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MISCELLANEOUS
(Ceremonies)
No. 526/26.

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SUBJECT.

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3rd November.

UNVEILING OF THE GREAT WAR CROSS AT
STANLEY CEMETERY.

Previous Paper.

See Indent 66/54 Bronze Plaque

Early

MINUTES.

Colonel Rogers.

It is the intention of His Excellency the Chief Justice to unveil the Great War Cross at the entrance to the Stanley cemetery on the 11th of November, next: Will you please see that all necessary arrangements are made and that the site is properly cleared and put in order by this date?

Subsequent Paper.

2. / gave verbal instructions to the

effect to W. Bond, Clerk to P.W. Dept., a few days

since - It party of men are now at work

on the ground near the Cross and on the

approach to the Cemetery. In course of a walk

yesterday evening shortly after 5 p.m. I came upon

the party seated on the steps leading up to the

Cross; on my enquiring what they were doing I

received the answer "Just having a smoke"!

In answer to a subsequent enquiry as to who

was in charge of the party I was told that W.

Bipps was in charge but that he had just gone

away, apparently leaving no one in charge.

3. Will you kindly take this matter up?

I presume the party in question are being paid

by the hour?

J. M. L.
G. C. L.

3. 11. 26

Inside Minute Paper.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,
Noted.

2. Instructions have been issued for the veiling of the Great War Cross and for the clearing of the site in readiness for the ceremony on the 11th of November.

3. With regard to the conduct of the labourers working at the cemetery; I should be glad if this matter could stand over until Mr Baseley resumes duty.

W. Hoyle
Colonial Engineer.
8th November 1926.

*Minute from N.E. the Col. Governor 7 Nov^r 1926
Gazette Notice No 85 of 8th Nov^r 1926*

y. s. I should. I will take all possible steps to ensure that the arrangements made for the unveiling ceremony on the 11th inst. are adequate.

*Just
8. 11. 26
Thank you. *J.H.*
9 Nov^r. 1926*

y. s. As reported verbally this morning to y. s. I am disappointed at the progress that has been made on the

sides of the great War Cross subsequent to

the date of my death of 3.11.26.

2. I again expected the rest this morning
at home from W. Dred, former of Dobs, in the
absence of the Col. Eynier on account of sickness
at home expressed upon the need of doing
all that is possible to put things straight in
the short time now available.

3. If arrangements are not all that they
should be on tomorrow I can only express my
regret but in the absence of the Col. Eynier I
do not wish myself to give this matter any closer
personal attention.

J.M.S.
2.

10.11.26.

M.C.S.

I am grateful to you for all the
trouble you have taken in this matter.
I can assure you that you need
have no qualms of regret as to lack of
personal attention.

J.M.S.

10 Nov. 1926

Mr. Buckley visited the post War
Cros at 10.45 a.m. 11. 11. 26.

P. M. P.

11. 11. 26.

Col. Eynnis.

Please see this M.P. 12
view of the lapse of time I do
not propose further to pursue the
matter of the "working" party.

J. Miller

By Col. Secy.

6. 12. 26.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Thank you. Noted and returned.

R. D. Barclay

Colonial Engineer.

9th December, 1926.

M. P.
9. 12. 26

From His Excellency the Acting Governor

1
Hon. Colonial Secretary,
to The Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat.

Unveiling of Great War Cross

In connection with the Ceremony on Armistice Day this year (Govt. Notice No. 77 of 18th Oct.) it has been represented to me that it would be preferable if the wreaths which it has been customary to lay on the Naval and Volunteer Graves in the Cemetery could be laid on the Great War Cross which is a Comprehensive memorial. I cordially agree with this view.

2. The Great War Cross, however, has not been unveiled yet, and I have deferred taking action in this respect until it was known whether or not Sir John Maddellon was returning to the Colony. Although no official intimation has been received, it is practically certain now that he will not be returning.

3. Accordingly, steps should now be taken regarding the unveiling of the Cross. Armistice Day is an appropriate day for this Ceremony, and it could suitably be carried out immediately prior to the usual Armistice Day Ceremony.

4. The Colonial Engineer should make necessary arrangements to have the Cross and surroundings in readiness, and for the Cross to be suitably draped with proper arrangement for unveiling.

5. I attach a draft Government Notice.

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7 Nov. 1926.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 85.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
5th November, 1936.

With reference to Government Notice No. 77 of the 16th of October on the subject of the Anniversary Day Ceremony on Thursday, the 13th of November, it is hereby notified for general information that the Great War Cross erected in front of the Cemetery will be unveiled immediately prior to the usual Ceremony held on that day.

Accordingly the departure from the Town Hall of the Acting Governor accompanied by Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Heads of Departments, etc. will take place at 10.15 a.m. and not as previously notified.

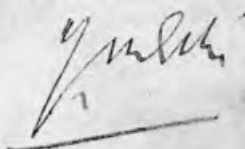
Immediately on arrival at the site His Excellency will unveil the Cross, after which a prayer of dedication will be offered by the Reverend F. S. Vaughan, Hon.C.F. Thereafter three volleys will be fired by the detachment of the Defence Force.

The official wreaths will be laid on the Great War Cross. The general public is invited to lay their wreaths similarly.

In other respects the arrangements detailed in Government Notice No. 77 will be adhered to.

It is hoped that ex-officers and other ranks in possession of war medals and decorations will wear them on this occasion. Those in possession of uniform are at liberty to wear it.

By Command,



Acting Colonial Secretary.