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32ND REINFORCEMENT

TIMARU'S SEND-OFF.

The men comprising the South Canterbury quota of the 32nd Reinforcement left Timaru by the north express yesterday, and were given a farewell send-off at the Drill Shed. Here they were paraded at 12.30, and put through a few preliminary movements by Lieutenant Hopkins and Sergeant-Major Robinson. After the distribution of gift parcels from the ladies of the Patriotic Society, the draft was drawn up facing the balcony, from which they were addressed.

The Mayor (Mr J. Maling) said that he had had the privilege of addressing some of the men at the social held the previous week, but he felt it a privilege to be permitted to say a few more words to them. Two years ago few people would have believed that they would be sending the 32nd Reinforcement away. Notwithstanding the fine physique of the men of previous drafts, it was pleasing to note that the standard had not fallen. The Minister of Defence had informed them that 86,000 men had been sent from New Zealand or were in training, and they would all agree that they must continue to send men away to keep the Main Body up to the required strength. The country would not willingly see our men being reinforced by men from other countries. New Zealand must keep up its own reinforcements. They could not agree to have America reinforcing New Zealand troops; America would have plenty to do in keeping up her own reinforcements. Pleased as they were to fight with the Americans, they could not think of the New Zealand boys being reinforced by them/ As Mayor of the town, and on behalf of the citizens, it was his duty to give them a hearty send-off, and to wish them good luck, and a safe and speedy return to Timaru. (Applause.)

The Rev. J. H., Rogers, acting-vicar of St. Mary's, told the boys that this was the chance of their lives — the chance to have their names inscribed with those which would go down to history as representing some of the finest men of our day. And this opportunity to add their names to the list of those who would never be forgotten was one not to be missed. In order to avail themselves of this grand opportunity they had four things to do: (1) fight for honour; (2) fight for truth and uprightness; (3) fight for the keeping of promises; and (4) fight for the protection of the weak. And to do this must honour themselves. He would to God that every man who went forth to fight would keep, deep down in his heart, the thought: "I have got to honour myself." Every man had a right to honour himself for was he not the finest handiwork of God. They would have temptations, the first of them in Wellington, where he hoped most earnestly that they take a determined stand and decline to allow themselves to sink to the level of a brute. If they honoured themselves, they would be fortified against all temptations. Mr Rogers also spoke of the need for discipline, and for obeying those who were set over them, and said that without this nothing could be accomplished. The Anzacs had set a fine example in this and other respects, they had kept their power of initiative and their individuality and at the same time had obeyed those set in authority over them. The old proverb: "Jack's as good as his master," was too often misunderstood in that the fact that Jack had a master was forgotten. Nothing could be accomplished without discipline; they all were under orders of some sort. He wished also to impress upon them that they should honour God. When they found the shells flying over them they would think of Him, but it would be rather late then; the time to do it was now. Let them go forward without cant or hypocrisy and say "I am going to fight God's battles and I am going to look to Him to protect me." They could scarcely expect God to be on their side if they were not on God's side. Their greatest soldiers and statesmen had not been ashamed to stand boldly out on God's side; and his parting words to those before him would be: "Honour God, honour yourselves, honour those over you, and your names will go down to posterity with the best. God bless you, boys."

The roll having been called, the soldiers were marched outside, where they were photographed by Mr Milne Allan, after which, headed by the Band of the 2nd (S.C.) Regiment under

Bandmaster Schnack, the draft moved en route for the railway station. There was a good number of people about, and they gave the men rousing cheers as they passed along the street. Arrived at the Strathallan Street crossing, where also there was a good number of friends assembled to partake in the farewell, the soldiers boarded the express, which left amid the cheers of the people.

Captain E. P. Chapman, of Temuka, and Sergt-Major H. W. Robinson have charge of the draft till it reaches Trentham. Some men were picked up at Temuka and others at Ashhurton. The following are the names of the men who proceeded to camp: -

Aitken, L. L.

