

Temuka Leader. 6 March 1917 (Papers Past) [01/09/2025]

This evening a send-off will be given in the Temuka Drill Hall to all soldiers who will be leaving for Trentham during the month of March. The send-off is not only for soldiers leaving to-morrow, but for all soldiers who will go in the March drafts, and it is hoped they will take this intimation as an invitation to attend to-night's gathering. The Euterpean Band (Timaru) have kindly promised to come to Temuka and take part in the programme, which will be quite up to the usual standard and the T.P.E.C. hope to see a large attendance to do honour to our departing soldiers. The names of the men leaving to-morrow are: C. F. Edgeler, G. Rainey, and R. Watson (Temuka), J. T. Connolly, G. Constable, J. Henderson, J. J. Markham, **C. B. Tiplady**, and R. Harold (Geraldine). Those leaving on the 13th are: W. J. Looker, J. W. Looker, W. J. Lynch, and J. Bryson (Temuka), **H. G. Tiplady**, D. I. Sugrue, D. Sugrue, H. Riches, J. B. Pizzey, H. N. O. Jones, and T. H. Davie (Geraldine).

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GERALDINE

A DOUBLE FUNCTION.

The Drill Hall Geraldine was packed on Monday night, when the local members of the 27th Reinforcements were farewelled and presentations were made to Miss Doris Barker, the Geraldine Queen, and to Miss Aspinall the Princess. The stage had been effectively decorated and the Geraldine Band played selections while the people were assembling.

Major Kennedy presided and a greatly appreciated musical programme was given by Sergeant C. Gimson, Miss Young of Timaru, the Misses Gray, Mrs Torepe and party, and dances by Mr J. Lynch, Miss Lynch, and the Lynch family. The Maoris from Arowhenua contributed largely to the entertainment, their singing being greatly appreciated as indeed was all they did. The Maori girls gave some native dances. The Geraldine Orchestral Society also contributed selections during the evening.

At the invitation of the chairman, Messrs G. and C. **Tiplady**, J. Markham, D. Sugrue, B. Pizzey, H. Riches, R. Harold and C. Walton walked on to the stage.

Mr T. Gunnion of Temuka gave an address, and invited the boys to take tea at Temuka on their way to camp. Kitchener said they wanted men and they had got them; Lloyd George said they wanted numbers, and they had got them; and now he said they wanted food, that the formers must grow wheat — were they going to send these boys to starve? When they sent their boys it was up to them all to work and no one should reap enormous profits. Some were getting great profits and sending none of their boys to the Front. If what happened in Belgium occurred here they would rise to a man and woman. He wished the young fellows well, and when they came back they would be welcomed as men.

The chairman then made presentations to the Geraldine men and added good wishes, and Mrs Hislop, the Mayoress, on behalf of the Home and Empire League, presented each of the men with a parcel of comforts.

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27TH REINFORCEMENTS

YESTERDAY'S SEND-OFF TO TIMARU MEN.

Yesterday South Canterbury's quota of the 27th Reinforcements left Timaru and were given an enthusiastic farewell. In the past the departing men have been entertained at dinner in Miss Read's tea rooms, but not sufficient men attending those functions lately, this custom has been stopped.

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GERALDINE MEN.

The Geraldine contingent left that town about half past two yesterday, four motor cars having been provided for their conveyance, and there was a fair gathering of their friends to see them off.

TEMUKA'S SEND-OFF.

The Temuka and Geraldine soldiers left for camp yesterday. The men and their relatives were entertained to afternoon tea in the Drill Hall by the ladies of Temuka under the supervision of Mrs Aspinall.

Mr C. Bates in an address said they were quite sure the boys going that day would do their duty nobly. They were going to fight for liberty and for the smaller nations who were not able to fight themselves. They would not find the camp life very hard. In conclusion he wished them God speed and the women of New Zealand would pray that they return home safe and sound. Speeches were also delivered by Rev. M. Tocker, of Geraldine, and Mr T. Gunnion. The Temuka Brass and Pipe Bands headed the procession to the station, where they played appropriate airs.

