

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Book Of Remembrance

Honors Victims Of Wars

The beautifully executed Book of Remembrance, a loving tribute to 677 men and women from the city and county of Halifax who gave their lives in the Second World War and the Korean War, was placed in the special case in the Halifax Memorial Library in a solemn, moving ceremony Sunday afternoon.

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The Book of Remembrance is a Roll of Honor prepared by the Halifax County Chapter of the Remembrance Association of the Silver Cross Women of Canada, recording for posterity the names of those who died in the two recent wars.

The Honorable Alistair Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, made the presentation of the book in the name of the Silver Cross Women to Miss Eileen Burns, assistant chairman of the Halifax Memorial Library board of directors. Governor Fraser accepted the book from Mrs. J. R. Macdonald, convener of the committee charged with making the Book of Remembrance.

Rev. F. L. Carroll, parish priest of St. Catherine's Church, gave the invocation to open the service and the opening remarks were spoken by Mrs. Will R. Bird, president of the Halifax County Chapter of the Remembrance Association of Silver Cross Women.

Following the presentation of the Book by the Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor, the Hon. R. M. Fielding, representing the province, and Mayor Leonard A. Kitz spoke briefly, paying tribute to the gallant men and women whose memories were being honored and also to their mothers and widows for the memorial they have established.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. H. B. Clarke, of St. Andrew's United Church.

The Book has been placed in the glass case on the second floor of the library opposite the Garden of Remembrance. This case also contains the Book of Remembrance for the First World War. The pages will be turned regularly but the Book may not be handled by the public.

The Book contains 60 pages of the finest parchment, beautifully illuminated by hand. As a heading on each page, a replica of the Silver Memorial Cross is entwined in a cluster of oak leaves in jewel colors. Exquisite miniatures representative of the County of Halifax have also been included on each page.

The lettering is in black Old English manuscript backed by a midnight blue sash and all names are underlined in solid gold. The large capitals are Lombardic in origin and are also in jewel colors and finished in gold.

At the beginning of the Book, between the groups of services and at the end, are a number of special pages, fully illuminated and varied, thus relieving the solidity and uniformity of the name pages.

The Book is bound in royal purple Newfoundland seal and the covers are lined with white silk moire. Two solid silver hand-made clasps designed similarly to the Silver Memorial Cross are fitted to the cover.

The book-mark is also made by hand of solid silver and was given to the chapter by the family of the late member, Mrs. Mary Helena Sweeney, of Herring Cove, who lost two sons in World War II, and is placed there in her memory.

The illumination and lettering on the pages was done by H. P. Bernasconi, whose work is known across Canada. The Book was bound by G. E. G. MacLaren, of the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives. The silver clasps and the book-mark are the work of Norman U. Anderson, of the Metal Arts Guild of Nova Scotia, with the wording designs for these

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drawn by Miss Morna MacLellan and Mrs. J. R. Machum.

The embossed Silver Cross on each page is the work of William A. Ives. The framing of the parchments within the case was done by Miss Marjorie T. Lavers.

The Roll of Honor was compiled in the Record Office, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa. Assistance was also given by Lieutenant Alan Beddoe, O.B.E., director of the Books of Remembrance at Ottawa; Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. P. Dunbar, O.B.E.; Professor C. L. Bennet, Dalhousie University; J. R. Machum, O.B.E., Miss Mary Cameron, chief librarian of the Halifax Memorial Library; W. R. B. Lugar; A. H. MacMillan; and T. Randall, who photographed each page in color.

Members of the committee of Silver Cross Women who were in charge of making the Book of Remembrance were Mrs. J. Ralph Machum, convener; Mrs. Will R. Bird, Mrs. W. R. B. Lugar; Mrs. G. A. MacIntosh; Mrs. H. C. Murphy and Mrs. Frank Smith.