

# Cross of sacrifice should be finished next year

A considerable amount of voluntary labour had aided the construction of the Cross of Sacrifice, which is being erected in the servicemen's section of the Waitara main cemetery, but the work has now reached the stage where it will have to be completed by craftsmen.

The president of the Waitara sub-branch of the New Plymouth Returned Services Association, Mr. A. Street, said yesterday that the main stone column had yet to be pointed with mortar and the two wings of the cross had also to be fitted and pointed.

There had been little activity during the last few months, as the weather had not been suitable.

Work on the cross, which was designed by Mr. M. G. Smart, Waitara, began about six months ago.

Provision has been made for the installation of concealed lighting in the top of the column, which will illuminate the cross and its near surroundings. There would be no question of the lighting being installed with the cross's expected completion early next year, as the electric power supply did not yet extend to the cemetery, said Mr. Street.

During the last two years the sub-branch had saved about £600 towards the cost of the memorial, and Mr. Street said he was confident that amount would cover its erection.

At the base of the 11-foot column space has been allowed for flowers and recesses for vases. The courtyard in the lawn-type cemetery is to be tiled in squares. The only wording on the completed cross is to be: "We will remember them."