

THE STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA.

The Memorial Tablet

on which are inscribed

the names of Officers of the Bank

who died on service

during the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 wars.

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1914 1918

1939 1945

PTE. ALFORD R. H.
 L.CPL. ALLAN R. MCC.
 LIEUT. BOWEN J. C.
 L.CPL. BRIGHT J. G.
 PTE. CATHIE H. L.
 SGT. COMMONS J. F.
 CPL. CORRY J. S.
 LIEUT. D'ALTON W. D.
 CPL. DURACK H. M.
 LIEUT. FALCONER J. A. M.C.
 L.SGT. FINLAYSON T. C.
 SGT. FEICKER N. C.
 CAPT. GATLEFF F. E.
 L.SGT. GREENWOOD G. H.
 PTE. CRIPPTER H. W.
 PTE. HADLOW E. C.
 SGT. HAMILTON W. N. D.
 SGT. HART J. J.
 LIEUT. HOWSON T.
 PTE. JOHNSTON R. C. H.
 GNR. JONES A. T.
 PTE. KIRK G. A. A.
 PTE. KINNARD A. B.
 SGT. KNUCKEY F. W. L.
 PTE. LANE A. J. C.M.G.-BELG.
 PTE. MARSHALL P. J.
 PTE. MAXWELL L. A.
 GNR. MCBRIDE A. J.
 PTE. PERMAN A. H.
 PTE. FERROTTI S. H.
 PTE. POWELL J. B.
 PTE. RANKIN F. R.
 PTE. ROSSIE E. W. S.
 PTE. SCOTT S. J.
 SGT. SHERIDAN R. A.
 CAPT. STANTON F. B.
 LIEUT. SPRINGER A. S.
 LIEUT. SUPERBLAND E. B.
 DVL. THOMSON J. A.
 CPL. TREMBATH H. E.
 PTE. TURNBULL A. F.
 PTE. TURNER T.
 LIEUT. VAILE W. H.
 PTE. WALTERS W. R.
 CAPT. WARD F. H.
 PTE. WOODS H. W.

SGT. ANDERSON F. E.
 P.O. ANDERSON R. C. K.
 L.CPL. ANDREW H. E.
 P.O. BARRY J.
 F.O. BEYER F. A.
 F.O. BLACK G. J.
 CPL. BROOKER C. M.
 PTE. BROPHY B. F.
 F.SGT. CALLANDER R.
 F.SGT. CHAPMAN L. H.
 W.O. DALEY E. A.
 A.B. DEACON W. F.
 F.SGT. FAWCETT W. D.
 P.O. FRANCIS R. L.
 PTE. GARD J. E.
 DVL. GOLDEN T. E.
 F.O. HILL W. N.
 PTE. HOLDEN M.
 F.SGT. HOWELL E. M.
 F.SGT. HOWSHIP F. M.
 F.SGT. JOHNSON B.
 WRITER JOHNSON G.
 F.O. KEMFSON L. A.
 SGT. KNIGHT F. W.
 F.O. LARKAN M. A.
 FLT. LAWSON E. MCM.
 LIEUT. MASON H. M.
 SGT. MORRIS J. W. C.
 SGT. MORRISON R. L.
 W.O. MUMFERY G. D.
 L.A.C. MCCALLUM R. B.
 F.O. McDONALD D. I.
 PTE. McDONALD W. H.
 O.D. McDONALD W. R.
 SGT. MCPHERSON E. D.
 LT.COL. OWEN W.T. D.S.C.-U.S.A.
 SGT. PLUMMER R. M.
 F.O. POLLOCK F. R.
 F.SGT. PORRITT L. H.
 CPL. PURVES T. A.
 SGT. REID H. B.
 W.O. RENNISON I.
 PTE. RICHARDSON I. G.
 F.O. RICHARDSON P.W.W.
 O.D. ROYER K. A.
 P.O. SHARPLEY J. C.
 LIEUT. SMITH C. E.
 SGT. STEWART H. A.
 F.O. TAYLOR T. M.
 P.O. TOFF W. L.
 P.O. WHITE D. E. D.F.M.
 P.O. WOOD S.
 F.SGT. WOOD J. W.
 F.SGT. YOUNG R. J.

OFFICERS OF

THE STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA
WHO DIED ON WAR SERVICE

THE UNVEILING.

Relatives of Officers of the Bank who died on service during the 1939-1945 war, the Commissioners and more than 600 of the Bank's Officers assembled in the Banking Chamber of Head Office at 4.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 1st September, 1948, for the ceremony of unveiling the Memorial Tablet.

