

Press. 16 October 1917 (Papers Past) [13/02/2026]

THE CALL TO THE COLOURS. THE 35TH REINFORCEMENTS, DEPARTURE FOR CAMP

The men of the 35th Reinforcements from the Christchurch and North Canterbury group areas mustered at the King Edward Barracks yesterday afternoon, and left for camp by the boat train. There was a large gathering of the public to see the men off, and a very good muster of men, comparatively few being absent. The parade was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Creswell, who, with Lieuts. Skevington and Shilton, took the men up to Wellington. Colonel R. A. Chaffey and Major W. C. Morrison, N.Z.S.C., were also present, the Colonel making an appropriate little speech to the men and apologising for the absence of the Mayor, who, being unavoidably detained, missed a Reinforcement parade for the first time.

The men, some of whom were inclined to be rather rowdy, cheered Colonel Chaffey at the conclusion of his speech, and were then played to the station by the bugle band of the Boys' High School Cadets.

The following is the list of the Christchurch men notified to parade: —

For Trentham Camp. — Infantry:

For Featherston Camp. — Mounted Rifles:

For Awapuni Camp. — N.Z.M.C.:

The men from the North Canterbury Group were as follows: — Infantry:

Mounted Rifles:

Signal Service:

Pay Staff:

Ambulance:

ASHBURTON'S QUOTA.

The Ashburton quota of the 35th Reinforcement was entertained in the Drill Hall yesterday by the residents of the Methven district. Mr F. Ferriman presided. Addresses were given by the Rev. G. K. Aitken, Messrs W. Morgan and C. W. Nicoll. Hearty cheers were given for the residents of Methven for having provided the repast, and after the singing of the National Anthem the men, headed by the Regimental Band, marched to the station, where they [were] loudly cheered as the train moved out. The following are the names of those who formed the quota: —

L. P. J. Brosnahan, L. F. Bennett, jr. S. Brown, W. Brewer,

Detail for Trentham: R. Nealon.

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THE THIRTY-FIFTHS.

CANTERBURY DRAFTS LEAVE FOR CAMP.

The Christchurch and the North Canterbury district quotas for the Thirty-Fifth Reinforcements left last evening for camp. The men paraded at the King Edward Barracks, where the rolls were called.

Colonel R. A. Chaffey, Officer Commanding the Canterbury Military District, accompanied by Major W. C. Morrison, General Staff Officer, inspected the men. In a farewell speech, Colonel Chaffey complimented the recruits on their appearance, and declared that he was sure they would train into as good men as the previous drafts. He wished them the best of luck, and a safe return. Colonel Chaffey apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Mayor. Mr H.

Holland, however, had asked the speaker to express the good wishes of the citizens of Christchurch.

The men, headed by the Boys' High School Band, marched to the railway station, demonstrative scenes occurring en route.

CHRISTCHURCH DRAFT.

The following men of the Christchurch draft answered the roll call: —

INFANTRY.

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MOUNTED.

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MEDICAL CORPS.

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NORTH CANTERBURY DRAFT.

Those present at the roll call of the North Canterbury draft are as follow: —

INFANTRY.

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MOUNTED RIFLES.

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SIGNAL SERVICE.

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PAY STAFF.

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AMBULANCE.

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ASHBURTON DRAFT.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings since the outbreak of the war took place at the Ashburton Defence Office yesterday afternoon, when the Ashburton district's draft to the Thirty-Fifth Reinforcements was most hospitably entertained at luncheon by the residents of the Methven district.

The Deputy-Mayor (Mr F. Ferriman), in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Mr R. Galbraith) presided. He read a telegram from the Mayor thanking those who were going into camp, and also thanking the Methven residents for having provided the luncheon.

Short patriotic speeches were delivered by the Rev G. K. Aitken and Mr W. Morgan (Methven), and Mr C. W. Nicoll (secretary to the Ashburton Wounded Soldiers' Fund Committee).

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