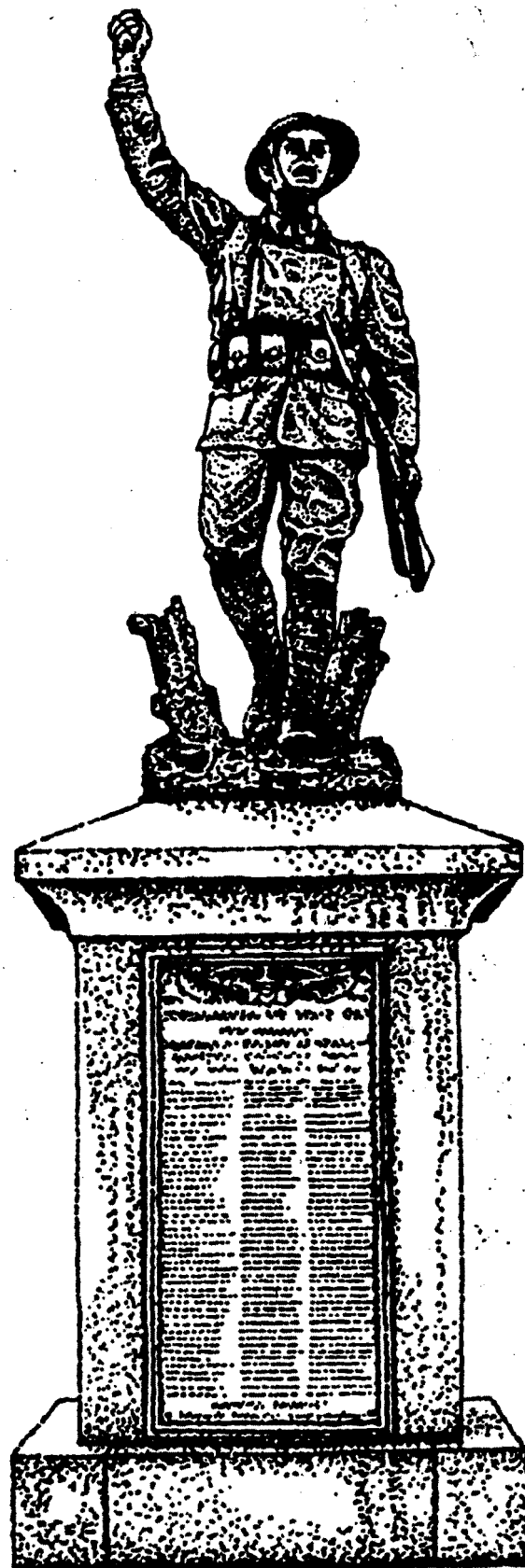


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## INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments was created in 1988 to identify, evaluate and provide conservation treatment for our monuments. Private funding has accomplished preservation of a number of Maryland military monuments, including those at Antietam national Battlefield, but the needs are great.

In fiscal year 1994 the Commission was given funds by the Maryland General Assembly to help accomplish our task. Monument treatment projects were reviewed by a Commission subcommittee and ranked according to the criteria of historic significance, aesthetic design and condition.

The Commission receives guidance from the Maryland Historical Trust, the State Historic Preservation Office, on all of its projects. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects, which call for gentle, minimal and reversible treatment of our cultural resources, are followed. The goal of the Commission is to preserve our monuments; restoration back to the original condition is not sought, since that would, in effect, create new monuments.

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