

28TH REINFORCEMENTS SOUTH CANTERBURY MEN. YESTERDAY'S SEND-OFF.

South Canterbury's quota for the 28th Reinforcements were given an enthusiastic farewell yesterday. Sixty recruits assembled at the Drill Shed and were put through a few preliminary movements by Staff-Sergeant-Major Johnson. The men, a fine looking lot, seemed in the highest spirits. The High School Cadets, numbering 130, in charge of their prefects, formed a barricade between the men and the public, and bore a very smart appearance. The usual packets of soldiers' requisites (made up under the direction of the Mayoress), were handed round and the men drawn up facing the balcony, from which they were addressed.

The Mayor, addressing the troops, said that this was the 28th draft of men to be sent from Timaru, and it had been his privilege to farewell twenty-seven of them; at one he had been unable to be present. He now had the privilege of saying farewell to the men of the 28th Reinforcements, and he wished them all good luck. The war was now looking brighter for the Allies, and his earnest hope was that the men now leaving these shores would not be called upon to go into the firing line. But if they were he knew—as they all knew—that they would worthily uphold the magnificent reputation of their predecessors. His Worship impressed upon the men the value of discipline, and the need for showing consideration one to the other. In conclusion he said that the doings of New Zealanders at the war made one proud to claim New Zealand as his country, and he wished the men now leaving, farewell, good luck, and God speed. (Applause.)

The Rev. T. Stinson also addressed the men. He referred to the fact that in the part of the Old Country from which he came there had existed a mad dog, which wrought havoc among stock and was the terror of the whole countryside, until the people organised a hunt, ran it to earth and killed it. To this dog he likened Germany—the mad dog of Europe—which, being a menace to civilisation, must be hunted down and rendered powerless. There was only one way of doing this: The nations must unite and pursue this monster until it was incapable of doing further harm. Mr Stinson offered his congratulations to the men who were going to take part in his unpleasant but sacred work, and said that they were entering the conflict at a very interesting time, when the United States had decided to join in. The fact that America had decided to throw in her lot with the Allies was further proof of the justness and righteousness of our cause. President Wilson, with the aid of his typewriters, had tried with a patience worthy of Job to keep out of the conflict, but the time had come when he felt that America could no longer keep out without being a traitor to civilisation and humanity. And now the great English-speaking countries would fight hand in hand against the arch enemy of our race. Mr Stinson asked the men to be true to their country, to themselves, and to their God, and assured them that it would be a great welcome that would be accorded them on their return from the great crusade. (Applause.)

After the addresses the men were marched outside, where they were photographed by Mr Milne Allan. While being photographed the High School Cadets, headed by the High School Cadet Band under Drum-Major Boys, moved off to the Strathallan Street crossing, where, in conjunction with the Honorary Territorials, they formed a hollow square ready to receive the departing recruits.

Headed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Timaru (Mr and Mrs E. R. Guinness) in a motor car, and the 2nd (S.C.) Regimental Band under Drum-Major McDuff, the men moved off to the station. The route was thickly lined with cheering people, and a very large number

congregated at the crossing, where the men entrained. The express moved out amid the cheers of the spectators and accompanied by the strains of the National Anthem.

Until they reach Trentham, the men will be in the charge of Lieutenant Grut, Sergeant Instructor Patchett, and Sergeant-Major Robinson.

About twenty more men entrained at Temuka and thirty at Ashburton.

GERALDINE'S FAREWELL.

On Tuesday night, wet weather notwithstanding, there was a very fair attendance at the Drill Hall, Geraldine, to farewell the departing members of the 28th Reinforcements. Major Kennedy was in the chair and the hall was decorated with flags and flowers. A capital entertainment was provided. Several selections were played by the Geraldine orchestra, and the vocalists included Miss Macgregor, Mr Macgregor and Mrs F. Trott, while Miss Chapman contributed some excellent recitations, all the performers receiving enthusiastic recalls.

