

SOLDIER ODDFELLOWS HONORED.

Last Night's Presentations.

The Pride of the West branch of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, which is noted for the success of its social functions honored its soldier brethren at an enjoyable social and dance in the Town Hall last night. Each of the soldier brethren was presented by the Grand Secretary (Bro. G. H. Sands) with a finely framed illuminated certificate of their gallantry in the Great War, and the lodge's honor roll was unveiled by the Deputy Grand Master (Bro. J. B. Cox.)

The honor board, the workmanship of Messrs. Millard and Sons was exquisitely made with maple panel surrounded by Blackwood, and bore the inscription:—

Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Pride of the West Branch, No. 1847, in honor of members who served the Empire in the Great War 1914-19.

W. E. Wood, killed
Arthur Lee, killed.
A. H. Hooper, killed.
Thos. Prothero.
Joseph Hush.
D. J. Logan
Viv. Forbes.
George Stevens, M.M.
Harry Smith, M.M.
Herb Smith.
Archibald Whitman.
C. W. Thompson.
Richard Punt.
Frank Crook.
H. Morrison.
John Law.
Walter Hargreaves.
John Edmunds.
Percy Holmes.
Hubert Webb.
George Cartwright.
Chas. Smithers.
T. West.
J. B. Spencer.
E. Flynn.
H. Blackett.

The board was unveiled shortly before midnight, the Mayor being in the chair.

The Grand Master (Bro. J. B. Cox) in a well chosen and dignified speech performed the unveiling ceremony. He spoke of the splendid services rendered to Australia by the 400,000 men who enlisted. The Young Lodge sent 12 per cent of the members, three of whom—Bro. Eddie Wood, Alberg Hooker and Arthur Lee—paid the supreme sacrifice, and to their relatives he extended his lodge's deepest sympathy. The large audi-

ence stood while the flag was removed from the board.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. G. H. Sands) then presented a handsome framed certificate of appreciation to each of the returned men and also a framed certificate to Sergeant Wood whose son was killed in France. Similar tokens will be forwarded to relatives of other deceased soldiers. Bro. Sands also spoke of the great sacrifices made by the soldier members and rendered the thanks and sympathy of the Order.

Later Bro. Sands presented a framed certificate to Bro. Dearlove, from the lodge. Bro. Sands mentioned that others would wish they had joined a friendly society when they saw the goods things which were given to members when they left a lodge—when the lodge thought anything of them.

Bro. H. Blackett acknowledged the gifts on behalf of the soldiers, and Bro. Dearlove suitably replied for his presentation.

Deputy D. M. Bro. J. Sawyer then surprised the Grand Secretary by presenting him with a fountain pen as a birthday gift from the lodge. He also welcomed the visitors to this. Fast District Master J. Howick (Grenfell) spoke in support. The

Fast District Master J. Howick (Grenfell) spoke in support. The Mayor asked the company to carry a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers, to which Bro. Sands replied. The ladies then served supper.

Of the twenty six brethren who served in the A.I.F. two returned decorated with the M.M.

The evening was pleasantly occupied with dancing to the appropriate music of Smith's orchestra and under the direction of Mr. A. Gorbier who was master of ceremonies. The euchre competitions were under the supervision of Mrs. W. Wright and Mrs. Tester and were won by Mr. Stoeche and Mrs. Stumpf. Arrangements were in the hands of Bro. C. Price, A. C. Logan, W. Hinton, and H. J. Tidale. Bro. T. Smith, P. Chalker and J. Taylor acted as door keepers. Supper was in the

capable hands of the ladies:—Mrs. Norman, Mrs. McCarron, Mrs. Stumpf, Mrs. Tidale, Mrs. T. Hardy, Miss P. Wood, Mrs. V. Smith, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. R. Punt, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. G. Hancock, Mrs. H. F. Webb, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. P. J. Hogan, Mrs. C. Price, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. S. Reynolds, Mrs. Wallace.

The social was a success for the G.U.O.F. The attendance included representatives of all the local kindred societies, and visitors from Grenfell, Cowra, Harden and Mangrove.