

STRIKING TRIBUTE TO OLD COMRADE

Those who had seen the late Colonel Margolin under fire did not wonder at the fiery courage and the doggedness with which the Russian armies have smashed back the Nazi hordes.

This tribute was part of the address by acting State president E. S. Watt of the R.S.L. during the military funeral ceremony at Karrakatta Crematorium today for Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., who died in Perth on Friday.

Cremation not being in accordance with Jewish rites, but being the wish of the late colonel, the ceremony was conducted by Mr Watt on behalf of the R.S.L. State executive, of which Colonel Margolin had been a member for 20 years.

A large crowd which paid tribute included many of the colonel's old comrades from the 16th Battalion, which he commanded in the last war, members of all the services, the R.S.L. State executive, a number of R.S.L. members, and Jewish friends.

Brigadier Hoad represented the G.O.C.

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"With all Colonel Margolin's unassuming manner, he was a very distinguished soldier and a very distinguished citizen," Mr Watt said.

"He was a native of southern Russia, and when he came to this country he was faced with the obvious, difficulties which confront a stranger in a strange land.

"It is a tribute both to his character and his ability that he overcame those difficulties and even turned them to advantage. One might truly say of Colonel Margolin that he had all the qualifications of Wordsworth's Happy Warrior.

"He was a man of outstanding physical and moral courage. He never flinched in action, nor was he ever afraid to speak his mind when speaking was called for. He lived for others to a degree that is rarely achieved by even the most self-sacrificing man.

"His passing has left a wide gap in our ranks, and left us all with a deep sense of personal loss, but the years can never dim the affection and respect in which we will ever hold him."

The Last Post and a verse from "Abide With Me" closed a moving and impressive ceremony.
