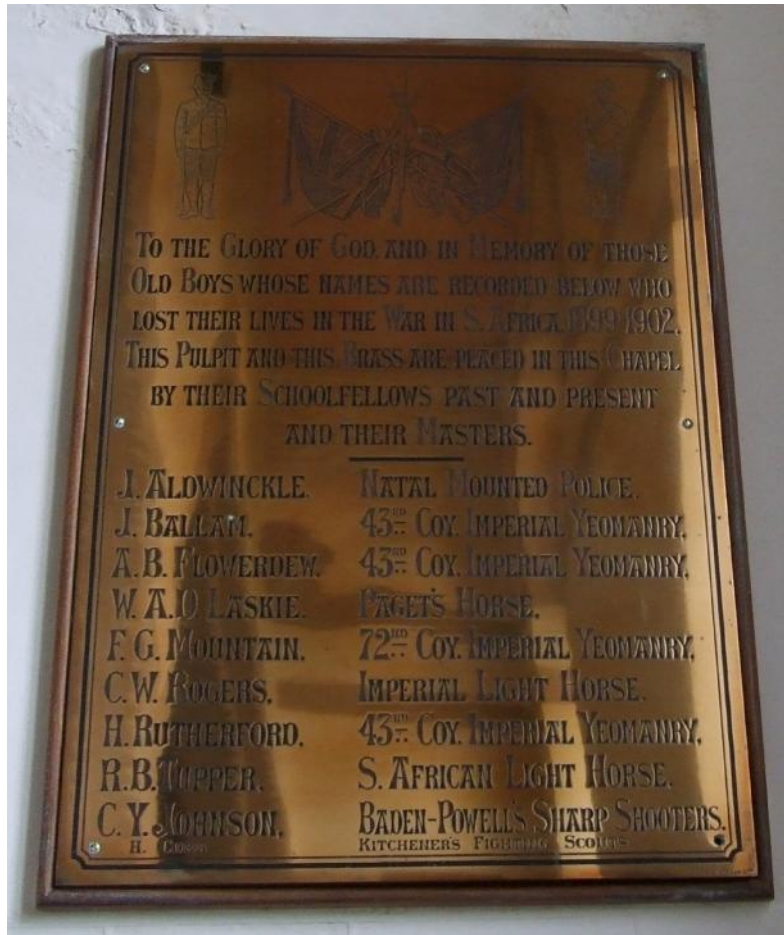


BOER WAR MEMORIAL 1899-1902

The memorial to those Old Framlinghamians who lost their lives in the Boer War (sometimes known as the South African War) consists of a pulpit in Caen stone by Messrs Jones and Willis of London and of a brass plaque, placed above the pulpit. It was dedicated in 1904.



The plaque bears the names of 10 boys and has the following inscription :-

To the Glory of God and in memory of those Old Boys whose names are recorded below, who lost their lives in South Africa, 1899-1902, this Pulpit and this Brass are placed in this Chapel by their school-fellows, past and present and their masters :-

John ALDWINCKLE (1897-99)

Natal Mounted Police. Died at Pietermaritzburg of wounds received in action at Mahlabathini in 1901 aged 19, when 27 British troops beat off 400 Boers after 5 ½ hours fighting. Eldest of 4 brothers at Framlingham, of which one died at 16 and another died in WW1 (see WW1 Memorial).

James BALLAM (1889-92)

43rd Company Imperial Yeomanry. Died of Enteric Fever on 11 January 1901 aged 24. Also mentioned on memorial tablet in Wetherden Church, Stowmarket.

Harrison COBB (1882-86)

Alan Blomfield FLOWERDEW (1890-92)

Charles JOHNSON (1895-98)

William Alfred Dixon LASKIE (1888-94)

Farndon Groom MOUNTAIN (1897-98)

Cyril Warrington ROGERS (1895-97)

Henry RUTHERFORD (1897-99)

Richmond Brock TUPPER (1887-94)

He is buried near **Alan Blomfield Flowerdew (1890-92)** at Zeerust.

Kitchener's Fighting Scouts.

43rd Company Imperial Yeomanry. Brother of **Gordon Muriel Flowerdew VC (1894-99)**. Died of Enteric Fever in March 1901 aged 24. He is buried near **James Ballam (1889-92)** at Zeerust.

3rd Battalion Baden-Powell's Sharpshooters. Killed in action at Tafelkop on 20 December 1901, aged 20, when 33 out of 40 British troops fell around their guns. He is named on Sharpshooters Memorial at St Martins-in-the-Field, London.

Paget's Horse

72nd Company Imperial Yeomanry (The Roughriders). Died of Enteric Fever in Pretoria on 18 December 1900 aged 19. A student of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, he was tended on his death-bed by doctors and sisters from that Hospital. He is named on the Roughriders Memorial in Waltham Abbey.