At the station short speeches were delivered by the Mayor (Mr A. Frew), Revs. Copeland and Tocker, and hearty cheers for the boys were given.

The following answered the roll-call. — C. F. Edgeler. J. Henderson. R. Harold, G. Rainey. C. B. **Tiplady**, J. J. Markham and R. W. Watson.

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THE 28th AND 29th REINFORCEMENTS.

SEND-OFF AT GERALDINE.

On Monday evening the Geraldine Drill Hall was crowded, the occasion being a send-off to the district members of the 28th and 29th Reinforcements, combined with a presentation to Miss Doris Barker and Miss Aspinall in recognition of the services they rendered to the Red Cross Carnival, as Queen and Princess respectively. There were a number of Maoris present from Temuka and Arowhenua, who provided the greater portion of the musical programme. Mr Tom Gunnion, chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Committee, and several of his colleagues were present. The Geraldine Brass and Orchestral Bands were to the fore, and played several well appreciated items.

OPENING REMARKS.

Major J. Kennedy (chairman) in opening the proceedings, said they were gathered together for a double purpose that night. They had their Queen with them, and were going to make her a presentation, in recognition of the great services she had rendered in helping to raise money for the boys. (Applause.) They had a concert programme, as usual, most of the items being provided by the Maoris, who were very keen to do honour to their Queen, as all loyal subjects were. (Applause.)

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

The concert opened with "Shipmates o' Mine," by special request, by Sergeant C. Gimson, who sang that song and an encore number in his well-known style. A poi dance by six Maori maidens, was the next item. It was very well and correctly executed, and called for a burst of applause. Miss Gray, who possesses a sweet contralto voice, sang two songs, and met with a very good reception. This was followed by a sailor's hornpipe by Mr J. Lynch, which proved a popular item. A quartette by a Maori party was encored. Miss Young, of Timaru, sang very nicely, and her song was followed by a poi dance in the canoe by the Maori girls, which was very gracefully performed, and elicited hearty applause. The orchestra gave some well rendered selections, and Miss Young obliged with another song, and added a recall number. A duet by

the Misses Gray was delightfully sung, and the girls had to respond to encore after encore. Another poi dance was performed with great success. An Irish jig, by Miss Lynch, earned for her a recall. A haka by Maori warriors was well performed, and called forth plenty of applause, and a vociferous demand for more, which was generously complied with. Sergeant C Gimson sang several popular songs, his hearers being tireless in their demands for further songs. The Lynch family gave a very graceful dance, the piano and violin accompaniment being played by members of this versatile group. The Maori troupe concluded the entertainment by giving some stirring hakas, which brought forth great applause.

PRESENTATION TO MISS BARKER.

The Chairman said they had now come to the most important item of the evening, that of presenting an album and photograph to good Queen Doris. Continuing, after Queen Doris and Princess Mabel had mounted the platform, Major Kennedy said it gave him great pleasure to present Queen Doris with the illuminated address, album, and photograph, in recognition of the great services she had rendered to the town, country, and Empire. The address was as follows: -

To Queen Doris of Geraldine. —

When the Queen Carnival Committee looked last year for a lady to grace the honour of royalty for Geraldine, it was the wish of all that you should take that onerous part. It was fitting that it should be so, seeing how nobly your family has responded to the call of duty oversea, and seeing how you had grown up here, adding every year memories of pleasant words and kindly deeds to the record of an honoured house. But we, the members of that committee, well knew that acceptance meant a great strain upon one so young, so much engaged in home and social duty, so averse from display, and so unwishful for praise. From the moment, however, that you consented to make the sacrifice we saw that your heart was in the work, and that every patriotic effort put forth was furthered by you with a queenly grace and royal good will. You grudged no time, no trouble, in the common cause. Your Court grew with every gathering where you were seen. The warm and faithful Maori heart was captured as well as the homage of the pakeha. High and low, near and far, all rallied to your standard, and pleased and proud to be the subjects of Queen Doris. That friendly contest is now over, and seeing that the success that crowned it owed so much to you, we cannot disband without asking you to accept a tiny memorial of days we shall never forget. In this little “Queen’s Book” of remembrance as we would wish it to be, your own heart will tell you all that has been left unsaid. May it remind you, too, that as you were the loved young Queen of a war year in Geraldine, so you will remain a queen of memory to us all. In the long sunny years of peace we pray may attend you and yours. In that hope we remain your liege servitors. (Signed by) J. Kennedy, M. McLeod, A. R. Dixon, D. Macgregor.”

