

## NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

## HONOUR ROLL UNVEILED.

Wearing the decoration won by her son, the late Captain C. Jeffries, V.C., whose name appeared on the roll of honour, Mrs. J. Jeffries unveiled the soldiers' memorial of the Newcastle High School, in the assembly room of the school yesterday morning. "On behalf of the teaching staff, pupils, ex-pupils, their parents, and friends," said Mrs. Jeffries, "I unveil this memorial to the undying glory of those brave Australian boys who were pupils of this school, and who, when duty called, responded for God, King, and country; may their names live evermore." There was a big crowd in attendance, including the present students of the school, ex-students, their friends and relatives, and the teaching staff.

The memorial takes the form of a tablet of white marble, and is of handsome design. The names of the ninety soldiers, fourteen of whom have died, are inscribed in black lettering on the panel, which is bordered on each side by settings of black marble, arranged in scroll effect. Prominent in the relief ornamentation that surmounts the structure is the monogram of the school, and a representation of a laurel wreath.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. G. Saxby, the head master, offered an apology for the absence of Mr. Bruntnell, the Minister for Education, who was to have presided, and extended a welcome to Mr. C. R. Smith, the first principal of the Newcastle High School, who had accepted the office of chairman. In addition to the fine memorial, there had been placed on the walls of the assembly room portraits of the late Captain Jeffries, V.C., and the late Captain R. W. Howard, M.C., a former captain of the school. He also drew attention to framed copies of the orders promulgated concerning the decoration of Captain Jeffries, an inspiring letter written by the same officer, and a little poem, entitled, "Premonition," written by the late Lieutenant Robert Lasker.

Mr. C. R. Smith expressed pleasure at revisiting his old school. Although the occasion was solemn, it was a great pleasure to once again stand on that floor. He spent nine years at the school, and had been away for seven years, but he never forgot the school which had been his child. There were twenty-six pupils when he began, and at the time of his leaving this number had grown to 450. He had been intimately acquainted with all the lads whose names appeared on the roll of honour. He honoured them all, and they parted as good friends. Mr. Smith went on to discuss some of the former students whose names were before them, Clarence Jeffries, the hero of the school, did not come very much before him, being of a studious and retiring disposition. "Tom" Cadell, known among his fellow pupils as "Chocolate," was a very fine chap, a good sport, and a favourite with the teachers as well as with his fellow pupils. "Dick" Howard was a captain of the school, and there had never been a finer pupil. In the year that he was captain Sir George Reid visited the school, and it was "Dick" Howard who read the address of welcome. He was a great sporting boy, and also a fine scholar. In the death of "Bob" Lasker the literary world suffered a great loss. His sonnet-called "Premonition," written a few days before his death, was a most remarkable production for a boy of his years. Other deceased soldier ex-students mentioned were Ernest Jones, Alfred Smith, Fred Smith, and Robert Kilpatrick. Australia, during the great struggle, was in danger of losing everything and it was only owing to those lads, whose names appeared on the honour roll, together with the lads from all over the country and throughout the Empire, that people were able to sit to-day in

peace and security. It was only right that every school should have its honour roll. At one time dire disaster promised to sweep away all privileges, but it was our boys who preserved them to us. He hoped that the honour roll would stand as long as the school did, to show pupils and teachers that during the war the old boys of the Newcastle High School played a worthy part. The lesson to be learned from their example was one of self-sacrifice—the Aragac spirit, which was not always to be seen in the young these days. He hoped the example would be considered and emulated. "We should all try to make some sacrifice for Australia," he said, in conclusion. "We should try to serve our country as faithfully at home as those boys did in the field, not with any sordid or selfish end in view, but for the honour, glory, and welfare of our country."

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Belgium, and violated the neutrality of the Belgians. Germany had relied on might as against right, with the inevitable disaster. In the knowledge that their loved ones were no recreants from duty, and that there was no death in God's wide world, the relatives of the dead found solace. In his judgment, the first duty of an Australian citizen was to the returned soldier, who had no desire to be placed on a pinnacle, but was entitled to and should demand justice and the fulfilment of those promises made before his enlistment. He hoped that the citizens of this great land would see that the returned soldier got justice. Mr. Jeffries proceeded to draw a picture of the conditions applying in the battlefields of France on the occasion of his tour of them two years ago. In view of what the Australian soldier had gone through, he asked that he never should be forgotten. On the walls of the old world a new super-structure was being built, and it was our duty to see that that super-structure was worthy of the British Empire, so that we would be drawn nearer to one another, nearer to God, and better understood.

Following the unveiling, a bugler sounded "The Last Post," and the proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem. The Rev. J. J. Willings assisted at the function, and besides the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," Kipling's "Recessional" was also sung.

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# High School Boys who have Enlisted.