The local men leaving with the 28th's were Privates G. S. Ayling, W. Earl, Fitzgerald, C. Griffiths, R. Hampton, J. Howard, W. Buckley, A. Payne, G. Edgar, **J. Ambler**, A. Beattie and G. Summerfield. At the invitation of the chairman the recruits present walked on to the stage, and on behalf of the Geraldine Committee Messrs Ayling and Howard were each presented with a wristlet watch and each man was given a parcel of comforts on behalf of the Home and Empire League, it being notified that if the boys wanted anything else they had only to intimate their requirements to the League. Addressing the men Major Kennedy said that General Sir William Robertson had said that men were wanted before anything else, and he, the speaker, believed that the gallant lads who were now leaving would worthily uphold the honour of their country and town. He wished them good luck. The soldiers were enthusiastically cheered as they left the stage. The men and their friends were entertained at supper and a dance concluded the entertainment. A large crowd cheered the men as they were motored off to Temuka yesterday afternoon.

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28th REINFORCEMENTS.

SEND-OFF AT TEMUKA

Another of the send-offs to the men leaving for camp to prepare for going to the front was held in the Temuka Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. At the time people should have been making their way to the Hall, rain was teeming down, and this affected the attendance adversely. Still, between 200 and 300 persons - many of them of the gentler sex - were present and, besides honouring the soldiers, enjoyed one of the best entertainments yet organised by the Patriotic Entertainment Committee. There was not an indifferent item on the programme, and those who stayed away lost a treat. The stage was extremely well decorated with boughs of trees, and looked very nice. A large arch of boughs and greenery was formed over the front of the stage, and sides were formed of the same material. At the back was a beautiful tree fern. During the evening Mr Gunnion said it was intended to get permission from the Chairman of the Domain Board to plant this in Temuka domain, as a tribute to the district boys who go to the front, putting a brass tablet at its base, explaining its purport.

Mr Gunnion, Chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee, presided. He said he did not need to explain why they had met. It was now a month since their last send-off, and more boys were going away. When they thought of what the boys who had gone were doing, and what those who were going would have to face, the Hall would be crowded to the doors if people only realised it.

Mr Gunnion then called for cheers for the “boys” who were going away. He went over their names — A. Davey, R. Guilford, A. Beattie, .. Gregg, T. Harrison, J. H. Palmer, M. J. Fitzgerald, and A. A. Stoakes — making eulogistic remarks about each. Several of them had enlisted, been turned down, married, and were now leaving wife and children to fight for their country. The boys were going with Temuka’s best wishes. May they go through the war and come back safely. He likened them to the silver tree-fern at the back of the stage, the leaves of which were rough on the edge, but white and silvery underneath. So their boys were, perhaps, rough on the surface, but they had pure hearts underneath their waistcoats, and would do nothing to shame their country. Referring to the programme Mr Gunnion said they had had hard luck in preparing it, as so many people were away, but in the end they had good luck, and it was one of the best the committee had yet been able to arrange. Next month, (on May 2nd) the Brass Band, assisted by local talent, would give the programme. He spoke of how the Band gave their time and talents in assisting at the send-offs to their soldiers, and for the good of the public, and said the Band would have the proceeds from their next send-off. They gave their time, but there was music to buy and rent to pay, and they must have funds. The public had filled the Hall for others, and it was now their duty to fill it for the Band.

The following programme was then given: Sapper Foster, who possesses a splendid baritone voice, of which he has perfect mastery, sang “A Son of the Desert am I,” and in response to an encore, “As Deep as the Deep Blue Sea.” Later on he gave another good song equally well. Miss Raine (Dunedin), who has a clear mezzo soprano voice, was very successful with her numbers. She sang “There’s a Land,” and in response to an imperative encore, “The Dear Land of Long Ago.” In the second part she sang “Where My Caravan is Resting,” very pleasingly. Mr Budd (Timaru), an established favourite, sang “Up from Zimmersset,” bringing out the provincial dialect well. He was warmly encored, and responded with “Mother of Men,” a fine song. Later in the evening he sang an old favourite, “The Admiral’s Broom,” with a new last verse describing the present condition of things in the North Sea, and the wish of the Navy that the enemy should come out and fight.