In handing the gifts to the Queen, Major Kennedy asked Her Majesty to accept them as a small token of her subjects’ appreciation of her good work among them. (Applause.) The speaker concluded by expressing the hope that Miss Barker would treasure the presents in remembrance of the work she had done for the boys. Princess Mabel was then presented with an enlarged photograph of herself. (Both the photographs were the work of Mr J. E. Pigott, Timaru, and reflected great credit on the artist).

Mr Feilden replied on behalf of Her Majesty, whom, he said, had requested him to speak words of thanks for her. Some one had asked him if it was correct to still speak of Miss Barker as Her Majesty, as the Carnival was over. He did not know, but speaking for himself, and those who had worked for her, Miss Barker was still Her Majesty, and he hoped she would always be so. (Applause.) He had a difficult row to hoe. It was all very well for Her Majesty to stand in the sunlight, but it was not the same for him.

Continuing, Mr Feilden said Miss Barker wished to thank all from the bottom of her heart for having asked her to take the position which she had held as Queen of Geraldine County. She

had considered it a compliment and an honour paid, not only to herself, but to her family, and she wished to thank all who had done anything to help her, all members of committees, the chairman and secretary, and all who had helped individually or collectively in making the Carnival such a huge success by raising so magnificent a sum for the cause they were all working for. She wished to especially thank Major Kennedy and Mr McGregor, on whose shoulders the bulk of the work had fallen. Also, on Her Majesty's behalf, he had to thank her Maori friends, for they had done more than their share, and were always there when they were wanted. (Applause.)

The speaker then, on behalf of the staff, thanked Queen Doris for the very kind manner in which she had invariably treated them. No one could have been more queenly. He was not there to say what he thought of her, but if he was he could say a good deal. He was there to thank everybody on the Queen's behalf, the drivers of the motor cars which had taken her about, those who had lent the cars, in fact, all who had done and thought they had done anything for her. Finally, Her Majesty wished to thank them for the magnificent presents given to her, which she would treasure so long as she lived, and keep as a memento of a great occasion. (Applause.) If on some future occasion a queen was wanted again (she felt she had not done all that she might, though he did not agree with her), he felt sure Miss Barker would come forward again. Finally, Queen Doris wished to thank Princess Mabel for the assistance she had given on many occasions. (Applause.)

MAORI GIFTS.

Major Kennedy, in introducing a Maori deputation, said that the Maori says pakeha very good fellow, but he is not to be outdone by them, and the Maoris also had a presentation to make to Queen Doris.

Mr W. Torepe, the Maori Chief, with Mr Pike, then stepped forward, and the latter said that Queen Doris' loyal subjects had not come there with empty hands. He supposed they had read a good deal about Maori hospitality, and they wished to make a presentation to Her Gracious Majesty, who had been present at the opening of the hall in their park, which was a very big function. He believed the people of Geraldine was satisfied with the programme they had given that evening. The speaker then presented Miss Barker with a valuable greenstone mere, dressed flax and a mat, skilfully draping a beautifully worked cape round her shoulders, amidst great applause.

Mr Feilden said that the presentation had come as a surprise to Her Majesty, and to himself. He on behalf of Queen Doris, thanked the Maoris for the magnificent present, which would give her an interest in the Maori people.

Mr M. McLeod, on behalf of Queen Doris' subjects for the Temuka end of the country, spoke of her great popularity down at Temuka. He said Queen Doris had no more loyal subjects at Geraldine, than she had at the other end. He also thanked her for the manner in which she had treated Miss Aspinall.

This brought the ceremony to a close, and ringing cheers for the pakehas and hakas from the Maoris followed the Queen and Princess as they were escorted to their seats in the hall by their equerries, Messrs G. N. Feilden and R. A. Dixon.

