

Honour Roll

UNVEILED AT THE HEART.

There was a large gathering (including the school children) at The Heart Hall on Thursday afternoon, when the Honour Roll was unveiled, and the machine gun allotted to the district dedicated. The hall was artistically decorated with wattle blossoms, flags, &c. The marble tablet, for which Mr. M. Lawless was largely responsible, has been erected over the machine gun in the hall, and on it are engraved the names of 18 soldiers who enlisted, three of whom—Messrs. M. Lawless, L. Meldrum, and W. Reid—were killed in action.

The honour roll comprised the following:—

J. Collins.	C. M'Coll.
H. Finegan.	W. M'Coll.
G. Halfpenny.	S. Murphy.
H. Lawless.	H. Ronalds.
A. M'Coll.	A. Ross.
G. Evans.	L. Meldrum.
H. Hagger.	W. Reid.
H. Holloway.	L. Ronalds.
W. Lawless.	G. Simcoe.

The gathering, which met to do honour to the "Diggers," particularly to those who had gone west, was presided over by Mr. Mat. Lawless, who has taken a prominent part in all patriotic movements. Associated with him were the Hon. G. M. Davis, M.L.C.; Mr. J. W. M'Lachlan, M.L.A., and Messrs. J. Firmin and A. Mathieson.

The Hon. G. M. Davis, who performed the ceremonies, recalled the great sacrifice made by the sons of Australia in the cause of liberty and freedom, who worthily upheld the traditions of their forefathers. In recognition of the part played by Australians the French people were erecting a colossal monument in Melbourne. It behooved the people of Australia to live up to the ideals set before them by her

sovereign the people of Australia to live up to the ideals set before them by her soldiers, who had stormed the heights of Gallipoli, and fought in subsequent battles. The soldiers deserved their utmost gratitude and assistance. Most of the returned men had been settled, and proving good citizens. Many of them, unfortunately, were still feeling the effects of the campaign. He had much pleasure in unveiling the honour roll, and dedicating the war trophy, which would serve to remind them of the noble deeds performed in the greatest war in history.

Mr. M'Lachlan dilated on Australia's fine war record, comparing the action of the boys who served with the colours with their forefathers in the early stages of Australia's history. The 60,000 lives that had been sacrificed in the cause of freedom had not been in vain.

Mr. Firmin congratulated the residents of The Heart on the number of enlistments from that part of the district. It was unfortunate that in the aftermath of war the conditions in Europe were so unsettled. He had no time for those people who desired to repudiate our war debt, claiming that every Australian should be only too pleased to pay his share of the liability.

Mr. A. Mathieson said they were all proud of the part Australia played in the war, and hoped that the story would never die. He dilated on the significance of the word freedom, and how great the sacrifices had been to ensure it. Had the Germans been victorious, he dreaded to think of the consequences. Though many had lost their lives in the great conflict, there was consolation in the fact that they occupied heroes' graves.

The various speakers were thanked by the chairman, also those who had contributed to the success of the ceremony.

Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies.

