

Honor Roll Unveiled

CEREMONY AT BRIDPORT

THREE WARS REPRESENTED

Representatives of three wars figure in the Honor Roll unveiled in the Public Hall at Bridport on Saturday night. There was a large attendance including many visitors, and a dance was also held, with Mrs. Frank Loomore at the piano.

On the platform for the unveiling were Messrs D. McLennan (chairman of the Scottsdale Municipal Commission), J. J. McDonald, Attorney-General, representing the Government of Tasmania; G. S. Parsons, president of the Scottsdale Sub-Branch R.S. & S.I.L.A.; E. R. Howroyd, M.H.A., E. B. Adams and A. H. Thorpe (war veterans), the latter also being chairman of the Honor Roll committee; and Armourer E. F. Adams, who was home on leave. Enthusiastic interest was taken in the proceedings.

Mr. D. McLennan said the occasion was one of the most important in the history of Bridport, when all joined in the one common cause to do honor where honor is due. He sometimes wondered whether they fully realised the honor due to those who had passed—the early pioneers, and the men who had taken part in the last three wars. He mentioned that he himself had enlisted in the South African war and the Great War, but had been "ground down." Two men on the platform were South African veterans—E. B. Adams and A. Thorpe—and they also took part in the last war—(1914-18) and he noticed Mr. Adams' son was present representing the Air Force in this war. It was their duty and privilege to honor these men. The chairman then welcomed Mr. J. J. McDonald (Attorney-General) who was representing the Government, and Mr. E. R. Howroyd, M.H.A., and paid a tribute to Mr. McDonald's son who was on active service.

Mr. J. J. McDonald, who first addressed himself to the chairman, old soldiers and young soldiers, said he was pleased to represent the Government on such an important occasion. Bridport certainly was on map, and had been for some time. The fact that they were unveiling an honor roll to men who served so far back as the Boer War indicated the spirit of the people. That spirit had not slackened, and the people of Australia and Tasmania were as staunch to the British Empire as ever. He thanked the chairman for the kindly reference to his son and said a letter received from him that day indicated that he was like Johnny Walker—"still going strong" (Applause).

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to the movement, and Mr. Jas. Gordon Senr for donating the timber for the Honor Roll. He then called upon Mr. G. S. Parsons (president of the Returned Soldiers Branch) to do the unveiling.

Mr. Parsons sincerely thanked the committee for inviting him to perform the unveiling ceremony and said he felt that no greater honor could have been bestowed upon him. He referred to Mr. Adams and Mr. Thorpe who were soldiers in the Boer War and the last war, and to the fact that a son of Mr. Adams was in the present war, adding that many an old diggers' son was doing his bit in this conflict. He said the Honor Roll contained the names of two in the Boer War, 8 in the last war, and 16 in the present one, and that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Nursing Staff were represented, which was a proud record for Bridport. (Applause).

Mr. Parsons then unveiled the Honor Roll and read out the names. The audience sang the National Anthem, and then at the request of Mr. McLennan, stood in silent tribute to those being honored.

List of Names

Boer War.—E. B. Adams, C. Stephenson.

World War.—E. B. Adams, G. V. Burnett, Lieut. R. Camm, C. Heckrath, G. V. Jones, —, Jones, W. T. Jones, R. Lade.

World War, 1939.—(Navy)—R. Brown, Ellis Denmen; (A.I.F.)—Peter H. Brower, R. Brasher, A. F. Coote, Capt. R. Camm, W. C. Griffiths, Sid Harper, S. L. Murphy, R. N. Jensen, D. A. Newell, J. A. Newell, L. D. Sadawasser, W. Williams; (R.A.A.F.)—E. P. Adams, L. K. Best.

The Honor Roll is about 3ft. by 2ft. with a round top, and embellished with the Union Jack and Australian Flag. The names are in gold lettering.

The Honor Roll Committee comprised Mr. A. Thorpe (chairman), Mrs. Coote (secretary), Mrs. B. Eddie, Mrs. D. Murphy, Mrs. F. Denmen and Mrs. Winter.