

WAMBANUMBA DIGGERS.

HONOR ROLL UNVEILED.

Twenty six sturdy young Australians, ex-pupils of the little, old bush school at Wambanumba, enlisted at the great crisis. One gained the Military Medal. Four will not return.

An honor roll, neatly engraved in bronze and framed with polished wood, was yesterday unveiled at the school in honor of the Digger pupils. Relatives and friends from all the country for miles around drove to the junction, which was made a special children's day, as well as the opportunity for the renewal of friendships among the adults. The school grounds were pegged out for races, bunting was displayed, tennis courts in use and football in progress, and a big marquee accommodated all who came hungry for refreshments. Though a dominant note of proud sadness pervaded the function, the day generally was a very happy one.

The names honored were:—H. Apps, A. Baker, S. Blair, W. Casey, Jas. Comerford, J. E. Comerford, G. Cullen, K. Cullen, R. Cullen, A. W. Dawe x, S. W. Loox x, J. O. Gilyas, M. M., J. E. GAYNE, A. Johnson, F. Johnson x, F. H. Johnson, H. Johnson x, W. Klem, H. S. C. Page, J. H. Spencer, W. Smithers, A. Tomking, A. Vincent, S. J. Wales, St. G. Wales. (x indicates the fallen)

At the unveiling, at which about 150 were present, Mr. W. Hatter presided. The mothers of the boys occupied seats in front, also returned soldiers. The Empire Anthem was sung, Miss Dorothy Dawe being at the piano. Mr. Hatter outlined the manner in which the roll had been obtained, and read apologies from Rev. A. E. Putland, Rev. J. B. Steel, Mr. Inspector Harvey, Mr. F. H. Tout and Dean Hennessey.

The Rev. S. A. T. Champion dealt with the educational value of such a memorial to the potential citizens. He said that a memorial must necessarily be a beauty; utility memorials were simply ax for the people and ax for the fallen soldiers. It was a shame, too, he thought, that such a fine memorial had to be unveiled in such a shabby building. He also mentioned the death that day of Mrs. Gilyas, one of the mothers of boys whose names are on the honor roll.

Mr. H. Foster, as one of the old pupils of the school, said he felt it a great honor to be asked to speak. He said if Wambanumba could not turn out speakers they turned out fighters. He was particularly proud of the school, and the great part played by the pupils whose names appeared on the roll.

Mr. Hatter then called the roll of the fallen, viz., A. W. Dawe, W. Foots, H. Johnson, F. Johnson and returned soldiers answered; "Absent. Died on the field of honor!"

The Old Hundredth was then sung very feelingly by all.

Mr. Hatter then made a brief speech, taking "Honor" as the watchword for all. The boys, he said, had helped to uphold traditions and it is up to us to live up to them.

Mr. Hatter then called on Mrs. J. Dawe and Mrs. O. Wales (mothers) to unveil the roll, after which the Australian Anthem, "Advance Australia," was sung by all present.

Sports:—Boys race: 5 to 8 years, Frank Hatter 1, Stan Jeffress 2; 8 to 10, Pat Connelly 1, Cecil Apps 2; 10 to 12, R. Castles 1, Fred Apps 2; 12 to 14, G. Apps 1, C. Castles 2; sack race, R. Foster 1, C. Friend 2; potato race, R. Foster 1, A. Hall 2; handicap, Ken Hall 1, W. Venables 2; throwing at wicket, C. Friend and W. Dawe divide.
Girls: 6 to 8, Mary Wiggins 1, Elvie Hatter 2; 8 to 10, L. Foster 1, Flo Hall 2; 12 to 14, S. Sheather 1, Millie Jeffress 2; egg and spoon race,

Hall 2; 12 to 14, S. Sheather 1, Millie Jeffress 2; egg and spoon race, L. Foster 1, D. Venables 2; potato race, Flo Hall 1, Edna Hall 2.

The helpers were:—Mesdames Foster, Wales, Tout, J. Speer Junior, J. Speer senior, Hatter, Venables, J. Dawe, Whitehead, McDonald, H. Hall, Jas. Apps, Misses D. and E. Dawe, Messrs H. Foster, W. Hatter, H. G. Hall, C. Friend, J. W. Dawe, P. J. Fowler.

At night a few hours were spent in dancing, the music being supplied by Mr. J. Speer senior and junior, Mrs. J. Speer and Mr. G. Johnson.

For Children's Hacking Cough,
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.