

C.S.

MUSEUMS MEMORIALS.
No. 268/26

1926.

S. of S. Circ.

SUBJECT.

1926.
26th February

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

Collection of photographs of memorials
of the War of 1914-18.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

6A 18/2/27

S. of S. Circular dated 26th Feb. 1926.

Y.P.
Submitted.
To bring up when 1/2 of the Memorial has
been erected?
G.M.H.
ai/c sec
31 May 1926.

Yes; but in the meantime let Mr. Roberts
see
G.M.H.
1. VI. 26

Mr. Roberts.
to see
G.M.H.
ai/c sec
1 June 1926.

Subsequent Paper.

ai/c Sec.
Noted.
E.E. 2 June 1926.

Mr. G. Roberts,

would it be possible at this stage to have photographs taken of the Battle Memorial and of the War Cross at the Cemetery. With regard to the latter it is doubtful whether the request contained in S. of S. Case of 26th February is intended to include such memorials, but it would, I think, be as well to send photographs of the Cross, if such can be taken without much inconvenience to yourself. In any case the Imperial War Graves Commission have expressed the wish to be furnished with photographs of both the Cross and the headstones at the Cemetery.

2. There is also a request in the despatch for other records. A brief description of the memorials and of their sites would seem to be what is desired.

W. J. G.
Off. Secy.
30 Aug. 1926.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I beg to forward the undermentioned photographs of War Memorials erected at Port Stanley for forwarding to the Secretary of State (for the Imperial War Museum) and to the Imperial War Graves Commission:-

For the Imperial War Museum.

- 3 No. photographs of the Memorial erected to commemorate the Falkland Islands Battle of 8th. December, 1914. (As detailed on attached list).
- 1 No. photograph of the Great War Cross supplied by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Particulars of the Battle Memorial are also attached for forwarding with the photographs.

For the Imperial War Graves Commission
(M.F. 590/24).

- 1 No. photograph of the Great War Cross.
 - 2 No. photographs of a teak cross erected by H.M.S. "Kent" over the graves of sailors killed in action in the Falkland Islands Battle.
 - 6 No. photographs of headstones supplied by Imperial War Graves Commission and erected over graves of men who died during active service.
- 3 Details of the cross and headstones are attached.

2. With regard to the 6 small photographs of the headstones, the lettering is practically indecipherable and I do not consider that they are worth sending to the Imperial War Graves Commission. This is due to the stone and lettering being of the same colour. It would be a great improvement if the lettering could be painted black similar to the inscription on the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial, and I am of opinion that the best type of photograph of these headstones to forward would be similar to those showing the teak cross, which is taken with a larger camera. The Imperial War

Enclosed A
P 590/24

Graves Commission in enclosure 7 (M.P. 590/24) ask for views of the Cemetery and headstones erected, and if these headstones are taken with a larger camera some of the surroundings could be included.

3. I submit an estimate for painting the lettering on the six headstones and for photographic materials for this work, and if approved I will endeavour to have the lettering done and photographs completed for forwarding next mail. The painting of the inscription would in no way be detrimental to the stone.

(?). Charge Head XV. Miscellaneous. Item 22.

Estimate for painting the inscription on the six Imperial war grave headstones at Cemetery.

		£	s	d.
Labour.	6 No. @ 6/6d.	.....	1.	19. 0.
Paint Materials.	6 No. @ 2d.	.....		1. 0.
			<u>2.</u>	<u>0. 0.</u>

Estimate for photographic materials.

1 packet.	Half-plates.	@ 6/6d.	.....	6.	6.
1 "	Quarter-plates	@ 3/-	.....	3.	0.
1 "	Pyro Developer	@ 2/6d.	.....	2.	6.
1 lb.	Hype-sulphite.	@ 8d.	.....		8.
3 packets.	$\frac{1}{2}$ plate paper.	@ 11d.	.....	2.	9.
1 "	$\frac{1}{4}$ " "	@ 11d.	.....		11.
					<u>16. 4.</u>
	(Labour.... NIL).				
					<u>2. 16. 4.</u>
	<u>TOTAL.... Sav.</u>			<u>2.</u>	<u>17. 0.</u>

C. Roberts
Executive Engineer.
8th. October, 1926.

Enclosures.

Particulars of Battle Memorial.
Schedule of photographs.
13 No. photographs.

Schedule of Photographs for Imperial War Museum H.
Despatch No. 112 dated 21st October 1926. 5-7.

Excerpted to MP 590/24

Downing Street,

26th February, 1926.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Trustees of the Imperial War Museum are making a collection of photographs of memorials of the War of 1914-18, which at present comprises considerably over one thousand records of such monuments in the British Isles and the several war areas.

2. In view of the interest which has been taken in this collection, the Trustees consider it desirable, if possible, to make it more complete by including photographs of memorials erected in the Colonies and Protectorates.

