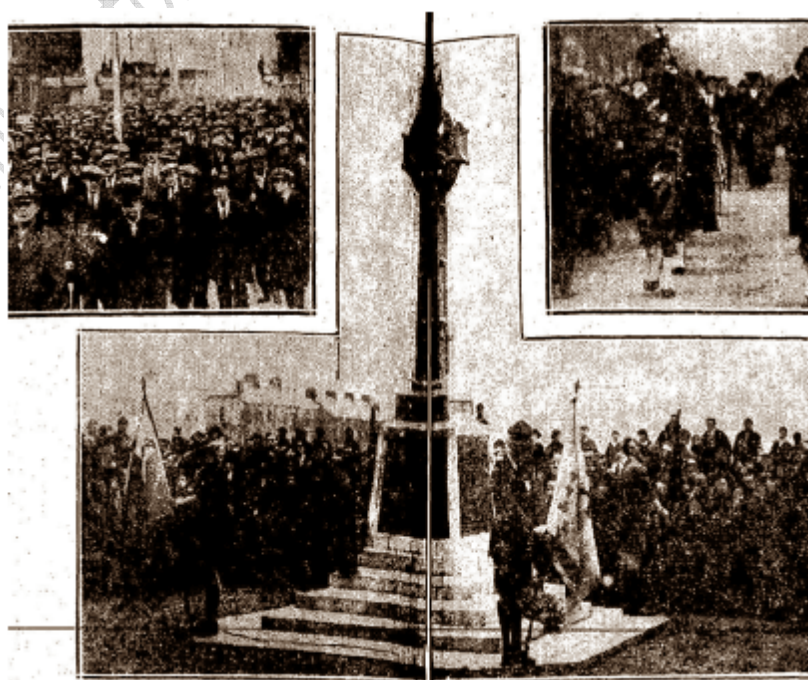




Bray War Memorial:

One of the first street memorials in the Irish Free State was unveiled by Viscount Powerscourt on Sunday 16th December 1923 at 3pm in honour of 168 men from Bray who had fallen in the Great War 1914 – 1918.

In his speech, Powerscourt stated that the memorial was erected as “a tribute of gratitude, of love, and of admiration to those who, when the call came, sallied forth with light hearts, leaving all that that life held most dear, into the great unknown, whence, in their case, there was no return.” The memorial was erected “by their own endeavour, in memory of their own friends.”

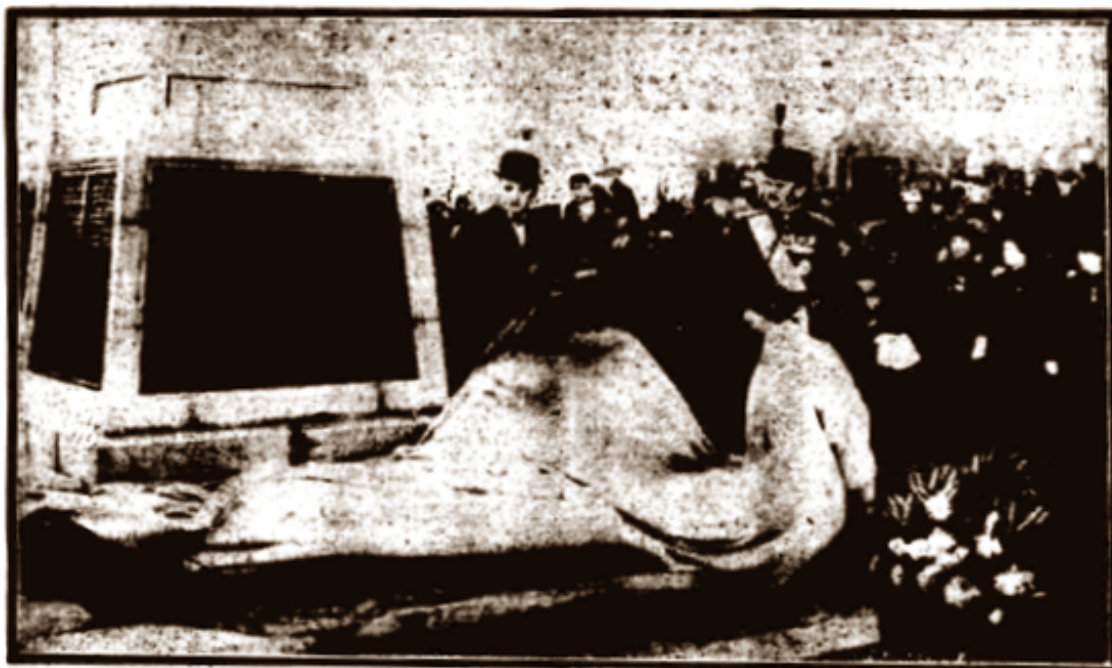


The plot of Bray Town Memorial Garden was donated by the Dublin South Eastern Railway Company

The memorial cross was to stand 25ft tall but subscription fell short of the target set of £550 and in 1923 it was decided to proceed with a smaller cross. The cross built is 17ft 6 inches made of Tullamore limestone standing on a plinth of Wicklow Granite. Cross with its Celtic motif was executed by Messrs Harrison of Dublin. The bronze plaques bearing 168 names were executed by Messrs McGloughlin of Dublin.

On the plaque on the West side bears the name of Lieutenant Thomas Alexander David Deane his father Thomas Manly Deane from Sidmonton Square, Bray designed the Cross and his grandfather Thomas Newenham Deane designed Bray Town Hall. Alexander fell at Gallipoli on the 3rd May 1915

VISCOUNT POWERSCOURT UNVEILS BRAY WAR MEMORIAL



The War Memorial erected on the Quinshoro' road, Bray, was yesterday unveiled by the Viscount Powerscourt. A large number of ex-servicemen were paraded for the occasion, and were commanded by Lord Ardee, the heir of the Earl of Meath. Photo shows Viscount Powerscourt unveiling the War Memorial. (Freeman Photo.)

Each year since 1923 a service of Remembrance is held at the memorial in November (*image below 2018 ceremony*)



To view the names on the Memorial Cross, go to the following URL <http://www.irishwarmemorials.ie/pdf/186.pdf>