

C.S.

Military

Imperial War Graves
Commission

No. 838/21

1921

WAR/MEM/1#6

S. of S. Circular

SUBJECT.

1921

21st June

Previous Paper.

Erection of Memorials, a uniform type
on Naval and Military Graves.

512/18

CS 729/21

MINUTES.

S. of S. Circular 21st June 1921. Encl C

H.E. the Governor

Submitted with CS 739/21

K. Thompson
A.C.C. 31/8/21

H.C.S.

Dian Stanley Smith who is a member of the
British Burma Language Society recently written
memorial was not added on graves in the
Cemetery.

2. I should be glad if an opportunity could be
taken to lay before the Board for the information
of its members S of S circular despatch of 21st June
1921.

Subsequent Paper.

3. Indefinite list of graves have gone home and
one click to Admiralty (see 739/21) with
with you. It is high time that

permanently, & it would probably expedite matters
if the Govt got into touch directly with the War
Grave Commission & gave them an assurance that
the Govt is prepared to assist in regard to local
graves.

The following lists have been forwarded to Sqs.

(a) G.O. 214/18 To Sqs No 101 of 2nd Dec 1918 12 names missing.

(b) G.O. 99/19. To Sqs No 44 of 24th March 1919

8 members I. I. Volunteer Bce who were
drowned in active service. 4 other members of the Bce

(c) G.O. 305/20. To Sqs No 105 of 30th Sept 1920. 13 names missing.

List (c) contains all names in list (a) and in
addition those of Richard Albert Henry Boswell
who died in 1903.

A list which O.I.C. W/F has sent to Admiralty
List (see 739/20) is probably the same as list (c)
but this should be verified.

The Imperial War Grave Commission will arrange
for headstones of uniform type for all Naval
Graves in list (a)

I am of opinion that the Colonial Govt should
arrange (at its own cost) with War Grave Commission
to provide headstones of the same type for graves
of all members of the I. I. Volunteer Bce who were
drowned on 1st Dec 1914 & in whose graves there is
no monument. In some cases

former members have been made
^{it is not intended to interfere with the plan}
 by relatives: but at least 3 of deceased
 has no relative in the Colony

8. I am of opinion, further, that Colonial
 Govt should arrange (at its own cost) with
 the Grave Commission to provide headstones
 of the same type to mark permanently
^{on which there is no permanent inscription}
 the graves in Stanley Cemetery of

(1) Any Naval Rating now included in
 List A - including Richard Aborn see
 para 3 - irrespective of date of death

(2) Members of Mercantile Marine who
 are serving in Hongkong etc between
 1914 and 1919

9. A modern type of headstone has been
 adopted by the War Grave Commission & the
 War Expenditure involved by other purposes
 would not be great. I shall be glad
 if the proposal may be laid before the
 Privy Council for their consideration & for
 forward of an expression of their views.

Yh.

2 Feb 1922

Copy of circular and of the Governor's
minute to be prepared with a covering
letter from myself as Chairman asking
whether the ^{Trustees} concur in the
proposal

ttttt 7/2/22

Copy of circular and etc., sent to Trustees Stanley
Bemetry 8th February, 1922. Encl (2)

Letter from Rev. Fr. ethgane d 12/2/22 Encl (2) Wait pply

Wait pply please

ttttt 16/2/22

Letter from Mr. Chas. Halkett d 22/2/22 Encl (2)

Encl (5)

Letter from Hon. W. A. Standing & Rev. Dean Smith Encl (5)

and (5)

1/1.

Y.E. might be pleased to meet
the Trustees one day next week. I
think that any day and hour would be
convenient.

2. With reference to the Dean's suggestion
at X it is as well to point out that
whatever form is decided upon by the
War Graves Commission it would be in
the better taste to abide by here than to
erect something more elaborate.

3. To erect special memorials to all
sailors who have been killed in the
Colony irrespective of the war would I
think be going far.

ttttt 28/2/22

I shall be glad to meet the Trustees at
11 am. on Thursday 2nd March 27th February 1922.

Letters to Trustees Stanley Cemetery, 28th Feb. 1912.

Encl. ⑥

Perhaps Mr. Turner would be good enough to prepare a note of any points which ~~the Committee~~ were discussed at meeting today & which Trustees would wish to be recorded.

2 March 1912

Copy of notes of 2nd branch 1912 - Encl ⑦

Rec'd by Mr. Turner

U.S. submitted with a brief note from Mr. Turner of the proceedings at the meeting in U.S. office

U.S. 4/4/22

H.E.S. with reference to concluding, per Mr. S.J.S. & Mr. C. C. C. will you please write to Secretary Imperial War Graves Commission & say that this Govt will be glad to afford any assistance which it can to the Commission in carrying out its duties in regard to war graves in this Colony and at same time send list of graves of Naval Ratings & members of Defence Force (not marked by

(Wm. Manatt Memorial)

2. Will you also ask for copy of
Illustrated pamphlet explanatory of
Memorial + heading which have been
adopted

3. The son of William Ibsen a former
should be made stating that it is not
known whether SS. Royal Transport was
in Admiral's service.

4. Reg. H. has told me verbally that
796 - Nilsson was a Swede & was
one of crew of Bangor at time of
capture.

5. Before Dr. Stanley Smith left the
Colony on 2nd April I sent him a letter
to Capt. A. W. Hill appt. District Comm.
whom I know has done much work in
connection with war graves & asked him
to put the Dr. into communication with
Branch of Commission which will deal with
graves here. I also sent a photograph
showing that copies on plans of Naval
Ranking + members of Dyke Ave.

XX.

2 April 1912

Letter to Secretary, Imperial War
Graves Commission, 5.4.22, Encl. (8)

Letter from O.I.C. Naval Depot d 24th Apr 1922. Encl. (9)

Copy of list as sent to W. S. Commission
adding Fitzpatrick and from Glendinning
to every ^{5.6} with a note that there have
been many wooden crosses

THU 26/4/22

Letter to O.I.C. Naval Depot, 28.4.22,
Encl. (10)

Letter from O.I.C. Naval Depot d 2 May 1922
Encl. (11)

Y.I.
Substituted

2. This inf. was filed in sec
Mr. Neave is anxious for
reply to send home by this mail.

3. The assurance may be
given that the graves will be
maintained kept in order by
the Trustees of the Stanley Cemetery
without charge to the Imperial
Government?

THU 10/5/22

RM

19 May 1922

Letter to O.I.C. Naval Depot, 19.5.22
Encl. (12)

Letter from Imp War Graves Commission
of 15th May 1922 Encl. (13)

Vide letter
30/9/22 in inf
669/20

Y.B.
Submitted

11111 3 July 1922

To await further letter from in
Para 2 of (B). Sx.

14 July 1922

Telegram from War Graves Commission
of 20th July 1922 — Encl. (14)

Y.B.

Submitted with plan of cemetery

11111 24 July 22

H.E.S.

I consulted the members of R. Co. on
the matter at the meeting on 27th July
they agreed with me that (a) that copies
should remain provided that it was
recognised that although very care
would be taken by the Colonial Govt for their
preservation, when their time came for
their replacement permanent memorials
would be erected by the Commission.

(b) the central memorial to commemorate

all war graves should be erected on the
strip of land between the cemetery & Rops
Road, which would be marked off, marked &

which will be commuted ^{Sheet No.} over the narrow gauge
inland as the cost of the Colonial ^{gauge} ~~gauge~~
Government.

2. The unmarked grave of ^{Norman} ~~Allen~~ ^{Edward} (Volunteer)
 & Reid (S.S. Royal Transport) are ~~not~~
 mentioned in the telegram: if it is not
 proposed by Commission that Commission
 headquarters should be visited as one of
 Commission the cost will be borne by
 Council Gov.

