

## HONOR ROLL

### Unveiled at Swanpool

The people of Swanpool and the surrounding districts turned out in force on Saturday to witness the ceremony of unveiling the Honor Roll in the local hall. Those who promoted the function were rewarded with splendid weather, and this was no doubt partly responsible for the large number of visitors, many of whom came distances of fifteen and twenty miles. Upon their arrival they found

that the ladies committee had an excellent afternoon tea ready for them. Cr. T. Harrison occupied the chair, and the first part of the programme consisted of a number of songs rendered by a visiting party from Benalla, and which proved to be very entertaining and much appreciated. The following were the items:— "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Abide with Them," Mr. H. Richardson; "God send you back to Me" and "My Task," Mrs. Howard; "A Soldier's Song" and "The Deathless Army," Mr P. B. Hiscock; and the duet, "The Wings of a Dove," Mrs. Howard and Mr. H. Richardson. Mrs. P. B. Hiscock officiated at the piano.

The Chairman, after a few preliminary remarks, said this great European war in August would have been going on four years, and from that little district, to say nothing about Tatong, Lisma South and Samaria, thirty-three men had enlisted, so he thought Swanpool had done its part. He regretted to say that when the war

broke out some of their gallant lads were not given a send-off, but since the committee had been formed, every soldier who had gone away had been given some small token, and it was intended to give each a welcome home and make him a presentation. They could not do too much for those brave men who had gone to fight for them. With regard to the Honor Board, the committee had had the project in mind for some time. Out of the thirty-three who had gone, eight or nine had come back, and some would never return, but he hoped they would have the opportunity of giving a number of cordial "welcome homes" to those who were still at the front. (Applause.)

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Mr. Dunlop, snire president, who was received with applause, said he must congratulate the Swanpool people on the steps they had taken both in sending men away and welcoming them home. They had sent more men away than some of the large towns, who had not given those who had gone a welcome on their return. (Applause.)

Mr. F. Green, B.A., said they were met there that afternoon for a most sacred and solemn ceremony that a body of men and women could be gathered together for, namely, to do honor to those brave men who heard the call and responded to it. They had met there to do honor in a slight way to those men who had heard the call of the mother land, men who had heard the bugle call. Thirty-three men had responded to it from Swanpool, breaking from their house and taking the risks brave men are prepared to take. If we let their example stand, the colossal Anzac had not fallen in vain, and the British Empire will stand in spite of the German threat. Germany planned the war, and it was reported to the German people by their emissaries and spies that the British people would never fight. The Germans made a huge mistake. They little dreamed that men who were at home ploughing or milking cows, men who had never fired a shot in anger in their lives, would flock to the standard and form the invincible Australian army. (Applause.) They were still fighting in France, and arrested the great German rush. (Applause.) The war was not over. Ger-

many was now making the greatest bid she ever made. Her aim was the command of the channel ports. Napoleon said, "Give me the mastery of the English channel for six hours and I will be master of the world." Should Germany become the master of the channel, the war so far as we are concerned is over. What he wanted to impress upon those listening to him was that these men had not gone in vain. Their going had had the effect of welding us into one great solid people, but they could not win unless the nation were at the back of them. The German organisation was such that the whole nation was behind their army. The struggle had now resolved itself into a great tug of war, the German nation on one side pulling against the people on the

one side pulling against the people on the other side. Those who will win are the men who can hold longest on to the rope, and if we were united there can be only one end to this war—victory. If not, there would be only one end—defeat and ruin. He was present that afternoon, however, to speak in reference to those brave men who had gone from that district, and he hoped that their example would make us dedicate our lives to the great cause for which five of those men had given their lives. He would conclude by asking each of his hearers to register a solemn vow to do all in their power to assist the brave men who are standing for liberty and home in the north of France to-day. (Applause.)

Mr. Harrison then proceeded to unveil the Honor Board, which was a handsome one of Australian oak, and bore the following inscription and names:—

GREAT EUROPEAN WAR.

1914 ROLL OF HONOR 19—

Residents of Swanpool and District who enlisted for active service abroad—

Herbert, F.	M'Elroy, J. (w)
Taylor, J. P. (w)	O'Callaghan, J. K. (w)
Alison, H. R. (w)	Branigan, C. (w)
Hall G. (k)	O'Callaghan, E. (w)
Horsburgh, J. (k)	Murphy, W. (w)
M'Elroy, J. P. (k)	Horsburgh, D.
Everard, J. (k)	Upton, R.
Webb, J. (k)	Warnock, R. (k)
Burns, G. P.	Munson, J. (gassed)
Burns, F. (k)	Jensen, G. W. (w)
Dobson, W. (k)	Murray, W. J.
Gawley, A.	Farrell, P. J.
Deasey, D.	Fitzgibbon, — (w)
Knight, E. (w)	Clarke, W. H. (w)
Marshall, G.	Clarke, F.
(prisoner of war)	Backland, —
Dennis, G. L. (w)	Warnock, J.

A prayer was then offered up by the Rev. Mr. Crigan, and the audience sang "God Bless Our Splendid Men."

Mr. D. H. Coghill, J.P., said it afforded him great pleasure to see such a large gathering to do honor to our men. They now had an honor roll which showed they had the greatest respect for those young men who had gone to fight for us. Why had they gone to fight? To maintain our freedom. They had gone to keep the flag flying, and we were proud of them. (Applause.) He had not been at a meeting like that before.

(Applause.) He had not been at a meeting like that before. They had not had one like it in Tatong. Some people did not realise the awfulness of the war when our young men first went. In future when people looked at that board they would see how the British flag had been kept flying. That should make us doubly grateful to these young fellows for going to the front, and some laying down their lives. (Applause.)

Lieut. Fredman said that was the first time he had been at Swanpool, and he was surprised to see such a number of people. He hoped that the enthusiasm thus shown would not finish at that meeting. These gatherings were very good, but when these men come back it was for them to see to their future. He could assure them that the Allies were up against it. We had no guarantee now that we are not facing defeat instead of facing victory. He knew of men who had returned who were in need of assistance, and it was the duty of every man woman and child to see they were put on a right footing. As regards the admiration and enthusiasm the people before him had, he hoped that they would not forget that these men who had gone to the front are still fighting, of course, with the exception of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. He had his own flesh and blood there, and he would rather see their bones rot on the shell holes of France than that they should be shirkers. He must congratulate Pte.

Taylor. (Applause.) He saw that he had the military medal. He met him in Egypt, but had not seen him since three days before the landing at Gallipoli. He congratulated him on what he had achieved. (Applause.) In conclusion he made an appeal to them one and all to do all they could to get reinforcements. If the Germans once got Calais they would fortify it like they did Hellgoland, and Australia would feel the pinch in her exports. (Applause.)

Lieut. Morgans said he would address his remarks more especially to the children, by pointing out the work they could do for the soldiers. He understood that

do for the soldiers. He understood that £1000 in cash had gone from that place, which was very good for a small place like that. He then spoke of the Red Cross work, and how acceptable socks and such things were to the soldiers in the trenches. He himself received a pair of socks from a little girl in Horeham, and he could assure them of how they were appreciated. The children of Australia should try and not forget what we are fighting for, namely, what the Union Jack and Australian flags stood for—liberty and unity. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to those who had assisted was carried, on the motion of Messrs. Jensen and C. Evans, and the proceedings then terminated.