Bain, W., Breslin, J., Burgess, W. J., Bates, T., Bennett, J., Barbeau, T. L., Beaven, C., Brassett, E. S., Barker, F.,

Cahalan, D., Cowles, R. J., Cunningham, J. W., Clear, W. T., Cotter, T. M., Cox, J., Collier, S. F., Corbett, I. A. C.

Doran, T. J., Daily, M., Down, F. P., Dale, P.

Elkis, T. G.

Fitzsimmons, S. W., Fallon, W., Fitzsimmons, W., Flynn, M., Francis, W. J.

Gilliam, W. C., Griffiths, M. T. W., George, G., Gould, G. G., Graham R. G.

Hume, N. S., Hullen, J. M., Hammond, A, **Hoare, J. H.**, Hicks, L., Hastings, D., Home, J. E., Hodges, H. W., Hall, J. H.

Iles, O. H., Inwood, G. L.

Kirby, T.

Lindsay, F. B., Luscombe, E. E., **Lyons, J. M.**

Jones. R. M. S., Jackson, W. R., Jaine, J. F.

McFarlane, L. G., McGirr, F., Morgan, J. M., Mitchell, W., Major, J, McLraith, W. L., Martin, J. O.

Noster, W. S.

O'Brien, T., O'Shea, M., Orr, P. L.

Richards, L. S., Rennett, A. D., Ryder, C. E.

Stoddart, W. T., Smith, M. R., Simpson, G. H., Smith, H. H., Squire. F. E., Shallcrass, R. E. Telford, W.

Prendergast, J.

White, W. F., Waters, E. A., Wilson, J., **Wade, J.**

Young, W. J.

These men comprise infantry, mounted rifles, artillery, engineers, and men for the officers' camp.

The W. R. Jackson mentioned is a returned soldier proceeding to camp to take up home service duties.

TEMUKA'S FAREWELL.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Drill Hall, Temuka, the Temuka and Geraldine quota of the 32nd Reinforcement and their relatives were entertained at luncheon by the ladies of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee. During the luncheon musical selections were given by Mr and Mrs

Halley and Miss Swap, and songs were also sung by Mrs Halley. Speeches were delivered by Mr T. Gunnion (chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee), and Col. McInnes, Salvation Army.

Mr Gunnion said we must keep the home fires burning, and the men now going into camp were going to help to keep the old flag flying. All are proud of the men who were going to fight for freedom and wished them the best of luck. "Behave as men right through, and we will give you a hearty welcome back."

Col. McInnes, in a stirring address, said the men were going to fight in a righteous war. There were some things more precious than life to a Britisher, and one of them was liberty, and these men were going out to fight for that liberty. He wished them God speed and was sure they would put up a good fight as other New Zealanders had done. In a few words of advice to the men he said that when they entered their new sphere they would have to face new difficulties and new temptations. They must be on their guard, choose the right kind of companions in the beginning and stick to them right through. "Play your part like men and all will be well. Don't forget to write to your people at home; keep up your correspondence; it will be one way to keep you in remembrance of your homeland."

Apologies were received from Major Kennedy (Geraldine), Father Kerley, Mr R. A. Guild, Mr C. H. Street, and Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., wishing the recruits the best of luck.

Promptly at 1.30 the men, led by the Temuka Brass and Pipe Bands, marched through the town to the railway station, where, despite the wet ground, a fair crowd had assembled to wish them farewell. Speeches were delivered by his Worship the Mayor (Mr A. Frew), and Mr T. Gunnion. The Maoris of Arowhenua Pa sang their farewell song, and as the train moved off cheers were given for the soldiers.

The following men left under the charge of Captain Chapman — R. G. Graham, J. P. Burke, T. Bates, R. J. Cowles, T. G. Elkis, G. G. Gould, J. A. Hammond, **J. M. Lyons**, **T.[J.] O'Brien**, W. Telford, **J. Wade**, W. Wharton, J. Bennett.

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WAITOHI

A PATRIOTIC GATHERING.

PRESENTATION OF SOLDIERS' MEDALS.

One of the most memorable gatherings ever held at Waitohi took place last Thursday evening, when the ceremony of presenting gold medals to forty-five returned soldiers took place. The gathering was organised by the Waitohi Flat Presentation and Memorial Committee, of which Mr H. S. McCully is chairman, and Mr W. Moore hon. secretary. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated and all the arrangements made reflected credit on the Committee. The purpose of the meeting appealed to all the people of the district, and fully 300 were present, including visitors from other districts.

An enjoyable concert programme was provided, singers, instrumentalists, and monologists having been enlisted from various centres, and each and all were well applauded.

At the conclusion of the concert the returned soldiers were assembled in the front seats, and addresses of thanks and welcome home were made by Mr H. S. McCully, Mr Torepe (chairman of the Arowhenua Native Committee), and Mr Gunnion (Mayor of Temuka). Mr Gunnion, who thanked the Committee for giving him the honour of doing so, presented the medals which were pinned on the first three by Mrs Gunnion, the rest by various young ladies.

The following is a list of the returned soldiers whose names were called: - Privates A. M. Allen, Garret Allen, Peter Allen, John Baker, H. Chapman, Corporal Stewart D. Baxter, Privates C. E. Bradford, R. J. Cowles, Daniel Connel, Sergeant Ernest Davey, Privates G. M. Elsom, M. Fitzgerald, D. Fitzgerald, R. Goodeve, F. Goodeve, G. J. Gould, Con Hannifin, Owen Hannifin, Jer. Hannifin, M. Hullen, James Hughes. J. S. Hughes, U. Harper, U. Hutchison, V. G. Johnson. G. M. Johnston, John Lamb, George Looker, Charles McAteer, James L. McAteer, D. Marshall, Lieutenant William G. McClintock, M.M., Privates Martin McGill, John O'Niel, Sergeant Harold O'Niel, Privates A. Overend, Lieutenant Warne Pearce, R. Pearse, J. Stratford, T. Stokes, A. Stokes, F. Talbot, C. Talbot, James Tilford, Harold Traves.

One man had come down from Wellington to be present. In a few cases of absent men, the medals were received by relatives or friends.

After the presentations the company joined in singing “Soldiers of the King,” and “For they are jolly good fellows.”

Lieutenant Warne Pearse, on behalf of all the men, returned thanks to the committee, the speakers and the public for their kindness, and for their mementoes of the war. He also thanked the ladies of Waitohi for the much-valued parcels sent to the front, and the chairman, Mr McCully, for keeping the patriotic spirit well alive.

The chairman announced that the Committee had collected about £16 during the last few weeks and had £100 in hand towards the cost of a memorial to the ten local men who had made the supreme sacrifice. Individual memorial certificates had been prepared and these would be delivered to the relatives of the fallen men. A meeting would be held shortly to consider the form of memorial.

The names of the men who had lost their lives are — Privates William John Davey, Rangitira Valley; Edward James Gould, Waitohi Flat; Henry Hullen, Waitohi Flat; Alexander Stewart McClintock, Temuka; William Overend, Timothy Perry, Waitohi; Cecil H. P. Rawstorn, Timaru; Stanley Joshua Smart, Waitohi; Second-Lieutenant Arthur Ernest Talbot and Private Basil Herbert Talbot, Rangitira; Private John Wade, Winchester Road.

Mr O. J. Talbot, M.P., arrived after the presentation, was called upon for a speech, and he made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, expressing gratification that the district was to have its own memorial, and congratulating the Committee on having such a fine gathering.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the concert performers, the speakers, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Temuka for their assistance.

The ladies then served an excellent supper, after which the young people resumed dancing.

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Pvte. J. Wade

(Temuka). died of sickness