

# Historic Service at East St. Kilda Church

A traditional ceremony, linked with another of sacred memories of 36 years ago, will be enacted at St. George's Presbyterian Church, East St. Kilda tomorrow.

The official King's and regimental colors of the 14th Battalion, A.I.F., will be "laid up" in the church where the original colors of the battalion hung during the 1914-18 war.

An escort will enter the church and hand the colors to Lieut.-Col. Rhoden, of the 2/14th, who will then hand them to two representatives of the original 14th—Col. H. A. Crowther, who was the last C.O. of the battalion, and Col. W. R. Wadsworth. Rev. H. D. Peason will receive them and place them on the altar.

Members of the battalion from the two world wars will be present, and Padre F. W. Rolland, a much-loved chaplain of the original 14th in Flanders in 1916-17, and a former

head master of Geelong College, will give the address.

It is significant that Padre Gillison's memory so inspired one of his old boys who came under his influence that he entered the ministry, and became chaplain to the 2/14th

Battalion when it was in New Guinea.

This was the late Capt. Clive Cox, who, too, made the supreme sacrifice in New Guinea.

Thus tradition has linked the past of 36 years ago with the present, in the history both of the 14th Battalion, A.I.F., and St. George's Church.

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The battalion's original colors, which were consecrated 36 years ago by the late Padre Andrew Gillison, hung in this church during World War I and were then taken to St. Kilda town hall, where they have remained.

## Sentimental Value

These have a great sentimental value, as they were the gift of the citizens of St. Kilda. They were consecrated by Padre Gillison on Sunday, December 13, 1914, at a service on the Esplanade, and were presented by the then Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson.

In St. George's Church on the following Sunday they were received by Padre Gillison and consigned to the safe-keeping of the church.

It was Padre Gillison's last service in this church, where he was so greatly loved.

On December 23 he sailed with the 4th Brigade as chaplain of the 14th Battalion.

## Story of Heroism

The story of his heroism is proudly recorded in the annals of this church and of his old regiment.

On August 22, 1915, he went into No Man's Land on Gallipoli to rescue a wounded sol-