

Timaru Herald. 22 October 1918 (Papers Past) [07/02/2026]

Three C.I. Temuka men who left for camp yesterday were farewelled by a fair crowd at the station. Mr T. Gunnion (chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee) said this was the first lot of the men with two children and all were proud of them. On the call of Mr Gunnion, three hearty cheers were given for the men. Mr A. Frew (Mayor of Temuka) thanked the public for turning out so well. He wished the men good luck and every success in their military career, and a safe return to New Zealand. The following men answered the roll call and left under Captain Chapman: — M. Brosnahan, Kerrytown, T. E. Shiels and N. Tarrant.

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OFF TO C.I. CAMP. THREE TEMUKA MEN.

Yesterday three men from Temuka and district — Messrs E. Shiels, E. Tarrant, and N. Brosnahan — left for C.I. camp with the South Canterbury draft, which was in charge of Captain E. Chapman. Contrary to the usual custom that has been followed since the send-offs to men going into camp was started, the men, in accordance with their wish, were not entertained at a public dinner, and as there were none coming from Geraldine this was quite unnecessary. The flags were flying on the staves in front of the Drillshed and Mr Gunnion's. Several hundred persons assembled at the railway station to bid them good-bye. Just before the train came in Mr Gunnion, chairman of the Temuka P.E.C., and the Mayor (Mr A. Frew) made short addresses.

Mr Gunnion said he was glad to see so many present to see the men away. These were the first of their men with two children to go into C.I. camp. He assured the men that the town and district were proud of them, they had up to this done their best for those who had gone away, and now they were going themselves to help them, and assist in winning the finishing battle. Personally, he thought it would not be long before the end of the war, though some thought differently. He hoped that they would not be required to fire a shot — that there would be no need for them to do so — and that they would return safely to their homes. (Applause.)

Hearty cheers were given for the departing recruits.

The Mayor said he was pleased to see so many turn out to the send-off. Temuka's young men had done well in the past, and would continue to do so. Now they could say that the enemy was positively routed. He wished the young men who were going away every good luck in their career as soldiers. He hoped they would share in the honour of downing the enemy. He wished them every success in their military career and a safe return. (Applause.)

As the train left the station, the men were again heartily cheered.

Altogether there were 21 South Canterbury recruits in the draft, which was in charge of Captain Chapman. It was expected that the men will spend to-day in Wellington.