MR GUNNION SPEAKS.

The Chairman introduced Mr Tom Gunnion to the audience in warm terms.

In his opening remarks, Mr Gunnion told the Geraldine people that whenever they came down to Temuka to help to farewell men who were going away to the front, they were very welcome to a cup of tea, and need not walk about the streets, saying "for God's sake give us a cup of tea," They were free and easy down there, and when they came down they should all come and have a cup of tea with those who were going away to fight, so that they would win the war. It was a burden on him that they had to send away the best boys, but Kitchener had said they would want them, Lloyd George that they must have munitions, and he had got them. They had

got farms here which would grow anything, but they should not send the boys away and not feed them. Farmers would let this man go, and that man go, they were making such big profits. Men should go on farms and cultivate them at a soldier's pay. What were they giving in return? He knew a man who had £200, which he could have given to the patriotic funds, but he found he could make 12½ per cent by putting it into a woollen mill. The boys who were going away were laying down their lives, some would come back, but others would not come back. He hoped and trusted they would have a good time, for they were giving up their lives and going to fight for their girls, sisters and mothers. They should be all proud of them. They had thousands of temptations to go through. He hoped they would come back as men should, and they might be sure they would find a hand outstretched to welcome them home again. (Applause.)

RECRUITS FAREWELLED.

The Chairman asked the men who were going away to mount the platform. He explained that it was his duty, on behalf of the Entertainment Committee, to hand to Privates C. and G. **Tiplady** wristlet watches, as a token of their esteem. Other men going away from the other districts had received farewells from their own district committees, but they were pleased to welcome them to Geraldine. The Mayoress (Mrs Hislop) would give to them presents of comforts, which would be useful to them in the trenches or elsewhere, wherever they went. Mrs Hislop then handed each man a parcel, accompanied by a few words of farewell. As the men resumed their seats, the Band struck up "Soldiers of the King," and the men were loudly cheered.

The names of the recruits were: - Messrs J. Markham, D. Sugrue, H. Riches, B. Pizzey, C. Walton, R. Harold, **G. Tiplady**, and **C. Tiplady**.

RETURNED SOLDIER WELCOMED.

Major Kennedy then extended a welcome home, to Private Patrick Barker, of Winchester. While they appreciated the action of the men who were going away, he said, they doubly appreciated those who had done their bit, and had come back home again.

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THANKS.

The Chairman joined in a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Band and Orchestra, the Maori troupe for their fine exhibition, and the motor car owners who had brought the Temuka contingent to Geraldine free of charge. He was pleased, he said, that the gathering had been a record one, and he thanked those who had supported the Queen Carnival from the start.

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OFF TO THE WAR.

SEND-OFF TO SOLDIERS AT TEMUKA.

Bidding farewell to soldiers bound for the seat of war is now come to be part and parcel of our every-day life. Every detachment that is sent away helps in a measure to bring the great conflict to an end for it is men, men, and more men that Britain is crying for. Temuka has all along held a good reputation for keeping up her end of the stick, and on Tuesday evening yet another batch of young able-bodied men were sent away in the good old patriotic style that Temuka is noted for. Before the proceedings commenced at the Drill Hall the Temuka Brass Band, under Conductor Jackson, accompanied by some members of the Pipe Band, marched through King street playing martial airs, the men who were to be entertained following the Bands to the Drill Shed. The customary round of cheers were given the men upon entering the hall, at the call of the chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee, Mr T. Gunnion, who prior to this delivered a little speech, in which he said that they were gathered together once again to do honour to the boys who were going away. Time flew, and it flew quickly, for it was only a

short time since the last send-offs took place. He was at Geraldine the night previous, and it was a pleasure to see how they could smile up there, and Major Kennedy was “out on his own” as a chairman. At Geraldine they treated their men in a whole-hearted manner, and he hoped they would put on smiles, and treat their men the same that night. Mr Gunnion here explained that owing to the Easter holidays the next lot of men would be going away on the 14th April. The send-off that evening was for men who were going in the March drafts. Some were going on the Wednesday (yesterday), and some on Tuesday next. There would, of course, be the usual send-off at the train on the day following, and a week hence. In regard to the soldiers returning by the hospital ship, it had been rumoured that the ship would unload all her men at Timaru, but he (Mr Gunnion) did not think that the Temuka men would get off there. As far as he could understand, the men would be coming home on Thursday. As to the three men they were honouring that night — Messrs C. F. Edgeler, G. Rainey, and R. Watson — all he could say was that he hoped that people would think the same of them as of the boys who had preceded them; they were all bound on the same mission, and that was to fight for the old flag — they were going away to do their duty, and as soldiers they were entitled to all honour for it. — (Applause.)