Mrs Tilbrook said she had been asked to speak, on behalf of the women, a few words of cheer and perhaps of advice from a woman’s point of view. They had been holding send-offs for many months, and had now reached the 28th Reinforcements. This reminded them that they had still those men who are able and willing and brave enough to go to the front. The women could not go to the front, but they could give of their best. Wives have their husbands, mothers their sons, and girls their sweethearts at the front, and they can work and pray for them. Women believed that men went as their protectors, and they believed that it should be so. They believed that God meant it to be so. When God made woman as man’s companion and helpmeet, he did not make her from a part of man’s foot, or he might have been tempted to trample on her; nor from a bone from his head, or woman might have tried to domineer over man, but God took a bone from man’s side, near his heart and near his arm, that he might love and protect her. Women wanted the men to know that they were worth loving and fighting for. They read from day to day of what women are doing. At one place a woman was digging potatoes, her husband having gone to the front; at another farm a woman was astride a horse herding cows, while the men were away, and the women were working hard in all sorts of ways. So the women say, “God speed you.” Many sacrifices had been made; more was to be made, and you are going to do it. We would like you to quit yourselves like men. Be strong, be manly in character in doing your duty, and in all your dealings. Be strong to do right at all times; strong to resist evil and wrong. Sacrifices you are to make. One of the boys who had returned to them had struck a happy note when he said, being at the front was “not all bully beef and biscuits.” They would find much to profit by if they sought to profit by what they passed through. A wounded boy, writing home, said he would not have missed his experience for all that money could buy. Women hoped those who were going would profit

by their experience. They read that New Zealand is sending its best, and they knew that some who go to the war will make the supreme sacrifice, but they still had to remember that some will return, and that in the course of years it will be from these that the country's leaders will be chosen. Their Mayors, members of Parliament, and so on will be chosen from these men, so the better they performed their duties at the front the better they would be prepared to carry out the important duties they would be called on to perform later on. Mrs Tilbrook then spoke of the Testament presented to every soldier going to the front. There were not given for ornament. If they read them they would find them a help and comfort when darkness and difficulties confronted them, making them realise that God would give His angels charge over them, and keep them. We women hope that you will share in the fight that is so soon to come, and may you have a safe return. — (Applause.)

Mrs Tilbrook then presented the men with their "holdalls," after which Miss Holgate (Timaru), another favourite with lovers of music in Temuka, sang "Sowing," and in response to an encore "Coming Home." Later on she gave "True Bird." Miss Holdgate was very fortunate in her selections, and was never heard to better advantage in Temuka. Mr Frederick (Christchurch) made his debut in Temuka as a reciter with "The Bashful Curate," and soon was on good terms with his audience. His other contributions were also humorous, "Snorkins" and "The Art of Kissing," doing full justice to each. The Rev. F. Copeland selected a topical song as his contribution to the programme. "Trentham" was well given and warmly applauded. Mr and Miss Davie delighted the audience with two pretty duets, "Whispering Hope" and "Flow on Thou Shining River," their voices harmonising perfectly. Another duet, and one equally popular, was "Larboard Watch," given by Messrs Davie and Budd. Miss Radcliffe (Timaru) gave a capital recitation from "The Sentimental Bloke," entitled "Doreen," doing full justice to the racy descriptive slang of Bill describing his courtship. She received an imperative encore, and in response treated the audience to the "Sentimental Bloke's" first meeting with his future ma-in-law (Doreen's mother), and what followed. Miss Radcliffe knew her pieces and brought out the points splendidly. Mr Cameron gave one of his famous club swing exhibitions, drawing involuntary applause from those present as he gave some especially difficult movements. His effort was loudly applauded. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the performers for their services, and this having been carried by acclamation, the singing of the National Anthem brought the gathering to a close.

The accompaniments were tastefully played by Mrs E. Cooper and Misses Pearse and E. Twomey.

SEND-OFF AT GERALDINE. TO MEN OF 28th REINFORCEMENTS. TUESDAY NIGHT.