I understand from Mr. A. Newing that
his family wish to erect a memorial
(Private Education)
Charles Austin Newing has definite
information only to give as to the date.

3. Photographs of all war graves have been taken by Mr. Bennett who of the strip of land between the cemetery & Rip Road: copies as to Commission.

4. Mr. Bentley has already begun the preparation of the plan of the cemetery: the papers can go to him in order that he may insert information as to the various parts: I doubt if plan will be ready for mail of 9th August.

22.

3 August 1971

of the plan of approach "B" as
advised by the Colonial Engineer. A
letter from Mr. Turner Secretary
to the Trustees reporting the
decision will be submitted on the
relevant ref. In the meantime
the Colonial Engineer can proceed with
his plan for the War Graves Commission?

Should go on by now
some of the papers for

4/1/23
4 January 1923

C.S.

Accordingly

5/1/23

The Hon; Colonial Secretary.

Tracing of plan of Cemetery showing
position of war graves herewith, also 14
photographs to accompany tracing.

N. Brassey.
Colonial Engineer.

3/1/23.

Letter to Graves Commission of 6.2.23 - Encl (15)

Letter from War Graves Commission
of 21st June 1922 - Encl (16)

Letter from War Graves Commission
16 April 1922 (17)

Letter to Mr. L. Allen 14 Aug 1922 (18)

Letter to Mr. W. S. Livi 14 Aug 1924 (19)

Letter to Mr. W. S. Livi 14 Aug 1924 (20)

Letter War Graves Commission
14 Aug 1924 (21)

List Particulars regarding graves (22)
21a

List of Address of relatives of
Ptes. Allen & Livi (23)

Letter from Imperial War Graves Commission
of 12th November 1924 — Encl (24)

Memorial Registers 1914. Parts I, II & III

v. Introduction to the Registers.

Hon. M. Craigie Harrell.

Hon. Treasurer, Library & Museum
Committee.

Will you please withdraw above
for filing in Library.

M. Craigie Harrell

C. J. Sect.

23 June 1926

Hon. Col. Sec.

Withdrawn accordingly.

M. Craigie Harrell

Hon. Treas. Library
and Museum

24.6.26

Downing Street,

21st June, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Walter Long's Circular despatch of the 5th of December, 1917, respecting the constitution and functions of the Imperial War Graves Commission, I have the honour to inform you that the Commission desire it to be known that under their Charter they are charged with the duty of caring for and erecting permanent memorials on the graves of all officers and men of the Naval and Military Forces of the British Empire who fell during the War, and that it is possible that they may also eventually assume the same duties as regards the graves of members of the mercantile marine and civilian organisations who served with the armed forces.

2. The policy adopted by the Commission and accepted by His Majesty's Government is to erect memorials of a uniform type. The type of headstone employed for cemeteries in France and Flanders is used for headstones in other countries, if local conditions of transport and materials, etc., permit. In some cases, owing to inaccessibility or indifferent communications, it has been necessary to adopt a smaller and more compact form of memorial, but the principle of uniformity is adhered to. This principle was adopted by the Commission in order to ensure equality of treatment for the graves of all, whatever their rank or status, and it is desirable that local administrations should not erect memorials of a different nature from those adopted by the Commission.

The Officer Administering
the Government of

3. *It is the practice of the Commission, after obtaining information as to the names of the soldiers concerned, to communicate with the next-of-kin, in order to confirm the particulars to be engraved on each headstone. In the case of burials in the Colonies this duty will be carried out by the Head Office of the Commission in London.*

4. *The erection of memorials to the memory of native troops, carriers, etc., depends upon local conditions. In ordinary circumstances the Commission would not erect individual headstones but a central memorial in some suitable locality to be selected by the Government concerned.*

5. *At the request of the Commission I suggest that, in the event of any members of the Naval or Military Forces, Mercantile Marine or civilian organisations serving with the armed forces, who fell during the War, having been buried in the territory under your administration, you should communicate direct with the Imperial War Graves Commission, 82, Baker Street, London, W.1, with a view to arrangements being made for the appointment, if necessary, of an agency of the Commission to carry out its duties in regard to any local graves. An illustrated pamphlet explanatory of the types of memorial and headstone which have been adopted will be supplied by the Commission if desired.*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

CIRCULAR.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

8th February, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to attach a copy of a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dealing with the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission in erecting permanent memorials on naval and military graves, together with a copy of minute from the Governor containing proposals for giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission in this Colony.

2. I shall be glad to learn whether the Trustees of the Stanley Cemetery concur in the proposals made by His Excellency.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton

Colonial Secretary.

(Chairman Stanley Cemetery Trustees

The Very Rev. Dean Stanley Smith, M.A.

Hon. G. I. Turner,

The Rev. Fr. Migone,

Hon. H. C. Harding,

Hon. W. A. Harding,

M. C. Craigie-Halkett, Esq.,

Stanley.



Port Stanley, February 13th. 1922.

Dear Sir,

As I have no particular views on the subject of the Circular dated 8th. February instant, I will abide by the decision of the other trustees of the Stanley Cemetery.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Major

The Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

(4)

Stanley, 22nd February 1922.



Sir,

With reference to your Circular letter dated the 8th inst., forwarding copy of a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dealing with the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission in erecting permanent memorials on naval and military graves, together with a copy of ~~xxx~~ a minute from the Governor containing proposals for giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission, I have the honour to inform you that I concur in the proposals made by His Excellency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

H. Major Harker

Stanley Semetery Trustee.

The Honble,

The Colonial Secretary,

&c, &c, &c,

(5)

Mr. Stoddard Secretary
Chairman Stanley Cemetery Trustees

I certainly concur in the proposals made by Mr. Stoddard with regard to the naval graves here, and feel sure that my fellow Trustees will agree with me in thanking Mr. Stoddard for the interest he has taken in this matter.

W. M. Stoddard
Feb 13th 22
(5)

The Chairman, Stanley Cemetery Trustees.

I venture to enclose an amended list (C). I am unable to trace the age of Walter Young. The grave of Richard Ahern already has a headstone. In addition I have discovered certain other naval graves which have either no headstones or only temporary wooden crosses; from Thind to Avery on the enclosed list. I have also been asked by the present Chief Constable to bring forward the question of a permanent headstone for Francis Pang.

I think that the Trustees ought to communicate with H. N. S. Kent before suggesting that the Imperial War Graves Commission should erect nine separate small stone crosses in place of the present tank cross put there by H. N. S. Kent. In any case I am of the opinion that some memorial more elaborate than nine small crosses should mark the graves of those killed in, or as the result of, the Battle of the Falkland Islands. With regard to the tank cross erected by the Volunteers in memory of their comrades who were drowned, I think the Trustees ought to consult the Volunteers before taking steps towards securing more permanent headstones. May I suggest that the Governor be invited to meet the Trustees & discuss the whole question of permanent memorials? I should think

