

The rededication of the Milton School Memorial 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 by Terry Matson



A rededication and unveiling ceremony for the old boys who gave their lives during the Great War 1914-18 after 40 years of the memorial board being taken down and left to deteriorate the board has been fully restored and back to the school. The opening speech told us the history of the memorial and the inspiration of a 14 year old who upped his age to join the army in 191 and was killed before he even reached France ( Pte Alec Grigg). The first hymn sung by “All was all things bright and beautiful” followed by the first prayer led by the Padre. A Naval Bugler in full uniform sounded the last post followed by reveille. It was time for the unveiling ceremony with two of the school children unveiling the naval ensign flag and two decedents of Pte Edgar Dutnall whose name appears on the memorial unveiled the union jack. Once unveiled four wreaths were laid at the altar which was draped in the union jack. The school children read out two names each and laid a poppy at the altar. The headmaster came forward to read out Psalm 46 which was used for the first unveiling on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1921.



The next hymn sung was “Valiant Hearts” followed by the readings of five names from the memorial giving a brief history of their lives and family before they fell in action. The Lord is my shepherd hymn was sung next followed by the padres closing prayers. The last song of the day was sung by the children, their own school song and after two hours the children had behaved and carried out their duties in a splendid manner which was a credit to the school. The final words of the afternoon was thanking all of those who had helped in anyway and gave their time to make a really special day commemorating the 80 old boys of the school who gave their lives during the great war.

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