

SOLUTION

On the stone lintel is an anagram of the well-known gentleman.

First, Lord, We must die. R First Lord Tweedsmuir. Better known as **John Buchan**.

'ONE MUST BE *RED*, THE MISSING FIFTH PART'. He wrote a series of five books about Richard Hannay, four of which are referred to in the story. The fifth 'The Thirty-nine Steps' is the one you need to solve the puzzle. The other four are:

Mr. Standfast	'Stand fast, man!'
Greenmantle	'green mantelpiece'
Island of Sheep	'Island of <i>Aran</i> '. Aran islands are off the west coast of Ireland and Aran designates a type of patterned woollen knitwear. However in keeping with the red herring nature of this puzzle what John recounts actually relates to the Island of <u>Arran</u> .
The Three Hostages	'Three pretty women trapped in an alcove'.

What John said was a red herring. If you look at a Landranger map of Arran and follow what he said you get the following places:

'northernmost point'	Cock of Arran	
'travel wisely' i.e clockwise round the coast		
'hanging albatross'	Millstone Point	from the 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' when the sailor who shot the albatross had to wear it round his neck - like a millstone round your neck.

'old key'	Brodick Old Quay	
'Nelson's sweetheart'	Hamilton Point	Lady Hamilton
'splendid view'	Prospect Hill	
'circle of people'	Cordon	
'cross upon the water'	Holy Island	
'halt'	Kingscross Point	Kingscross Station
'go ahead'	Dippin Head	
'foot of the streaming water'	Torry Linnwater Foot	
'base of a glacier'	Slidderly Water Foot	
'hill without the cairn hi'	Burican Hill	remove letters cairn hi leaves Bull

'You just made that whole story up, didn't you?'. The answer to this is yes because if you look at the first place and what you end with it is **Cock and Bull**.

Now what was written behind the portrait.

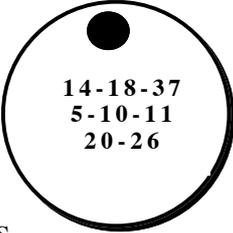
'Albatross eight, eleven, fourteen'	millstoNe pQinT
'Sweetheart one'	Hamilton point
'Station two, three, four'	kINGscross point
'Noddy seven, eight'	dippin HEAd
'Glacier seven, twelve'	sliddeRy watEr foot
'I bet you wont find anything there!'	Correct. Above gives you NOTHING HERE .

So how to find the location of the token. Look at The Thirty-nine Steps. There are ten chapters one of which is titled 'The coming of the black stone'. On the lintel was the message 'Look for the *advent* of the *ebony* stone'. This refers to the title of the chapter. In the story are nine paragraphs each referring specifically to one chapter heading in the book. The only one missing is the chapter titled The Thirty Nine Steps. So first you must order the paragraphs according to the chapter they refer to:

<u>Chapter No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Paragraph in story which contains</u>
1.	The man who died	'he died mysteriously'
2.	The milkman sets out on his travels	'was delivering milk'
3.	The adventure of the Literary Innkeeper	'landlord, a well-known gentleman'
4.	The adventure of the Radical Candidate	'that one's a candidate'
5.	The adventure of the Spectacled Roadman	'John Macadam was his name'. (known as Tar Macadam)
6.	The adventure of the Bald Archaeologist	'said Kojak' (bald detective of 70s TV series)
7.	The dry fly fisherman	'Ted, wearing a tweed cap'
8.	The coming of the black stone	'advent of the ebony stone'
10.	Various parties converging on the sea	'travelled to the same place'

Now you have the nine paragraphs in order. Note that there is a total of 39 lines. Now take 39 steps i.e. first letter from first line, second letter from second line and so forth until 39th letter from 39th line:

Clearly	cOuple	haUnt	townS	people	The	COUNT
Daft	doOr	alWays	laN			DOWN
linTel	previOus					TO
Women	Hauling	uncontrollable	heR	smashEd		WHERE
hiS	And	himseLf	hiM	tO	commaNded	SALMON
callIng	copsE		wAs	ramPart		LEAP
moUth	aproPos					UP
reAd	sTone					AT
Greet	fAir	tRavel	albaTross	spleNdid	watEr	GARTNESS.
				Streaming	caSt	...



COUNT DOWN TO WHERE SALMON LEAP UP AT GARTNESS.

At Gartness at OS Ref NS 5086 are waterfalls where you can watch salmon leap. The token was on a tree which has a small stone pillar at its base next to the *thirty ninth step* down. On the token were eight numbers 14 – 18 – 37-5 – 10 – 11 – 20 – 26 which when substituted for letters from the solution read EAST TO MP. Look on your map and about 3km east you will see a MP (milepost) beside the A875 road. The fish was hidden behind this milepost.

