

ANZAC DAY

MAREEBA UNITED CHURCH

MAREEBA, May 1.—The service on Anzac Day was conducted by Rev. J. McKillop (Presbyterian) and Rev. J. D. Gaydon (Methodist).

The special feature of the service was the unveiling of two memorial tablets. The one in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice was unveiled by Mr. Andy Couper, who served in World War I with the 15th Inf. Bn. The tablet was inscribed as follows: "In memory of those connected with the Mareeba United Church who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II, 1939-1945. K. H. Coetia, L. A. Fenwick, H. H. McMullan, L. A. Couper, H. Keal, J. W. Newall, W. P. Wright."

The tablet in honour of those who served was unveiled by Mr. Albert Smith, who served in World War II with the 31/51st Bn. This tablet was inscribed as follows: "In honour of those connected with the Mareeba United Church who served in World War II. 'God sustain them.'"

The church choir rendered the anthem "Rock of Ages."

The address was delivered by Rev. J. D. Gaydon, who served as a chaplain with the A.I.F. in World War II. He said: "The significance of the words 'greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' arises from the fact that the originator of them, Himself the bravest and purest man who ever lived, first laid down His life on the Cross."

Standing in the beautiful setting of the war cemetery at Lee the preacher could not help but be impressed by the large number of white crosses bearing QX numbers and also the inscription Meth. and Pres.: a reminder of the boys who passed through our Sunday schools, young men who had not shirked the call of duty when it came.

A memorable experience was being present at the surrender of the 2nd Japanese Army at Morotai. Here onlookers were reminded that although the use of the atomic bomb had hastened the end of hostilities, the victory had actually been won by the sacrifice of those who had served with such conspicuous bravery, many paying the price of life itself.

The preacher concluded by referring to the condition of returning P.O.W., bringing forcibly to our minds the awfulness of war, of man's inhumanity to man, and urging all to proclaim with greater

of man's inhumanity to man, and urging all to proclaim with greater fervour the Gospel. "Be ye reconciled to God," for in this way only can nations be reconciled to one another.