

Tori Evangelical Lutheran Church

Estonia

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At the rear of the church are six plaques recording the names of allies, 1918-20, listed by country; the following is the list of 112 soldiers from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (now United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). A photo of the memorial is at the end. It is possible that the information comes from the National Archives of Estonia.

VR stands for **Vabadusrist**, the Estonian Cross of Liberty, with the class I/3 (leadership) or II/3 (personal courage); other medals listed are UK. This list is separate to the allied European political leaders who also received the Cross, such as Baldwin, Balfour, etc.

A useful history of this medal is in, *Eesti Sõjameeste Mälestuskirik – Tori, Pärnumaa*; published by Tori Kiriku Taastajate Ühendus, c. 2004.

Eesti Tänaab Ja Mäletab Vabadussõja Kangelasi

Estonia Thanks and Remembers the War of Independence Heroes

1918-20

Adams H J

Almond P J, MID

Amey J E H

Angus D M

Ashley A W

Bambridge H K, DSM

Barton W E

Birch A

Boulton J

Boyd W
Brade F T, DSC VR 1/3
Broad C W
Butter H
Cardwell E
Chapman C M S, DSC
Clarey A W
Clark T J
Clarkson A
Clifton F
Cookson E C
Cook H
Crysell A W
Dagg C F
Davies L F
Dawson S, DFC
Dayrell-Reed A, DSO
Ebling F J
Edgecombe A W
Eggleston C H
Elliott J
England C H
Fenn W
Finnis J F
Flockhart W
Flodin R
French H G H

Gascoyne A T
Giddy J
Gilhooly J J
Gillies J C
Gillingwater L T E
Gissing J
Griffiths C
Guy J
Haigh E
Hammersley R L
Harness J D
Holmes S D, VR II/3
House J
Howes J
Hutchings E
Jackson A F
Jarvis H W
Jennings H S
Johnson R
King W
Kingsbury W S
Larn W
Lees C C D
Leven B
Lilley R A
Lowe G W
Maclean H F

McCrea R L, DSM

McGillivray W

McVeigh J M

Miles E A

O'Brien D

O'Connell D

Orme L

Owers L G

Packman T R

Parnell W

Parsons R R

Partridge R H

Payne A J

Pendrill R J

Perkins C E

Pettitt J E

Plunkett G H

Polley F R H

Potter C C N

Potts B E

Powell O P

Primmett A

Reid J S G, DSC

Reynolds P

Ruffell W F

Ryder D

Seares W

Shaw W F, DSM
Shrapnell A F
Sleath J W
Smith W G, MID VR II/3
Southwell H K M
Staines J P
Stephens F E
Stroud J S
Taylor T J C
Taylor W S
Thatcher F L H, VR II/3
Trett W R H
Trickett C
Tundervary J H
Unwin F J
Usborne T R G, MID
Wakely A H
Wash W H
Weir A
Wells C T
Wescott G
Wilks F

