

**WELCOME HOME.**  
TO RETURNED SOLDIERS AT TEMUKA.  
THE MAUNGANUI'S MEN

Last evening another draft of the local and district men who had returned to the Dominion in the troopship Maunganui, reached Temuka at half-past five o'clock, and although it was dark and wet there was a large attendance of the public. As the train steamed into the station the Temuka Juvenile Brass Band, under Mr Burtenshaw, played a welcoming air, and the people cheered again and again. As soon as the train had come to a standstill the Mayor (Mr Gunnion) thanked the returned soldiers for what they had done, extended to them Temuka's heartiest welcome, and called for cheers for them, which were heartily given. When the train had left the men were driven to the Post Office, the Band preceding them. A large crowd awaited them at the Post Office, and here the usual public welcome took place. The following are the names of the men: -

Sergt.-Major H. B. Andrews, Temuka.

Private D. Taylor, Temuka.

Private J. H. Palmer, Temuka.

Private G. A. Peck, Temuka.

Private B. O'Connell, Temuka.

Private F. W. Gaby, Temuka.

Private K. P. Dwyer, Temuka.

Private D. P. Fitzgerald, Temuka.

Private J. Day, Kerrytown.

Private F. A. Drake, Clandeboye.

Private D. J. Powell, Winchester.

Private A. J. C. Thomas, Temuka.

Private J. B. Cullen, Temuka.

Private H. Brosnahan, Temuka.

In a fervid speech, the Mayor welcomed the men home. They were proud of their boys. Some of them had gone with the Main Body — had been away right from the start — and gone through all the hardships and perils of the war. They had done their duty nobly — they had done their best — and we were thankful to them. They had behaved as men should, and all men, women and children were proud of them. He referred to the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, expressed his abhorrence of the Germans and their doings, and concluded by again extending to the boys a hearty welcome.

Hearty cheers were then given for the boys, after which the deputy-mayor, Cr. Cartwright made a welcoming speech. He said he was proud to be there, and proud to see such a large gathering to welcome the boys. If the weather was wintry, their hearts were warm, and they welcomed them warmly. The boys deserved the best. It was good to see how happy they were. They all recognised that they had stood between us and disaster — between us and slavery. When they went away we had confidence in them, that they would do what was expected of them, and they had done it, and had come back as victors. (Applause.) When they were coming home England said she thanked them for what they had done; their General thanked them, and Temuka thanked them for their courage and devotion. While doing their duty as soldiers, they had behaved like gentlemen. They had made a good name, and when it came to our turn to visit the scenes of their exploits, we in turn shall get a hearty welcome in consequence of what they have done. We are very glad to see them back again. Further cheers were given for the men, after which Sergt.-Major Andrews, on behalf of his comrades and himself, thanked one and all for the kind words that had been said, and the hearty welcome that had been given to them.

The Mayor mentioned that he had received a telegram from the Dunedin Patriotic Ladies' Committee, stating that five cases of fruit were on board the train for the soldiers, to be opened and distributed at Temuka. As the train only stopped a minute or two at Temuka he had laid the matter before the stationmaster, and with the consent of the railway authorities a party of ladies and gentlemen, representing the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee had met the train at Timaru, and travelled by it back to Temuka, distributing the fruit on the way. It was beautiful fruit, and the men had expressed their hearty appreciation of the thoughtfulness of those who had provided it. At the call of the Mayor further cheers were given for the Dunedin Ladies' Patriotic Committee. This brought the proceedings to a close, and the men were then driven to their homes.

Cars were kindly supplied by Miss Guild, Messrs Tarbotton, G. Cartwright, W. Hally (2), L. Donnithorne, W. Kellahan, T. Frisby, C. H. Street, Palmer, and J. G. Andrews.