

KAPUA

FINAL WELCOME HOME TO SOLDIERS.

(Advertiser Correspondent)

A social and dance was held in the Arno Soldiers' Memorial Hall on Wednesday night. The Waihao Downs and Arno Soldiers' Welcome Home Committees amalgamated for the purpose of giving the last of their respective men to return a hearty and monster welcome back to their old homes. The names of the last five men to return are as follows: Gunner G. L. R. Laverty, Gunner Colin A. Cameron, and Private George McCulloch (Waihao Downs); Gunner Martin McPherson and Trooper Major (Arno). There was a large gathering, the floor being in excellent order. Dancing was thoroughly enjoyed. During the evening various items were contributed. Miss Ailsa Hossack sang "The Meeting of the Waters" (Irish ballad), which received a good refund of applause, Mr Charles Olorenshaw (baritone) sang "When the Bells of Peace are Ringing," for which he got a good rally, responding with "Until." Miss Gerty Pashby gave a recitation "That's a Fact," in pleasing style.

After a good supper, which was provided by the ladies, had been served, Mr H. Meredith proceeded to make the presentation of medals, which he said gave him very great pleasure to have the honour of doing. These men, he said, had gone away in the early stages of the war and had endured all kinds of trials and hardships, and he was very glad to see them back in health and strength. These were some of the lucky ones. He then asked Mrs Tavendale, Senr, to pin the medals on the coats of the men.

Trooper Major and Gunner Laverty were absent and Mr C. E. d'Auvergne accepted the medals on their behalf. The recipients suitably responded, thanking Mr Meredith for his kind remarks and the people of the district for their appreciation. Mr d'Avergne briefly responded on behalf of the absentees, He mentioned that most of the returned men were inclined to be very modest and did not like fuss. Gunner Laverty had told him that he would rather hop up in No Man's Land than go to the hall. "They are Jolly Good Fellows" was then sang and dancing was resumed and kept up till the early hours. Music was supplied by Messrs Jas. Tavendale and A. Sheppard, Mr John Wall was M.C. Mr Chas Pelvin contributed several extras. Miss Fanny Pashby acted as accompaniste.

OBITUARY

Mr G. A. McCulloch

The death of George Alexander McCulloch in Waimate yesterday, removed from the district a man of high regard and personal integrity. He was 74.

Mr McCulloch has been associated with the Waihao Forks district for the whole of his life. His father before him owned and farmed "Quamby." On his father's death, Mr McCulloch took over the property in the early part of the century. He has farmed the property ever since. He was a returned serviceman of the First World War.

A man of unassuming nature, but ready to help either in assisting a worthy cause or a district project, Mr McCulloch will be a sad loss to the community.

His main interest, apart from his farming activities, lay in his association with the sport of racing. He served the Waimate Racing Club either as president, vice-president, or committeeman for many years, and while still an active member of the committee was elected a life member.

Another association with which he was associated from its inception was the Waihao Forks Gun Club. As its president, he was largely responsible for its establishment and continued activity. He was associated with the Waihao Forks Saleyards Company for many years.

Only recently Mr McCulloch decided to give up active farming and on the sale of his property purchased a house in Waimate. He was the guest of honour at a farewell function in the Arno Hall when residents of the district made him a presentation on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr McCulloch is survived by his wife and one brother, Mr W. J. McCulloch, of "Hillview," Waihao Forks.