

OUR BRAVE DEAD.

MEMORIAL TO FALLEN SOLDIERS.

TREES PLANTED AT KING GEORGE'S PARK.

The official planting of memorial trees at King George's Park on Wednesday afternoon last, in honor of our brave and worthy soldiers who have made the great sacrifice, was carried out with much impressiveness in the presence of a large number of men, women and children. Beautiful weather prevailed. The site selected for the plantation is all that could be desired, and the trees will ever be remindful of those who so nobly sacrificed themselves for the Empire's welfare. Considerable preliminary preparation had been made for the ceremony by Messrs A. B. Blakeley (borough surveyor) and J. B. Gregeon (local land officer), together with King George's Park committee, Councillors Edwards (Mayor), Davies, Reed, Grant, Grigg and Rowe, and Mr. Orsoble (town clerk), and Mr. Beyer (borough gardener). The trees had already been planted, each being protected with a strong wooden guard. A small and substantial red gum post has been placed in front of each guard and on these will, later on, be fixed a brass tablet bearing the name of the soldier to whose memory the tree was planted. Some little distance from the main entrance gate, four trees—dedicated by relatives who were originally members of the borough council—are in position in a parallel line running east and west a few

line, running east and west, a few yards separating each one. Three four are in memory of those whose names appear first on the list published below. There were also 43 trees planted round the oval, the names of the soldiers being indicated on red gum posts in front of the guards.

Appropriate musical selections were played during the afternoon by the St. Arnaud and District Band.

The Mayor of St. Arnaud (Mr. H. T. Edwards), in the course of an address said they had gathered together with mixed feelings of sorrow and pride—sorrow for those who had sacrificed their lives for freedom and the Empire; and pride because Australia had produced such brave sons who had given their lives for their country. His Worship explained that they had met that afternoon to nominally plant and dedicate trees to the soldiers who had fallen. The preliminaries had been attended to, as it would have been impossible to plant all the trees in one afternoon. The principal feature of the afternoon's ceremonial was to instil into the minds of the young folk what their relatives had done in this great war. As time went on, the younger generation would with pride be able to look on the names of gallant men who had done so much for their country. The older folk would never forget what they had gone through as the result of this dreadful war. In conclusion, the Mayor mentioned that there had been no distinction in regard to the planting of the trees—all were equal.

The Mayor's (Mrs. Edwards) and her daughter dedicated the first two trees, and the other trees were dedicated by the ladies of the St. Arnaud District Band.

... and the other trees were dedicated by relatives or friends. The St. Arnaud High School boys and girls were present in a body, and trees to the memory of Messrs Morshead and Holmes (teachers) and Wilmott (scholar) were dedicated by Prefect Cecil Beain, Prefect Alice Gregson and Miss Nellie Bastin (captain of the form), respectively. The Mayor dedicated a tree to the memory of W. Young (son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Young, of Charlton Road), who fired the first shot, so far as Australia was concerned, in the present war.

Following is the list of St. Arnaud and district soldiers, whose names are commemorated in the Park:—

P. M'Bride	G. Martin
J. Edwards	G. J. Maselna
H. V. Edelsten	D. McDonald
W. H. Englemann	G. A. Mills
C. H. R. Aber	E. D. Morshead
W. Anderson	T. Murphy
G. Banes	S. Nassau
W. P. Birchblair	H. Oldham
B. Bliss	W. Orr
G. M. Bayliss	A. W. Postlethwaite
M. Claxton	C. B. Postlethwaite
D. T. Cousins	H. Punshon
T. Crowle	P. E. Rowe
W. H. Dunlop	P. E. Russell
A. H. Englemann	E. J. Smead
T. Foggo	W. Smith
P. Harrison	C. Teynton
W. Harvey	W. H. Tracy
B. Harvey	W. Undy
E. C. Holmes	H. Valmagra
W. Langdon	O. Wemyss
W. Loughhead	O. Wilmott
G. E. Lange	W. Young
E. Kirkham	

We have been requested to mention that there are still some trees available. Persons desiring to dedicate some to fallen soldiers should send word to the borough office.

Later on, a plan of reference, containing the names of each soldier

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taining the names of each soldier and
description of tree, will be com-
piled by Mr. Gregson.