Imperial Light Horse. Killed in action at Spion Kop in January 1900, aged 19.

Clement's Scouts. Killed in action, shot through the heart at Tweefontein on Christmas Day 1901, aged 19.

South African Light Horse. Died of Enteric Fever at Pietermaritzburg on 19 May 1900, aged 22.

Amazingly, four are listed as having been killed by Enteric Fever (Typhoid) rather than in action!

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Framlinghamians in the Boer War

Memorial to the Fallen

The special service held in Framlingham College Chapel on Thursday afternoon formed a melancholy but interesting link between the well known Suffolk College and the South African War, and added one more to the many mementoes of that historic event that have sprung up in the Eastern Counties, as in other parts of the country. It is well that the sacrifices so freely made in that time of national danger by England's sons should be remembered, not only with mourning but with pride, and for many years to come the Framlingham boys will have before them, on assembling in their pretty little chapel, a worthy memorial of some who preceded them in that place who have died in the service of their country. The memorial has taken the form of a new pulpit, in Caen stone, of simple but dignified design, erected by Messrs Jones and Willis of London. Over it is a brass tablet, which records the gift and the names of those whose valour it is intended to commemorate. The inscription reads as follows:

To the glory of God and in memory of those Old Boys whose names are recorded below, who lost their lives in South Africa, 1899-1902, this pulpit and this brass are placed in this chapel by their school fellows, past and present, and their masters:

J Aldwinckle	Natal Mounted Police
J Ballam	43 rd Company Imperial Yeomanry
A B Flowerdew	43 rd Company Imperial Yeomanry
W A D Laskie	Paget's Horse
F G Mountain	72 nd Company Imperial Yeomanry
G W Rogers	Imperial Light Horse
H Rutherford	43 rd Company Imperial Yeomanry
R B Tupper	South African Light Horse
C Y Johnson	Baden Powell Sharp Shooters

The occasion brought together several Old Framlinghamians, and parents and friends of the Old Framlinghamians who served in the South African War, most of whom had taken their seats in the back part of the chapel before the time fixed for the service. To the strains of Chopin's 'Dead March' the boys came trooping, in number in all of nearly three hundred. Last to enter was the Cadet Corps which Framlingham possesses, and which was under Captain Garnett, with Lieutenants Dipnall and Brown; there were also present Sergeant Dolohan, the instructor, and Sergeant O'Neill, the drill instructor, himself a Crimean veteran. Then came the choir, followed by the clergy in their robes, including Rev Dr Inskip (Headmaster), Rev HM Mills (Chaplain), Rev A Roland Upcher (Rector of Halesworth), who had a son serving in the war), Rev Canon Raven, Rev J Holme Pilkington, and Rev G Castleden.

The service, which was specially arranged, included in the musical portion the 'Te Deum' (Hopkins in G), the anthem, 'What are these that are arrayed in white robes?' (Stainer), a solo by Mr Clifford Constable, 'Come Unto Me' (as a recitative), and 'I heard the voice of Jesus say', and a special hymn sung very heartily by the whole congregation, 'For all the saints who from their labours rest'. The preacher was the Rev AR Upcher, and he took as his text the words in the third verse of the second chapter of St Paul's Epistle to Timothy, 'Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.'

The Rev gentleman said they were gathered there that afternoon to dedicate a memorial to the noble self-sacrificing lives of certain old boys of Framlingham, who, from a love of Sovereign and Country, and in the cause of liberty and justice, faithfully gave their service even unto death. They were proud to remember that fifty old Framlinghamians went forth to serve their country, and that they had in the past taken their part in the ordinary life of the College, and received an important part of their training there. They had there no doubt learned their lessons of pluck and endurance, self sacrifice, and discipline, which were carried out later on the plains of South Africa. That fact that was most encouraging implied greater responsibility, and showed how important were the principles taught in public schools. The training of the school boy was the preparing and equipment of the youth of our Empire for the service of God and for the service of King and Country. He urged the boys present to do all in their power to leave school ready and prepared for the duties of life, and the exercise of that patriotism, which was so nobly exhibited, not only by those who fell, but also by those who went forth to the war and who bore their share of the hardships and suffering as good soldiers of the Empire. There was also, they must remember, the battle to be fought throughout their lives between good principles and bad principles – the battle against sin, which was the source of all the unhappiness and misery in the world.

It may be of interest, perhaps, to mention that another brass tablet has recently been fixed in the Chapel to commemorate the erection of the nave of the Chapel, by Mrs Richard Garrett, of Charlton Hall, in 1866. This takes the place of the stone tablet placed there with the same object, and which had suffered the ravages of time.