

**HONOUR BOARD UNVEILED**

**MIARA, YANDARAN, AND WATERLOO.**

UNVEILING BY MR. JOHN WHITE.

There was a very large attendance at the Yandaran Hall on Saturday afternoon, when the Miara-Yandaran-Waterloo honour board was unveiled by Mr. John White. The district has contributed splendidly to the Australian Army, as have also the adjoining districts, and the ceremony of unveiling the honour board attracted residents from near and far. The board was temporarily erected in the hall, and after the unveiling was placed in position at the railway station, where it will remain. Mr. John White and the Bundaberg visitors, who arrived by the mid-day train, were entertained to dinner at the Yandaran Hotel, where an enjoyable meal had been prepared by the licensee, Mr. J. Rawlings.

Councillor A. M. Broom, Chairman of the Gooburrum Shire Council, presided at the unveiling ceremony, and the attendance filled the hall. Mr. Broom expressed his pleasure at the splendid roll-up of people, on which the district was to be complimented. They had attended to do honour to those who had gone to the front. All could not go, but they could show their appreciation of those who did go. He felt sure they would join with him in offering sincere sympathy to those whose loved ones had made the great sacrifice, and at the same time they would rejoice when the time came for the others to return to their own country. He had much pleasure in calling on Mr. White to perform the unveiling. (Applause.)

Mr. White, who was received with applause, said they were gathered to do honour to the brave boys who had left to fight the battles of Empire in the greatest war the world had ever seen. They had not gone for conquest, but to fight the battle of liberty, to prevent the domination of Prussianism. Some would say that it was a capitalistic war; he said it was not. It was a war for the honour and liberty of the people of the whole world. He congratulated the whole of the people of the district on the splendid efforts they had made. The enthusiasm to sustain and uphold the glorious traditions of the country from which we had sprung was only equalled by the heartfelt sympathy for the relatives of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice. They could only hope that such parents and relatives would be sustained to bear the calamity with fortitude and patience. They might well remember the Spartan mother, who, when sympathized with for the loss of her son, said, "Do not sympathise with me. I weep, but I weep because I have not seen more sons to give to the Empire." That was the spirit of sacrifice, and if Australia and the Empire would follow the spirit of that brave woman, the battle was as good as won. Mr. White said he knew of another woman, who was knitting when the clergyman came with the news of her son's death. She wept bitterly, but afterwards she picked up her knitting and said, "I will still knit for some other mother's boy." That was the spirit of the British Empire, and if it were only imbued in the whole of the people, the war would be already

it were only imbued in the whole of the people, the war would be already won. His heartfelt sympathy went out to the mothers and relatives who had lost sons at the front, for it was the most terrible war that had ever been waged. However, it was good to know that the hospital systems were the best ever established, and everything possible was done for the men. The district represented by the honour board had suffered severely. Continuing, Mr. White referred to the excellent work being done by the repatriation authorities, and the official figures he had obtained showed that only 35 men out of the large number had not been provided for. The women of those districts were doing splendid work for the soldiers. Waterloo, Miara, and Yandaran did much better than the cities, in proportion of population. Mr. White referred to some of the names on the board, and went on to illustrate how England was financially helping to provide for our soldiers. She had bought from Australia fifty one million pounds worth of wheat, sixty-four millions of wool, four and a half millions of butter, three millions of jams, nineteen millions of metals, and one and a-half of rabbits. Continuing, he said the three Bisc brothers from Waterloo had paid the supreme penalty, and he asked was there any reason why one family should have to lose three, four, or five, and another family should not be represented at all. Another dear boy he knew well was Bob Roope, and first on the list was William Hipathite, and there were others, but he was sorry to say. He was pleased to know that one young man engaged at Waterloo had won his Lieutenantcy on the field—Colin Brown. (Applause.) The speaker then announced there would be other speakers before he concluded the board.

