

NATHALIA WAR MEMORIAL.

UNVEILED BY LORD SOMERS.

Great Britain's Sacrifice.

NATHALIA, Thursday.—The unveiling of the Nathalia and district war memorial this afternoon by His Excellency the Governor (Lord Somers) attracted a large number of people from all parts of the district. Lord Somers arrived at Numurkah last evening, and this morning was taken by the shire president (Councillor Ross) on a motor tour of the district. Morning tea was served by the women of the Picola district in the Picola Public Hall, and the Governor was met a mile out of Nathalia by an escort of Light Horse, under Colonel Crawford. At the Nathalia Public Hall he was welcomed to the district by Councillor Ross, and an address of welcome from the Numurkah Shire Council was presented to him. He was entertained at lunch by the shire president. After lunch Lord Somers was escorted by the Light Horse to the memorial site, where he was received by a guard of honour composed of district returned soldiers under Captain H. Morris and the Nathalia troop of Boy Scouts.

Mr. E. A. Neeld (president of the memorial committee) welcomed Lord Somers and gave an account of the movement that had resulted in the raising of a very fine memorial.

Before unveiling the memorial Lord Somers said that in the brief period that he had been Governor of the State he had unveiled a number of memorials, which formed a chain of remembrances throughout Victoria, as they did throughout the British Empire, of the glorious deeds performed in the Great War, but memorials in themselves could not call to mind the pain, mental strain, and tribulation that men and women endured during that period. The war had not been won yet, and for many years they would suffer by it. To win the war England had sacrificed her great commercial activities, which had all been concentrated on the manufacture of war munitions. Britain was fast making up the ground that had been lost, and all could help her by buying British goods and trading within the Empire. The memorial would long remain to remind them of a glorious epic period in the history of the Empire.

Lord Somers then unveiled the memorial, which is constructed of Harcourt granite and is surmounted by a life-size figure of an Australian soldier in Italian marble.

Mr. F. J. Holden, on behalf of the returned soldiers, thanked the people of Nathalia for having erected such a fine memorial to their comrades.

The Last Post was sounded by Mr. A. McIntyre.

His Excellency left for Melbourne by the evening train.