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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

It was bright and sunny, after early morning frost, as ex-servicemen and Legion members marched from Dornoch Square to the war memorial last Sunday for the Remembrance Day service.

Major A. Shaw was in charge of the parade, and with the Legion members were Brownies, under the supervision of Brown Owl Mrs E. Aitken, assisted by Miss M. Patterson and Miss M. Leslie.

At the memorial the Legion colour party (standard-bearers D. Mackenzie and A. Macleod and escorts J. Cameron and J. Macdonald) took up their position.

The Town Council, Legionaires, ex-servicemen, Brownies and members of the public formed a representative gathering as the Rev. F. H. Fulton conducted a very appropriate service of remembrance for those who fell in two world wars. The singing was led by Mr G. K. Mackay.

The lament, "Lochaber No More," was played by pipers K. Macrae and A. Maclean. After the benediction wreaths were laid by Mr A. W. Mackenzie for the Legion, by Corporal P. Aitken for "D" Seaforth Company, and by Bailie A. Davidson for the Town Council.

Legion members and ex-servicemen afterwards paraded to attend morning service in Dornoch Free Church, where

the preacher was the Rev. John R. Aitken, Rogart, and the praise was led by Mr W. A. Calder.

The service at Golspie war memorial was conducted by the Rev. J. Millar Craig. On parade were British Legion members and ex-servicemen and the local Boy Scouts. Mr L. Leitch played a lament on the pipes, while Mr J. C. Ross led the singing. A wreath was placed at the foot of the memorial by the Legion branch president, Mr R. M. Baddon.

At Bonar-Bridge Creich-Kincardine Legion members, along with local Guides and Brownies, paraded at the war memorial, under Dr K. McDonald.

The Legion colour party were W. Baia and C. Johnston and the escort party A. Matheson and J. Bremner.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial by Mr C. Calder (British Legion), Irene McLennan (Brownies) and Rays Calder (Guides). Pipe-major Sandy Murray played the lament and the short service was conducted by Rev. R. McMillan, Kincardine.

At Bettyhill the Rev. Robert Sloan took the Remembrance Day services. At the memorial a wreath was laid on the plinth by Neil Murray, Mackenzie Crescent, and Angus Mackay, Craik. Later, in Farr Parish Church, Mr Sloan preached to a large congregation.

A similar joint service for Altnaharra and Strathnaver was taken by Mr Sloan at Syre Church, in the afternoon.

At Rogart the service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Imrie. The British Legion members were under Captain John S. Mackay (Corrie), while the Guides and Brownies were under Mrs Davidson.

Wreaths were placed at the base of the memorial by Mr W. Mackay (Culdrain) for the British Legion, Mr K. Mackenzie for the Church of Scotland, and by Miss Linda MacIver for the Girl Guides.

The Legion standard-bearers were C. Sutherland and J. Mackay (Culdrain) and for the Girl Guides Linda Jack, Fiona Moodie and Christine Murray. The piper was Mr Sandy Ross, Golspie.

A special service was conducted in St. Callan's Church by the minister.

At Brora the service at Clyne war memorial was conducted by the Rev. David Paterson, assisted by the Rev. Charles Abel. The praise was led by Mr Jack MacLennan and a small choir. A number of wreaths were afterwards laid at the base of the memorial.

In Helmsdale there was no parade, but the Rev. J. S. Fulton took the Remembrance Day service in St. John's Church of Scotland.

The services at Tongue, Melness and Skerry were conducted by the Rev. A. McClintock, Tongue.