

WESTRAY MEMORIAL

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THE memorial to the late J. G. Westray, who lost his life when going for aid after the Stinson air disaster on Lamington Plateau, was unveiled by His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane (Dr. Wand) yesterday afternoon, in the presence of about a hundred people, who included the late Mr. Westray's step-father and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bryant.

The memorial is in the form of a granite block, eleven feet in height, with a panel let into the face upon which appears a suitable inscription. At the foot of the monument is a granite block upon which the points of the compass are shown with an arrow indicating the direction in which the disaster took place. The Main Roads Commissioner has kindly co-operated to the extent of agreeing to provide a bitumen road turntable at the Border Gates in the centre of which the monument will be placed standing in a grass oval.

The inscription is:

In Remembrance of a brave young
Englishman,
James Guthrie Westray,
for gallantry and sacrifice.

On February 19, 1937, a Brisbane to Sydney air liner crashed in mountains nearby. Two pilots and two passengers were killed. Westray and two others escaped from the burning wreckage. In seeking help Westray lost his life, but his companions were found alive.

"Westray has a bushman's grave near where he died."

Mr. W. H. Green, pro Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of Queensland, extolled the virtues of the late Mr. Westray, and outlined the work of the memorial committee. He stated that the maximum subscription had been fixed at £1.

Mr. A. C. Elphinstone, secretary of the memorial committee, said that six hundred people from all over Australia had subscribed to the fund. The erection of this monument was not a gesture of hero worship, but more an acknowledgment of the fact that a young Englishman, a stranger here, upheld the traditions expected at all times of an Englishman.

His Grace unveiled the monument, and read a short service. In his address, he spoke of the late Mr. Westray's example as typical of all Englishmen; when the supreme moment came he gave the utmost for the highest.

Laurel wreaths were then placed on the monument.

Mr. G. Bryant thanked the people of Australia on behalf of his wife and Mrs. Westray. He said they were all very proud of this monument on the inter-

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The proceedings were brought to a close by the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Archbishop.