Despite a wet evening there was a very fair attendance at the Drill Hall, Geraldine, when a send-off was tendered to the men who were leaving for Trentham the following day. The Entertainment Committee had as usual decorated the hall with flags and flowers, and had made complete arrangements. Major J. Kennedy, who presided, stated that the small attendance was no doubt caused by the unpleasant weather conditions, but the rain would be very useful for other purposes. Those present would no doubt make up for the smallness of numbers by the warmth of the reception they would give the men who were going away. — (Applause.)

THE CONCERT.

The Geraldine orchestra opened the musical programme with the National Anthem, and afterwards played a selection. Mr McGregor gave a comic song "In the Only Way." He received a recall and brought down the house with an additional verse of the same song.

Little Miss Chapman gave a nicely rendered recitation, for which she received a well-earned encore. The best item was a song by Mr F. Trott, "Mother McCree," and he also had to respond to an encore. Mr and Miss McGregor next sang a duet, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon." An encore was inevitable, and brought forth another old Scotch song, "Robin Adair," each of the favourite melodies being sung with good expression. The orchestra played another series of selections, which were well received, and proved all too short. Miss Chapman gave another recitation, and found such favour that she had to respond to a triple recall. Miss McGregor sang two songs (the second in response to an encore) and Mr McGregor gave "I Loved a Lassie," the audience joining in the chorus of his encore song, "Roaming in the Gloaming." Both songs were rendered in Mr McGregor's best style, and proved very popular. The orchestra played another well-appreciated item, and this brought the concert to a close.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

Major Kennedy then asked the recruits to come up to the platform, and presented Privates G. S. Ayling and J. M. Howard with wristlet watches, on behalf of the committee, and after apologising for the absence of Mrs Hislop, who was unable to be present, gave, on her behalf, to the two Geraldine boys, and Privates G. Sommerfield, G. Edgar, and A. G. Payne (who were also present on the platform) the parcel of soldiers' comforts which the Home and Empire League had supplied to all the men who have left. In doing this the chairman stated that as the President of the League had often told the boys, if they wanted anything else they had only to write to the League, and they would be supplied. Continuing, Major Kennedy said that it was action that was wanted to-day. Only that day they had been told by General Sir William Robertson, that men were wanted before anything else. He believed and trusted the gallant lads who were leaving, would uphold the honour of their town and country among the British regiments and those of their Allies, with whom they came in contact. Private Ayling had been in business in Geraldine for some years, and he had always been known as a straightforward fellow. Private Howard was also well known in Geraldine, and he also wished him good luck and a good time in the future.

Mr Trott, in the absence of the Brass Band, which usually played "Soldiers of the King," sang a verse of the song, and the men were heartily cheered as they left the stage. Supper was then served to the soldiers, their friends and the performers, and a dance wound up a very pleasant evening.

The men left in motor cars on Wednesday at 2.15, being given hearty cheers as the cars moved off. The route taken was via Orari, where the men from that district were picked up.

The following are the names of the recruits leaving the district with the 28th Reinforcements: Privates G. S. Ayling, W. Earl, R. Fitzgerald, G. E. W. Griffiths, R. L. Hampton, J. M. Howard, W. M. Buckley, A. G. Payne, C. Edgar, **J. B.[sic] Ambler**, H. Beattie, and G. Summerfield.

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WELCOME HOME. TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

AT TEMUKA.

On Tuesday last a special train conveying to their homes the southern soldiers who had arrived ex H.M.S. Ulimaroa and Matatua reached Temuka at twenty minutes to two o'clock. There was a large gathering of the public to meet and greet them, but owing to a

misunderstanding the Municipal Brass Band was not in attendance, and it need hardly be said that the cheering strains of the players were greatly missed. As soon as the train had stopped, the Mayor, Mr T. Gunnion, on behalf of the citizens, thanked the soldiers for their services, and at his call hearty cheers were given for them. The ladies of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee set to work distributing fruit among the men. They were a cheerful, healthy-looking lot. Eleven hundred had come over in the Ulimaroa from Egypt, and eighty of the Matatoa draft of 6700 from France had joined the Ulimaroa at Auckland, and come south with her. The voyage from Egypt was uneventful, the only unpleasant phase of it being the intense heat during certain stages of it. The train left amid the cheers of those on the platform, and answering cheers from the men on the train.