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ESTONIA THANKS AND REMEMBERS THE WAR OF
INDEPENDENCE HEROES

ADAMS H. J. * ALMOND P. J., MID * AMEY J. E. H. * ANGUS D. M.
ASHLEY A. W. * BAMBRIDGE H. K., DSM * BARTON W. E. * BIRCH A.
BOULTON J. * BOYD W. * BRADE F. T., DSC, VR I/3 * BROAD C. W.
BUTTER H. * CARDWELL F. * CHAPMAN C. M. S., DSC * CLAREY A. W.
CLARK T. J. * CLARKSON A. * CLIFTON F. * COOKSON E. C. * COOK H.
CRYSSELL A. W. * DAGG C. F. * DAVIES L. F. * DAWSON S., DFC
DAYRELL-REED A., DSO * EBLING F. J. * EDGECOMBE A. W. * EGGLESTON C. H.
ELLIOT J. * ENGLAND C. H. * FENN W. * FINNIS J. F. * FLOCKHART W.
FLODIN R. * FRENCH H. G. H. * GASCOYNE A. T. * GIDDY J. * GILHOOLY J. J.
GILLIES J. C. * GILLINGWATER L. T. E. * GISSING J. * GRIFFITHS C. * GUY J.
HAIGH E. * HAMMERSLEY R. L. * HARNESS J. D. * HOLMES S. D. VR II/3
HOUSE J. * HOWES J. * HUTCHINGS E. * JACKSON A. F. * JARVIS H. W.
JENNINGS H. S. * JOHNSON R. * KING W. * KINGSBURY W. S. * LARN W.
LEES C. C. D. * LEVEN B. * LILLEY R. A. * LOWE G. W. * MACLEAN H. F.
McCREA R. L., DSM * MCGILLIVRAY W. * McVEIGH J. M. * MILES E. A.
O'BRIEN D. * O'CONNELL D. * ORME L. * OWERS L. G. * PACKMAN T. R.
PARNELL W. * PARSONS R. R. * PARTRIDGE R. H. * PAYNE A. J. * PENDRILL R. J.
PERKINS C. E. * PETTITT J. E. * PLUNKETT G. H. * POLLEY F. A. R.
POTTER C. C. N. * POTTS B. E. * POWELL O. P. * PRIMMETT A.
REID J. S. G., DSC * REYNOLDS P. * RUFFELL W. F. * RYDER D. * SEARLES W.
SHAW W. F., DSM * SHRAPNELL A. F. * SLEATH J. W. * SMITH W. G., MID, VR II/3
SOUTHWELL H. K. M. * STAINES J. P. * STEPHENS F. E. * STROUD J. S.
TAYLOR T. J. C. * TAYLOR W. S. * THATCHER F. L. H. VR II/3 * TRETT W. R. H.
TRICKETT C. * TUNDEVARY J. H. * UNWIN F. J. * USBORNE T. R. G., MID
WAKELY A. H. * WASH W. H. * WEIR A. * WELLS C. T. * WESCOTT G. * WILKS F.

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At the rear are six plaques recording the names of allies, 1918-20, by country. The Polish plaque lists recipients of the **Vabadusrist**, Cross of Liberty; photo, transcript (in the same order as the memorial), and some title translations are below. The information was likely provided by the National Archives of Estonia.¹

While the wars against Russia at the latter end of WW1 (1914-1920) were fought independently of each other there were considerable negotiations after 1920 towards the development of a Baltic Alliance for future defence led by Poland and Estonia. The award of medals from that date, in formal ceremonies with full regalia represented a symbolic exchange of mutual esteem.

Most were awarded after 1920 to either military leaders and officers (class I, only Piłsudski received I/1) or political leaders and ministers (class III/1) and diplomats (mostly class III/2-3). Established in February 1919 it was discontinued in July 1925.

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Eesti Tänaab Ja Mäletab Vabadussõja Vabadusristi Kavalere

Estonia Dziękuje I Czci Pamięć Kawalerow Orderu Krzyża Wolności

Wojciechowski, Stanizław, president, III/1

Dobrzyński, W², saadik, III/1

Grabski, Władysław, peaminister, III/1

Haller, Stanisław, kindral, I/1

Piłsudski, Józef, marssal, I/1

Rataj, Maciej, Seimi marssal, III/1

¹ If this is so then they was no cross consultation with Polish Archives to provide missing information, such as first names, i.e. Polish Foreign Office archives could have easily provided fn. 2

² Waclaw Tadeusz

Sikorski, Władisław, kindral, III/1 & I/2
Skrzyński, Aleksander, välisminister, III/1
Thugutt, Stanisław, peaministri abj III/1
Trapczynski, Wojciech, Senati marssal, III/1
Wasilewski, Leon, välisminister, III/1
Ablamowisz, Konstantiv, major, I/2
Bajer, Michal, kolonel, I/2
Charwat, Franciszek, Chargé d'Affaires Eestis III/2
Dowbor-Musnicki, Józef, kindral, I/2
Haller, Józef, kindral, I/2
Kessler, Edmund, brigaadi kindral, I/2
Kutrzeba, Tadeusz, kolonel K. S. dipl. I/2
Łukasiewicz, Juliusz, suursaadik, III/2
Neumann, Władisław, Chargé d'Affaires Eestis, saadik, III/2
Prus-Bogusławski, Stanisław, rittmeister, I/2
Przedziecki, Henryk, Comte, III/2
Rozwadowski, Taduusz, kindral, I/2
Rydz-Śmigły, Edward, kindral, I/2 & I/3
Sosnowski Kazimierz, kindral, I/2
Szeptycki, Stanisław, kindral, I/2
Brzozowski, Romuald, kolonel, I/3
Drymmer, Tomir, kapten, I/3
Hinterhoff, Eugenjusz, kapten K. S. Dipl. I/3
Iwaszkiewicz, Waclaw, kindral, I/3
Jedrzejewicz, Waclaw, major, I/3
Laudanski, Stanisław, kolonelleitnant, I/3
Matuszewski, Ignacy, kolonelleitnant, I/3

