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Mystery solved

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A MYSTERY was solved after a special dedication to a former World War I soldier on Saturday.

Albert Julius Sjostrom was given a plaque on the cenotaph in the war graves section because it was thought that his burial plot could not be found at the cemetery.

The ceremony was conducted by the Headstone Project which works to give rightful memorials to ex-servicemen in unmarked graves.

But afterwards, Mr Sjostrom's family was taken by funeral director Ricky Connor on a search for the soldier's grave.

This led to the discovery that Mr Sjostrom was buried beneath another person and his interment not marked at the site.

The search was even more poignant because Mr Con-

nor's wife Sue is a relative of Mr Sjostrom.

Coralie Sjostrom, her son Robert and daughter Sue attended the ceremony.

"My late husband's father's mother died in childbirth and her son, Albert Julius Sjostrom, was raised by his uncles," Coralie said.

The family hopes the plaque on the cenotaph can be moved to the original site.

A plaque was also put on the cenotaph for Military Medal winner and World War I Digger Leslie Thomas Simpson whose grave at the cemetery is unknown. Andrew O'Flaherty and Clifford Victor Price, also from World War I, were given headstones.

Port Pirie fire-fighters attended to honour Mr Price who was a fireman when he died suddenly in 1931. The members and their union paid for his bronze plaque.



HONOUR: Robert and Coralie Sjostrom and Sue Connor, who are relatives of former World War 1 soldier Albert Julius Sjostrom, were at the war graves cenotaph for a dedication in his honour.



THANKS: Headstone Project president John Brownlie, right, Cadet Warrant Officer Cairns, centre, and Major Gavin Mildrum, officer-in-charge of 414 Army Cadets Unit.