

LIFE-SAVERS WHO WENT DOWN.

MEMBERS OF BONDI CLUB.

"It has been said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, and so can it be said that the heights of Gallipoli were won in the surf on the beaches of Australia," said Mr. D. H. Souter, president of the Bondi Surf-Bathers' Life-saving Club, at the unveiling of an honor-roll in the club-rooms yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant Walter Marks, M.H.R.

Mr. Souter went on to say that Gallipoli, Amiens, and Mesopotamia were names that would for ever be associated with the heroic deeds of the Australian soldiers.

Mr. Marks said that, quite apart from the solemn ceremony of unveiling the honor-roll, the whole thing came right down to the bed-rock question—loyalty! And where was there stronger evidence of a loyalty to be found than on the beaches? The day had come when in Australia loyalty could not be preached too often or too strongly. He would suggest that on January 16 of each year those associated with the club should assemble and remain in silence for a brief period before the honor-board, which had been designed and executed by two members of the club, and which contained the names of 98 members, 16 of whom had fallen. Their names were—E. Alt-house, J. Barlow, R. Cadden, R. Crowe, T. Dick, W. O. Frost, G. Hansel, D. Lewis, C. Linsley, and N. Wallach.

Mr. C. W. Oakes (deputy-leader of the State Opposition) said that, while they honored the dead, they had not to forget the men who came back. They had to give them a helping hand, and be thankful and kind to them for all they had suffered on the fields of Flanders and France.

Ald. Jackaman hoped that if ever the necessity came round again the boys of Australia, who were imbued with a patriotic spirit, would be heard to say, "I am ready and willing to fight for the good old flag that protects me for all time"—and that time might be closer than they anticipated.

Mr. R. E. O'Halloran, M.L.A., said the one thing that made the boys go to the front was their love for the grand old land under the Southern Cross.

Rev. J. Macaulay, who had opened the proceedings with prayer, said they were all life-savers. Their aim was to rescue the perishing. Some of their members who had gone out into the depths of the Pacific and had rescued the perishing had gone down on Gallipoli, in Mesopotamia, France, and Flanders, in their gallant effort to rescue their comrades, and to keep intact the freedom of the Empire. They were gathered there not only to cherish the memories of these boys, but to sympathise with their sorrowing parents and relatives.

Major Johnston voiced the thanks of returned men for the compliment Lieutenant Marks and the club officials had paid to those who went and fought and died.