

South Woodford Sorting Office Roll of Honour

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WOODFORD

POSTMEN AND THE WAR

A Woodford Roll of Honour

There was an impressive little ceremony on Wednesday morning at the Woodford and South Woodford Postmen's Sorting Office, Marlborough Road, when Mr. W. C. Waller, Post-Master of the Eastern District, unveiled a beautiful roll of honour of the names of the men of that district (E.18) who have borne a part in the War. Of the 26 men comprising the Full staff, 16 went out and three of them lost their lives – W. Lynch and J. H. Russell (killed in action), and W. H. J. Godfrey (died of wounds).

Before the unveiling, the Post-Master paid a feeling tribute to those who had gone out, and said that those who had stayed at home had done something also. Each had borne a part, and he hoped that in future the bond that united all would be more closely drawn. There was bound to be some unrest at the moment. The nations of the world were more or less worn and tired; they were recovering, and when they recovered he believed there would be a better understanding that would work for the good of the community. Referring to a possible wish to put up, in addition to the Roll, some simple stone to the memory of those who had fallen, he could say the department would be willing to assist. He knew they appreciated the service of those who had gone out and had returned, and he felt sure they would cherish the memory of those who would never come back. He reminded them that they could all show sympathy in little ways to suffering men who had been in the war. In unveiling the

Memorial (the work of Mr. G. Sawyer), the postmaster paid a high
Tribute to its refined beauty.

Thanks to the postmaster were proposed by Mr. R. J. Brown, head postman, and seconded by Mr. T. W. S. S. Sawyer.

Mr. W. Perrin, who had three sons in the war, said the suggestion for the memorial, which came from one of their men, had been well taken up and ably carried out.

Mr. W. G. H. Porter added a word of thanks to those who had remained at home, and to the ladies who had helped.

A touching incident was the presence of Mrs. Godfrey, mother of William Henry James Godfrey, whose death on war service leaves his two children without either parent, the charge of their grandmother. Following are the names on the Roll:-

W. E. Lock,

W. G. H. Porter,

C. V. Spradberry,

J. Everett,

W. H. J. Godfrey (died of wounds),

E. L. Thain,

C. F. Voak,

E. F. Peacock,

W. Lynch (killed),

C. J. Curtis,

G. Wheeler,

H. V. Blake,

J. H. Russell (killed),

G. Cracknell,

E. Cracknell,

E. J. Bennett