

BERRINGAMA HONOR ROLL.

A SPLENDID FUNCTION.

On Tuesday evening one of the largest meetings ever held here, took place in the Berringama hall when Mr. James Nugent, the father of five soldiers (two of whom paid the supreme sacrifice, one an Anzac, George Nugent), unveiled the Wabba and Berringama Honor Roll. Mr. Waugh, who had been asked to assist him, did not take part. Mr. Waugh had four sons at the war, one of whom was killed, and another son enlisted, but did not sail.

The hall grounds were full of motor cars from Tallangatta and Corryong districts. Wabba was represented by Cr. Brindley. There was not sitting accommodation for all. Many stood, and others couldn't get into the hall. Inspector Armytage was chairman. After singing God Save the King, Miss Bramley officiating at the piano, the following contributed items: Song, Rev. Mr. Ingram, "The Veteran's Song"; Mrs. Bailey, "Under the Same old Flag"; Sergeant Bryant Kavanagh, D.C.M., song, "Katie"; Mr. McOrist, song, "Land of Hope and Glory." Mr. Armytage then read apologies from Cr. Nankervis, Messrs. Bramley, Dobinson, Jager and Davidson for not being present.

The chairman said it was the proudest moment of his life to be present. Berringama and Wabba had sent every eligible single man, and one married man to the war, with, perhaps, one or two exceptions. The honor roll was a work of art and one worthy of being placed in any hall. It had been erected by the people who could not go themselves, and the money was voluntarily given. The honor roll represented twenty families.

Mr. Armytage then spoke of what our men had done. He compared our deeds at Gallipoli, with the British army at the taking of Quebec on the Heights of Abraham. One was led by a skilful General Wolfe, and the other was bungled from headquarters, and robbed of the essentials to a British success of surprise and secrecy. Then he traced their acts in France. They took over Amiens, and instead of staying in Amiens they harassed and intimidated the Germans in every way possible. Our soldiers had made the name of Australia famous for all time, as they had stood alongside the great British soldiers, and French, and never gave away before the Germans. He was very proud, and all parents of such self-sacrificing boys should be very proud too. Rev. Mr. Batten said it was the first event he had been to in Berringama, and he was surprised to find how wonderfully well the Upper Murray had answered the call, their Master's footsteps, and given up their lives for our freedom and happiness, and there was no greater gift than that. They had done their duty nobly and well.

Mr. George Jeffcott, Tintalra, said it was the fine spirit of our men that carried them through—the dogged determination of the bulldog breed.

Rev. Mr. Ingram, Tallangatta, said the honor roll was the finest thing he had yet seen, and he felt it an honor to be present.

Mrs. Bailey, song, "Peace and Glory."

Rev. S. Dorman (Corryong), said the soldiers had made a monument for themselves in the hearts of all British people that could never be effaced. They would

live in the hearts of all British people that could never be effaced. They would be remembered by the great deeds they had done.

The Rev. Mr. A. C. Dunstan could not say enough for the soldiers and their parents. There were mixed feelings that night, of sorrow and of joy. These lads had gone through the war as tricks and as tricks we found a lot of them still. But they all did the best in them, and we should do our best for them.

Cr. Brindley said he was proud to be present, and that we should always welcome every lad back, and never forget to honor the soldiers who had fought so well for us. The honor roll would suit a bigger hall.

Mr. McOrist, sang, "There's a Land."

Mr. Pearce, district S.S. Patriotic Fund treasurer, made a humorous speech. He said we had made the Melbourne people look up to us by the way the money had been collected for patriotic purposes. He related how Wabba had started by forming a committee, not of a few men, but all who would join. Mr. W. McKay started the membership with one guinea, and all the others followed, amounting to £25. He thanked all the people for their generous support, and asked them to give one more entertainment before the list closed in June.

Duet, Rev. Ingram and Miss Law.

Sergeant Bryant Kavanagh, D.C.M., said the honor roll was "fair dinkum."

Sergeant Reid spoke of the fighting on Gallipoli and France, and asked the people to treat all the soldiers in a sympathetic manner.

Sergeant George O'Connor gave a forcible speech, stating that Australia should not neglect her crippled, and her blind, and paralysed. They should care for them while life lasted.

Private Stanley Nugent thanked the people very heartily for the beautiful honor roll they had erected for them.

Mr. James Nugent, on behalf of the parents, thanked all for allowing him to unveil the honor roll in remembrance of our boys amongst us, and the ones who had gone West.

The hall was tastefully decorated by the ladies, and supper was provided by subscription and handed round. The honor roll was hung by Mr. W. Draper, of Corryong.