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H.E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

1927

12th June

Previous Paper.

Unveiling of War Memorial Tablet
in Christ Church Cathedral.

MINUTES.

1 Ltr from Very Rev. Dean of Stanley 12 June 1927

3-2 Ltr from Very Rev. Dean of Stanley 14 June 1927

4 Memo from H.E. the Governor 14 June 1927 -
y.s.
Five typed copies of y.s.'s speech herewith
Thank-yous as directed.

2. I have ventured to lose an additional
Copy made in more convenient form for y.s.;
Agreat help. A.H.
me at the actual unveiling.

Hon. C.S.

I have made a few alterations on page 3.
Please have the other copies altered in ink. Kindly
Retain one in this file & return the other three to me.
A.H.
17.6.27

Subsequent Paper.

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Speech by His Excellency the Governor.
Ltr from the Very Rev. Dean of Stanley 14 June 1927
y. 21.6.27
le 18.6.27

~~Minute from His Excellency the Governor~~
~~held, 20 June 1927 11.~~

Letter from the Dean of Stanley 19. 6. 27 226
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G.S. Draft duplicate submitted as directed.

Jul 22. 6. 27
Thank you. when you please let me have 1/4
of two cut carbon copies.

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A.H.

Despatch to Secretary of State
No 114 of, 2nd July 1927 13-14

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THE DEANERY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

H.D.C.
Please note & return. I
will send morning cont. you
address military & M.I.F. the
military will be there.
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Nov. 1927
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12th June 1927.

Gen Exallency

The Committee responsible for the
erection of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial
set aside the sum of £100 for a Tablet to be erected
in the Cathedral to the memory of all Falkland
Islanders who lost their lives in the Great War.

This Tablet arrived in the "Lagarto" & we hope
that it will be erected in the place allotted to it
during this week. If this is possible would Gen
Exallency be so good as to unveil it during
Mattins (11.0'clk) next Sunday morning, June 19th?
I would then dedicate it.

I should like to see the Falkland Islands
Defence Force attend this service if Gen
Exallency approves.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant

~~Frank S. Vaughan~~

Dean of Stanley.

Note.
Replied to Dean delighted

to do so.

A.H.

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His Excellency
The Governor,
Government House,
Stanley.

Name on Tablet.

Relatives.

- X Norman Aitken	Father & Mother living in Stanley, Brother living in the "Camp" Father is one of the oldest local Volunteers
X James Allen	No relatives here.
Gerald Wolstan Baillon	No relatives here.
- X Frederick Biggs	nearest relatives in Stanley are 2 Uncles.
- Singleton Bonner	Relative of The Hon. G. Bonner, ? Brother
- X William Blyth	Mother, Brothers & Sisters living in Stanley.
James Dickie	No relatives here
X Herbert Gaylard	No relatives here
John Eric Goodhart	No relatives here
- Claude Hardy	Mother, Brother & 2 Sisters living in Sth. America. Uncle & Cousins living in Stanley.
- Ernest Kelway	Step-mother, Brother & Sister living in Stanley.
Peter McKay	2 Sisters & 2 Brothers living in the "Camp".
John Waldron Mathews	No relatives here
- X Charles Newing	Father, Mother, 2 Sisters & 3 Brothers living in Stanley. One Brother living in the "Camp". One of the Brothers is a Churchwarden <i>here</i> .
Robert Christopher Packe.	No relatives here
Henry Phillips	Relatives in the "Camp".
X Walter Shire	No relatives here
X Ernest Spencer	Widow & Son & Daughter in Sth. America
Maxwell Williams	No relatives here
Stuart Williams	No relatives here.

} brothers.

P.S. The 8 marked with a X were members of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force (as it was then called) and were drowned while on active service in the Colony. A brass Tablet to their memory is in the Cathedral near the pulpit.

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in December 1914

THE DEANERY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14th June 1927

Your Excellency

I have the honour to submit,
in answer to your telephonic inquiry, the
enclosed information concerning Relatives of
the men whose names are recorded on the Memorial
Tablet which is about to be erected in the
Cathedral.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's

Obedient servant

Frank S. Vaughan

Dean of Stanley.

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Please File.
A.H.

His Excellency
The Governor,
Stanley.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Strictly Confidential

Please have the enclosed typed (^{Five}~~two~~ copies) by your Confidential Clerk and returned to me. IF you notice any obvious slips please correct. IF there are any passages he correct read let me know & I will rewrite them.

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A. N.

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SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ON THE OCCASION
OF THE UNVEILING OF THE TABLET IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
TO THE MEMORY OF FALKLAND ISLANDERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
IN THE GREAT WAR. SUNDAY, 19th June, 1927.

I consider it a great privilege and honour to have
been asked by the Very Reverend Dean to unveil this tablet
which contains the glorious names of those of you who fought
and died in the Great War.

