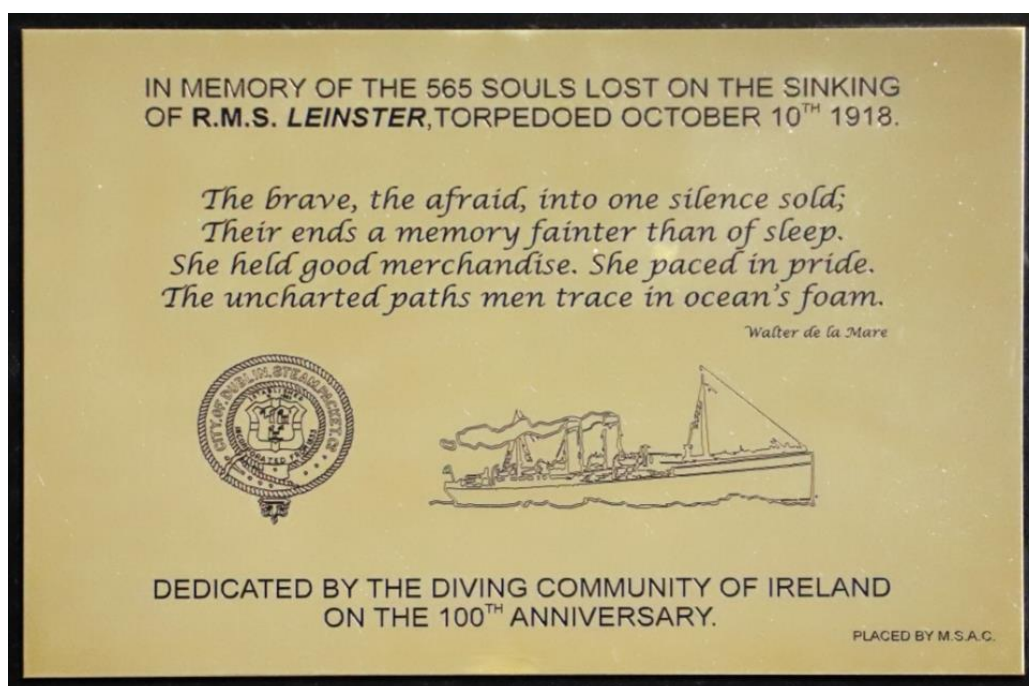
A two page article about the sinking of the *RMS Leinster*, written by Lucille Ellis, a member of our team, was published recently in Issue No. 115 of the Irish Roots magazine (2020 Third Quarter)

WRECK SITE

The wreck of the *RMS Leinster* lies on the seabed in the Irish Sea



To commemorate the Centenary of the sinking a Plaque was placed on the wreck by local divers from the Marlin Sub Aqua Club. A replica of the plaque was donated to the National Maritime Museum, Dun Laoghaire, for inclusion in their *RMS Leinster* display.



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