

KULIKUP SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Thursday, March 16, will not be forgotten by the residents of Kulikup, for on that day the memorial erected in honor of the soldiers who enlisted from that district was unveiled.

The memorial and honor board have been erected by public subscription, and by raising funds per medium of entertainments. The memorial takes the form of a substantial verandah—costing £70—being an outstanding improvement to the Kulikup Hall. Beneath this verandah and attached to the wall of the hall is a beautiful jarrah honor board containing the names of 43 residents of the Kulikup district who went on active service, ten of whom made the supreme sacrifice. The Union Jack flew at half-mast, and the Australian Ensign and other Allied flags were flown.

The chairman (Mr. Alf. Whittaker) in a few well-chosen words spoke of the splendid response of Kulikup's young men to the call of arms, and the good work carried out by local war workers. He introduced Rev. Brother Webb, of the Bush Brotherhood, who is one of the "diggers," having enlisted as a private in New Zealand. The reverend gentleman then dedicated the memorial and honor board, speaking very feelingly of the part played by the Australians in the war.

The chairman then introduced the member for the district (Mr. J. H. Smith, M.L.A.), who in a short address spoke of the reason that had brought them together that day at Kulikup. He pointed out that had it not been for the action of the men whose names were engraved on the honor board, and their fellow Australian soldiers, we possibly may have

honor board, and their fellow Australian soldiers, we possibly may have been residing under a different flag to-day. Without doubt they were of very great assistance to the Empire in her darkest hour of need. Promises had been made to the men on their departure from Australian shores, that they would be well cared for on their return. Those promises, in the speaker's opinion, were not being fulfilled as they should be. His policy was, and always would be, that the returned soldier should have preference in all things. He spoke feelingly of those who had made the supreme sacrifice, and hoped that the people would see that their dependents would never want. In concluding, he asked Mrs. Mary Graver (whose three sons went to the war, two of whom were killed) to unveil the honor board. There was an impressive silence while Mrs. Graver removed the Union Jack, and Mrs. J. Jennings placed a wreath at the foot of the board in respect to the fallen ones.

Messrs. E. Kose, J. Ewing and F. E. S. Willmott, Ms.L.C., supported the remarks made by the member for the district, each paying a glowing tribute to the residents of Kulikup for the great part which they had taken in the war. Each speaker pledged himself to at all times do his utmost for the returned soldier and see that they received a fair deal.

Returned soldiers, their dependents and the visiting parliamentarians were entertained at a sumptuous luncheon that had been provided by the ladies of Kulikup.

The Kulikup residents were extremely pleased to see the four parliamentary representatives of the district present on such an occasion.

In consequence of financial difficulties 148 newspapers in Germany have closed down during the last quarter. The Japanese authorities have