Name	Rank.	Age	Date of death.
Richard Othem <i>formerly marked</i>	A. B. H. M. S. "Basilisk"	39	Jan. 15 th 1903.
783 Edwin Martell	Stoker, H. M. S. "Glasgow"	26	Dec. 8 th 1914.
" Arthur Charles Titheridge	Marine, Pte. H. M. S. "Kent"	33	" " "
" Walter Woods	" " " "	20	" " "
" Walter James Kind	" " " "	28	" " "
" Samuel Kelly	" " " "	46	" " "
" George Alfred Duckett	Steward	21	" " "
" Walter Young	Stoker	"	"
" George Snow	Marine	19	Dec. 20 th 1914
" Tom Spence	Sergt. " "	42	" 24 th "
Charles Halligan	A. B. H. M. S. "Bristol"	35	Feb. 4 th 1915
James Hattle	Seaman R. N. R. H. M. S.	"	"
Frank Westbrook Lovett	Cook, H. M. S. "Macedonia"	33.	July 1 st "
	"Kent"	43.	April 5 th 1916
785 William Thind	Engineer s.s. "Royal Transport"	21.	Dec. 31 st 1914
840 Robert Fitz Patrick	Stoker — <i>Wm W/7 m. km</i>	49.	Aug. 25 th 1919.
796 Nilsson <i>navigation officer</i>	s.s. "Bangor"	30.	June 16 th 1915.
612 Robert Huobson	Corporal R. E.	27.	July 31 st 1893.
497 Edward Carlton		51.	March 1 st 1866
150 Henry Glendenning	Cook. H. M. S. "V. Lage"	42.	Jan. 17 th 1878
151 John Hobbs	Stoker. H. M. S. "Ihetis"	28.	April 19 th 1883
48 Timothy Holland	Stoker. H. M. S. "Flora"	24.	Feb. 16 th 1900
171 William Avery	Sergt. R. Marines	38.	Nov 28 th 1870

89.	Francis H. Parry	Guoler Gaoler	75.	April 21 st 1885
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832/21

28th February,

22.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 8th February and to the question of erecting permanent memorials on the naval and military graves in the Stanley Cemetery, I am directed by the Governor to invite your attendance at a meeting of the Cemetery Trustees with His Excellency at Government House on Thursday the 2nd March at 11 a.m.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H.Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.

The Very Rev. Dean Stanley Smith, M.A. (Chairman Stanley Cemetery Trustees)

Hon. G. I. Turner,

The Rev. Fr. Migone,

Hon. H.C. Harding,

Hon. W.A. Harding,

M.C. Craigie-Halkett, Esq.,

Stanley.

March 2nd 1922.



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Special Meeting at Government House to discuss question of permanent War Memorials in Stanley Cemetery with His Excellency the Governor.

Present:- Hon Colonial Secretary

Hon W. A. Harding

Very Revd Dean Smith

Mr M. C. Halkett

Mr G. I. Turner.

"Kent" Memorial to be referred to War Graves Commission and Admiralty, Volunteers would probably fall into line.

Halligan, Hatten, Lovett, Third and Fitzpatrick would be entitled to headstones from War Graves Commission.

Hudson, Charlton, Glendenning, Hobbs, Holland, Avery, also Parry Gaoler, suggested these to be provided by Colony but to differ from 1914 - 1919 pattern.

His Excellency brought before the Trustees scheme he had for improvement of entrance to Cemetery and invited suggestions.

Dear Mr Heston.

Copy of notes herewith

H. J. Lawrence

March 10th 1922.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS VOLUNTEER FORCE
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE ON SERVICE DURING THE WAR AND
WHOSE BODIES WERE BURIED IN THE STANLEY CEMETERY, FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

NAME	RANK	CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	GRAVE No.	REMARKS.
N. Aitken	Private	Drowned	1st December, 1914	777	Cross, no name as yet
W. Shire	Private	Drowned	1st December, 1914	781)	Cross and korb, no names as yet.
H. Gaylard	Private	Drowned	1st December, 1914	780)	
J. W. Allen	Private	Drowned	1st December, 1914	782)	

RETURN OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF HIS MAJESTY'S NAVAL FORCES WHO
LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE ON SERVICE DURING THE WAR AND WHOSE BODIES
ARE BURIED IN THE STANLEY CEMETERY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NAME	RATING	SHIP	CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	GRAVE No.	REMARKS.
(a) <u>Killed in action or died of wounds received in action.</u>						
A, G. Titheridge	Private, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914	783	This grave, containing the bodies of nine men, is enclosed by a teak coping and bears a teak cross with a brass plate thereon stating details of those interred in it.
Walter Woods	Private, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914		
Walter James Kind	Private, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914		
Samuel Kelly	Private, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914		
George Alfred Duckett	Steward	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914		
Walter Young	Stoker	H.M.S. "Kent"	Killed in action	8th December, 1914		
George Snow	Private, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Died of wounds	20th December, 1914		
Tom Spence	Sergeant, R.M.L.I.	H.M.S. "Kent"	Died of wounds	24th December, 1914		
(b) <u>Accidentally killed or died of natural causes.</u>						
Edwin Martell	Stoker	H.M.S. "Glasgow"	Accidentally killed	8th December, 1914	791	Marked by a wooden cross giving details.
James Hattle	Seaman, R.N.R.	H.M.S. "Macedonia"	Accidentally killed	1st July, 1915		
William Third (i)	Engineer	S.S. "Royal Transport"	?	31st December, 1914	785	" "
Charles Halligan	A.B.	H.M.S. "Bristol"	Natural causes	4th February, 1915	787)	Marked by a wooden cross giving details
Frank Westbrook Lovett	Cook	H.M.S. "Kent"	Natural causes	5th April, 1916	805)	
Robert Fitzpatrick	Stoker	R.N.W/T Station	Natural causes	25th August, 1919	840	

(1) It is not known whether s.s. "Royal Transport" was in Admiralty Service.

852/21.

5th April,

22.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to inform you with reference to a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies of the 21st of June last, that this Government will be glad to afford any assistance in its power to the War Graves Commission in carrying out its duties in regard to the war graves in this Colony.

2. I attach a list of the graves, not yet marked by a permanent memorial, of naval ratings and members of the Defence Force and mercantile marine, who lost their lives while on service during the war and were buried in the cemetery at Stanley.

3. I am to request you to be good enough to supply this Government with the illustrated pamphlet explanatory of the types of memorial and headstone which have been adopted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,

Imperial War Graves Commission,

82, Baker Street,

London, W. 1.

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.



H. M. Naval Depot,

Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

24th April, 1922.

No: 224/22

NAVAL GRAVES AND MEMORIALS.

Sir,

I beg to request that I may be informed as to whether there are any records of any Naval graves or memorials in this district other than the grave and memorial erected by H.M.S. "KENT" to those killed in the battle on 8th December, 1914.

This information is required in connection with a report called for by the Admiralty on the subject of Cemeteries, Upkeep of graves and maintenance of monuments etc:.

Yours truly,

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

352/21.

28th April,

22.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 224/22 of the 24th instant on the subject of Naval graves and memorials, and to enclose herewith a list of graves of naval ratings whose bodies are buried in the cemetery at Stanley.

2. There are a few other graves of naval men dating back seventy or eighty years in other parts of the Colony. The Colonial Government is now having a cemetery at Port Louis put in order, and headstones or wooden crosses renewed. This contains two or three graves of seamen which will be restored.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

A. A. P. Neave, Esq.,

Officer-in-Charge of Works,

H. M. Naval Depot,

Stanley.



H.M. Naval Depot,
Falkland Islands.

2nd May, 1922.

No: 237/22.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter No: 832/21 of the 28th ultimo enclosing list of ~~Naval~~ graves of ~~naval~~ ratings whose bodies are buried in the Cemetery at Stanley.

2. I note, for information of the Admiralty, that the Colonial Government are restoring graves of seamen in the old cemetery at Port Louis, and beg to request that I may be informed as to whether His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to give instructions for the naval graves and memorials at Stanley to be maintained by the Colonial Government, in event of such request being made, and if so under what conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

832/21.

19th May,

22.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 237/22 of the 2nd instant on the subject of Naval Graves at Stanley.