The local men who arrived were:

Lieut. C. W. Hayhurst,
Trooper W. Bell,
Gunner F. R. Beale,
Private Whittall,
and Private T. Rickus,

and these were at once driven to the Post Office, where the customary welcome took place, there being a large attendance of the public.

The Mayor, in welcoming the men, said a few of them were from France but almost all were from Egypt. All knew what the men had gone through, and all were glad to see that the boys had come back fit, and were proud of them. They were saddened when they thought of those who would never return, and were sorry for and sympathised with their relatives, but they must rejoice when they got their boys back. No word that he or any other person could say, or anything they could write, could do justice to the men who had done so much for their country. On behalf of Temuka and district, he thanked them for what they had done, and welcome them home.

Hearty cheers were given for the returned men, after which the Rev. Chas. Macdonald made a short welcoming speech.

As the old song put it, said Mr Macdonald, they had just one more river to cross and then they would be free. They would have to endure a few words of thanks and praise from the Mayor and himself, but it would not take long. He knew they did not like these things, but he asked them to remember that those

who were welcoming them, owe a duty to themselves, as well as to those whom they were welcoming, and they would not be fulfilling that duty unless they expressed their thanks. So they thanked them for what they had done. Many things had changed since the men went away, but some things had not changed. The interest in their boys, pride in their doings, and the desire that they would come back safely had not changed. (Hear, hear.) Now they had come back they gave them a hearty welcome. They had expected great things from their boys when they went away, and they had not been disappointed. — (Applause.) For generations their young men would lift their hats at the mention of the Great War. From all quarters they heard the same testimony in praise of what their boys with the red strip round their hats had done. Now they had returned he advised them to stick together until they got their rights. In the field, in the trenches, they had stuck together, and took what they wanted, and they should stick together now, for they richly deserved the best the country could give them. He hoped they would long be spared to enjoy life in this beautiful land — it was hard, on such a day, to conceive a more beautiful one — and he trusted that God would be with them, and bless them all their days. (Applause.) Lieutenant Hayhurst, on behalf of himself and his comrades, returned thanks for the welcome they had been accorded. He also wished to thank the people who had sent parcels and Red Cross parcels to the front. It was absolutely impossible for him to tell them, how much these parcels had been appreciated by the men in

the field and in the hospitals. Particularly were they welcome in Egypt, where the men did not get the comforts those who were among English-speaking people did. In Egypt they were among people who speak little, or no English, and who had not the same sympathies with the troops that the people in France and other places had. For this reason the parcels sent to Egypt were doubly welcome. In conclusion, he again thanked all for the welcome extended to his comrades and himself. (Applause.)

Trooper Bell thanked them for the welcome he and his comrades had received. He was proud of the send-off away, and he was proud of the reception he had received on his return. (Applause.)

More cheers were given for the returned soldiers who were then driven to their homes, those who kindly provided motor-cars being Mrs Beri, Mrs Hayhurst, Messrs Hally, Cartwright, Hammond (2), Tarbotton, and Street.

Gunner Beale is a nephew of Mr W. W. Burrows, Private Bell is a nephew of the late Mr W. Davidson, and was unaware of his uncle's death until his arrival. Needless to say the sad news gave him a great shock.

TO GERALDINE SOLDIERS.

By the midday troop train on Tuesday nine of Geraldine's returned soldiers arrived, and were met at Orari by members of the local motor reserve. There were about 20 motor ears in the procession which bore the men to town, where they were officially welcomed by the Deputy-Mayor (Mr T. Sherratt) in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor.

Mr Sherratt in a few well-chosen words expressed his gladness at the return of the boys, and called for three hearty cheers for them, which were lustily given.

The names of those who returned turned were: -

Qr.-Master Sergt. Smith.

Private **Ambler**.

Private Carney.

Private Davie.

Private **Keen**.

Private O'Neill.

Private W. Patrick.

Private Thatcher.

Private Haywood.

