

SOUVENIR *of* THE
CEREMONIAL AT
THE DEDICATION
OF THE CENTRAL
TELEGRAPH OFFICE
WAR MEMORIAL



THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE VARIOUS
MILITARY HONOURS GAINED BY THE STAFF
OF THE CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE

<i>Honour Gained</i>	<i>Number</i>
M.C.	4
D.C.M.	7
M.M.	13
D.S.M.	1
M.B.E. (Military Division)	4
VICTORIAN ORDER	1
MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES	42
M.S.M.	12
CROIX DE GUERRE	6
MEDAILLE MILITAIRE	3
DECORATION MILITAIRE	1
MEDAILLE D'HONNEUR	1
ORDRE DE LEOPOLD (CHEVALIER)	1
ORDER OF NILE	1
RUSSIAN SILVER MEDAL	2
ITALIAN BRONZE MEDAL	1
PORTUGUESE M.M.	2
COMMISSIONS GRANTED	61

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CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE



CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE · LONDON

THE CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE

THE Central Telegraph Office is the nerve centre of the Empire. It is the largest Telegraph Office in the world, and among its radiating wires are direct circuits to all the chief provincial towns of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, to the chief cities of the Continent of Europe and to Canada. In addition there are wireless routes which radiate far and wide, including connections with Germany, Czecko-Slovakia, Norway, Italy, and one is about to be installed to Egypt as a portion of the Imperial wireless chain. There are news wires which transmit news from London for all the newspapers of the country ; there are " up " news wires which bring news from all over the country for newspapers in London. There is no modern development of telegraphy known to the telegraph expert which is not represented in this office. Modern type-printing high-speed telegraphs, multiplex devices for the economic use of single wires, specially sensitive instruments for long-distance cables, all these stand side by side with those instruments whose efficiency has been proved for half a century. There is a vast organism for the special conditions of telegraphy in London whereby telegrams may be transmitted from office to office as well as to and from the Central Telegraph Office. There is a large and growing system for the transmission of telegrams by telephone to and from

the public. There are arrangements for the dissemination of telegrams by radio-telegraphy to ships at sea, for the distribution of Meteorological messages, for the transmission of Money Order and Savings Bank telegrams, and at the Stock Exchange there is a telegraph office which is practically set apart for the interchange of Stock Exchange telegrams with the more important provincial Stock Exchanges, and also has direct wires to the larger provincial centres and to the Paris Bourse. The Central Telegraph Office itself occupies more or less of five floors, and it is being extended. For the swift transfer of telegrams from one point to another of this vast building and to and from the larger offices in London a complicated system of tubes has been devised, for it is not sufficient that telegrams shall be speedily transmitted over the wires, they must be transferred with equal speediness from one wire to another and from the counters to the wires.

Over 5,000 officers are employed in this building. They form a close fellowship. In the administration of the office a Whitley Committee takes a prominent share. There are various Committees for other duties. There is the ordinary staff representation through its Union. There is a Benevolent Society which undertakes the prompt consideration of all cases of distress and accepts responsibility in many cases for the care of orphans. There are societies for the encouragement of the Arts, and other societies for the encouragement of Sport. Telegraphy as a calling has its special trials to the nerves and to the patience, but the history of telegraphy

has been the history of a fellowship which has never failed to have regard for the welfare of the corporate body. From this office there have graduated men and women who have reached high positions not in the Telegraph Service only, and not only in other branches of the Civil Service, but in other walks of life. The building itself has been used as the Central Telegraph Office for over fifty years. In that period it has undergone many changes, and has seen many developments. Looking back to the past and looking forward to the future it would seem that the developments of the near future are likely to be greater than any which have been witnessed in the past. It is here that the pulse of the world is felt. No incident can happen in any part of the whole world but it is known in the Central Telegraph Office in the space of a few minutes. Here many secrets are known, and all are kept sacredly. Puck, who said that he would put a girdle round the world, could here see his vision fulfilled, for day by day telegrams reach London from the southern hemisphere in little more than the small number of minutes which Shakespeare designed that Puck should take to complete his circlet. It is a proud calling. It remembers those who have been proud to bear its burdens and to partake of its honours.

