

Temuka Leader. 16 November 1918 (PP) [30/07/2019]

ROLL OF HONOUR

Great regret was felt in Winchester on Wednesday, when news was received that Private Con. J. Haar had died in England from influenza. Private Haar was the second son of Mr and Mrs Con Haar, senr., late of Winchester, and about six years ago was married to Miss E. Shaw, of Timaru. Before enlisting he was in the employment of Mr R. Maddren, where he had worked for fourteen years. He also was one of the best-known anglers in South Canterbury, especially among the big fish. He was also a first-class man with the gun. Private Haar was born in Winchester, and educated at the Winchester School and St. Joseph's School, Temuka. He was a member of the Winchester Cricket Club. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and his parents. Corporal G. Haar arrived home from the front some time ago, and is now dairy farming in the North Island. Private J. D. Haar is still at the front.

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WINCHESTER.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

On Friday evening, a social was held in the Victoria Hall, Winchester, as a welcome home to the Returned Soldiers and presentation of medals to those who had left Winchester to take part in the Great War. Despite the very foggy night, the attendance was the largest that ever assembled in the Victoria Hall. The Temuka R.S.A. were well represented, the president (Mr J. P. Hastings), Mr D. O'Connor (secretary), and many other members, being present. Mr T. Gunnion (Mayor of Temuka), was also present.

Before commencing the dancing, Mr J. C. South, chairman of the R.S.W.H. Committee, asked everyone in the room to make themselves at home, and expressed the hope that all would thoroughly enjoy themselves. He also apologised for the absence of Mr J. J. Cotter.

The Hall was beautifully decorated | with flax, cabbage trees, and other greenery, and flags lent by the local school and Mr C. Bates. The music was supplied by Mr J. Johnston, extras being played by Mr. Arthur Scott. Misses Myra Opie and Gladys South danced a couple of Highland dances. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr Shepherd, and Mr J. Cripps made an efficient

M.C. During the evening songs were sung by Misses Johnston, Messrs W. Ives, Stan Niles, and A. M. Opie, and Mr E. Taylor, gave a recitation.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

During an interval Mr J. C. South said they had met together to present the .Returned Soldiers with medals. The presentation had been lingering on for a long time, but they had met together that night to show their appreciation of the work that the soldiers had done for them. He spoke feelingly of the parents who had lost their boys at the front, and he then called on Mr C. A. Opie, to make the presentation.

Mr Opie said he had much pleasure in making the presentation of medals that evening. Soldiers had done splendid work during the war and now they had settled down again, he hoped they would prove good citizens. He asked them all to come forward as their names were called out, and receive their medals. The medals were pinned on by Myra Opie and Gladys South, every recipient being loudly applauded. Mr T. Gunnion, Mayor of Temuka, said he had much pleasure in congratulating' the residents of the district on rolling up so well to welcome the returned soldiers that evening. The boys fully deserved all honour that could be paid to them, and he hoped that they would live long ot wear their medals. He thanked the Committee of Winchester for inviting the Temuka residents' to be present.

Dr J. P. Hastings, (president of the Temuka R.S.A.), also thanked the Committee for their kind invitation to be present that evening. He spoke of the great distress |at Home, where now that the war was over, returned soldiers could not now get work to dto. The Doctor's remarks were listened to with great interest.

Q.M.S. D. C. Scott, M.M., replied on behalf of the returned soldiers, thanking the residents for their welcome, and the various speakers for their remarks. He also thanked the ladies for the splendid work done for the soldiers during the war.

Mr Opie thanked the people of Winchester and surrounding l districts for their attendance, after which, on the call of Mr Gunnion,, three hearty cheers were given for the returned soldiers.

Dancing was kept up till 3.30 a.m., when "Auld Lang Syne," was sung, and brought to a conclusion one of the best and most enjoyable evenings ever spent in Winchester.

The following is a list of the recipients of medals :

Q.M.S. D. C. Scott, M.M.

Sergt.-Major G. Burborough.

Sergeant H. Kennedy, M.M.,

Sergeant C. H. Elsom, M.M.

Lance-Corporal E. H. Langford, M.M.

Driver A. H. Cripps.

Private J. R. Bradshaw.

Private G. Bradshaw.
Private H. Darby. Private A. E. Darby.
Private J. P. Haar.
Private E. Hoskin.
Private T. Harrison.
Private H. Hobbs.
Private R. W. Jones.
Private D. Lyons,
Private T. H. Langford.
Private G. Elsom.
Private J. Lindsay.
Private W. B. Scott.
Private R. A. Young.
Gunner J. H. Paterson.
Sapper F. W. Pearce.
Rifleman G. H. McBratney.
Rifleman C. J. McBratney.
Rifleman C. Unwin. .
Rifleman C. DeRenzy.
Private A. Davey.
Private F. Waldron.
Rifleman D. J. Powell.
Trooper N. G. Barker,
Trooper G. Cliff.
Trooper D. Ferguson.
Sergeant M. Lyons.
Sergeant W. G. Barrett.

Certificates were given to the next-of-kin of those boys who had paid the supreme sacrifice:

Sergeant W. McClelland.
Private S. McClelland.
Private Stanley Davey.
Trooper Ernie Booker.
Trooper Thomas Booker.
Private T. R. Kennedy.
Rifleman J. S. Fothergill.
Sergt.-Farrier H. J. Joseph
Private W. Guildtord.
Rifleman J. Aitken.
Rifleman C. J. Haar.