*Max Arkell	Basil Helmore	*Robert Perrou
H. Arnold	Jack Herbert	Henry Prince
Edwin Armstrong.	H. Hingst	Roy Payne
Robert Baker	A. Hingst	A. V. Quiggan
Cecil Bate	*Richard Howard, M.C.	Allan Richards
Thomas Beveridge	David Horne	Norman Rawling
T. Brown	Rob Howie (Y.M.C.A.)	Frank Raysmith
Wm. Brownlee	Alex Huntriss	Vincent Ryan
*Tom Cadell	Cyril Hudson	Walter Smith
S. R. Carver	J. Ivin	*Alfred Smith
Alex Chalmers	*Clarence Jeffries (V.C.)	George Scott
Alan Collins	C. Jacka	William Sturt
Herbert Chippendall	Harry Jameson	Victor Stirling
Leonard Chippendall	*Ernest Jones	Norman Stirling
Percy Charlton	*Robert Kilpatrick	Arthur Scarle
Leslie Cooke	Mac Loudon	John Schroder
Norman Cragg	Robert Lasker (missing)	R. W. Scott
W. Dalton	Walter Lochrin	D. J. Shearman
Stan Dixon	Fred Lancaster	Donald Short
Andrew Douglass	Leslie McCurley	Fred Smith
Mathew Downie	*Pierce Morrissey	*Hunter Smith
Walter Derkenne	Ernest McAllister	John Smith
*John Donald	Magnus McKay	Frank Sharp
John Daniels	Wm. Maskell	James Steel
J. Evans	Frank Miller	H. A. Sweetapple
R. Fitzgerald	*Eric Mulvey	Guy Thompson
Douglas Fraser	*J. O'Connell	Clive Wegg
Gordon Gray	Conrad Porteus	John Watt, D.C.M., M.C.
K. Gollan	Louis Polak	Thomas Warren
Arthur Hirst		

The Headmaster will be glad of any information which will help him to make this list complete.

The Headmaster has sent a copy of the following circular to all parents of pupils at the school. Will all our other friends consider it as addressed to them also?

High School, Newcastle.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Dear Sir or Madam,

For some time past I have been collecting the names of those ex-pupils of the School who have enlisted for military service abroad. The list now contains nearly 100 names and is as complete as it can be made.

I desire that the names of these boys should be given a permanent place of honor on the walls of the School, and should like, if possible, to have such a memorial set up before the year closes.

To make it worthy of them and of the School will need a fairly large sum, and I would be glad to receive a donation from you towards this object.

Yours faithfully,

W. WILLIAMS, Headmaster.

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Leslie Cooke	Fred Lancaster	John Schroder
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John Donald	Wm. Maskell	Guy Thompson
John Daniels	*Eric Mulvey	Clive Wegg
Douglas Fraser	Conrad Porteus	John Watt (D C.M., M.C.)
Arthur Hirst	Louis Polak	Thomas Warren
Lance Hackworthy	*Robert Perrou	
* Killed.		

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| * M. K.D. ARKELL | A. DOUGLASS        | R. KILPATRICK              | A. RICHARDS         |
| E. ARMSTRONG     | M. DOWNIE          | F. S. LANCASTER            | * V. RYAN           |
| H. R. ARNOLD     | J. EVANS           | * R. LASKER                | A. SCARFE           |
| W. AUBREY        | R. B. FITZGERALD   | W. LOCHRIN                 | J. SCHRODER M.C.    |
| R. BAKER         | D. FRASER          | M. LOUDON                  | G. SCOTT            |
| C. BATE          | R. FRITH           | E. M <sup>c</sup> ALLISTER | R. W. SCOTT         |
| T. BEVERIDGE     | C. GRAY            | L. M <sup>c</sup> CURLEY   | F. SHARP            |
| T. BROWN         | B. HELMORE         | M. M <sup>c</sup> KAY      | D. J. SHEARMAN      |
| W. BROWNLEE      | J. HERBERT         | W. MASKELL                 | D. SHORT            |
| * T. CADELL      | A. HINGST          | F. V. MILLER               | * A. SMITH          |
| S. R. CARVER     | H. HINGST          | K. MITCHELL                | * F. SMITH          |
| A. CHALMERS      | A. HIRST           | * P. MORRISSEY             | * H. SMITH          |
| P. CHARLTON      | D. HORN            | * E. MULVEY                | J. SMITH            |
| H. CHIPPENDALL   | * R. HOWARD M.C.   | * J. O'CONNELL             | W. SMITH            |
| L. CHIPPENDALL   | R. HOWIE           | W. R. PAYNE                | J. STEELE           |
| A. V. COLLINS    | C. HUDSON          | * R. PERRAU                | N. STIRLING         |
| L. COOKE         | A. HUNTRISS        | L. POLAK                   | V. STIRLING         |
| N. CRAGG         | J. IVIN            | C. PORTEUS                 | W. STURT            |
| W. DALTON        | C. K. JACKA        | H. PRINCE                  | H. A. SWEETAPPLE    |
| J. DANIELS       | H. JAMESON         | A. V. QUIGGAN              | G. THOMPSON         |
| W. DERKENNE      | * C. JEFFRIES V.C. | N. RAWLING                 | T. WARREN           |
| S. DIXON         | * E. H. JONES      | F. RAYSMITH                | J. WATT D.C.M. M.C. |
| * J. DONALD      |                    |                            | C. WEGG             |

\* KILLED IN ACTION