

Feilding Star. 17 October 1916 (Papers Past) [29/10/2023]

22nd REINFORCEMENTS.

FAREWELLING THE FEILDING BOYS.

Cr. G. J. Harford, in the absence of the Mayor, made the farewell speech to the Feilding recruits for the 22nd Reinforcements. "I want to remind you," he remarked, "that to-day is the anniversary of the departure of the men who afterwards became known as the Anzacs. I only hope you will prove — I know you will prove — fit to follow their example and bear their name. I wish you God speed." Feilding had never yet failed to send its full quota, and more, continued Mr Harford. They had gone further than that, for amongst to-day's reinforcements was Private Alderson, who had enlisted for the second time, after serving at Gallipoli, being wounded and invalided home. If there were any eligible men in the audience who felt in their own hearts they ought to go, he hoped this example would help them to make up their minds. "I have also to tell you that the devil is not yet dead in New Zealand. Long before you get to the firing line you will have to face danger and risk in the way of temptation. I cannot do better than to repeat to you the words of the old general, 'Quit you like men. Be strong.' It is infinitely sad to have to say that already a number of young men have had their lives wrecked without getting to the front at all, because they fell to temptation. If you young men will not yield to temptation — if you so live that you can look your mother, sister, or wife clear in the face when you come back — if you keep your minds and bodies clean, then you will fight all the better for God and King and country when you face the foe. I wish you God's blessing and a safe return." (Loud cheers.) The band played lively music, and a hearty send-off was given the recruits.

As usual, each one received a present from the girls of Feilding and the Patriotic Society.

The following recruits boarded the train: —

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Gatchell H. G.

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Manawatu Times. Friday, 7 June 1929 (Papers Past) [29/10/2023]

PIG HUNTER'S PEA RIFLE DISCHARGES

BULLET ENTERS ARM.

Mr. H. Gatchell, employed by Boniface Bros., bakers, of Palmerston North was one of a party of Palmerstonians who spent the week-end pig hunting in the Pohangina district. Last Monday afternoon, when the hunters were heading homewards, Mr. Gatchell, in getting through a wire fence, had the misfortune to catch the trigger of his pea rifle either in the wire of the fence or on the stump of a tree, with the result that the piece was discharged, the bullet passing clean through the fleshy part of his arm. Members of the party rendered first aid to the victim of the accident, who was suffering more from shock than his injuries, and he was subsequently conveyed to Palmerston North where, after medical attention, he was able to proceed to his home.

Mr. Gatchell stated that beyond being inconvenienced in the use of his right arm, he had nothing to say, except that he had had a lucky escape.

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Mr H. Gatchell, of Palmerston North, sustained a flesh wound when a pea-rifle discharged a bullet into his arm on Monday last. Mr Gatchell was one of a party returning from a weekend pig-hunting trip in the Pohangina district when the rifle caught in some obstruction and discharged. After receiving medical attention, Mr Gatchell was able to proceed home.