2. I am to inform you in reply that adequate measures are taken by the Stanley Cemetery Trustees to ensure that naval and military graves are preserved in good condition.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

A. A. P. Heave, Esq.,

Officer-in-Charge of Works,

H. M. Naval Depot,

Stanley.



IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

HFC/IS.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
"THE SECRETARY,"
and the following number quoted:

12/E22/59/R.



82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

15th May, 1922.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th ultimo (832/21) and the enclosure, and to forward the enclosed copy of "The Graves of the Fallen".

A further letter will be addressed to you later with reference to the War Graves in the Falkland Islands.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D - DIRECTOR OF RECORDS.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

(7) (14)

TELEGRAM.

From : Grave Commission

To : Governor

Dispatched : 20th July 1922 *Time.* 9 .pm

Received : 21st July 1922 *Time.* -

Governor,

Falkland Islands

Have seen Dean Smith who recommends that teak crosses remain and commission headstones be erected on graves of
x Battle * Hallimat ^o Lovet Fitz Patrick and that small central
memorian (?memorial) be erected in new plot to commemorate
remainder of 21 war graves. If you agree please send by
next mail sketch plan of cemetery shewing positions of
21 graves and of site recommended for central 17 graves
were included in your 832 of 5 April four others are
Spencer Elyth Briggs (?Biggs) Newing. Plans should
shownature and demensions of memorials existing in each
grave.

Grave Commission.

x. HATTLE
x. HALLIGAN.
o LOVETT

832/21.

6th February,

23.

Sir,

With reference to the telegram from the War Graves Commission, dated the 20th of July, I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to transmit herewith a plan of the cemetery shewing the position of the war graves together with dimensions, descriptions, and photographs.

Plan.

14 Photographs.

2. This matter has been delayed for consideration of alterations of and improvements to the approach to the cemetery shewing in the plan as all that part to the north of the north wall.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

P.S. The Governor will probably arrive in England in April or May next. You may wish to refer the matter further to him on his arrival.

The Secretary,

War Graves Commission,

82, Baker Street,

London, W.1.

WAR/MEM/126-01

FIV. William Blyth



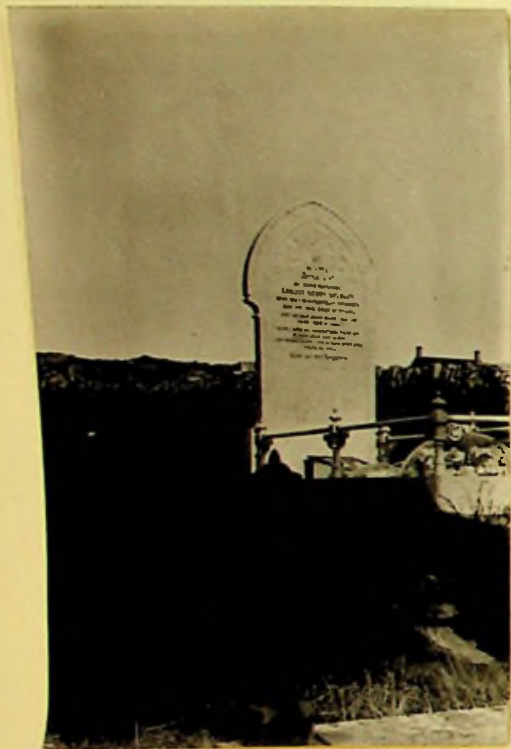
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FIV. Frederick J Biggs



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FIU. Norman Aitken



WAR/ MEM/ 1#6-05

FIV. Charles A Newing



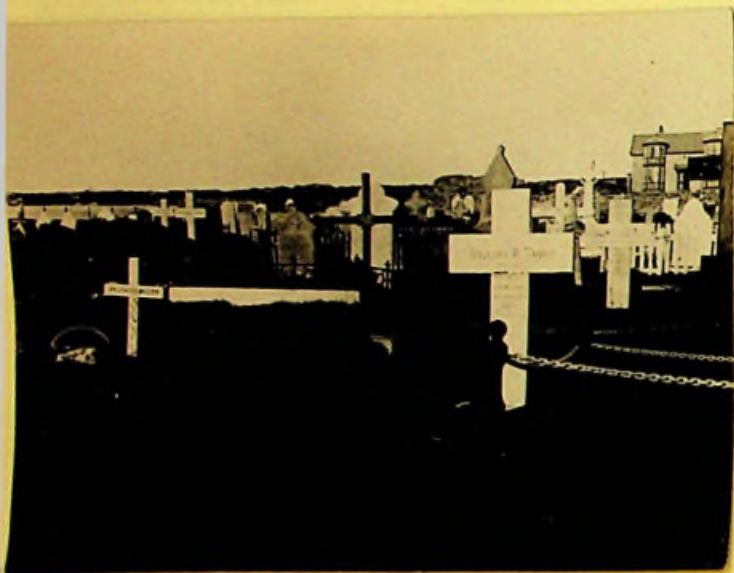
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HMS Bristol. Charles Holligan



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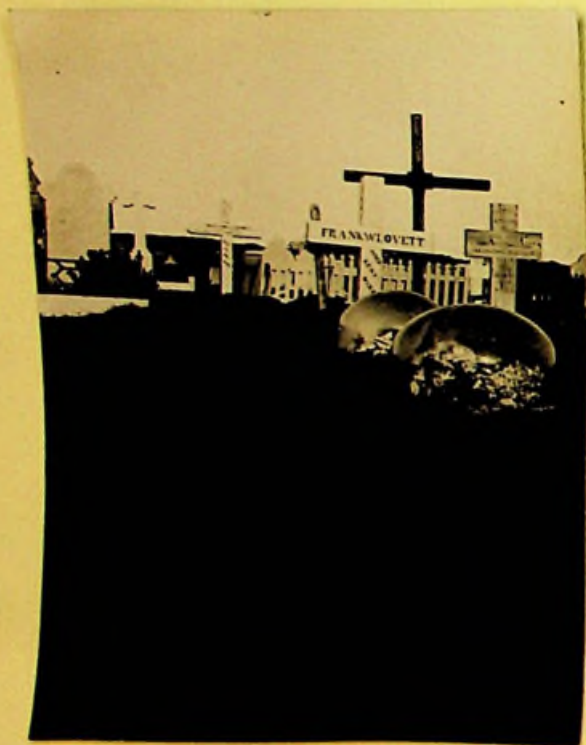
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James Hottle . HMS Macedonia .
Tesk cross



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Frank Lovett. HMS Kent



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WAR MEM/1#6-12

cemetery extension



WAR / MEM / 1 #6 - 13



WAR/MEM/1#6-14

suggested site for Cross of Sacrifice. See plan





IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this
subject should be addressed to—
"THE SECRETARY,"
and the following number quoted:

19/222/300/3.1.

82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

21st June 1922.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Bill has forwarded to me your letter of the 2nd April regarding the war graves in the Falkland Islands. The matter is already in train and we are in communication with the relatives regarding the question of inscriptions to be placed on the headstones. Following our usual practice in these cases, I propose, when these are ready, to address a letter to you enclosing all particulars for local verification and correction on the spot and for your recommendations as to the manufacture and erection of headstones. I am assuming that it will probably be necessary to manufacture and engrave the headstones in this country, and arrange for their shipment to Port Stanley through the Falkland Islands Company.

No doubt in many cases private memorials have been erected and this is one of the details which I shall ask you to supply when I forward the lists.

