

# UNVEILS HONOUR BOARD AT DOOLBI

**HISTORY** repeated itself on Sunday last when Senator Annabelle Rankin unveiled the Doolbi School Memorial Honour Board, bearing the names of past pupils who had served in World Wars I and II. This board was originally unveiled by the Senator's father, the late Colonel C. W. D. Rankin, V.D., on March 12, 1919. It is interesting to note that Colonel Rankin was for a number of years the parliamentary representative of the Isis district, where he and his family resided during the childhood days of the Senator.

The function was an outstanding success and was attended by a representative gathering of all sections of the Isis district. A feature of the afternoon was the presence of a large number of residents, who had assembled at the school to renew acquaintance with the Senator and her mother and sister, who had accompanied her on her visit to the district.

The guest of honour was welcomed by a guard of honour formed by a unit of the local Militia 42nd Battalion and a number of Handberg boys, who had journeyed across for the occasion.

After the National Anthem, Mr. K. Harvey, head teacher of Doolbi School, who acted as chairman, introduced the Senator and expressed pleasure at her visit and that of the other members of her family. He gave a brief history of the honour board, stating that it had been presented by Mr. E. P. Noakes in 1919, and unveiled by the Senator's father. The handsome brass plate was a presentation by Senator Rankin whose gesture, he said, was much appreciated. The career of Senator Rankin, Mr. Harvey added, was followed with interest by her many friends in this district and, on behalf of all present, he wished her every success in the future.

### SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Senator Rankin then unveiled the honour board and, in doing so, evoked an excellent impression by her address in which she praised the Doolbi School Committee for their heroic and self-sacrificing efforts in seeking her to officiate at such a ceremony. To-day, and for because, we remember with deep gratitude the many who sacrificed their lives in the service of the Doolbi School, and in the process, they and their families, were called upon to protect all that makes life dear. Some of those who lost their lives in service, and in their sacrifices, I extend my sympathy. In almost every woman's heart, there is a garden of remembrance and to those among you whose dear ones did not return, I can only say that your memory be less sorrowful because of your pride in the fact that, by their sacrifice and that of many of their comrades, this country has advanced.

There can be no greater words in the English language than those of service and self-sacrifice and both are synonyms with those we honour to-day.

These men and women went forth to do it possible for all of us, and our governments, to join to enjoy the British way of life, which is a life of liberty, and in this, our Jubilee

of life, which is a life of liberty, and in this, our Jubilee year, let us pledge ourselves anew to see that the sacrifices of those men and women and of the millions of this great land were not made in vain. Let us also rekindle the spirit of comradeship and good fellowship which has immortalised the Australian Digger and try to carry on that good feeling in order to mould this country into the really great nation it should be.

### A WORTHY TRADITION

To us who are left, and who have to do because of the sacrifices of others, lies the task of carrying on a worthy tradition and of proving by our lives that they did not die or serve in vain.

In conclusion I would like to wish you the following good wishes by an Australian official.

May you have all the good things of life and may your life be a life of service to your country.

After Senator Rankin's address, the ladies' choir sang "The Doolbi School Song" after which the following addresses were given by Mr. H. Lyons, J. A. S. (Mr. N. Rankin, vice-president of the Isis branch of the R.S.A.I.L.A., read the roll call of names on the board and this was followed by the playing of the Last Post by Mr. K. Harvey. The royal salute was directed about a minute or more ago, and followed by the playing of "The Last Post".

Mr. J. Pizzev, M.L.A., addressed the gathering. He was supported by Cr. F. Eastaughffe. Other speakers were Mr. E. P. Noakes, Mr. C. Sigston, president of the Isis branch of the R.S.A.I.L.A., and Mr. T. Calder, chairman of the School Committee, who moved a vote of thanks to all concerned, especially Senator Rankin for her valued assistance.

Two members of the Doolbi junior school presented bouquets to the ladies in the official party. They were Senator Rankin, Mesdames Rankin, Pizzev and Eastaughffe and Miss Jean Rankin.

A delicious afternoon tea was served by members of the Ladies' Help Committee which comprised Mesdames K. Harvey, T. Calder, O. Digger, N. Noakes and Miss D. Digger.

A motion of appreciation of the work of the chairman, Mr. Harvey, was carried by acclamation.

The function closed with the school band playing "Auld Lang Syne" in which the whole company participated.