The Euterpean Orchestra from Timaru, under Mr M. K. Mara, consisting of 16 performers, played an admirable selection, a tone picture, “Dream Shadows,” which was followed by a song by Mr Budd (encored). Mr F. Naylor, whose popularity as an entertainer is well known, followed with one of his humorous numbers, in which he gave a mimicking representation of the female voice, and fairly brought down the house. The orchestra followed with another well-played item, “Rococo Rendezvous,” at the conclusion of which the chairman said that he would now call upon an old friend to give them an address.

Amid loud applause, the Rev. Fred. Copeland, a popular Methodist minister who was at one time stationed in Temuka, stepped on the platform, and said that it was only a few minutes before that he knew he would have the privilege to say anything to the boys who were going away, leaving for camp and the front. He congratulated both the chairman and the Entertainment Committee for the manner in which they treated the boys. It was his privilege to be at a farewell when he was over here once before on urgent private business. — (Laughter.) Four years ago he said good-bye to this little place, and at the time some said he “had a bee in his bonnet.” However, he was sent to a German colony, Samoa, and at the time his father said to him, “I don’t mind you going to the Islands, but I would rather that you were under the Union Jack.” It was his (Rev. Copeland’s) privilege to be present when the flag flying the German eagle was pulled down and the Union Jack hoisted in its place. — (Applause.) Temuka was even represented there. — (Applause.) He never sang more heartily than he did on the occasion of the hoisting of the Union Jack. He hoped that never again would those islands be under German rule. It was somewhat of an experience for him to be under the German flag for a time, and so far as his personal relations were concerned he had no complaints to utter against those in authority. News from the seat of war giving the German version in the form of “extras” were circulated among the residents, and not until the arrival of the British warships did they get the real truth of how things were going on. Before the warships arrived, they were fed up on stories of German success, and naturally they were getting a little apprehensive about their fate. However, one day one of his native children ran up from the beach to him and said, “Missee, the harbour is full of men-of-war.” The rev. speaker explained the process briefly of taking possession of the island. Naval officers came on shore bearing a white flag on a stick; the white flag consisting of a serviette, the only kind of white flag the navy carried. The officers demanded the surrender of the German officials, and it was given out that there were 1400 New Zealanders come to occupy the territory. Next morning up went the Union Jack (applause), which meant that the people were to be given a better chance to live under the just laws of Britain, and he believed that the flag of the German eagle that had been so foully besmirched

for the last two years or more had been banished for ever from those islands. — (Loud applause.) After the surrender, the people were able to get a little reliable news of the happenings at the seat of war from those on the warships. While in Samoa he had been able to get an insight into the German methods of colonisation. The German trader went there to make himself fat at the expense of the people. He was firmly convinced that the present Administrator (Colonel Logan) was doing his best for the country, and for the people to whom Samoa now belonged. He could talk a good deal on Samoan matters, but they were there to say good-bye to the men going away. His word to those men was: Play the man for their country's sake, and for their God. Remember that when in the camp or on the battlefield. "May God protect you," said the Rev. Copeland, in conclusion, "as you go forth to duty, and may we welcome you home with as much heartiness as we wish you God-speed now." — (Applause.)

The orchestra followed with Dvorak's "Humoresque," and Volta's overture, "The Smithy," both exceptionally well played, and Mr Naylor gave another of his comic items entitled "You would be a fool to believe her," for which he was encored.