Timaru Herald. 15 January 1921 (Papers Past) [19/02/2025]

AMBLER —ASHBY.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the residence of Mr and Mrs W. T. Ashby, "Nortoft," Arundel, on December 8, when their eldest daughter, Mary Isabella, was married to James Thomas Ambler, only son of Mr D. R. Ambler, "Creek Station," Arundel. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Anderson, Orari. As the bride entered on the arm of her father the hymn "How welcome was the call," was sung, Miss Patrick presiding at the piano. The bride's dress was ivory crepe de chene, simply made, and trimmed with silver lace. The usual veil and orange blossoms were worn, and from her shoulders fell a pretty court train, lined with pale heliotrope crepe de chene, and finished in the corner with blossoms and silver cord in true lovers' knot. Her bouquet was white roses, orange blossoms and maidenhair fern. The bride was attended by her two sisters, Misses Edith and Florence Ashby, who were attired in pretty frocks of apricot crepe de chene, trimmed with gold lace. They wore large black hats and black shoes and stockings. Their bouquets were white carnations and roses

tinged with apricot. Little Miss Rosie Ashby, sister of the bride, was train-bearer, and her dress was of pale heliotrope crepe de chene. The bridegroom was attended by his cousin, Mr W. R. Barwick, of Christchurch, as best man, and Mr P. F. Foden, Timaru, was groomsman, all being returned men. After the ceremony the usual wedding breakfast was partaken of, when about 60 guests assembled in a marquee. Later in the afternoon Mr and Mrs J. T. Ambler left by motor on their honeymoon trip. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue costume with hat to match. In the evening Mr and Mrs Ashby entertained many of their friends to a dance in the Howard Hall, Arundel.

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FAREWELL SOCIAL

On Tuesday evening a number of friends gathered in the Howard Hall to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs J. Ambler and family, who are leaving the district.

Dancing was enjoyed by those present to music supplied by Messrs C. Kelland and L. Johnston. Mr F. Heney was M.C.

After supper. Mr ?. Brown (chairman) called on Mr J. McComb to say a few words on behalf of Arundel residents. Mr McComb spoke of the many good qualities of Mr and Mrs Ambler and their family. Messrs D. McNab and A. South endorsed Mr Combs's remarks.

Mr R. Johnston then made the presentation of two handsome fireside chairs and a hearth rug. Mrs Pithie spoke on behalf of the Arundel Women's Institute, and Mr Ambler suitably responded. Those present included: Mr and Mrs J. Ambler, Mr and Mrs W. Ashby, Mr and Mrs J. Ashby, Mr and Mrs N. Brown, Mr and Mrs R. Johnston. Mr and Mrs L. Heney, Mr and Mrs A. Pithie, Mr and Mrs N. Pithie, Mr and Mrs G. Upritchard, Mr and Mrs J.

Patterson, Mr and Mrs H. Paterson. Mr and Mrs J. Hewitt. Mr and Mrs N. South, Mr and Mrs A. Pratt, Mr and Mrs Markham, Mr and Mrs B. Ivy; Mesdames McDonald, Inglis, Harris, Matheson; Misses Mary Ambler, Fern Gillespie, Rita Marshall, Helen and Ngaire Pithie, Doris Stevenson, Dorothy Edwards, Dorothy Johnston, Margaret Charles, Lucy Harris, Joyce and Shona Brown, Avice Austin, Ruby Heney, Simpson (2), Mary Robinson.

Press. 22 January 1957 (Papers Past) [19/02/2025]

OBITUARY

MRS J. T. AMBLER

Mrs J. T. Ambler, who died recently in Ashburton, was a staunch worker for the Presbyterian Church. A daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Ashby, pioneer settlers in the Arundel district, Mrs Ambler took an active part in various church organisations. She was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union and the Red Cross Society. When the Arundel Women's Institute was formed, Mrs Ambler was among the first members. She was later a member of the Hinds and Willowby-Eiffelton institutes. She was president of the Hinds institute for a term and was presented with a good service badge in recognition of her service. Five years ago, Mrs Ambler was elected to the executive of the Mid-Canterbury Federation of Country Women's Institutes and was secretary for three years. Mr and Mrs Ambler recently left the Flemington district to live in Ashburton. Mrs Ambler is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter.