

War Memorials in the School Chapel

South African War Memorial, 1899-1901



Description: Copper on a walnut shield, made by F.R. Pool of the Cornish Hand-wrought Metal Company. It was unveiled by Lt. Stanley Smith in July 1902.

Truro School crest at top with motto 'esse quam videri' underneath.

Main inscription:

South African War Memorial

1899-1902

W.L. Champion
of Penzance
Nooitgedacht, December 15th 1900

G.E. Hosking
of Pool
Vaal Kop, October 24th 1901

Martin Magor
of Truro
Elandsfontein, March 2nd 1901

1914-1919 Memorial



Description: Oak memorial, just over seven feet in width, made by Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, sculptors, of Exeter, from a design by Mr A.J. Cornelius, architect, of Truro. Unveiled in December 1919 by Major George Gilpin, whose brother Robert was among the first casualties from the school.

W.Ford, H.M. Nicholls and C.R. Ridgill were late additions to the memorial but research has shown that some names were omitted from the memorial, probably because information did not come to light until later.

They are:

- A.E.T.H. Varcoe who died in 1916 after a zeppelin raid
- H.L. Whitburn who died while working at H.M. factory, Gretna in 1917
- Arnold Christien, an assistant art master at the school in 1911, who died in 1918 while serving on the Indian Front. His name appears on the memorial in Truro Methodist Church.

1939-1945 Memorial



Description: Designed by Rev. G. Wynn of Newlyn, the tablet is made from green marble.

Research has also uncovered several names omitted from this memorial. They are:

- D.D. Audley, a sergeant in 266 Squadron, RAF, died in 1942
- D. Donahue, a former teacher who died while training for the RAF in Canada in 1941.
- R.J. Ingham, a flight officer in 578 Squadron, RAF, died in 1945
- J. St A. Jewell, a lieutenant on *H.M.S. President* until his death in 1943 at the age of 67.
- E.B. Martin, who worked in an RAF factory in Gloucester, died in February 1946. His name appears on the Stithians parish war memorial and the Wesleyan Chapel memorial in Stithians.
- Joseph B. Poad, a Flying Officer in the RAFVR, who was killed in action in Italy in 1944.