The member for the district, Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., said he was pleased to be called on to speak, for it was worth while to come from Fairlie and go back again, and he complimented the people on the efficient way they managed these send-offs. Up at Fairlie they did well with their local talent, but they waited until their soldiers were in uniform before giving them their send-off. A great many of the boys would be missed, and especially those who were engaged in agricultural work, as substitutes could not be found to do the work as well as the men who were going away. The chairman (Mr Gunnion) had referred to having been termed a Socialist. Well, we were all Socialists more or less. The world was in the melting pot; old class distinctions were passing away, and if there was any aristocracy, then those men who were going away to fight for us should be so classed. — (Hear, hear.) He was afraid there was just a little bitterness between the town and the country. He could, however, tell them that the farmers were not making as much money as some people imagined. We were told that another ten million loan would be wanted. Regarding the work of the National Efficiency Board, Mr Talbot said they had a big problem to meet. Mr Copeland had referred to the hauling down of the German flag at Samoa. He (Mr Talbot) could tell them where that flag was now. It was in the Library at the Parliamentary Buildings; was a very large one, several square yards in extent. He would be pleased to show anyone the flag who happened to be in Wellington when he was there. It was nailed up in all its glory. — (Laughter.) How long the war would last no one knew. If those asked were those in authority and likely to give an idea, their answer was invariably an ominous shake of the head — in fact, they could not tell. He wished the boys God-speed and a safe return to us once more. — (Loud applause.)

The march "Silver Trumpets," and a reverie "Rosemary," was given by the orchestra, and Mr Naylor, to his own accompaniment, contributed a humorous piece "Circumstances," which, of course, was well received.

Major Kennedy said he had the pleasure of once more speaking to them. He had often seen the chairman in the daylight; now for the first time he saw him "on his own" under the gaslight. — (Laughter.) They had had the chairman with them at Geraldine on the previous night, and he could tell them that Mr Gunnion's magnificent speech was the talk of Geraldine all day Tuesday. He appreciated the work of the people of Temuka. The lads were going to do a great duty, and they must keep sending men away until the whole matter was cleaned up. The men who had gone before had set them a high example, and they were to form part of the great British Army which had great traditions. He hoped they would be privileged to come back again. Now they were going out of civilian life, they might find the discipline onerous, but no army was any good without it. He advised the men to keep up their fame as New Zealanders wherever they went, and he wished them all success in their undertaking. — (Applause.)

The Orchestra then played the gavotte “Les Cloches De St. Maes,” and the “Genie” waltzes, and Mr Budd contributed another vocal number.

Other items performed by the Orchestra during the evening were: - March, “Under the Double Eagle”; march, “National Emblem”; waltz, “Rose of Australia.” The performers were twice recalled, and their playing altogether was much appreciated.

During the evening the men were presented with hold-alls by Mrs Aspinall.

The accompaniments to the vocal items were ably played by Mrs McGlashan, the pianiste of the Euterpean Orchestra.

The Chairman thanked the Orchestra and other performers, and also Mr Pigott for arranging the programme; he also thanked the speakers. On behalf of the Orchestra, Mr Mara returned thanks.

The National Anthem was then sung to the orchestral accompaniment, and the proceedings closed.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Yesterday afternoon the departing soldiers were entertained by the Ladies Patriotic Entertainment Committee to afternoon tea in the Drill Hall, after which short addresses were given by Mrs Bates, the Rev. Mr Tocker, and Major Kennedy. A procession was then formed and, marched to the Railway Station headed by the Temuka Brass and Pipe Bands playing inspiring music. At the station several hundred people had assembled.

The names of the men who left were Messrs C. Constable, C. P. Edgeler, R. W. Watson, G. Rainey, J. J. Markham, R. Harold, J. Henderson, junr., and C. J. [sic] **Tiplady**. They were in charge of Lieut. Cave and Sergeant-Major Johnston.

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WELCOME HOME. TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

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AT GERALDINE.