Mr. R. J. Roope, of Waterloo, said he was the father of a son who had laid down his life for his country, but there was one, William Hipathite, who had no one to say a word for him. He (Mr. Roope) read in the "Mail" that Mr. Helmore's son said in a letter that he had seen Will Hipathite, and wrote of him, "Dad, he is a brave man, and I feel proud of my neighbour." No braver man than Will Hipathite left Queensland. He was an expert rifle shot, and it was his ambition to make a use of that skill in the defence of his country. He felt it keenly that a man with a wife and family should lay down his life when there were others who could go. Australia was as much in the war as any other country, and if she went down, no man need have any doubts as to her suffering more than other places. (Applause.) In conclusion, Mr. Roope paid a tribute to those whose names were on the board—men who had gone to save their beloved Island.

into the hands of one of the most diabolical people on God's earth. (Applause.)

Mr. Sidney H. Barton said that attending the unveiling of an honour board was a ceremony tinged with sadness, yet there was the satisfaction of knowing duty done. The men who went forth in recognition of their national responsibilities made the first sacrifice, but no other it was followed by greater ones, and he wished to express his sympathy to the mothers and parents, and

it was followed by greater ones, and he wished to express his sympathy to the mothers, and parents, and homes that were in mourning, and to hope that the healing hand of time would speedily arrange their grief. He paid a compliment to the various districts around for their splendid contributions, and hoped that the good work, especially by the women, would go on, as he felt sure it would. Both personally and as representing his paper, he was pleased to be present, and pay a tribute to those whose names were on the board, and he thought there would be an even more lasting tribute than such a board—the memory, the respect, and the recognition of those who appreciated what these men had done, and were doing.

After Mr. W. Knight had spoken, Mr. White unveiled the board, the audience standing, and singing "God Save the King." Cheers were also given for the boys at the front.

At the request of Mr. White, the audience remained standing in silence for ten seconds, as a mark of respect to those who had fallen.

Mr. W. Halley moved a vote of thanks to the speakers. He commented on the small number of eligible men in the district, and in this respect paid a tribute to the districts between Moorlands and Gladstone. The Yandaran Rifle Club, he said, never had a membership of more than 30 to 32, and 12 had enlisted. The single eligible men in the Clubs could be counted on one's thumb.

The vote was carried with acclamation, and Mr. White responded.

The honour board is handsome, made of silky oak, with the names of the district, Miara, Yandaran and Waterloo, stamped out in copper, on top, and two semi-pillars on either side give excellent effect. The names are stamped on aluminium, and are as follows:—

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

- Head Nurse O. Cave, Miara; Chas. Bruce Cunningham, Waterloo; John Arthur Ollman, Yandaran; Henry Cooper (W.) Yandaran; James Cooper, Yandaran; James Wa'elfield, Yandaran; William Bray (K.), Miara; Percy Bryer, Waterloo; Vivian J. P. Gamlin (K.), Yandaran; Renton Macrot Kelly (K.), Waterloo; Edgar Leonard Eggar, Miara; Hugh McCallum, Miara; Henry Arnold, Miara; James Hutton (K.), Waterloo; Arthur Yessch, Waterloo; Robert J. Rooke (K.), Waterloo; Arthur Downing, Miara; William Henry Rice (K.), Waterloo; Richard Lucas, Waterloo; George Bailey (hospital), Miara; Colin V. Mc L. Broom, Miara; George Weston (K.), Waterloo; Neil McLan, Waterloo; John Thomas Fife, (K.), Waterloo; Douglas Helmore, Miara; Tom Duncan Palmer, Yandaran; William Hipathite (K.), Waterloo; Charles Bress, Waterloo; Henry Guy, Waterloo; Chas. Gough, Waterloo; Norman March (wounded three times at landing), Yandaran; Stewart March wounded twice at landing), Yandaran; Edward C. D. Richards, Waterloo; Samuel Philps, Waterloo; Frank Hunter (K.), Miara; Richard McCormack, Miara; Edward Neilson (K.), Miara; Arthur Bryce, Yandaran; Harry Shields, Waterloo; J. P. McDonogh (W.), Waterloo; William Hawthorn (W.), Miara; David Carlton, Waterloo; Frederick Hie (K.), Waterloo; Robert Cooper, Yandaran; Frank Bray (wounded and discharged), Miara.

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The board was made gratis by Mr. Tracey, of Waterloo, and is a highly creditable piece of workmanship, on which he is to be warmly complimented.

Subsequent two returned soldiers, Sgt. Turabell, B.C.M., and Private T. Harle, gave interesting accounts of their experiences, and of the need of reinforcements.