There is one point on which I should be glad to be informed, and that is the nature of the tenure of the graves. The Commission wish to be able to arrange for concessions in perpetuity of the grave spaces or exclusive rights of burial, so that when once the memorials have been erected it will be possible to arrange for suitable maintenance in perpetuity. Will you kindly let me know local conditions in this respect?

Yours faithfully,

The Governor,
Government House,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Arthur Browne

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Ref:- FV/6.22/5.

To:-

The Governor & Commander in Charge,
Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS VOLUNTEER FORCE.

STANLEY CEMETERY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

I am directed to request that you will kindly verify the regimental particulars and dates of death of the personnel shown hereunder, and at the same time forward one copy of each of the attached forms, in reference to personal inscriptions and cemetery registers to their respective next of kin.

In verifying will you please note against each name particulars of decorations awarded.

F.V.Branch
I.W.G.C.
82, Baker Street,
London, W. 1.

W. D. Hallston
For Vice-Chairman
I.W.G.C.



Bn.	Reg. No.	Rank	Surname	Initials	Honours	Date of death	Plot	Row	Grave.
	398	Private	ALLEN	J. W.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	782
	152	Private	AITKEN	N.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	777
	303	Private	BIGGS	F. J.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	776
	197	Private	BLYTH	W.		1. 12. 14.	I -	4	779
	335	Private	NEWING	C. A.		1. 12. 14.	I -	2	775
	405	Private	GAYLARD	H.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	780
	403	Private	SHIRE	W.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	781.
	248	Corporal	SPENCER	E. H.		1. 12. 14.	I -	8	778



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IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

"THE SECRETARY,"

and the following number quoted :—

FV.9/6671.

82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

16th April 1924.

Sir,

FALKLAND ISLANDS VOLUNTEER FORCE
STANLEY CEMETERY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

With further reference to my FV/6.22/5. of the 13th June 1922, copy attached.

I am directed to request that you would be so good as to expedite the return of the forms for these men.

I am also forwarding herewith duplicate Cemetery Register forms and an additional form for Private K. Aitken, for action in case the originals were not received by you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. Murphy

For Vice-Chairman
I.W.G.C.

The Governor & Commander in Chief,
Falkland Islands.

..... FOLD HERE

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Secretary

(FINAL VERIFICATION BRANCH),

Imperial War Graves Commission,

82, Baker Street,

LONDON, W.1.

..... FOLD HERE

..... FOLD HERE

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

..... FOLD HERE

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,

82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

CEMETERY REGISTERS.

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A further communication will be addressed to you when the Register for this Cemetery is ready for printing, in case you would like to purchase a copy for your own use, and it would therefore be appreciated if you will kindly notify this Office of any change of address.

Yours faithfully,

FABIAN WARE.

Major-General

Vice-Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission.

CEMETERY REGISTERS.

The whole of this form should be filled up to the RIGHT OF CENTRAL LINE and returned as early as possible to the address printed on the back. The form requires no postage stamp and can be folded on the lines marked.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY *Stanley - Falkland Islands.*

Surname ... *SHIRE*

Rank ... *Private*

Christian or Forenames (in full) ... *N*

Regimental Number ... *403*

Military Honours ...

Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given ...

Regiment ... *Falkland Islands Volunteer Force*

Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available) ...

Date of death ... *1st December 1914*

Age ...

Son of ...

Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired) ...

Husband of ...

Wife's address (if desired) ...

Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired) ...

Plot ...

Row ...

Grave ... *781*

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) ... Relationship ...

Address ...

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,

82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY Stanley - Falkland Islands

Surname GAYLARD

Rank Private

Christian or Forenames (in full) H

Regimental Number 405

Military Honours

Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given

Regiment Falkland Islands Volunteer Force

Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available)

Date of death 1st December 1914

Age

Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired)

Husband of

Wife's address (if desired)

Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired)

Plot

Row

Grave 780

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) Relationship

Address

CEMETERY REGISTERS.

Vice-Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

Address

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LONDON, W.1.

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY *Stanley - Falkland Islands*

Surname ... *AITKEN*

Rank ... *Private*

Christian or Forenames (in full) ... *Norman*

Regimental Number ... *152*

Military Honours ...

Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given ...

Regiment ... *Falkland Islands Volunteer Force*

Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available) ... *Accidentally drowned*

Date of death ... *1st December 1914*

Age ... *25*

Son of ... *Richard and Christina Aitken*

Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired) ... *Falkland Islands*

Husband of ...

Wife's address (if desired) ...

Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired) ...

Plot ...

Row ...

Grave ... *777*

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) ... *Richard Aitken* Relationship ... *Father*

Address ... *Stanley, Falkland Islands*

..... FOLD HERE

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Secretary

(FINAL VERIFICATION BRANCH),

Imperial War Graves Commission,

82, Baker Street,

LONDON, W.1.

..... FOLD HERE

..... FOLD HERE

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

..... FOLD HERE

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

82, BAKER STREET,
LONDON, W. 1.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Imperial War Graves Commission desire to make preparation for the erection of a headstone in:—

CEMETERY *Stanley - Falkland Islands* over the grave of:—

Surname *AITKEN*
Rank *Private*
Initials *N*
Regimental Number *152*
Military Honours

Naval or Military Unit *Falkland Islands Volunteer Force*

Date of death *1st December 1914*

Plot Row Grave *777*

The headstone will have engraved on it the naval or military inscription, the badge of the deceased's naval or military unit, and an emblem of his religious faith.

The Commission would be obliged if you would kindly assist them by saying whether the above particulars, name, initials, honours, etc., are correct, in order that the naval or military inscription may be absolutely accurate.

A space "a" is provided on the opposite page for any corrections you may desire to make.

If you wish the age to be engraved will you give particulars in the space on the opposite page after the word AGE.

In addition, a space has been reserved at the foot of the headstone, below the emblem of religious faith to allow for the engraving, at your own expense, of a short personal inscription or text of your own choice.

It is regretted that special alphabets, such as Greek, cannot be accepted.

The length of the inscription is limited by the space available on the headstone, and should in consequence not exceed 66 letters, the space between two words counting as one letter.

For instance if you choose 12 words, the total number of actual letters should not exceed 55, there being 11 spaces between the words.

If you desire to use this space will you kindly write (clearly) the inscription or text you select in the space "b" opposite.

A claim for the amount due from you in respect of the engraving of the selected inscription, will be sent to you in due course. The present price is 3½d. per letter, but this may be subject to future fluctuations of cost.

Unless you express a wish to the contrary in the space "c" opposite, a cross will be engraved in the centre of the stone.

Yours faithfully,

FABIAN WARE,

Major General,

Vice-Chairman.

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

The whole of this Form should be returned as early as possible to the address printed on the back. The Form requires no postage stamp and can be folded on the lines marked. Unless the form is returned within six weeks the particulars indicated will be accepted as correct, the Commission taking no responsibility for any mistakes which may occur.

FOR REPLY.

(Please write clearly).

Date

Address

(a) Verification or correction of Naval or Military inscription.

AGE.....(At time of death).

(b) Personal inscription or text.

I agree to pay the cost of the personal inscription when applied to by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

(c)

Signature
(Please write very clearly).

Relationship to deceased

[P.T.O.]

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION,

82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY Stanley - Falkland Islands

Surname ... BIGGS

Rank ... Private

Christian or Forenames (in full) ... Frederick J James

Regimental Number ... 303

Military Honours ...

Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given ...

Regiment ... Falkland Islands Volunteer Force

Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available) ...

Date of death ... 12 December 1914

Age ... 36

Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired) ...

Son of ... James Thomas Bayley

Husband of ...

Wife's address (if desired) ...

Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired) ...

Plot ...

Row ...

