

**BOOLAROO.****ROLL OF HONOUR UNVEILED.**

So far as Boolaroo and district are concerned, what was an historic ceremony, the unveiling of two Rolls of Honour, took place in the Boolaroo Picture Palace last evening. There was a large attendance in the decorated hall. Many persons had to stand. Mr. W. J. Oswald, president of the Farewell and Reception Committee, occupied the chair. There are two Rolls of Honour. A large one contains photographs of 100 soldiers of the district, and the other the names of 29 men, of whom portraits have not been obtained. The principal roll is most artistic, and reflects great credit on all concerned with its creation. Of the men who enlisted six have died—Privates J. M'Vea, J. Laidlaw, G. Teifer, H. Cressy, G. H. Forster, and J. M. True and. Those who have returned from the front are Sergeant E. M'Evoy, Sergeant W. Jones (gone back), and Privates J. Copeland, W. Rhodes, H. Dalton, J. Lewis, M. Smith, and E. Rees. The Boolaroo and District Farewell and Reception Committee, which has brought to an excellent culmination the idea of having a Roll of Honour, includes the following officers: Mr. Oswald, president, Messrs. T. C. Frith, and H. A. Burton (vice-presidents), A. L. Jenkins (secretary), and A. E. Webster (treasurer). A feature of the committee's

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work has been the presentation of gold medals to returned soldiers, and also to the relatives of deceased soldiers. That task has been discharged away from the public gaze.

Last evening's proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, to the accompaniment of the 16th Infantry Band. Boy Scouts from Teralba and Toronto, under the District Scoutmaster, Rev. Carlos Stretch, occupied seats on the stage.

Before unveiling the rolls, Mr. Oswald traced the history of the committee, which was formed in September, 1915. Before that date, he regretted to say, about 20 men had gone to the front without having received public recognition. That could be excused by the fact that the people of Boolaroo and district were intently concerned in the raising of money for the Belgians, and later for the Australia Day Fund. Since the inauguration of the committee there had been about 100 send-offs. In addition to the public farewells, each man who left since September of last year was presented with comforts, and similar gifts had been forwarded to those who enlisted previously. The idea of the honour rolls emanated from the school of arts at Boolaroo, but that body, realising that the scheme would grow to large proportions, and partly owing to lack of funds and partly because of the existence of the committee, handed over the matter to the committee. The work of preparing the rolls, which would eventually be hung in the school of arts, was tedious, owing to the difficulty of obtaining so many photographs. That task took over 12 months. He was pleased to have the finished article before them, and had no hesitation in saying that it compared favourably with anything of its kind attempted in the Newcastle district. The rolls were a tribute to the work of Frode, Ash, Limited, of Newcastle. Mr. Oswald referred to the splendid spirit animating the people of the district in connection with all patriotic matters. Their responses to appeals were always most generous. Only recently the ladies of the Reception Committee held a bazaar extending over three nights, and cleared the handsome sum of £111 for the fund. He said he had re-

nights, and cleared the handsome sum of £111 for the fund. He said he had received apologies for their absence that night from the Hon. J. Estell, Father O'Regan, Major Mulholland, Mr. J. Clyde, ex-president of the committee, Councillor Beath, and the Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman M. J. Moroney.

The rolls of honour were unveiled amid a scene of enthusiasm. The words—"Men of Boolaroo who enlisted to fight for the Empire in the great war"—graced the big roll. When the Australian flag covering the rolls was raised the National Anthem was sung, and cheers were given for the boys at the front.

King's Warrant-officer H. A. Evans, D.C.M., who was warmly applauded, briefly addressed the gathering. He confessed that he would rather be a soldier than a public orator. Although they could not all go to the front, those at home could "do their bit" here. He had two sons at the war now, and if they did not return, all he could say was, "God bless them."

Dr. W. S. Holmes considered that the rolls of honour were a worthy tribute, not only to the "boys," but to the people responsible for the work.

Addresses were delivered by Chaplain Captain Stretch, Revs. A. Partridge, M.A., and A. E. Walker, who referred enthusiastically to the handsome memorial.

At the instance of Mr. Jenkins, a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies, who supplied refreshments; Bedford Brothers, who provided the hall; and the band.

Cheers were given for the chairman, who designed the roll of honour.

Musical items of a patriotic character were provided by Misses Rees, Conn, Oughton, Hawkins, B. Jenkins, and Foster, King's Warrant-officer Evans, D.C.M., Mr. F. Frith, and Master Sullivan, and the 16th Infantry Band. The Boy Scouts were seen at ambulance work.