

Memorial Plaque to Stanthorpe War Dead

STANTHORPE: Over 200 people attended at the Stanthorpe Soldiers' Memorial which is situated on the high peak overlooking the town, to witness the unveiling of a memorial plaque on which is inscribed the names of 43 Stanthorpe men who lost their lives in World War II.

The plaque was unveiled by Padre Lindsay, Rector of St. Paul's Church of England, Stanthorpe, who stressed the fact that the day being Remembrance Day, was a particularly appropriate day on which to stage the unveiling ceremony.

The Rev. Lindsay said we should be grateful to God that we were a victorious nation, and he sometimes wondered if we kept that thought predominant in our minds.

"The world is still uneasy," said Padre Lindsay. "And we must be a better people if we really want it a better world."

He exhorted all to pray that our leaders in high positions should be granted guidance to direct them rightly in important decisions.

He was supported by Padre R. M. Park, Presbyterian minister of St. Andrew's, Stanthorpe.

Endorsing the principal speakers, Mr. A. E. Bateman, who has been a member of the Stanthorpe Soldiers' Memorial Committee since 1919, stated that this beautiful memorial and surrounding park lands had been highly mandated for the past 25 years without any direct appeal for funds. Collections at dawn services on Anzac Day and from the local Presby-

terian Church on that particular day had been the sole source of revenue.

Mr. Bateman related that the cedar plaque on which the names were inscribed had been part of the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church established at Sugarloaf, near Stanthorpe, in 1873.

Moving a vote of thanks to Padres Lindsay and Park, Cr. F. Rogers, chairman of the Stanthorpe Shire Council, said he felt that if the soldiers whose names were inscribed on the board had been consulted in the matter, they would have unanimously chosen a padre to perform the unveiling ceremony.

The Stanthorpe Town Band rendered appropriate music during the afternoon, and at the conclusion of the ceremony bugler Hector Hawke sounded the Last Post and Reveille.