1914—1918

THE CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE *at* THE WAR

MODERN warfare makes great demands upon telegraphy and telephony. Thus it was that immediately war broke out many men were demanded from the Central Telegraph Office to take their part in the work of the Royal Engineers. At a later date, when the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps was established, women also were called upon to bear their part, and, at one time, away overseas, a large proportion of the established staff of the Central Telegraph Office were serving their country. They were not all in France. Some were many leagues away, in the North of Russia, in the distant islands of the Pacific, in Egypt, in Mesopotamia, in Gallipoli, in Canada. Others were scattered abroad, using their experience as censors to protect the Motherland from the dangers of telegraphy itself in the hands of an enemy. Some were engaged at wireless stations, similarly protecting the Motherland; some were on lonely duty at dangerous points, observing, watching, and telegraphing. Many of those who belong to the fellowship were in companies which knew no telegraphy. At that time we were a scattered fellowship. Day passed day, and news came that this one or that one had fallen. Week passed week, and the fellowship of those who served beyond the seas knew the pathetic inroads of Death. It was no small share which these 1,632 men and women bore in the great task.

LIST SHOWING THE NUMBER OF C.T.O. OFFICERS
(MEN & WOMEN) OF ALL RANKS WHO SERVED
IN THE WAR · 1914-1918

CLERICAL STAFF	9	} MEN 1,598
ASSISTANT CLERKS	24	
SUPERVISING STAFF	10	
TELEGRAPHISTS	1,245	
LEARNERS	78	
TUBE ATTENDANTS AND NIGHT COLLECTORS	66	
ORDERLY OFFICERS	2	
LIFT ATTENDANT	1	
COMMISSIONAIRES	5	
MESSENGERS	158	
SUPERVISING STAFF	2	} WOMEN 34
TELEGRAPHISTS	32	
TOTAL		<u>1,632</u>

1914—1918 HERE AT HOME

THERE were those who served, and there were those to whom was given the not less onerous task "to tarry by the stuff." In the Central Telegraph Office it was indeed a heavy task, for the office itself again and again was in the front line of attack. Be it remembered that in place of the many men who had been withdrawn, the proportion of women had been increased. The bulk of telegrams had increased still more disproportionately, for warfare added to the number of telegrams on Government Service, and with so large a proportion of the skilled staff away it was with the greatest difficulty that service of a reasonable quality could be maintained. New telegraph connections had been introduced owing to the exigencies of war. Some of them were for the sad purpose of conveying casualty telegrams, and no telegraphist during those months could do his day's work without being moved again and again by the sorrowful messages which had to be transmitted. Within the walls of this grey building acts of day-by-day sacrifice and self-surrender were demanded—long hours, intensified work, difficulty in travelling, difficulty in the supply of food, yet amid all the difficulties the work went on, for the spirit was in no whit different from the spirit of the scattered family serving their country away from home. There shall be no distinction between men and women in this matter, for women bore their new part bravely.

From time to time there was direct and dreadful

danger. Both by night and by day the Central Telegraph Office was threatened by attack from above. Staff had hurriedly to be withdrawn from the points of danger, and yet there was no panic, and women revealed qualities of courage and control which now are taken as commonplace. One attack, in July 1917, was in the day-time. On a Saturday morning the aeroplanes came across London, made a wide circle with St. Paul's as its centre, swooped down, and one of them dropped a bomb which hit the Central Telegraph Office. A few minutes before the staff had been moved from the upper floors. The sentry on duty at the corner of Newgate Street was killed by a splinter of stone from the coping, but there was no other casualty. Much damage was done to the fourth and third floors, but in a remarkably short space of time all was restored again, and the telegraph service was undertaken as before. In other respects special efforts had to be made on a wide scale to meet the difficulties: staff had to be trained intensively, and historic privileges were required to be surrendered. But in truth it may almost be said that the Central Telegraph Office was a G.H.Q. of the Allied Telegraph Systems.

1914-1918
THE FALLEN

THERE follows the list of those who fell and whose names are permanently enshrined in our War Memorial. They belong to all grades in the office; they served in all manner of different units. It is a proud thing to have their names permanently carved on the walls of the building where they spent so much of their living days. It is a proud thing to us that they were of our company, and we all wish to say to the bereaved ones present at our Memorial Dedication, and to those not able to be present, that with them we sorrow for our lost ones, with a grief which loses itself in pride.

