

Timaru Herald. 16 October 1916 (PP) [22/01/2026]

SOLDIERS FAREWELLS

TEN FAIRLIE MEN.

One of the most successful of the monthly socials held under the management of the Fairlie Patriotic Social Committee in honour of departing soldiers took place in the Public Hall last Thursday evening. The committee, as usual, had made very complete preparations, and the hall was packed. Cards, dancing, with a few musical items and speeches, filled in the time most enjoyably till about midnight. The Ladies' Committee, assisted by the members of the Fire Brigade, dispensed a bounteous supper, and the organisation was so good that the huge crowd was attended to in less than half an hour.

At a suitable interval the men on final leave belonging to Fairlie and the immediate vicinity were invited on the stage, and they excited admiration by their smart soldierly appearance. Short addresses were made by the chairman and Mr C. J. Talbot, and resounding cheers were given for them and for the men at the Front.

Lance-Corporal Harvey returned thanks in a neat little speech, and was heartily applauded.

The chairman appealed for funds to enable Christmas presents to be sent to the Fairlie boys at the Front, and a liberal response was made. Names and addresses are being procured so that the gifts may be sent personally to each individual man.

Songs were sung by Mrs C. J. Talbot and Miss Clarke, and dance extras were played by Mrs Wright and others.

The following is the list of men from Fairlie and the vicinity who are now on final leave, and who will leave with the 19ths: — Lance-Corporal Harvey, Privates C. Hanifin, P. Hanifin, J. Allen. B. Smith, E. Wade, Hammond, W. Mackay, Roberts and B. S. M. Slow.

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WEDDING.

GALLEN - HANIFIN

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St Patrick's Church, Fairlie, on Monday morning, October 16, when Miss Mary Hanifin, third daughter of Mrs Hanifin, Fairlie, was united in holy matrimony to Mr Michael Gallen, also of Fairlie. The Rev. Father Le Petit officiated. Miss Wade played the wedding march and Mass. The bride who was given away by her brother, Private P. Hanifin, looked beautiful in a silk embroidered voile dress; she wore the orthodox wreath and veil, and carried a lovely bouquet of arum lilies and clematis. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Annie Hanifin, in a white silk costume, white hat and pink roses, and Miss May Robinson, also in a silk costume, and white hat with white feathers. They each carried a sheaf of spring flowers and leaves. Private E. Wade, the bridegroom's nephew, was best man, Private. C. Hanifin, groomsman. After the ceremony the bridal party with their relations and a few intimate friends were entertained by the bride's mother, at a sumptuous breakfast. The popularity of the newly-wedded couple was shown by the numerous presents, including many cheques. After the party had been photographed, Mr and Mrs Gallen left by car on their honeymoon, the latter wearing a smart blue costume, black hat trimmed with tulle, roses and streamers. On account of the bride's two brothers and the bridegroom's nephew being on their final leave the wedding was a very quiet one, confined to relatives and intimate friends only.

Timaru Herald. 30 May 1919 (PP) [12/08/2019]

SOLDIERS RETURNED.

ARRIVALS BY TOFUA.

The South Canterbury men from the Tofua reached Timaru by special train last evening. The original time of arrival of the train was 4.20. This was altered to 6.30, but it was 7.40 before the train pulled into the station, the delay having been caused by stoppages to land men at stations that were not on the scheduled list. However, there was a very large and enthusiastic number of people on the station platform to welcome the men, which they did right royally. The train's arrival was greeted with loud cheers, which was followed by the usual rush of overjoyed relatives and friends to unearth their respective soldier heroes. After the first welcomes the men were taken to cars waiting outside the station, when further cheers had been given for them at the call of the Mayor (Mr W. Raymond) they were motored home, the Mayor having first welcomed them back on behalf of the citizens of Timaru. The Mayor was assisted in his welcoming by members of the Timaru Soldiers' Reception Committee, and ladies of the Patriotic Society, the latter distributing liberal supplies of fruit and cigarettes to the soldiers who were to continue the journey to Christchurch.

All ranks were very cheerful, and looked in the pink of condition, and were evidently pleased at their return home.

Those who detrained here were: —

Corporal F. R. Craven, Catherine Street.

Lance-Corporal L. Kempthorne, Beverley Road.

Gunner A. R. Robbins, Trafalgar Street.

Rifleman J. Dineen, Cliff Street.

Private T. Egan, c.o. Police Station.

Private G. T. Keen, Chester Street.

Private W. Connolly, Elizabeth Street.

Private Aitken, Timaru. Private E. V. P. Sealey, Timaru.

Private Pollock, Timaru.

Rifleman R. W. Sadler, Fairlie.

Private J. Turkington, Fairlie.

Private W. Wade, Fairlie. [E. Wade]

Private W. Higgs, Albury.

Private J. Agnew, Pleasant Point.

Private G. W. Squire, Fairview.

Cars for the conveyance of the men were lent by the following: — Mrs A. Grant, Miss Howell, Messrs R. J. McKeown, A. Robbins, Adams Ltd., C. J. Mahon, T. J. Lamb, E. F. Squire, W. Connolly, R. C. Robinson, C. H. Tripp, C. E. Shallcrass, H. Robinson, A. Huston and A. K. Agnew.

Timaru Herald. 8 July 1919 (PP) [18/08/2022]

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL.

One of the most successful socials in honour of returned soldiers was held on Thursday evening. Although the night was pouring wet the hall was crowded, and song, dance, and music were indulged in until well after midnight. Songs were sung by Mrs Young and Mr Davie, and their efforts were encored. A splendid programme of sketches and songs by a couple of visitors was enthusiastically encored. Miss Piper accompanied the vocalists in her usual finished

manner. Music for the dance was provided by Mrs Wright and Mr Ormandy, and extras were played by Miss Bray and Messrs P. Waters and Skinner (2). By special request Mr B. S. M. Slow recited some original verse describing Fairlie and its sights and in response to an encore recounted in a poem of his own the doings of the Ladies' Hockey Club.

Before supper the soldiers in whose honour the social was held were invited to mount the stage, and hearty cheers greeted them. They were Sergeant J. O'Neill, Sergeant Scott (Cricklewood), Rifleman Macdonald, Signaller A. M. Loomes, Private E. Wade (M.M.), and Sapper Valentine. A speech of welcome and congratulation was given by Mr C. J. Talbot, and eulogistic reference was made to the doings of the men in the late conflict. Satisfaction was expressed at the conclusion of Peace, though the sinking of their ships at Scapa Flow showed once more that the Germans were not to be trusted. The gathering that night, in spite of storm and rain, was the best evidence that the soldiers had earned the gratitude of the people, and they all wished the men good fortune in the future.

Sergeant O'Neill was loudly applauded when he thanked those present for the reception and for the good wishes expressed on the soldiers' behalf.

A bountiful supper was provided and was much appreciated. Mr Boulter had charge of the dancing and he kept young and old busily engaged, and he was besieged with requests for more when the time for closing arrived. Mr Ormandy, the secretary, had made all the arrangements for the evening and everything passed off very satisfactorily. The Fairlie Pipe Band played a number of selections in the streets prior to the commencement of the social, and they also contributed the music for the first dance. They were heartily applauded for turning out on such a wet night. A vote of thanks to all helpers followed by the National Anthem, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.