Privates **Tiplady** and Jones, two of Geraldine’s returned soldiers, arrived home by the troop train late on Saturday night, and were accorded an official welcome by the Mayor (Mr B. R. Macdonald), a good number of the residents of the town being present. In addressing the men, the Mayor said he was proud to again be able to welcome home men who had served at the front, and had been fighting for them. Not many were returning that time, but they wished to give them as good a welcome as they could, for all had done their share in bringing the great war to a successful conclusion. He hoped that other men returning would look as well as those now arrived appeared to be, in spite of having been gassed, and having suffered in other ways. At the Mayor’s call three hearty cheers were given, for the returned [men].

Private Tiplady thanked the people for their hearty welcome, and for what had been done for them. They hoped to settle down to their ordinary work again, and to enjoy Geraldine sunshine and peacefulness. - (Cheers.)

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On Saturday evening Privates Tiplady and Jones were motored from Orari to Geraldine, where they were welcomed by the Mayor and a number of residents. Mr B. R. Macdonald said that once more they were proud to welcome home some of the men who had been fighting for them. There were not many returning that day, but they wanted to give them all the best welcome

they could, for all their soldiers had helped to bring the big war to a glorious conclusion. He hoped that others would return looking as well as these men seemed to be, although they had been gassed and had otherwise suffered. Three hearty cheers were then given for the men. Private **Tiplady** said he wished to thank them for all they had done, and for the hearty welcome given his comrade and himself. They hoped now to settle down to their ordinary work, and to enjoy the Geraldine sunshine and peacefulness.

Timaru Herald. 9 April 1938 (Papers Past) [18/09/2025]

RETURNED SOLDIERS SUCCESSFUL REUNION

Over 100 ex-servicemen spent an enjoyable evening at the annual reunion of members of the Geraldine Returned Soldiers' Association in the Town Hall on Thursday. The president, Mr W. McClure, occupied the chair. Visitors included Mr J. W. McLeod, of Rangiora, Canterbury and Westland district vice-president of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, and Messrs G. J. Walker (senior vice-president), J. G. Duncan (vice-president) and C. W. Saunders, of the South Canterbury Association, and A. R. Beck (president), G. E. Pierce (vice-president) and G. C. Tully (secretary) of the Temuka R.S.A., the Mayor of Geraldine, Mr B. R. Macdonald, and Mr K. MacKenzie, the chairman of the Geraldine County Council.

After the loyal toast, "Absent Comrades" were honoured in silence. Conductor C. Ashby and Bandsman J. R. Davies, of the Geraldine District Band, sounding "The Last Post."

The president, who expressed pleasure at seeing such a large gathering. extended a cordial welcome to Mr J. W. McLeod. Canterbury and Westland District vice-president of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, who had made the long trip from Rangiora in order to attend. Mr McClure also welcomed the Mayor, Mr B. R. Macdonald, and the chairman of the County Council, Mr K. MacKenzie. It was not his intention, continued Mr McClure, to talk about the affairs of the Geraldine Association as the evening should be set aside to renew old acquaintances, when they could forget their cares and worries. He complimented the committee on the excellence of the arrangements.

The toast of "The Army, Navy and Air Force," was proposed by Mr K. MacKenzie, and acknowledged by Dr. L. Carrington Mail.

The Mayor of Geraldine, Mr B. R. Macdonald, proposed the toast of "The New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association," and Mr J. W. McLeod, Canterbury and Westland district vice-president of the New Zealand Association, replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr F. W. Grayburn and responded to by Mr G. J. Walker (South Canterbury Association), A. Todd (Ashburton Association), A. R. Beck (Temuka Association), and A. W. Saunders (South African War Veterans' Association).

In acknowledging the toast of "The President." proposed by Mr P. G. Withers junr., Mr W. McClure expressed his thanks to the performers, the members of the Geraldine District Band, and paid a compliment to the services rendered to the Association by the newspapers.

An innovation this year was the appearance of the stewards, under Mr C. B. **Tiplady**, attired in smart white coats with blue facings. Selections by the Geraldine District Band and the following items added to the enjoyment of the evening: Songs, Messrs G. R. Knibb, C. Gimson, and W. H. Denley (Ashburton), piano accordion solos. Mr C. L. Hanson (Ashburton) and humorous monologues, Mr A. Todd (Ashburton). Mr C. S. Davies was the accompanist for the vocal items.