

Visit of Brig. and Mrs Eastick to Hallett Opening of Memorial Gates

The State President of the R.S.L., accompanied by Mrs Eastick and their son Barry, spent 21st and 22nd February at Hallett as the guests of the Hallett War Memorial Committee. The purpose of the visit was to open the War Memorial Gates at entrance of Recreational Ground.

On the Saturday night Brig. Eastick attended a meeting of the Hallett R.S.L. Sub-Branch where he gave a most interesting talk on the work of the League and an account of his visit to Japan and Korea. Several visitors were present, but unfortunately the visit clashed with Burra Sub-Branch annual meeting, and Peterborough annual dinner.

On Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Gates the Chairman of Memorial Committee (Mr Noel Tiver) introduced Brig. Eastick to the members of the Committee and their wives, also Mr and Mrs Stanley Hawker. Then the President (Mr Jack Hooper) of the Hallett Sub-Branch called the Guard of Honor to attention and introduced Mr Eastick to the members who comprised local ex-service-men with some visitors from Burra.

The Chairman in asking Mr Eastick to open the gates pointed out that there had been considerable delay in completing the scheme, but that the finished job was well worth waiting for. He explained that total cost (including fixing World War II

names on to World War I monument was about £430. There was still a small amount owing and it is hoped that this will be sent in so that the project will be free of debt.

Mr Tiver thanked the committee for the work put in, especially mentioning the original chairman, Mr Miller senr.; the Secretary, Mr Frank McDonald; and Treasurer, Mr Phin.

Mr Eastick, after delivering a very sincere and thoughtful address declared the gates open by untying a piece of ribbon.

The ceremony was closed by Mr Wes Miller sounding the Last Post; Mr Hooper reciting the Ode of Remembrance, and finally Reveille was sounded.

Mr Frank Sumner lowered the flag to half mast during Last Post and two minutes silence in honour of fallen.

A man may learn from his Bible to be a more thorough gentleman than if he had been brought up in all the drawing rooms in London.