

Moora's Great Day.

HONOR TO HER BOYS.

Thursday, December 4th, 1919, will be long remembered by the residents of Moora and district. Not only was it a very warm day but all the men who had seen service with the A.I.F. were given a warm welcome. The event of the day was the official unveiling of the Moora and district Honor Roll on which there is a list of 435 names of men who left this district at their King and Country's call in the hour of need, and also a welcome home to all by the Roads Board and citizens.

At 3 p.m. a musical and elocutionary programme was provided by Mrs W. Tynan and Messrs Cornish, Hawkins, Pike and Michell, and whilst seated around the handsomely decorated hall a committee of ladies handed around dainty refreshments to the large crowd present.

At 4 p.m. a parade of Returned men headed by the Town Band was made from the Post Office to the Hall where the crowd had considerably increased.

Mr A. M. Hayton then explained to the people the reason of Sir Henry Lefroy's unavoidable absence, owing to his being at Fremantle to meet another of his sons who was that day arriving back from the front, and that the duty of performing the unveiling ceremony then devolved upon Mr.

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In addressing the gathering Mr Padbury reminded them that they had met for a very important purpose, something we had never experienced before and he trusted we would never experience again—the unveiling of the Moora and district Honor Roll—which will be a lasting memorial to the brave men who answered the call of our nation in the time of her need. We had heard of the many brave deeds they have done, and the hard times experienced whilst away. We know that not half can be told and although some of them will suffer for the rest of their lives they have all gained something they would not have missed for the

world—a fullness in their after life—something those who did not go know nothing about, and they have that grand satisfaction of knowing that when their country was calling in the hour of need they were not found wanting. There is a pleasure also a sadness attached to the unveiling of this Honor Roll—a pleasure in knowing that the terrible war is over, and that we have our boys returned who were fortunate enough to get through—and a sadness in sympathy for the friends of those who made the supreme sacrifice. There were 435 enlisted from this district to go with others to save our country, our homes, and our lives and out of that number 59 have fallen never to return. Mr Padbury then asked the gathering to stand in

taken never to return. Mr Padbury then asked the gathering to stand in silence for a few moments in respect to the fallen. Continuing, the speaker said that the Honor Roll would be looked upon in years to come, as it is now, with reverence, by the rising generation and by their children and grand children and great grand children and also by the residents and visitors to the district. It will mark time and prove to generations still to come, the earnestness, determination and loyalty these brave men had for their country—similar to the Honor Rolls that are to be seen in parts of the Old Country that were erected in memory of men who fought in the battle of Waterloo and other great wars. It will stand in memory of the courage of the British race and it would be a good thing if the boys and girls of Moora and district were taught to salute it every time they entered the hall, as a tribute to the brave men who fought for them, and would ask the Returned Men to look upon the Honor Roll as a memorial of their past deeds and let it help them to live up to a high standard in the future, to look upon it as their lucky star.

Before the conclusion of the ceremony the "Last Post" was sounded by Mr F. Pike and "Nearer, My God to Thee" was nicely rendered by the Town Band.

During the evening ceremonies Mr Padbury again spoke words of welcome to the boys and trusted that their futures would be prosperous and happy ones.

On behalf of the Returned Men Mr Peter Paul responding thanked Mr Padbury and the Board, and all the citizens for their very warm reception and trusted they would always think of the men who had gone out to do their bit, and help them in any way possible.