It is also the source of great satisfaction to me
when I consider my first official act in your Colony was to
lay a wreath at the foot of your noble War Memorial, and that
my second is to unveil this tablet. As you all know this
Colony of which you are so proud, and rightly so, will go
down to posterity in the dim ages yet to come, famed for the
great naval engagement which took place almost within sight of
its shores, and even in this Cathedral today there is one and
perhaps more who actually fought in this action.

In our midst here are some who have lost those near
and dear to them. Mr. and Mrs. Aitken - their son, Norman.
The Hon. G. Bommer - his brother, Singleton. Mrs. Blyth -
her son, William, and Mr. and Mrs. Newing - their son, Charles.
The relatives of Frederick Biggs, Claude Hardy and Ernest
Kelway are also among us, and far away in the "Camp" are many
others who mourn their dead this day, their names being
engraved for ever on this tablet.

I would say if any words can assuage their bitter,
poignant grief, that pride should overcome this sorrow, pride
that they died so nobly, and pride that they made the great
sacrifice to protect these Islands you love so dearly. May
we humbly hope when our time comes, as come it must, that we
may die as willingly and unflinchingly as they did.

Many of them were members of the Falkland Islands

Volunteer/

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Volunteer Force. I am sure the members of that fine ^{beautiful} regiment gathered today within this noble Cathedral in which we take an active pride and which we delight to honour, and those who for unforeseen circumstances were unable to come, will never forget this. Let it spur them on to further keenness and efficiency so that if ever the call to arms should come ^{again}, which in this uncertain world it may, they will be ready to take up the challenge and help our great Empire to win through again, as under God's help it did before, and will a second time.

It is well to remember this solemn occasion once again calls us to join in remembrance of the men and women who have made the Empire what it is, and with grateful but humble hearts to glory in the possession of the great inheritance which God and our fathers have given into our keeping. Our Empire does not remain stationary. All the time it is changing and developing, and it is our task, as it has been the task of generations in the past and will be that of generations to come to hold fast to whatever is seen to be fairest and truest in the traditions of our national character, so we may look forward to the future calm and undismayed.

Around me I see many children. To you, dear girls and boys, I would say, do not forget this day: mark it red in your calendars. You are young with all your lives before you. Try and cultivate a spirit of knight-errantry. You boys should remember girls are not your equal but your superior, and that it is your privilege and duty to protect and look after them. Try to be kind and courteous remembering that boasters and bullies are not the bravest men.

Cultivate cheerfulness under the most trying conditions and you will make others happy too, *and if you can do that every day you will not have spent it in vain.*

I would venture to suggest that sometimes in the evening when you are drawn up before the fire and the wind is howling and shrieking outside that you go to your fathers!

fathers or mothers and ask them to tell you all about Gordon
~~Wain~~, Kitchener, Scott and that very gallant gentleman, Captain
Oates, and also Shackleton who lies buried in your dependencies
under a simple wooden cross at South Georgia, sleeping his last
long sleep in that ice-bound land. Ask them to tell you how
they lived and how they died.

Then without your knowing it you will be instilled
with their patriotism and love of justice, and will be worthy
followers of those whose names are inscribed on the tablet
in this Cathedral. Believe me, life without romance and some
form of hero worship is a drab affair, hardly worth living.
I hope that some of you, even in these mechanical days when it is
the fashion to scoff at anything we cannot see or prove, still
like to pretend that you will find fairies, those dainty little
denizens of the moorlands, if you look under the diddle-dee
bushes on a bright moonlight night. Make believe is not a thing
to be deprecated but, on the contrary, to be encouraged. Romance
is a wonderful miraculous thing. It is the key to all great
deeds of derring-do. It seeks no reward or mercenary gain.
It is the fairy wand that on your picnics changes muddy water
into ginger-beer, the minnow into the salmon, the hare into the
charging elephant, and when you go out into the great world
far afield, the dreary desert into the beautiful garden, and the
howling gale into the gentle zephyr. So cultivate it. Do not
be afraid to hitch your chariot to the stars.

Follow the words of the message ~~the~~ which the
King gave to the children of the Empire ^{over years ago} and you will not go
wrong.

"Be brave, honourable and kind, thinking of
others before yourself, and always play the game."

and also remember the motto on your ^{own} Colony's
coat of arms "Desire the Right."
And now in conclusion let me again say what an honour I consid-
-er it to unveil this tablet, and that I shall never forget this
solemn and beautiful service.

ORDER OF PROCESSION TO TABLET.

(8)

(immediately after His Excellency's Address)

Mr. A. Newing (Churchwarden)

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary & Capt. Bentinck, A.D.C.

