

Falkirk High School WAR MEMORIAL

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In March 1920 it was noted that some 546 former pupils of Falkirk High School had served in the war. The names of those killed - numbering about 80 were published in "The Falkirk Herald".

A large pedimented rectangular cast bronze plaque with arched centre set in a contrasting wooden frame. This frame is a replacement for the original one of verte antique marble. The

border has a stylised laurel wreath with ribbons, terminating at the bottom left with a square containing a lion rampant in a shield surrounded by a circular wreath and on the right by the similarly located British ensign- representative of the Army and Navy. An oval panel at the top has the letter X above the monogram FHS, with thistles to either side. The work was executed by Mr Charles Henshaw, Edinburgh, under the supervision of Mr Robert Wilson, A.R.I.B.A., Falkirk.

"1914 1919/ TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOURED MEMORY OF THOSE FORMER/ PUPILS OF THIS SCHOOL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR/

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The plaque was unveiled in the hall of Falkirk High School in September 1921. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Aitchison, senior minister of Erskine U.F. Church, Falkirk, who, as chairman of the Falkirk Burgh School Board, was largely instrumental in the founding of the school. He drew aside the Union Jack which had covered it, after which the "Last Post" was sounded, the members of the gathering standing at attention during the roll call. The song "Heroes Departed" was then rendered under Mr Love's leadership. W.B. Niven, president of the High School Club, then asked Mr Wm. Brown, vice-president of the Stirlingshire Education Authority, to take over the care of the memorial on behalf of the authority. In doing so, Mr Niven expressed the hope that the memorial would serve as a source of inspiration to those who were associated with the school in future years.

The following Monday morning the whole of the children of the Primary and Secondary Schools were mustered in the playground, and were thereafter marched slowly past the memorial. The boys paid tribute to the memory of the former pupils by reverently saluting the memorial as they filed past.