THE CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE

LIST OF MEN *of* ALL RANKS WHO DIED *or* WERE
KILLED WHILST ON ACTIVE SERVICE · 1914-1918

BAGNALL, W.	8th Batt. Rifle Brigade.
BARROW, H.	R.E.
BEECH, A. W.	1st Worcester.
BELL, W. F. M.	R.E.
BEMAN, H. C.	R.E.
BILLETT, P. A.	R.E.
BISHOP, R. V.	R.E.
BLACKBURN, S. J.	1st City of London (R.F.).
BLIGHT, H. A.	8th Batt. London Regiment.
BOLES, W. G.	R.N.V.R.
BOWHAY, A.	Post Office Rifles.
BROADBRIDGE, J. H.	Post Office Rifles.
BROCKWAY, H. E.	R.E.
BRUSH, L. G.	Royal Flying Corps.
CAMBRIDGE, G. F.	1st City of London (R.F.).
CHAMP, E. C.	R.E.
CHAPMAN, S. M.	R.E.
CHARLES, F. H.	Royal Flying Corps.
CLAPHAM, W. H.	1st London Regiment.
CLARKE, W. A.	13th Royal Sussex.
COASE, E. G.	R.E.
COPELAND, F. G.	Post Office Rifles.
CORNWELL, J. J.	R.E.
COULTER, R.	R.E.
DAWS, J.	R.E.
DAY, R. J.	1st City of London (R.F.).
DICKENS, J. F.	Post Office Rifles.
DUNNETT, H. J. S.	Royal Air Force.
FARROW, W. E.	1st Herts (T.F.).
FILBEY, H. J. F.	1/7th Middlesex.

LIST OF MEN OF ALL RANKS WHO DIED OR WERE
KILLED WHILST ON ACTIVE SERVICE 1914-1918—*continued*

GAGEN, A. W.	. . .	8th London Regiment.
GATHERN, A. C. D.	. . .	R.E.
GILES, W. E.	. . .	R.F.C.
GODFREY, H. W.	. . .	R.E.
HARDING, G.	. . .	R.E.
HARRIS, A. G.	. . .	R.E.
HARRIS, W. A.	. . .	1st City of London (R.F.).
HARSANT, H. A.	. . .	R.F.C.
HENDY, E. C.	. . .	R.E.
HERRIN, C. A.	. . .	R.E.
HILLCOCK, J.	. . .	1/24th Batt. London Regiment.
HOLDER, J. J.	. . .	Oxford and Bucks L.I.
HUGHES, R. J. W.	. . .	Royal Fusiliers.
HUMM, S. W. H.	. . .	R.E.
HUNT, G. B.	. . .	R.E.
JAMES, J.	. . .	R.E.
JONES, H. C.	. . .	Royal Sussex Regiment.
JUDGE, L. W. E.	. . .	R.E.
KELLY, T. A.	. . .	24th City of London.
KERSWELL, C. J.	. . .	R.N.V.R.
KILCOIN, L. L.	. . .	R.E.
LARDNER, H. J.	. . .	6th Duke of Cornwall L.I.
LAWRANCE, A. A.	. . .	Post Office Rifles.
LETLEY, A. W.	. . .	Post Office Rifles.
LIVINGSTONE, R.	. . .	R.E.
MACDONALD, P. T.	. . .	Seaforth Highlanders.
MARSH, G. R.	. . .	2/23rd London Regiment.
METCALFE, C.	. . .	R.E.
MILLER, W. J.	. . .	Post Office Rifles.
MORTON, H. P.	. . .	R.E.
MULHERN, W. J. W.	. . .	R.E.
MUNCEY, R. P.	. . .	R.E.

LIST OF MEN OF ALL RANKS WHO DIED OR WERE
KILLED WHILST ON ACTIVE SERVICE 1914-1918—*continued*

MUNRO, A. S.	. . .	14th City of London Scottish.
NEEDS, J. H.	. . .	9th Batt. London Regiment.
NEWMAN, A. R.	. . .	R.E.
NICHOLSON, W.	. . .	R.E.
PARKER, H.	. . .	R.E.
PARRISH, R. W. H.	. . .	R.E.
PERKINS, R. W. H.	. . .	City of London Rough Riders.
PHILP, F. H.	. . .	1st London R.F.A.
POLLARD, P. C.	. . .	R.E.
POWER, E. B.	. . .	1st City of London (R.F.).
READING, H. T.	. . .	Post Office Rifles.
RIORDAN, J. L.	. . .	Post Office Rifles.
ROSE, E. T.	. . .	Royal Flying Corps.
SHARP, G.	. . .	14th City of London Scottish Regiment.
STEVENS, R. R.	. . .	London Scottish.
STONE, W. G.	. . .	R.E.
TAVERNER, S. G.	. . .	13th Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
THAKE, H. T. J.	. . .	Royal Flying Corps.
THORN, A. E.	. . .	R.N.V.R.
TOMBS, C. E.	. . .	Royal Flying Corps.
TOMKINS, W. J.	. . .	R.É.
TURNER, R. G.	. . .	R.E.
WALLIS, H. G.	. . .	R.E.
WARD, W. E.	. . .	R.E.
WENMAN, T. S.	. . .	Machine Gun Corps.
WILDBORE, F. B.	. . .	R.E.
WINALL, A. H.	. . .	R.A.F.



No. 6 HOPE WARD

Photo by Alexander Corbett, 48, Baker Street, W.

