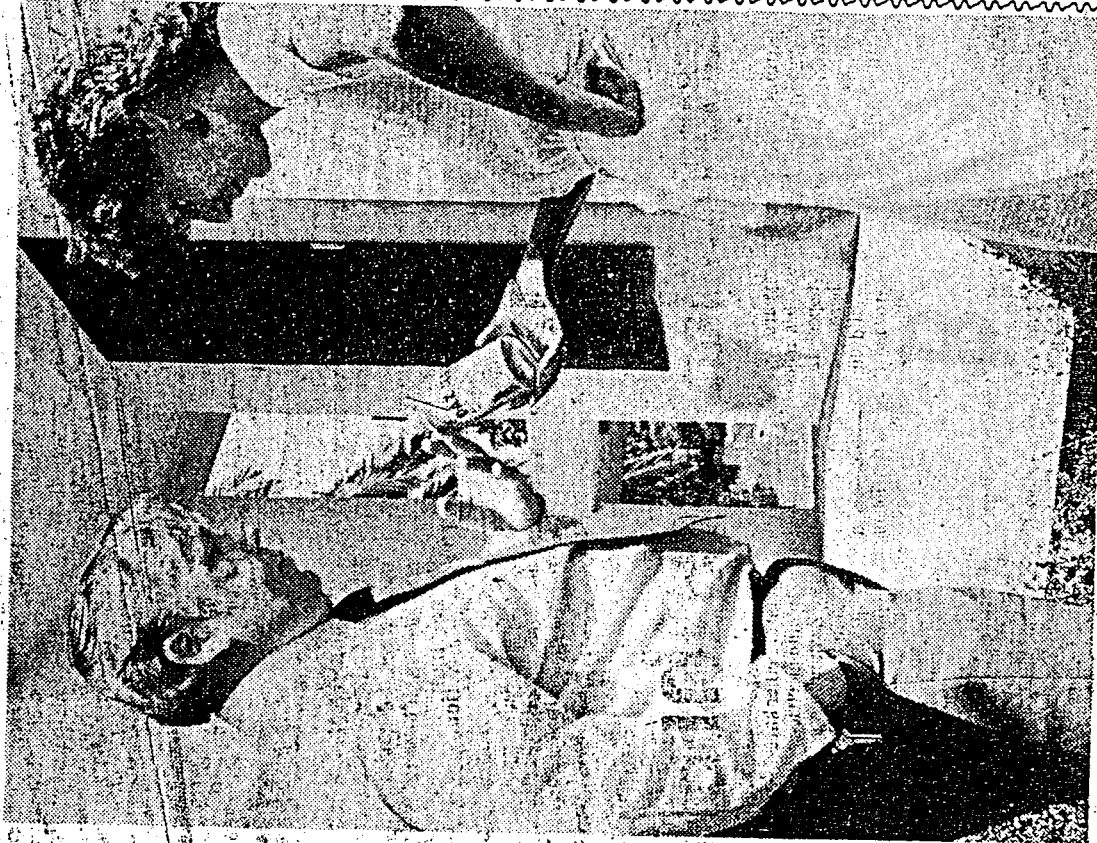


Vandals leave mark on memorial



Cemetery manager Mr Bill Graham and his assistant Mrs Susan Brown inspect an empty spray can found at the scene of the crime. Behind them is the defaced memorial.

It's shameful!
In a despicable act of stupidity someone has vandalised the soldiers memorial at Waikumete Cemetery.

Also sprayed with fluorescent blue, green and yellow paint was a memorial seal, donated by the Glen Eden RSA, and installed only a matter of weeks ago.

And a small shelter shed on the corner of Glenview and Great North Rds didn't escape the attentions of the vandals either.

Cemetery manager Mr Bill Graham describes the act as "disgusting".

"This memorial was erected in the memory of men who died for their country — by their friends and families and people who cared enough.

"Obviously the people who do this kind of thing have no respect for anything."

Mr Graham says grave vandalism is not as rife as in the past but several weeks ago a handle was smashed off a mausoleum.

And he is disturbed by an increasing number of people dumping rubbish in the cemetery.

"We have a huge area here," he says. "And obviously we can't patrol it."

But should we have to?"

"Of all places you would think a cemetery would be respected."

Star 23-7-69

THANKS FOR ASHLAND
A letter of appreciation is being sent by the Waitemata County Council to the Auckland City Council for an offer by the City Council to transfer to the county, free of charge, a cemetery reserve on Waikite Hill.
The county council proposes to use the area for recreation after the reservation has been revoked by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Herald 23-7-69

WAIKUMETE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM CREMATOR ATTENDANT AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL

We require a cremator attendant at the Waikumete Cemetery and Crematorium. Duties include operation of the cremators and cremulator, maintenance of the cremator room in a clean and tidy condition and basic day-to-day maintenance of the cremator equipment, cleaning the chapels and environs, undertaking general gardening and any other duties required within the cemetery and crematorium as directed by the foreman or manager.

Applicants should be mature, balanced persons with a good work record and pride in their work to ensure a high service level in the areas of personal responsibility. Applications either in writing or by phone to the Manager, Waikumete Cemetery and Crematorium, Auckland City Council, Private Bag, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1, or phone 818-5615 and speak to Mr. Graham, manager. Applications to be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, November 7, 1984.