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30TH REINFORCEMENTS YESTERDAY'S SEND-OFF.

AT TIMARU.

The South Canterbury quota of the 30th Reinforcement consisting of 58 men, left Timaru by the north express yesterday, and were given a very hearty send-off at the Drill Shed, and at the Strathallan Street crossing.

Owing to the new railway time-table the men were assembled at 12.30 at the Drill Shed, and were put through some elementary drill movements by Staff-Sergeant-Major Johnstone. The men appeared in the best of spirits. The draft, facing the balcony, was addressed by the Mayor of Timaru (Mr J. Maling), and by the Rev. J. H. Rogers.

The Mayor told the men that one of the first ordeals they had to go through was to listen to a speech by the Mayor of the town. He felt sorry for them on this account, but it was all a part of the military discipline they had to go through. (Laughter.) Proceeding, Mr Maling referred to a speech in which Mr Lloyd George had said that we were living in one of those rare epochs when within a few fleeting years the destiny and character of the race were being determined for countless ages. Mr Maling said it was to assist in forming that character and making that destiny, that the men before him were going away. There was no question but that they would sustain the high standard of those who had gone before them, and assist in upholding those ideals which in this country of free institutions were held so dear. No country in the world possessed such a free Constitution as New Zealand, and in a spirit of determination to uphold it and all that made life worth living, they were going forth to gain the mastery over the enemy. On this noble mission he wished them luck and a safe return. (Applause and cheers.)

The Rev. J. H. Rogers also spoke spiritedly to "the boys." He told them that they were going to assist the Empire, and that in giving themselves for that purpose they were making a noble gift. They were going to be trained to fight and to conquer. If in the fighting, they should be killed they would die the most glorious death that any man could die. They could take it for certain that the Church would pray for them constantly, and that loving hands would minister to their needs in health and in sickness. In going away they would take with them the love, the care and affection of many who would watch anxiously for news of them, and who would ever be solicitous of their welfare. What did they stand for? They stood for the Cause — the cause of honour, of liberty, and of justice, the protection of the weak. Was there ever a nobler cause or any more nobler principles that a man could fight and if necessary die for? He thought not. Then they should remember that at the back of the Cause was God — the God of liberty, the God of mercy, and the God of justice. When they had left these shores he would like them to remember the words of an old man when he asked them to live for the Cause as well as be prepared to die for it. He would ask them to be men of absolute honour, of tenderness, and men with sympathy for the weak, men who would show what truer liberty meant — the liberty of those who could control and quit themselves as men. He would also ask them to think, even if they did not say it aloud, that they were soldiers of God, and that He trusted and cared for them. If they went in this spirit all would be proud of them, and God would protect them in life and in death, and when they returned they would be justly proud of having stuck to the Cause and helped it to conquer (Applause, followed by cheers for the speaker.)

After the addresses the men were marched outside and were photographed by Mr Milne Allan. Then, headed by the 2nd (S.C.) Regimental Band under Conductor Schnack, the column moved off to the station. A large number of people lined the route and gave the men rousing cheers as they passed. At the crossing there were more people than there have been at the send-offs for some time, and in spite of a half-hour wait in the cold they gave the men a very cordial farewell,

the train steaming out followed by the cheers of the crowd, and the answering shouts of the departing soldiers.

A large number of men joined the train at Temuka and Ashburton, and there were eleven men on the express when it arrived, they having come from Waimate.

The recruits were in charge of Captain Chapman and Sergeant Major Thatcher, who will accompany them to Trentham.

The following are the names of the 21 who joined the train at Temuka: - [sic]

Aitken, J. P., Ablett, F. G., Allfrey, J. C., Armstrong, A. J., Aldridge, A. E., Billings, P., Bartrum, O. B., Bennewith, G. J., Bowring, C. A., Bonnington, R. C., Bennett, G. W., Boyd, P. H., Bowkett, J. C., Batchelor, J. M., Bate, L. F., Buchanan, F. W. Junr., Bell, G. E., Black L. S., Bell, G. A., Baker, L. J.

Crawford, W. J., Coulbeck, W., Crocome, A. J., Cormack, A. L., Childs, E. Carver, J. F. F., Clarke S., Collins, H., Cairns, W.

Dawson, D., Dolan, W. P., Davison, K. R., Dallard E. E., Dunn, A., Dyson, C. F., Dunneen, G. H.

Elliott, G. M., Elsom, W. J.

Fifield, F., Forrest, R. H., Finch T. H., Fahey A. C., Freak, D. E.

Gill, M. D., Graham, J., Griffiths, M. T. W., Gillespie, E. B.

Harrison, T., Holmes, R., Hedges, W., Harris, J., Howard, J. L., Henderson, J., Hawkins, R., Hyndman, W., Hill, J. G., Hoskin, C. L.

Jack, H. F.

Kirk, O. J., King, J., Kirby M., Knowles, G., Kennard, D. McN.

Lyons, T. Junr., Laurenson T. P., Loach, T. V.

Martin. F. D., Milne T., Moore, W. G., Muller, O. M.

McKenzie, R., McBride, A., McDouough, M., McPhedran, W. N., McLaughran, A. W.,

McKay. J., McKeever, W. B., McCallum, D. G.

Neill, D. W. J., Nelson, R., Nolan, J. J., Nicholas, A. D., Needham, L.

O'Sullivan, P.

Pinkerton, R., Prendergast, E., Purdom F. H., Pearce, F. W., Powell, T. A., Parsons, J. W. M.

Rees, D. H., Rosengrave, J., Reith J. I., Rolls, G. W., Robinson, W.

Soal, G. C., Shackleton, A. J., St John, P., Stewart, J. D., Sheehan, M. B., Stamp, T. R.,

Sercombe, F. W., Sellars, F. A., Scollard. G., Simpson A., Sutton, A. E., Spring, F., Scott, J. E., Smyth, J.

Tanner, W. J., **Telford, J.**, Thew, C. T., Thomas, F.

Watson, F. W. M., Wilson, M. J. Wade, R. N., Watson, J., Williams, M., Wright, J. T.

Young, J.

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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, McIlraith, 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 SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION
will be tendered to Privates
Wade and **Telford** in the Waitohi
Schoolroom, on **FRIDAY EVENING**
NEXT.

Admission 2s 6d. Ladies a Basket.

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SOLDIERS FAREWELLED

LOWER WAITOHI.

The Lower Waitohi schoolroom has recently been the scene of two farewell socials to local soldiers on final leave. Privates Wade and Telford were the guests of the first of these parties. Music for the dance was supplied by Mr C. Gregan, assisted by Messrs W. Telford and E. Donnithorne, and Messrs S. Galbraith and T. Thornley were the MC.'s. After supper had been served by the ladies of the district, Mr McCully, chairman of the Waitohi Patriotic Entertainment Committee, presented Private Telford with a wristlet watch and Private Wade with a shaving outfit. Both soldiers suitably responded. Dancing was then resumed and kept going merrily till the early hours of Saturday morning.

Privates P. Allen and J. and C. McAteer were entertained at the second on Friday last. The large crowd assembled was a testimony to the popularity of the men. Dancing was kept going merrily till about 2 a.m., several friends providing the music and Messrs Galbraith and Thornley having charge. After a bountiful supper had been partaken of in the library, Mr McCully in a neat little speech presented each of the departing guests with a wristlet watch, Miss Connell fastening the watches on. On behalf of his comrades and himself, Private C. McAteer thanked the people of the district for the useful present, and the compliment of the send-off. After another couple of hours' dancing the gathering dispersed with the singing of "For they are Jolly Good Fellows."