Grave ... 776

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) ... Relationship Aunt

Address ... Stanley, Falkland Islands

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY Stanley - Falkland Islands
Surname BLYTH
Rank Private
Christian or Forenames (in full) W. M. M. M.
Regimental Number 197
Military Honours
Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given
Regiment Falkland Islands Volunteer Force
Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available)
Date of death 10 December 1914
Age
Son of
Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired)
Husband of
Wife's address (if desired)
Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired)
Plot
Row
Grave 779

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) W. M. M. M. Relationship Master
Address Falkland Islands

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY *Stanley - Falkland Islands*
Surname *NEWING*
Rank *Private*
Christian or Forenames (in full) *Charles Arthur*
Regimental Number *335*
Military Honours
Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given
Regiment *Falkland Islands Volunteer Force*
Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available)... .. *Accidentally drowned*
Date of death *1st December 1914*
Age *21 years*
Son of *Lawrence Jessie Newing*
Husband of
Wife's address (if desired)
Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired)
Plot
Row
Grave *775*

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) *F. Ware* Relationship *Brother*

Address *Stanley Falkland Islands*

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Major-General

Vice-Chairman, Imperial War Graves Commission.

20/9/6641

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

CEMETERY	Stanley - Falkland Islands
Surname	SPENCER
Rank	Corporal
Christian or Forenames (in full) ...	Ernest Henry
Regimental Number	248
Military Honours	
Particulars of Company, Battery etc., and, in case of Naval Units, the name of the ship should be given	
Regiment	Falkland Islands Volunteer Force
Nature of death (if desired and if particulars are available)...	Drowned
Date of death	1 st December 1914
Age	31
Give both parents, and native place of soldier (if desired) {	Son of Henry Spencer Spencer
	Husband of Harriette Jane Nicholson
Wife's address (if desired) ...	Porto Arica Chile
Any other particulars in reference to soldier (if desired) ...	
Plot	I
Row	
Grave	778

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

(Signed) Relationship

Address

32/21.

14th August, 24.

Madam,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to forward to you the enclosed forms which have been received from the Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, in respect of the particulars required regarding your late son, Pte. J. W. Allen, who lost his life while on active service in the Colony in 1914.

2. I am to request that these forms may be filled up and posted to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, 82 Baker Street, London, as soon after their receipt as possible in order that any unnecessary delay in the work of the Commission may be avoided.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. L. Allen,
Compton Road,
South Petherton,
Somerset.

832/21.

14th August, 24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to forward to you the enclosed forms which have been received from the Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, in respect of the particulars required regarding your late son, Pte. W. Shire, who lost his life while on active service in the Colony in 1914.

2. I am to request that these forms may be filled up and posted to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, 82 Baker Street, London, as soon as possible after their receipt, in order that any unnecessary delay in the work of the Commission may be avoided.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A Shire,

Long Sutton,

Langport,

Somerset.

832/21.

14th August, 24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to forward to you the enclosed forms which have been received from the Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, in respect of the particulars required regarding your late son, Pte. H. Gaylard, who lost his life while on active service in the Colony in 1914.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. H. Gaylard,
North Street,
Martock,
Somerset.

Enclosure to Colonial Secretary's Letter No. 832/21
of the 14th of August, 1924.

Addresses of relatives of Ptes. Allen, Gaylard and
Shire.

Mrs. L. Allen,
Compton Road,
South Petherton,
Somerset.

Mr. A. Shire,
Long Sutton,
Langport,
Somerset.

Mr. H. Gaylard,
North Street,
Martock,
Somerset.

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Enclosure to Colonial Secretary's Letter, No. 832/21 of the 14th of August, 1924.

Regimental particulars and particulars of the deaths and graves of the members of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force, who lost their lives while on active service in 1914.

Reg. No.	Rank	Surname	Christian Names.	Honours	Date of Death.	Particulars of Grave.			
						Section	Row	No.	Nature of tenure.
398	Private	Allen	James	-	1st Dec 1914.	I	8	782	All
152	Private	Aitken	Norman	-	"	A	8	777	graves
303	Private	Biggs	Frederick James	-	"	A	3	776	held
197	Private	Blyth	William	-	"	F	4	779	in
335	Private	Newing	Charles Austin	-	"	E	2	775	perpet-
405	Private	Gaylard	Herbert	-	"	I	8	780	uity.
403	Private	Shire	Walter	-	"	I	8	781	
248	Corporal	Spencer	Ernest Henry	-	"	I	8	778	

14th August,

24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. FV.9/6671 of the 16th of April, and to inform you that the particulars appended to your FV/6.22/5 of the 18th of June, 1922 have been verified as correct. I am also to enclose a form containing all the particulars required concerning the deceased and the graves in which they are buried.

2. With regard to the Cemetery Forms received for completion by the next of kin, five of these have been returned and are forwarded herewith. The remaining three, in respect of Ptes. Allen, Gaylard and Shire, have been sent to the relatives of these men who are resident in England, with the request that the forms may be filled in and posted to you with as little delay as possible. The addresses to which the forms have been sent are given on the attached sheet, in case you should find it necessary to communicate with the relatives direct.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Vice-Chairman,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
32, Baker Street,
London, W.1.

H. Henniker-Heaton,
Colonial Secretary



IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this
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82, BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

12th November 1924.

Dear Mr. Middleton,

Falkland Islands.

I am in receipt of your letter
of the 30th September last, enclosing postal order
for 10/-, for which I am much obliged.

I am sending you herewith one
copy each of Part I of the Memorial Register for
Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth Naval Memorials,
and also three copies of the introduction to the
Registers, which I expect you will find of considerable
interest.

As you will see from the Registers
the names are in strict alphabetical order, and it
will be necessary for you to search through for the
names of casualties of H.M.S. "Good Hope" and H.M.S.
"Monmouth".

Yours faithfully,

E. H. Jarvis
DIRECTOR OF WORKS.

John Middleton Esq.,
Government House,
Falkland Islands.

