

Southland Times. 13 August 1918 (Papers Past) [10/04/2023]

45TH REINFORCEMENTS

DEPARTURE FOR CAMP.

Yesterday saw another fine body of men leave Invercargill for the north, where they will undergo the training which will make of them soldiers ready to do battle for the Empire. They marched from the Drill Hall to the station headed by the band of the 8th Regiment. At the station his Worship the Mayor addressed the recruits. In his prefatory remarks he referred to the more hopeful expressions on the faces of those about him. The news which had come lately had been of a kind expected only by those usually termed unduly optimistic. The men before him were going to follow in the footsteps of armies who had achieved a remarkable victory under exceptional circumstances. — (Applause.) They were going to avenge, amongst other things, the recent diabolical sinking of a hospital ship. Referring to the brutalities committed by the Germans, the speaker went on to refer to history at length, showing that the spirit which has so manifested itself in our enemies during this war has been present to a greater or less extent for many centuries. The men from this far flung portion of the Empire, he continued, were going forward to fight for right against might, for democracy against autocracy, for liberty against oppression. — (Applause.) He wished them good luck and God-speed, expressing the hope that their services would not be required except to help to carry the flag of victory into Berlin. He concluded by extending to them on behalf of the Otago and Southland Women's Patriotic Association, an invitation to a social to be given that night in Dunedin. The band then played the "Marseillaise" and "God Save the King," heads being bared in both cases, and the men filed on to the station platform and entrained.

Following are the names of those who went forward: —

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Howard Carpenter Foster.

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NZ Truth. 19 July 1924 (Papers Past) [11/04/2023]

FINE FOSTER FAMILY.

Howard Foster's approaching departure from Wellington for Invercargill draws attention to a rather gifted family of which he is a bright member. Music runs in both sides of the family, His mother and father were the most popular; vocal duettists in Timaru, of which seaport Foster pere was a native, and his brother Phil was South Canterbury's favorite tenor. In those ancient days the Foster family was constantly under toll for concerts. Howard F., who is giving up the assistant-

managership of the D.I.C. in Wellington to take over the management of Lewis's in Invercargill, is a popular baritone, and has done some good work as soloist in the city and out in the Wairarapa towns in oratorio. His father also was a notable amateur in oratorio, and the eldest son of his family, Frank, was a tenor soloist in big work in Dunedin before he sought the larger life, first in Australia, and then in touring concert parties in England. Howard F., whose father still lives (in Dunedin), is brother to Dr. Stanley Foster, the well-known Christchurch cricketer; and yet another brother is Mr. Wm. F., language master in the Auckland Grammar School, and previously for some years Principal of Banks College, Wellington. Musical circles, the Savage Club, and some other interests in the Empire City will miss Howard Foster, but he will be a decided acquisition to the capital of Southland.

Press. 15 June 1936 (Papers Past) [26/05/2016]

OBITUARY **MR R. F. FOSTER**

The death occurred in Christchurch recently of Mr Robert Francis Foster at the age of 82. Mr Foster, who is the father of Dr. P. Stanley Foster, was an early arrival in New Zealand, and as a business man in Dunedin was well known throughout the Dominion.

Born in Deal, Kent, England, in 1854, Mr Foster travelled with his parents to New Zealand at the age of seven years. He lived with his parents at Timaru for some years, later going to Dunedin, where he soon became prominent in the business world. Mr Foster remained in Dunedin until after his retirement 10 years ago, later going to Napier. He came to Christchurch in 1931 and resided here until his death. Mr Foster had been in failing health for some time.

He married Miss Kitty Margaret Carpenter, of Dunedin. There were five sons and two daughters. Those at present living in New Zealand are Mrs Leyden Baker, Mrs Emily Morris, and Dr. P. Stanley Foster, all of Christchurch. Mr H. C. Foster, of Waimate, and Mr W. T. Foster, of Napier.

Mr Foster was keenly interested in music and was well known in Dunedin music circles, being for a great many years a member of the Dunedin Choral Society. He was a keen sportsman, playing cricket in his earlier years, and later giving much of his time in umpiring Dunedin games.

Timaru Herald. 16 June 1936 (Papers Past) [12/04/2023]

OBITUARY **MR R. F. FOSTER**

A prominent musician in Timaru about 40 years ago, Mr Robert Francis Foster died in Christchurch recently at the age of 82. He was an early arrival in New Zealand and as a businessman in Dunedin for many years he was well known throughout the Dominion.

Born in Deal, Kent, England, in 1854, Mr Foster travelled with his parents to New Zealand at the age of seven years. He resided in Timaru for several years and was a partner in the firm of Cowan and Foster. Always a keen musician, Mr Foster was one of the founders of the Timaru Liedertafel, Messrs J. W. Holdgate and C. S. Fraser of Timaru being the only two surviving foundation members. He was a member of the Waimataitai School Committee and was keenly interested in sport, especially cricket, which he played with success. Mr Foster left later for Dunedin, where he soon became prominent in the business world. He remained in Dunedin until after his retirement 10 years ago, later going to Napier. While in Dunedin Mr Foster retained his interest in music and was for a considerable time a member of the Dunedin Choral Society. He was also a keen cricketer and in later years he gave much of his time in umpiring Dunedin games. He left Napier for Christchurch in 1931 and resided there until the time of his death. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr Foster was married in Timaru to Miss Kitty Margaret Carpenter of Dunedin. There were five sons and two daughters. Those at present living in New Zealand are Mrs Leyden Baker, Mrs Emily Morris, and Dr. P. Stanley Foster, all of Christchurch, Mr H. C. Foster, of Waimate, and Mr W. T. Foster, of Napier.