3. I shall be glad if you will furnish me, for transmission to the Trustees, with copies of any photographs and/or other records that are available of any war memorials which may have been erected within the territory under your administration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

L. S. AMERY.

The Officer Administering

the Government of

PARTICULARS OF MONUMENT ERECTED TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF VICE ADMIRAL SIR F.C.DOVETON STURDEE OVER VICE ADMIRAL GRAF VON SPEE.

A monument, built of Cornish granite, to commemorate the great victory of the British squadron in the Battle of the Falkland Islands, fought on the 8th. December, 1914, has been erected overlooking the harbour of Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The pedestal, which is 35 feet high, has a base 22 feet square composed of three flights of steps.

At the top is a bronze model of one of the ^{late} ~~Vall~~ ships, symbolising the beginning of the English Navy and is a correct representation of a fighting ship of the late 18th. century.

Surmounted on the inscription stone is a seven foot Figure of Victory looking in th direction in which the Battle was fought. At the back of the Memorial is a bronze panel symbolising as a whole the constancy of the Navy in Life and Death. It consists of piled up shells surmounted by a lifebelt symbolical of Life and Death, with a wheel and compass representing the keeping of a straight course, and a Sceptre suspended at the bottom of the panel representing the sovereignty of the seas. On either side are bronze panels representing Peace and War respectively showing the ships which took part in the Battle under the command of the late Vice Admiral Sir F.C. Doveton Sturdee, viz. "Invincible"., "Inflexible"., "Carnarvon"., "Kent"., "Cornwall"., "Glasgow"., "Bristol"., "Canopus" and "Macedonia".

C. Roberts
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

- (a). View of the Great War Cross built of Stancliffe stone and erected at the entrance to the cemetery in Port Stanley.
- (b). View of the teak cross erected by H.M.S. "Kent"
- (c). & over the graves of sailors killed in action during the Battle of the Falkland Islands and buried in the cemetery at Port Stanley.
(Note. A commemoration service has been held over the graves of these men each year on the 8th day of December).
- (d). Photograph of headstone erected in Stanley cemetery, bearing the following inscription:-
F.L. Lovett. Ch. Ships Cook, R.N.,
159802. H.M.S. "Kent". 5th. April, 1916.
Age 41.
- (e). Do. Do.
R. Fitzpatrick. Stoker, R.N.R. 760/V.
H.M.W.T. Station. 26th. August, 1919.
- (f). Do. Do.
Fourth Engineer W. Third. S.S. "Royal Transport". 31st. December, 1914.
Age 21.
- (g). Do. Do.
C. Halligan. Able Seaman, R.N. 189926.
H.M.S. "Bristol". 4th. February, 1915.
- (h). Do. Do.
152 Private Norman Aitken.
Falkland Islands Volunteer Force.
1st. December, 1914.
- (i). Do. Do.
J.B. Hattle. Seaman, R.N.R. 3683/B.
H.M.S. "Macedonia". 1st. July, 1915.
Age 32.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

(I). View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking West, showing Figure of Victory looking towards the direction in which the Battle was fought.

(II). View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking East showing the bronze panel depicting the constancy of the British Navy, with Fort Stanley in the background.

(III). View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking North West.

(IV). View of the Great War Cross, supplied by the Imperial War Graves Commission, and erected at the entrance to the Cemetery in Port Stanley.

(This Memorial is built of Stancliffe stone standing 18 feet high).

C. Roberts
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 112.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

21st October, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 26th of February, 1926, asking that you may be furnished, for transmission to the Trustees of the Imperial War Museum, with copies of any photographs and/or other records that are available of any war memorials which may have been erected in this Colony, I have the honour to transmit copies of three photographs of the memorial which has been erected at Stanley in commemoration of the naval battle of the Falkland Islands together with a short notice descriptive of the memorial and explanatory of the photographs.

In duplicate.

2. I also enclose a copy of a photograph of the Great War Cross which has been erected on behalf of the Imperial War Graves Commission at the entrance to the cemetery at Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

(6.)

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 112

of the 21st of October, 1926.

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the victory of Vice Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton
Sturdee over Vice Admiral Graf von Spee.

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At the top is a bronze model of one of the long ships, symbolising the beginning of the English Navy and is a correct representation of a fighting ship of the late 15th century.

Surmounted on the inscription stone is a seven foot Figure of Victory looking in the direction in which the Battle was fought. At the back of the Memorial is a bronze panel symbolising as a whole the constancy of the Navy in Life and Death. It consists of piled up shells surmounted by a lifebelt symbolical of Life and Death, with a wheel and compass representing the keeping of a straight course, and a Sceptre suspended at the bottom of the panel representing the sovereignty of the seas. On either side are bronze panels representing Peace and War respectively showing the ships which took part in the Battle under the command of the late Vice Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton.

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