Durrington Cemetery

War Graves

Lest we Forget

World War I

7226 RIFLEMAN

R. J. McMULLAN

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES

17TH NOVEMBER, 1918

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Rifleman R. J. McMullan is located in Grave Plot # 352

of Durrington War Graves Cemetery

Robert John McMULLAN

Robert John McMullan was born around 1892.

Robert John McMullan lived at Ballymacfin & enlisted with Royal Irish Rifles at Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. He was attached to 12th Battalion & had a service number of 7226.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan's Medal Index Card shows he entered a Theatre of War – France on 27th November, 1915.

The 12th Battalion was raised in County Antrim from the Antrim Volunteers mostly in September, 1914 & by November they were in training at Newtownards. In July, 1915, the Battalion moved to Seaford, Sussex on the south coast of England to complete their training & in October, 1915, the 12th Battalion landed at Boulogne, France. The 12th Battalion were involved in the Battle of the Somme in July, 1916. They were sent to Belgium, where the Battalion was kept for over a year with their next major conflict being the Battle of Messines. In August, 1917 the Battalion was at Passchendaele & then moved south for the battles around Cambrai.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan became ill sometime in later half of 1918 and was sent back to hospital in England.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan died on 17th November, 1918 at Fargo Military Hospital, Durrington, Wiltshire, England from Tubercular Peritonitis and exhaustion.

A death for Robert J. McMullan, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire in Grave /Plot Number 352 on 22nd November, 1918. His death is acknowledged by Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such he has a CWGC headstone. He does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.

Rifleman Robert John McMullan is remembered in Ireland's Memorial Records (an 8 volume set compiled by The Committee of the Irish National War Memorial, originally published in 1923. These volumes provide information on over 49,000 Irish men and women who died in the Great War.) with the following details:

McMullan, Robert John. Reg. No. 7226. Rank, Rifleman, 12th Royal Irish Rifles; died, home, November 17, 1918.

Around the time of his death, Rifleman Robert John McMullan's family were living at Urble, Dervock. Ballymacfin, where he had lived previously, and Urble are adjacent towns close to Dervock. Rifleman Robert John McMullan is commemorated in Carncullagh Presbyterian Church.

Photo of Rifleman R. J. McMullan's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.

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