

Vast Size of Memorial Plaque At Dam Is Revealed By Bureau

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The vast size of Boulder dam's new memorial plaque and figures, dedicated this morning by Reclamation Commissioner John C. Page in a ceremony held atop Boulder dam, was revealed by statistics released by reclamation bureau officials in the dam community this morning.

The full set of memorials, including the winged figures, the flag-pole and base, and the memorial plaque, weighs much more than 87 tons. The huge flag-pole, made from hollow steel tubing, is 110 feet in height and weighs 8,680 pounds. The flagpole was shipped here from Newark, New Jersey, in two main sections with an additional separate hollow tubing. The flagpole has been erected, in the Nevada safety island, and a specially made American flag was raised in this morning's ceremony to the strains of a bugle blown by the lips of a CCC boy who is stationed at Boulder City.

At the base of the flagpole is one of the memorials, done in black granite furnished from Al-

hambra, California. The granite contained in the base weighs about 145,000 pounds and required three freight cars to bring it from its shipping point to the dam city. Black marble was used at the base of the black granite monument, but figures relating to its weight were not available this morning.

Bureau of reclamation records showed that the two winged figures, one seated at either end of the black granite base, and the memorial plaque, located just east of the Arizona spillway bridge, weighed, combined, 21,200 pounds.

Information as to the cost of the memorials was not available in Boulder City this morning. All parts of the memorial were created by Oskar J. W. Hansen, who was retained by the bureau of reclamation following nationwide competition. Hansen, who was present at today's ceremony, is expected to be in Boulder City for some time. Additional work by Hansen will be placed in the top of the dam area.