The Graves of the Fallen



Imperial War Graves Commission

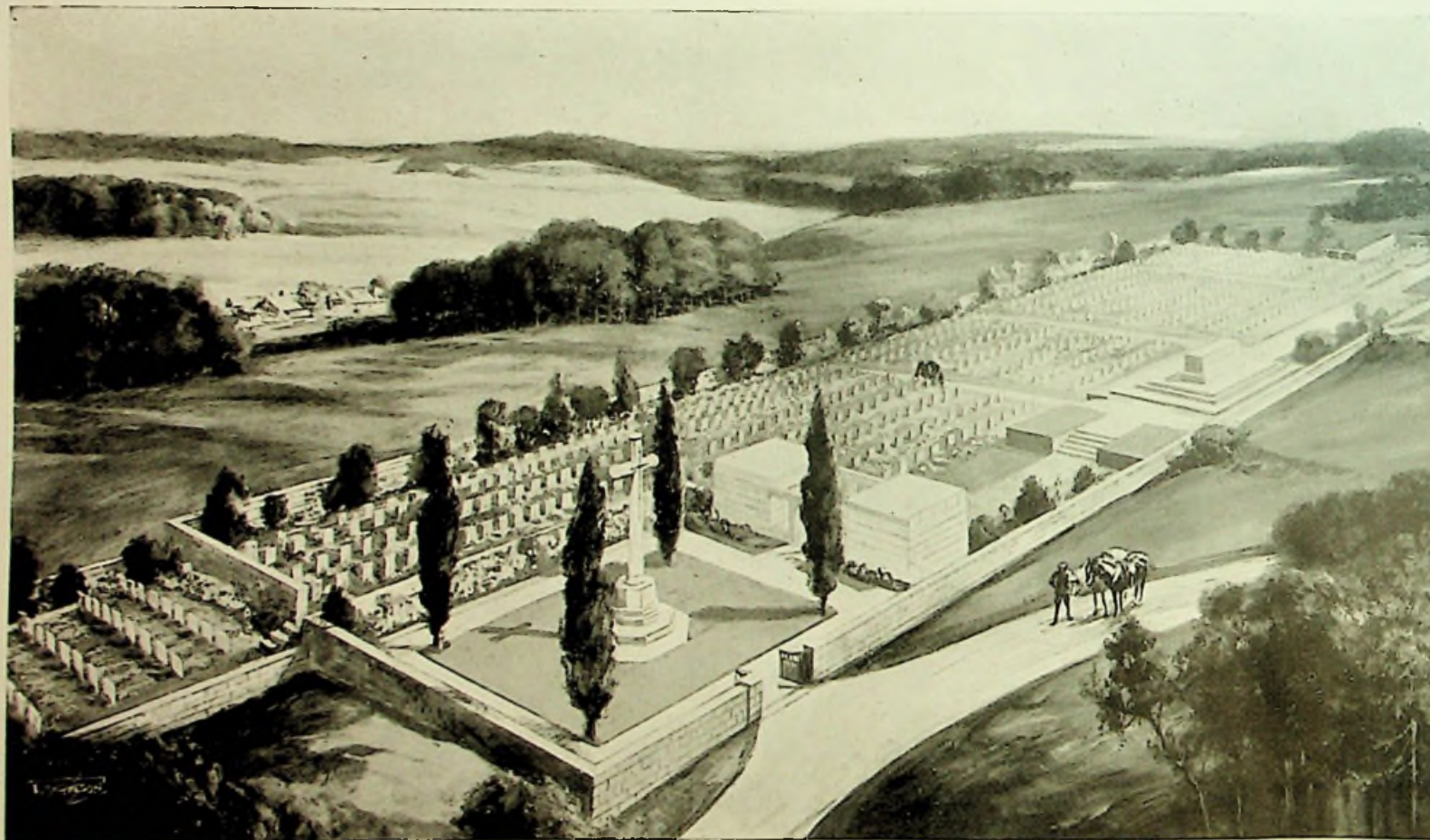


Its History.

THE origin and development of the Imperial War Graves Commission is very simple. In the first days of the war the different armies engaged created organisations, under the direction of the War Office, to register, mark, and tend the graves of British soldiers, as well as to answer inquiries from relatives, and, where possible, to send them photographs of the graves. Later, a National Committee was constituted, which, on the suggestion of the Prince of Wales, who took a keen personal interest in the work, was expanded into an Imperial Commission, representing the Dominions, India, the Colonies, the fighting Services, Labour, the great public departments interested, and the British Red Cross, which latter had supplied, as it still does to a considerable extent, the funds for photographing and planting the graves.

Its Finance.

THE finance of the Commission is Imperial. All parts of the Empire have generously and unreservedly promised to bear their share of the expenses. The Imperial War Conference, having considered the proposals of the Commission, passed the following resolution on June 17, 1918: "The Conference desires to place on record its appreciation of the Labours of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and is in favour of the cost of carrying out the decisions of the Commission being borne by the respective Governments in proportion to the numbers of the graves of their dead."



A WAR CEMETERY WITH PERMANENT MEMORIALS AS DESIGNED.

THE CEMETERIES.

WITH the growth of the war the Commission's work naturally covered every part of the world where the men of the Empire had served and died—from the vast and known cities of our dead in Flanders and France to hidden and outlying burial-grounds of a few score at the ends of the earth. These resting-places are situated on every conceivable site—on bare hills flayed by years of battle, in orchards and meadows, beside populous towns or little villages, in jungle-glades, at coast ports, in far-away islands, among desert sands, and desolate ravines. It would be as impossible as undesirable to reduce them all to any uniformity of aspect by planting or by architecture.

In a war where the full strength of nations was used without respect of persons, no difference could be made between the graves of officers or men. Yet some sort of central idea was needed that should symbolise our common sacrifice wherever our dead might be laid; and it was realised, above all, that each cemetery and individual grave should be made as permanent as man's art could devise.

Their Design and Care.

THE Commission instructed Sir Frederic Kenyon, K.C.B., to report how these aims could best be realised, and he, after consulting very fully with the relatives, representatives of the Services, religion and art, and knowing the practical limitations, particularly in obtaining labour, for carrying out such a vast undertaking, recommended that in each cemetery there should stand a Cross of Sacrifice, and an altarlike Stone of Remembrance, and that the headstones of the graves should be of uniform shape and size. Stone crosses to succeed the temporary wooden crosses were at first suggested, but crosses of the small size necessitated by the nearness of the graves to each other do not allow sufficient space for the men's names and the inscriptions, and are also by their shape too fragile and too subject to the action of frost and weather for enduring use. Plain headstones, measuring 2 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 3 in., were therefore chosen, upon which the Cross or other religious symbol of the dead man's faith could be carved and his Regimental badge fully displayed. The Regiments have been consulted as to the designs of these badges, some of which have now been approved and are ready for engraving as soon as experiments which are being carried on have shown how to overcome the difficulties of dealing with such numbers. In due time, then, wherever a man may be buried, from East Africa to North Russia, his headstone will carry his Regimental badge, identifiable the world over.

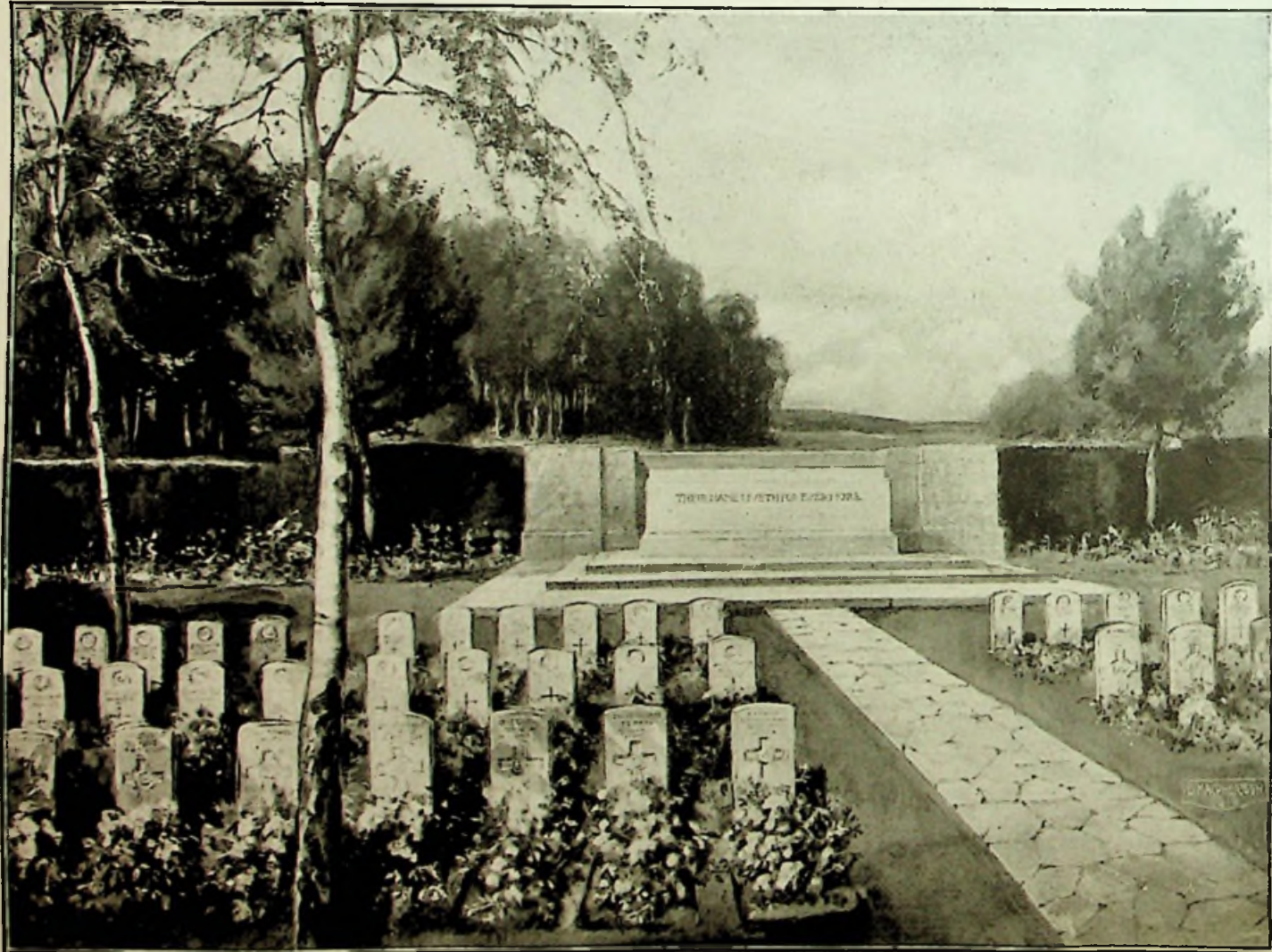
Besides the fighting forces, provision must be made for the graves of the merchant-seamen and discharged men whose deaths were due to enemy action, for Sisters and Nurses killed or died of wounds or disease, for Labour units of all races, and, indeed, for all who have served in any capacity in the war. The distinctive badges of these headstones are not yet all decided upon.



