

UNVEILING SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

An Impressive Ceremonial.

There was a large gathering assembled after luncheon to witness the third fixture on the programme—that of unveiling the soldiers' memorial.

The ceremony was most impressive and solemn throughout. The local Band played several hymns appropriate to the occasion.

The Revs. Bramble and Bradley spoke feelingly of the memories of the men whose sacrifice was thus commemorated. Out of 90 men enlisted from Taralga 25 had been killed. Their memories, however, would always be green, and the monument would be a reminder for future generations.

Sir George Fuller, when called upon to unveil the memorial, said :

" This memorial, with others dotted over the length and breadth of our land, is an eloquent—if mute and sad—reminder that Australia's sons have lost nothing of the glorious traits of character of their ancestors. Those traits had filled British history with records of wonderful courage and indeed have made our empire what it is to-day — the mightiest within the knowledge of men.

" Although we are descendents of a race with an incomparable fighting record, those of our men who threw down the implements of peace to take up the weapon of war had not, when the call to arms came, been drilled in the finer arts of warfare, yet when they met the seasoned troops of Germany they were able to more than hold their own. And we are entitled to take special pride in the achievements of the A.I.F.

" One thing I make a point of stressing on such occasions as this is the obligation imposed on us of taking to heart and profiting by the lesson which has been taught by men who gave their lives for their country and for us. In peace, no less than in war, the spirit of self-sacrifice, determina-

tion, co-operation and courage is needed to successfully solve our every day problems and to overcome the difficulties that meet us on every hand.

" Had the members of the A.I.F. fought among themselves in battle line, had they ignored the vital need for combined and wholehearted action, we would probably to-day have been overburdened by the shame of their failure and the terrible consequences that would have followed for all of us. The iron heel of German oppression would undoubtedly have been crushing out of us the spirit of independence that has been ours to enjoy for so long under the protection of Great Britain. Instead, we are honoring deeds which will loom large in history and we can hold our heads erect in the proud knowledge that these men proved their manhood and faithfully discharged the task which their country's interest demanded should be performed well and effectively. And we are also grateful that our liberty will ever be safe so long as our menfolk and our womenfolk cherish the traditions and emulate the spirit of the A.I.F.

" To-day we need courage and self-sacrifice to get us through the after-effects of the war. So long as the outlook of the individual is narrowed down to the outlook of the individual, so long will the State and whole of society suffer. The present is no time for sectional and class warfare, and though some by their conduct and words are enemies to their country and recreant to the trust which the heroes whose memory we honor to-day handed over to us, we must remember that we are not citizens alone of New South Wales, or even Australia. Our soldiers fought not only that we might continue to be Australians, but that we might continue to be free citizens of the British Empire."

At the conclusion of the ceremony relatives of the soldiers laid wreaths on the monument, and the Last Post was sounded. A most impressive and

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NAMES ON MEMORIAL.

Killed in Action:—J. Bee, H. J. Bezer, M. Bradbury, H. J. Boys, A. D. Cusack, A. Cosgrove, M. F. Fullam, S. A. Fleming, J. A. Glasson, W. J. Heylan, C. L. Hardy, W. H. Hardy, J. D. McKenzie, F. J. Kelly, T. J. Lawler, G. Lang, J. Loader, J. P.



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(the Minister who made the first £40,000 available for construction of Roslyn-Taralga Railway.

Miskelly, M. Maher, E. Maynard, L. McInnes, J. McKeogh, C. W. Smith, C. Stewart, E. A. Whiting.

Enlisted and Returned:—J. H. Blay, C. J. Blay, R. Boardman, M. M., H. J. Boardman, S. Buckman, C. Chalker, W. F. Chalker, G. Cooley, J. R. Carver, A. M. Craig, A. E. Elkins, E. B. Fleming, S. T. Fullam, B. Fullam, J. Fitzgibbon, S. J. Fleming, D. S. Gibson, P. Gilgallon, C. Handley, B. R. Handley, R. Howard, J. G. C. Jameson, C. Lang, Lachlan Lang, S. E. Lang, Lloyd Lang, W. J. Loader, J. Marmont, C. W. Marmont, G. C.

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J. Marmont, C. W. Marmont, G. C. Milne, A. V. Maloney, K. McKenzie, J. V. McKenzie, H. S. McNeilly, E. N. McAlister, D. McLaurin, A. J. McColl, G. D. McColl, J. L. McInnes, A. T. Pearce, F. Potter, T. P. Quinn, D. Ross, M. M., D. Ross, J. B. Reeson, A. C. Randell, W. M. Scott, C. R. Smith, A. J. Stephenson, E. H. Stephenson, J. E. Stephenson, A. S. Stephenson, S. D. Sullivan, W. Spence, W. J. Sanderson, J. Studdert, C. Studdert, E. Twynam, A. E. Whipp, A. J. Whipp, E. H. Whipp, R. Whiting, F. Williams, W. L. S. Wicks. Sister E. J. Whiting, Sister A. J. Twynam, R. R.C.

MEMORIAL DESCRIBED.

The memorial design is a plot of ground 8ft. x 7ft. 8in. enclosed with granite axed kerbing, on top of which at the eastern end and extending forward to form a platform for a machine gun trophy, is a low wall of coursed rock faced granite. On this low wall the bottom course of the monument is built. The monument proper consists of a low base surmounted by a polished die and spire and two polished granite wing walls and caps extending from the die. The die is surmounted by a spire 10ft. high, making a total height of the monument 15ft. from ground level.

The names of Taralga districts enlistments are engraved on the two wing stones, and those who were killed on the front die. The dedicatory inscription on the lower part of the spire, in front, is as under:—

ERECTED TO PERPETUATE
THE MEMORY
OF THOSE WHO FELL
AND TO HONOUR
THOSE WHO SERVED
FROM TARALGA AND DISTRICT
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914—1919

The memorial was designed by the War Memorials Advisory Board, and the work of dressing and polishing the granite was carried out by Mr. J. Turner at his works in Goulburn. The granite was quarried at Lockyer.

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sleigh in Mr. Turner's quarry.

We understand the cost of the
memorial was in the vicinity of £300.