

Memorial Chapel to R.A.N. Fallen

A chapel to hold 480 people is to be built at Flinders Naval Depot as a memorial to Protestant R.A.N. officers and men killed in the first and second world wars.

The foundation stone will be laid by the Governor-General (Mr. McKell) at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Cost of the chapel will be defrayed by public donations, including a bequest of £10,000 under the will of the late Mrs. A. M. K. Treacy, in memory of her husband, the late Paymaster-Captain Alfred Martin Treacy.

According to details issued by the navy yesterday, the chapel is to be of handsome Gothic design, erected according to a plan by Mr. Louis R. Williams, architect for the new Bathurst Cathedral.

Quarry-faced, autumn-tinted stone will be used; the roof will be mellow-tinted tiles.

The design features a square tower 69 feet high surrounded by a 20-foot flagpole.

Two windows of stained glass will adorn the lower portion of the tower.

At the base of the tower there will be a Rock of Remembrance; on this will be a Book of Remembrance containing the names of all R.A.N. personnel who died in the two wars.

From a porch worshippers will step immediately into a nave 78 feet long. The floor will be of polished hardwood and the pews of limed hardwood. The nave would be spanned with heavy wooden curved trusses, and an open, timbered roof.

Memorial windows from the present temporary wooden chapel will be transferred to a new small chapel on the right of the nave near the sanctuary.

Accommodation for the Naval Depot band will be pro-

vided in an orchestral gallery.

The pulpit and lectern are to be made of carved wood or stone.

A naval spokesman said: "The lines of the memorial will provide a sense of augmented height; the color of the wood

and other furnishings, with light through the stained glass and memorial windows, will impart an appropriate atmosphere of peace, reverence and dignity to the chapel memorial."