

# SADDLEWORTH NEWS.

(From our Saddleworth Correspondent.)

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## WORLD WAR II. MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT SADDLEWORTH.

On Thursday morning last a large crowd of residents and visitors gathered at the Memorial to observe the sacred hour of Remembrance, and to witness the unveiling of the Plaque to commemorate the sacrifice made by two Saddleworth boys in World War II. A high wind made conditions unpleasant and caused trouble when the many wreaths were whipped out of place. The plaque that was unveiled commemorated the sacrifice made by Ronald K. Bannear (RAAF) who was lost over the North Sea out from the coast of Norway and Boyd J. Crawford (A.I.F.) who died of wounds during the Battle of El Alamein in 1942. All members of both families but Mrs. Les Edwards of Bute, who sent an apology on account of sickness were present. They were Mrs. A. M. Bannear, Mother of Ron and Mrs. C. G. Wurst of Saddleworth, Messrs Stan and Harry Bannear of Adelaide and Mrs. J. B. Crawford and Mrs. W. Greaves of Adelaide. The plaque, a neat brass plate 27" x 12", and surmounted by the combined badges of the R.A.N., the A.I.F., and the R.A.A.F., was set in the lower block of granite of the present memorial. The plate is inscribed with raised letters as follows:—

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## WORLD WAR II IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

R. K. Bannear  
R.A.A.F. North Sea  
B. J. Crawford  
A.I.F. El Alamein

"They kept for you  
This rendezvous with death"  
11 Nov. 1954.

The plaque was supplied by the Saddleworth War Memorial Community Centre and was designed by the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Bannear, and set on the Memorial by Mr. R. A. Simpson. The work on the plaque was carried out by the Industrial Engraving Section of "The News" Ltd.

The service which commenced at 10-45 was arranged by the R.S.L. Sub-Branch. The President, Mr. J. W. Valladares addressed the assembled scholars of the Public School on the subject of "Spirit of Remembrance" and Rev. J. R. Nixon gave a short address to all those gathered. Mr. H. S. Rowett, Chairman of the District Council, in unveiling the plaque, expressed this sympathy to parents of the two boys and stated that he had known them both from babies. He appealed to all to make certain that their sacrifice had not been in vain. Wreaths were laid on the memorial by R.S.L., Legion of Ex-Servicemen, Mrs. J. B. Crawford, Mrs. A. M. Bannear, District Council of Saddleworth, Community Centre, C.W.A. Branch, Saddleworth Public School and many other private wreaths. Rev. Nixon offered a Prayer of Dedication and the two minutes of silence was observed as Mr. S. G. Harding of Riverton sounded the last Post.

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That a new Jersey Stud (?) has been established in the town, the name of the Stud is still a close secret, but I have heard suggested that it may be called "The Gilbert Valley Stud". At present, the Institute Block is the centre of the Stud and a contract has been signed with the Tennis and Bowling Clubs for the sole rights of the Lawn clippings. I even hear that Mr. E. J. Lawrie of Manoora has threaten'd to put a padlock on his chaff mill as a precaution. The proud owner is Mr. H. G. Bradkte of the Police Dept. Jars of cream have been promised to all who co-operate.

That the District Council have made an excellent job of skimming the grass around the town. Practically every street has been cleaned and the job is certainly appreciated by the townfolks.

That everyone expressed satisfaction with the plaque on the Memorial. It is a neat job and worthy of the sacred idea it commemorates. The verse inscribed on the plaque is from the Services War Volume "Khaki and Green" and is from the poem "Shed Thou no Tears." Those connected with the placing of the plaque on the memorial had their problems when they found that granite was very hard to drill even with a tungsten bit.

That owing to shortness of notice, the Mannequin Parade arranged by the Institute for

the middle of this month has been cancelled until early in the new year. Messrs. Hambours, who arranged the parade found that they could not obtain the supplies of dresses in the short time that the committee arranged.

The Saddleworth/Manoora Division of St. John Ambu-

The Saddleworth/Manoora Division of St. John Ambulance Division had their first outside engagement on Saturday last. They were on duty at the Rodeo at Robertstown. The local division were assisted by an officer from Adelaide.