In his introductory remarks Mr. N. R. WILLIAMS, General Manager, said:—

We meet this afternoon as members of a large family to pay tribute to those of our brother officers who died on service during the last war. We are honoured to have with us many of their relatives, some of whom have come from distant places. Unfortunately a number could not attend. I am sure that they would wish me to say that their thoughts will be with us this afternoon.

After the Chairman has unveiled the Memorial we will sing the Hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." Then one of our returned soldiers, Colonel T. P. Cook, C.B.E., E.D., who served with distinction in both world wars, will address us. At the conclusion of his address we will sing the first verse of the National Anthem.

In December 1919 we unveiled the Memorial containing the names of officers of the Bank who fought in World War I. We have thought it fitting that we should erect a new, and I think you will agree with me, a beautiful and impressive tablet which contains the names of officers of the Bank who fell in both wars; their names are recorded side by side. They fought with the same bravery, they were inspired by the same high ideals and they gave their lives with the same selflessness.

In the 1939-1945 war 795 officers of the Bank enlisted in the armed forces. They fought on land, on sea and in the air. They won many decorations and awards and the Bank is rightly proud of their achievements.

Today we would especially remember with sadness and yet with pride, the 54 gallant young men who did not return to us. Their names are recorded on the Roll of Honour which will be a constant reminder to us, and to all who shall come after us, of their loyalty, bravery and the great gift which they made for the cause of justice and for the freedom of mankind.

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."

MR. W. WARREN KERR, C.M.G., C.B.E., said :—

I deem it a great honour to unveil this Memorial on which are engraved the names of that heroic band of young men who gave their lives for King and Country. The battle against our enemies was long and fierce but thanks to the bravery of our forces, the quality of our leadership and the support of our people and allies, the cause of freedom prevailed.

This afternoon we especially pay homage to the memory of the 54 officers who died on service. We sadly mourn their deaths but we nevertheless remember with great pride their supreme valour. In our Roll of Honour we cherish their memory and the glory of their sacrifice.

The Hymn—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"—was sung.

COLONEL T. P. COOK, C.B.E., E.D., said :—

Speaking as the representative of the ex-servicemen of this Bank, the unveiling by Mr. Kerr of this Memorial Tablet to our comrades of the armed services, who were also our fellow officers in this peaceful institution and who, because of the blind hazards of war did not return, creates in me very mixed feelings indeed and, I am sure, that it also does in you. Appreciation of their love of liberty which led them to surrender temporarily that liberty and join the armed forces, appreciation of their loyalty to King and Country demonstrated in times of dire peril no less than twice in 25 years, pride in their and our victories and sorrow at their passing.

I now ask you to think back with me over the campaigns in which Australian ex-servicemen have been engaged in those two long and dreadful wars. First of the Navy: It may in all truth be said that where every wave broke on all the seven seas, there was their battleground. Of the Army: From that misty dawn of Anzac on the 25th April, 1915 through Gallipoli, France, Belgium, Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia in the first war and in the last war the Western Desert, Greece, Crete, Syria, Malaya, the Islands, New Guinea, North Africa, again back to the Islands for the concluding stages of that war. And of the Air Force: From that small half flight of 3 machines and 50 men in Mesopotamia in 1915 to that enormous force of 1945 which fought in all those campaigns that I have mentioned excepting Gallipoli, and to whose laurels must be added the epic struggles of the Battles of Britain, France and Germany.

A mere recital of these place names is the military history of the British Empire for the last 30 years and it must recall to all of you memories of battles lost and won, of high endeavour and courage, of sacrifice—even death itself accepted. And what was this for? Liberty—that birthright of us, the British people—twice threatened, first by Kaiser Wilhelm and then by Hitler the Dictator, both of whom were prepared to use the enormous power of the German people and their satellites to impose on us a way of life which is intolerable. The old proverb says that "Liberty is the price of eternal vigilance." Should there not be added to this, "and ceaseless sacrifice"?

This small Memorial Tablet, classic in conception, chaste in design, superb in workmanship, has been erected in this public place which is really the centre of all our activities and is a symbol of what I have tried to give you in a few simple words and much more than I can say. There will be many of our officers and the general public who will notice it, and noticing it, reflect upon its significance and so reflecting, remember what these men did for them. May this realisation be the means of increasing in them and in all of us that love of liberty which is so essential to our way of life, so that they may and we may, if the dread occasion should arise, be prepared to make similar sacrifices.

May I now conclude with a quotation which I think is most apt and fitting on this occasion because in it is the decision that everyone of these men made.

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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