Meszkowski, (-), kolonelleitnant, I/3

Piskor Leon, kolonel K. S. Dipl. I/3

Rybak, Józef, kolonel K. S. Dipl. I/3

Stankiewicz, Jan, kapten-leitnant, I/3

Szumlakowski, (-), saatkonna nounik, saadik, III/3

Talikowski, Michal, kapten, I/3

Zuk, Bronisław, kolonel, I/3

Rahu ma jätan teile, oma rahu ma annan teile. Jh. 14:27A

Pokoj zozawiam, pokoj moj daje J 14, 27a

Some titles in English

Kindral = General

Peaminister = Prime Minister

Saadik/Suursaadik = Ambassador

Saatkonna nounik = Consul

Välisminister = Foreign Secretary



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ESTONIA DZIĘKUJE I CZCI PAMIĘĆ KAWALERÓW
ORDERU KRZYŻA WOLNOŚCI

WOJCIECHOWSKI, Stanisław, president III/1 * DOBRZYŃSKI, W.,
saadik III/1 * GRABSKI, Władysław, peaminister III/1 * HALLER,
Stanisław, kindral I/1, III/3 * PIŁSUDSKI, Józef, marssal I/1, III/1
RATAJ, Maciej, Seimi marssal III/1 * SIKORSKI, Władysław,
kindral III/1, I/2 * SKRZYŃSKI, Aleksander, välisminister III/1
THUGUTT, Stanisław, peaministri abi III/1 * TRĄPCZYŃSKI,
Wojciech, Senati marssal III/1 * WASILEWSKI, Leon,
välisminister III/1 * ABLAMOWICZ, Konstantiy, major I/2
BAJER, Michał, kolonel I/2 * CHARWAT, Franciszek, Chargé
d'Affaires Eestis III/2 * DOWBOR-MUSNICKI, Józef, kindral I/2
HALLER, Józef, kindral I/2 * KESSLER, Edmund, brigaadi
kindral I/2 * KUTRZEBA, Tadeusz, kolonel K. S. dipl. I/2
ŁUKASIEWICZ, Juliusz, suursaadik III/2 * NEUMANN, Władysław,
Chargé d'Affaires Eestis, saadik III/2 * PRUS - BOGUSŁAWSKI,
Stanisław, rittmeister I/2 * PRZEZDZIECKI, Henryk, Comte III/2
ROZWADOWSKI, Tadeusz, kindral I/2 * RYDZ - ŚMIGŁY, Edward,
kindral I/2, I/3 * SOSNKOWSKI, Kazimierz, kindral I/2
SZEPTYCKI, Stanisław, kindral I/2 * BRZOZOWSKI, Romuald,
kolonel I/3 * DRYMMER, Tomir, kapten I/3 * HINTERHOFF,
Eugenjusz, kapten K. S. dipl. I/3 * IWASZKIEWICZ, Waclaw,
kindral I/3 * JEDRZEJEWICZ, Waclaw, major I/3 * LAUDAŃSKI,
Stanisław, kolonelleitnant I/3 * MATUSZEWSKI, Ignacy,
kolonelleitnant I/3 * MESZKOWSKI, kolonelleitnant I/3
PISKOR, Leon, kolonel K. S. dipl. I/3 * RYBAK, Józef,
kolonel K. S. dipl. I/3 * STANKIEWICZ, Jan, kapten-leitnant I/3
SZUMLAKOWSKI, saatkonna nõunik, saadik III/3 * TALIKOWSKI,
Michał, kapten I/3 ŻUK, Bronisław, kolonel I/3



RAHU MA JÄTAN TALLE, OMA RAHU MA ANNAN TALLE. 16. 14. 27A
POKOJ ZOSTAWIAM WAM, POKOJ MOJ WAM DAJE. 1.14.27A