

PATUTAHU WAR MEMORIAL



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UNVEILING OF ROLL OF HONOR.

The Patutahi School has just cause to be proud of the fine record that has been established by its ex-scholars in connection with the great war. The handsome roll of honor which was publicly unveiled this afternoon disclosed that three of its ex-scholars served in the South African war, whilst so far no less than 84 Patutahi boys have responded to the call of King and country during the present great war. Of the above 76 have actually left New Zealand, and the committee already have the names of eight others ready to be added to the memorial as soon as the men in question (now in camp) take their departure from New Zealand's shores. It is interesting to note, also, that one ex-scholar, Robert Breingan, saw service during the South African campaign, and is now away with the New Zealanders at the front in his second great adventure, and according to latest advice, was still "going strong." That the representatives of the Patutahi

school will "do their bit" in the present grave crisis goes without saying, and already distinguished service has been recognised by the granting of one Military Cross, its proud holder being Walter Ovenden, who was a pupil in the school. A glance through the roll of honor, the names of which are given below, will show, also, that already quite a number of these lads have made the supreme sacrifice, and the handsome memorial unveiled to-day will serve to preserve their memory, whilst their noble sacrifice will doubtless prove an inspiration to the present and coming generations who pass through the institution.

Many of the parents and relatives of the men who had gone to the front having signified their desire to have the opportunity and privilege of being amongst the first to contribute towards the cost of the honors board, the committee of the Patutahi School acceded to the wish, and the fine roll of honor procured is a result of the united contributions of the parents and relatives. The memorial, as mentioned yesterday, is a splendid piece of workmanship, and has been procured at a cost of about £40.

The unveiling ceremony took place this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering, the function being conducted by Mr D. Bruce Watt, chairman of the Patutahi School Committee. The record, which is given below, is a fine illustration of the Dominion's loyalty, and is one of which the parents and relatives, the committee, staff, and scholars may be justly proud.

ROLL OF HONOR.

South African War 1899-1901:

Dennis Buckley, Robert Breingan,
*Chas. Lougher.

The Great War 1914-19—

*A. J. Forsyth, *G. F. Woodward,
Leslie G. Woodward, *Thomas H.
Mossman, *J. Dilworth Mossman,
Joseph Knight, *Donald McIlldowie,
Allen R. Ferguson, John R. Ferguson,
John Hills, Alfred Stevens, Ean Ovenden,
Walter Ovenden (Military Cross),
David Crail, Ewart Breingan, Arthur
Clayden, Samuel Dever, Arthur Jerram,
William Picken, Crichton Falkner, Jas.

Hair, Fred Habgood, Alan Morice, Leslie Morice, Henry Scragg, Albert Pritchard, Wallace Nesbitt, Patrick Gallagher, Pani Parakarareke, Peta Pare, Owen Lynch, Herbert Ranger, W. Bertram Mossman, Mrs. Leggatt (nurse), Charles Baker, Leslie Baty, Ernest Sargent, *Reginald Sargent, Robert Picken, Louis Dolman, Alfred Morrow, Harold Roberts, Manu Pere Kia, Stewart Des Barres, Lionel C. Arthur, Robert Breingan, Alfred Harris, Thos. Hooper, Alex. W. Dever, *Edgar S. Knight, Thos. Hyde, Robert Habgood, Louis Winter, Harry Hyde, Andrew Tuohy, Alex. W. McIntosh, Elliott Weston, Wm. Bryson, Frank Atkins, Thos. McLoughlin, Willie McLoughlin, A. J. Larsen, Leonard Scragg, Henry Stevens, Richard Stevens, Myles Falkner, Fred Hindrup, Walter H. Ellis, A. E. Taffs, Fred Cook, Wm. Manson, Henry Thayer, Moreton Gentles, Frank Baty, Thos. Crail, *F. Guy.

The stars denote the names of men who have fallen.

The following additional names of Patutahi boys now in camp will be added as soon as they leave the Dominion:—

Wm. Smith, David Kirkpatrick, Chas. Scragg, Ivan Hill, Alex. Lyons, Robert Crail, John Miller, and Pas. Atkins.