

The War Memorials:

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In 1919 “the question of a suitable war memorial was soon raised [by the OD Association] and after consultation with the Headmaster and the Governors it was decided that it should take the form of panelling inscribed with the names of the fallen and set up beneath the stained glass window in the Great Hall at the College. The necessary funds were raised by a general appeal from all the O.D Clubs, the panelling was designed by Mr A.W. Carter, art master from 1901 to 1932, and at a service conducted by the Rev. A.G.B. West on Sunday, January 29, 1922, the unveiling ceremony was performed by Major-General Sir Wiliam Thwaites, who had commanded at Loos the brigade containing the O.D.s of the original ‘G’ Company.”

“...in 1947 a joint committee of the College and the O.D. Association had been set up to consider the question of a War Memorial to commemorate those who had lost their lives in the Second War and ... this committee...used the amount raised by a general appeal to box in the pillars of the gallery and to face the whole of its front with light oak panelling on which were inscribed the names of those who died: thus the 1914-18 Memorial and its inscription **Albam exornarunt** (‘they have adorned the white’) were balanced and complemented at the other end of the Hall by the 1939-45 Memorial and its inscription **Albam et hi exornarunt** (these, to, have adorned the white’)...The new Memorial was dedicated on October 1, [1950] when a large congregation gathered for a service most movingly conducted by the Rev. Anthony Toller, the School Chaplain.”