THE WAR MEMORIALS

THE remembrance of those who gave their lives has taken two forms. The staff of every grade in the Central Telegraph Office subscribed most liberally to a permanent recognition of memories which are precious to them. The total subscription exceeded £1,300. With the major part of this sum it was considered wise to found and endow a bed in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A photograph of the receipt and a photograph of the endowed bed, No. 6, Hope Ward, are given.

Mr. A. W. Edwards, the Deputy Controller of the Central Telegraph Office and the Chairman of the War Memorial Committee, was elected by the authorities of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to be a Life Governor. The

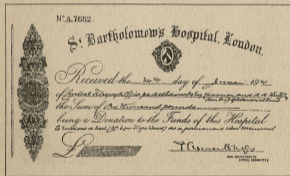


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staff at the Central Telegraph Office does not wish to be content with having endowed a bed and to leave it at that. Week by week representative sections of the staff convey their offerings of flowers for the adornment of their little Ward as a means whereby they may show their abiding interest in the work which they have begun and their renewed realisation of the memories of those on whose behalf this tender work of affectionate regard is being continued. At the Dedication Service the Postmaster-General will be asked on behalf of the Committee of the War Memorial to accept photographic replicas of these pictures in order that by this act the Central Telegraph Office may present to their official Head the offering which is their memorial of their fallen brethren.

The Memorial Tablet was designed by artists of the Office of Works. It is placed in the main portico of the Central Telegraph Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand, in a place where it may be visited without let or hindrance by any relatives of the men whose memory is thus perpetuated. The work was completed by Messrs. G. Jackson and Sons, Ltd., of Rathbone Place, W. The Committee have spared no effort that the Memorial shall be worthy of the office and of those whose memory it celebrates, and have acknowledged their indebtedness to the artists of the Office of Works for the skill and care which have been given to the design and fulfilment of the work.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TABLET

Order of Ceremony

" IN MEMORIAM " Sullivan
BAND OF THE POST OFFICE RIFLES.

READING OF THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN
Mr. A. A. WATTS, Hon. Secretary, C.T.O. War Memorial Committee.

QUARTETTE " For ever Blessed " Mendelssohn
(*Beati Mortui*.)

THE ST. MARTIN'S GLEE SINGERS.

For ever blessed are they which die in the Lord from henceforth, for ever, thus the Spirit saith to us, for they do rest from all their labour and sorrow. Their works of good and evil shall be requited. For ever blessed are they from henceforth.

PRESENTATION to the Postmaster-General of mounted Photographs of the Receipt for £1,000 and of the bed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital thus endowed; also requesting him to unveil the Memorial

Mr. A. W. EDWARDS, Deputy Controller, C.T.O.,
and Chairman of War Memorial Committee.

The Postmaster-General (the Rt. Hon. F. G. KELLAWAY) unveils the Memorial and addresses the assembly

HYMN " O God, our Help in Ages Past "

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Art like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Amen.

The LORD BISHOP OF LONDON is asked to
Dedicate the Memorial

Mr. J. LEE, Controller of the C.T.O.

DEDICATORY PRAYERS

O ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth ; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at our hands, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory, and ourselves to Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

IN the Faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this Tablet to the Glory of God, and in memory of those members of the Staff of the Central Telegraph Office who fell in the Great War. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, we praise Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who, having fought a good fight, have finished their course on this earth ; and, we beseech Thee, that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we, with them, may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O FATHER of men, who alone can comfort the sorrowful, send Thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of all who mourn. Give them strong faith in Thy Love; help them to believe that those who have passed out of the sight of men are living in Thy Presence, and grant that they may see, behind the shortness of our earthly life, the Glory of Thine Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O BLESSED Saviour, who, when Thou wast upon this earth, did'st move about amidst the sick and suffering, laying Thy hands upon them that they might recover, accept the bed in St. Bartholomew's Hospital which we have offered unto Thee. Send down, we pray Thee, Thy blessing on all who shall lie there, that, if it be Thy wish, they may be raised up to serve Thee in perfect health; but, above all, grant them the comfort of Thine unseen Presence, and bring them to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Thou livest and reignest, One God, world without end.

Amen.

The Assembly will all join in the Lord's Prayer.

O UR Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.

Dedication Address by
THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON

THE ST. MARTIN'S GLEE SINGERS.

GOD of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart:
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire:
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word—
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord! Amen.

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"THE LAST POST."

"THE REVEILLE."

By Mr. W. W. HODGES, Late Sergt. Trumpeter, 1st City of London R.F.A.,
and CORPORAL W. G. VRAZEV, Trumpeter, 1st City of London R.F.A.

Silence for a few moments.

THANKS TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND
THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON

Mr. H. S. JORDAN and Miss RUSSELL, War Memorial Committee.

"LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY" Elgar
BAND OF THE POST OFFICE RIFLES.