



The national secretary of the RSL, Mr W. Keyes, unveils a commemoration stone to Australia's fallen soldiers at the Kingston-Narrabundah RSL branch clubrooms. With Mr Keyes are the president of the branch, Mr W. Woodbridge, Father J. M. Hoare, and Padre D. G. Johnson, both of Duntroon.

Kingston-Narrabundah club unveils stone

"We will remember them," a phrase often quoted about the soldiers who died for Australia, could only be significant when it was a reminder and challenge to those who remain, the national secretary of the RSL, Mr W. Keyes, said

yesterday.

Mr Keys unveiled a commemoration stone yesterday to Australia's dead soldiers at the Kingston-Narrabundah RSL branch clubrooms.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by about 100 people, among them the Member for the ACT, Mr J. R. Fraser.

Mr Keys stressed in his speech the changing emphasis of Australia's role to its near northern neighbours to which Australia as a nation must accept its responsibilities just as Australian soldiers had accepted responsibility in time of war.

Crucial period

"The present time is a crucial one in Australia's history for within the last decade, improved transport methods have turned our neighbouring countries from unknown peoples to close neighbours," he said.

"Also, we today have a definite duty to those men who served their country in time of war but who today, in many cases, face poverty, sickness and loneliness."

"This remembrance stone is therefore more than a mere tribute to Australian soldiers; it is and should be a reminder and a challenge to us to accept our responsibilities as individuals and as a nation."

The simple black and grey stone with "Lest We Forget," inscribed on one side was blessed by the Reverend Father J. M. Hoare and Padre D. G. Johnson, both of Duntroon.

The president of the Kingston - Narrabundah branch, Mr W. Woodbridge, said after the ceremony that wreaths would be laid near the stone today in honour of Anzac Day.

The Kingston-Narrabundah Branch besides joining in the Anzac Day procession will stage its own march this afternoon at Narrabundah with the marchers including members of the CMF. Lt-Colonel E. Seton will be the guest speaker after the march.

ADELAIDE, Sunday. —

About 300 members of the 2nd/48th Battalion, including some from WA, NSW and Victoria, attended the unveiling of a plaque yesterday at Woodside Barracks,

SA, by the unit's Tobruk siege commander, Major-General Sir Victor Windeyer of Sydney.

The plaque commemorates the fact that the battalion, originally a SA unit, camped at Woodside before going to the Middle East in 1940 to take part in the siege of Tobruk.

Watching the ceremony and subsequent march past were 700 invited guests including the commander, Central Command, Brigadier S. J. Bleechmore.

The 2nd/48th Battalion claims to be the most highly-decorated unit in the second AIF. Its members have received more than 100 decorations and awards, including four VCs.