ANOTHER WAR CEMETERY AS DESIGNED.



THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE.



THE STONE OF REMEMBRANCE.



SPECIMEN OF A REGIMENTAL HEADSTONE.

Inscriptions, Registers, and Planning.

IN addition to the name and rank upon the headstone, the Commission feel that relatives should, if they wish, add a short inscription of their own choice as an expression of personal feeling and affection. These inscriptions will be at the relatives' expense, and, to avoid unduly crowding the stones with very small lettering, which, besides being difficult to read, does not weather well, it has been found necessary to restrict the length of the inscription to sixty-six letters.*

Every cemetery will keep registers of the dead buried there, and in these registers it is hoped that it will be possible, with the assistance of his kin, to enter the age, parentage, and birthplace of each known man.

The planning and planting of the cemeteries must depend largely on their site and the climate of the country, but it is proposed that, as a general rule, the cemeteries should have buildings designed for services, ceremonies, and shelter, where the register of that cemetery will be kept under permanent safeguard. To recapitulate :—

1. For each Cemetery its Cross of Sacrifice and Stone of Remembrance, the latter bearing the quotation (*Ecclesiasticus* 44, v. 14) "THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE";
2. For each grave its enduring headstone, carved with the symbol of the dead man's faith, his name and rank, his Regimental badge, and whatever text or inscription his relatives may add ;
3. In the Cemetery building the register in which the man's birthplace, age, and parentage can be recorded and referred to.

* In counting the sixty-six letters, the space between any two words must be reckoned as one letter.

Memorials to the Missing.

THIS matter is naturally of the deepest concern to the relatives of those whose bodies have never been recovered or identified, or whose graves, once made, have been destroyed by later battles. Their number is not small, and Sir Frederic Kenyon has suggested that the best way to record their memory would be to place a tablet on the walls or cloisters at the cemetery nearest to the spot where it is presumed they have lost their lives. In the case of officers and men in the Flying Corps, the place of whose death could not be known within many miles, the tablet might be placed in the cemetery nearest to the camp from which they had started on their last flight. But in any case relatives may be assured that the dead who have no known resting-place will be made equal with the others, and that each case will be dealt with upon full consideration of its merits as regards the site and the place of the memorial.

Graves of Indian Troops.

THE symbols of their faith will also be carved on the headstones of the soldiers of the Indian Armies who fought beside their comrades from England and throughout the Empire in France and Belgium in 1914-16; and of the Indian Labour Corps who have since worked and taken the risks of life behind the lines. A committee of the Commission has decided upon the form that these symbols should take, and has further recommended that a Mohammedan mosque and Hindu temple should be erected in France for remembrance of the sacrifice made by Hindus and Mohammedans alike in the war. The designs for these buildings have been submitted for approval in India. In all such matters the treatment of the bodies of these soldiers will be in strict conformity with the practice of their religions, and will be carried out under the supervision of native officers.



SPECIMEN OF A REGIMENTAL HEADSTONE.



SPECIMEN OF A JEWISH HEADSTONE.

Treatment of Isolated Graves.

AFTER so many years of fighting over densely populated and civilised countries like France and Belgium, it is inevitable that there must be single graves and groups in positions where, when the life of the land goes forward again, they cannot be reached or tended. Some lie in what were once town or village thoroughfares, and will be so again; others by the side of railway stations and goods yards, houses or factories, in arable or pasture fields, parks, gardens and the like. The objections to leaving these graves where they are need not be dwelt upon. No precautions save them from being encroached upon or obliterated in the course of time. There is, moreover, a strong sentiment among all ranks that such scattered graves look lonely, and the instinct of the Services demands that those who fell by the wayside should be gathered in to rest with the nearest main body of their companions. That is what the Commission, with all due care and reverence, proposes to do.

Removal of Bodies.

IN view of the enormous number (over half a million) of our dead in France alone, the removal of bodies to England would be impossible, even were there a general desire for it. But the overwhelming majority of relatives are content that their kin should lie—officers and men together—in the countries that they have redeemed. The Allied nations, too, have freely given their land to our dead for ever, and that offer has been accepted by the Governments. To allow exhumation and removal in the few cases where it has been suggested would, it seemed to the Commission, be undesirable, if only on the principle of equality, and, judging from what many gallant fighters have said and written before they in their turn fell, a violation, in all but a few special cases, of the desire of the dead themselves.

Battle Memorials.

MEMORIALS to commemorate the parts borne by particular armies, divisions, or regiments in campaigns and battles, such as, to name only a few, the Canadians at Ypres, the South Africans at Delville Wood, the Australians at Amiens, the British at the breaking of the Hindenburg line, will be advised upon by a fully representative military committee, and it is to be hoped that the best art of the Empire will give its services and advice in the designing of them.

Suggestions from the Public.

BUT the work so far has only been blocked out, and there is room and welcome for suggestions of every kind from the public throughout the world, whose servants the Commission are. For example, it has been suggested that the entrance to individual cemeteries should carry a text or inscription, and it has been decided that monuments should be erected to the dead whose graves are unknown, of a special form which has yet to be settled. These are points, among others, upon which the Commission would be grateful for expressions of opinion.

The Progress of the Work.

MEANTIME, the long and difficult business of identification and registration goes forward still on all fronts. The various architects to whose charge the cemeteries have been allotted are preparing their designs for the planting and the building required in France, and steps are being taken to prepare dignified and characteristic designs for our cemeteries in the East and elsewhere. All this can be effected in reasonable time; but there is no possibility of expediting the delivery of the headstones. More than half a million of these will be required, and at present there is not labour enough in all the world to cut, carve and letter them. While they are being made the wooden crosses will stand, and, where necessary, will be renewed; the registers will be filled and filed, and the cemeteries will be faithfully and reverently tended.

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