

POW Memorial

Spokane

While an Air Force color guard saluted, the molten remains of more than 6000 prisoner of war bracelets were poured yesterday into a monument honoring America's killed and missing in action in Southeast Asia.

A crowd of about 50, largely made up of relatives of the area's missing servicemen, applauded quietly as the 250 pounds of metal were poured into the mold at the Spokane Steel Foundry.

Ellen Ewing, a local Catholic newspaper editor, started the brace-

let collection drive. She said when the monument is completed it will be shipped to the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge for placement at the Revolutionary War battleground.

The 250-pound monument will honor more than the POWs, she said, when these words are inscribed on its baseplate:

"This memorial, cast of the bracelets worn for prisoners of war, is dedicated to the killed in action and missing in action in Southeast Asia — lest we forget."