The Hon. H.H.R. Gresham & Lieut. Watson

(representing the Memorial Committee) (representing the local Defence Force)

Mr. T. Binnie (Lay Reader & Dean's Warden)

The Very Reverend The Dean.

(the procession returns in the same order
during the singing of Hymn 221)

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

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Unveiling and Dedication of Tablet
to the memory of those from this Colony who lost their lives
in the Great War.

Sunday, 19th. June 1927

Order of Service.

MATTINS TO THE 3rd. COLLECT.

SPECIAL PSALM — 23.

SPECIAL LESSONS — Wisdom 3. 1-6.

Rev. 7. 13-17.

ROLL CALL

(all standing.)

NORMAN AITKEN	ERNEST KELWAY
JAMES ALLEN	PETER MCKAY
GERALD WOLSTAN BAILLON	JOHN WALDRON MATHEWS
FREDERICK BIGGS	CHARLES NEWING
SINGLETON BONNER	ROBERT CHRISTOPHER PACKE
WILLIAM BLYTH	HENRY PHILLIPS
JAMES DICKIE	WALTER SHIRE
HERBERT GAYLARD	ERNEST SPENCER
JOHN ERIC GOODHART	MAXWELL WILLIAMS
CLAUDE HARDY	STUART WILLIAMS

CONTAKION OF THE DEPARTED

(all kneeling)

Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants with Thy Saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man: and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return: for so Thou didst ordain, when Thou createdst me, saying—Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

All we go down to the dust: and, weeping o'er the grave, we make our song, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants, with Thy Saints: where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.

(The congregation will kindly be seated during His Excellency's Address and stand during the procession to the Tablet.)

ADDRESS & UNVEILING

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

DEDICATION BY THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN

PRAYERS.

HYMN 221.

ADDRESS BY THE VERY REV. THE DEAN.

HYMN 499 (collection.)

THE BLESSING.

“GOD SAVE THE KING.”

16th June 1927

THE DEANERY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(10)

The Hon: the Colonial Secretary,

Sir

I beg to forward (1) a copy of the Order
of Service for next Sunday morning &

(2) information as to
the order of the Procession to & from the
Tablet.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Fred. S. Vaughan

Dean of Stanley

Hand C.S.
Please file with
Hackett
A.H.
19th June 1927.

THE DEANERY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Your Excellency

I have the honor to acknowledge your kind message concerning this morning's Service for which I thank you - it was most kind of you to write.

If it is not presumptuous on my part, I should like to offer your Excellency my congratulations & thanks for your admirable speech on this occasion, a copy of which I received today for which I thank you.

In case your Excellency is not quite clear on the matter, perhaps you will permit me to point out -

- (1) That the monument at which you laid a wreath is a memorial of the Falkland Islands Battle & does not bear any names of the fallen.
- (2) The names of the men who died in, or in consequence of the Falkland Islands Battle are recorded on the Memorial Cross erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission at the entrance to Stanley Cemetery. I enclose particulars of the names on that Cross. It includes the following

(11) Who are buried in Stanley Cemetery:-

- (a) the eight men of the F.I. Defence Force who were drowned.
- (b) thirteen men of the "Kent" - the ships engaged in the F.I. Battle.
- (c) one - "Fitzpatrick" who died, I think, from exposure in the snow.

It has been customary for some years to hold a short ceremony at this Cross on Armistice Day & a Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral on December 8th, the anniversary of the F.I. Battle.

I have the honour to be

Yours Excellency's

obedient servant-

Frederick S. Vaughan

Dean of Stanley.

His Excellency
The Governor,
Stanley.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

2nd July, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 114.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that at the request of the Dean of Stanley I unveiled on Sunday the 19th of June, 1927, a tablet which has been erected in the Cathedral by the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial Committee to the memory of all Falkland Islanders who gave their lives in the Great War.

2. The ceremony of the unveiling and of the subsequent dedication by the Dean took place during a specially arranged Mattins service of the order of which I enclose a copy and to which I was accompanied by my Aide-de-Camp and by the Colonial Secretary, the Honourable H. H. R. Gresham, M.L.C., the local Secretary to the Memorial Committee unfortunately being prevented by ill-health. The service was attended by a strong parade of past and present members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and by a large congregation which filled the Cathedral to overflowing.

3. The tablet itself is of oak handsomely decorated in blue and gold and engraved with the names of the twenty Falkland Islanders who fell in the war. You will recollect that of this

number/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Enclosure I.

number eight were drowned in Stanley harbour while on active service locally with the Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps. I enclose copies of two photographs of the tablet.

Enclosure II.

4. Prior to the act of unveiling I delivered an address to the congregation from the chancel steps. I annex a copy of the address for your information.

Enclosure III.

5. I would add that I was much impressed by the solemn beauty of the service and by the reverent demeanour of those who took part in it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.