

OFF TO CAMP.  
**THIRTY-THIRD REINFORCEMENTS.**  
FAREWELL TO ASHBURTON' QUOTA

Thirty-nine recruits, comprising the Ashburton quota for the Thirty-third Reinforcements, were entertained at the Drill Hall this afternoon by Ashburton business men in the block between Burnett and Tancred streets. His Worship the Mayor (Mr R. Galhraith) presided.

Mr R. Kerr briefly farewelled the departing recruits, and paid a tribute to the distinguished service given by New Zealand soldiers at the front. He said he felt sure the men leaving would do their best to maintain the high standard set by New Zealanders already in action. He assured the departing men that when the supply of First Division men was exhausted, the men of the Second Division would be standing ready to back them up. He wished the recruits bon voyage and a safe return.

Mr H. O. Percy said he regretted that it was necessary for so many fine fellows to leave these shores. He wished the men good luck and a speedy return.

The Rev. H. N. Wright said the men were going out to fight for God and the right. Before meeting the Germans they would meet other enemies during their training that they would have to overcome. He advised the recruits, from the commencement of their training, to take it seriously and do their best to equip themselves for the future. He had heard that the language in camp was "pretty flowery." He hoped the Ashburton men would set a good example and try to alter the reputation which the camp had for this bad language. He wished the men God-speed and a safe return.

The Mayor, on behalf of the town and district, thanked the men who were going away. He was agreeably surprised to notice the physique of the departing quota, which was equal to any of the previous ones. He said he felt sure the men would play the game and do their part well. He reminded the recruits that if any of their dependents were in need of financial assistance their case would be attended to if brought under the notice of the War Relief Committee. He thanked the business men who had supplied the refreshments.

Cheers were then given for the King and the business men.

The recruits were then allowed half an hour to say farewell to their friends before the whistle sounded to parade. They were escorted to the railway station by the Eighth (South Canterbury) Regiment and Salvation Army bands. A large number of people assembled on the platform to take part in the final farewells, the men being cheered as the train steamed out.

The quota was comprised of the following: —

Lieut. E. W. Friedlander

A. H. V. Anderson

J. Bell

D. Brown

T. J. Brady

R. Cole

R. Clark

J. J. Cunneen

**D. Collins**

J. Desmond

J. R. Diack

J. R. Ferguson

J. G. Fitzgerald

J. A. Glassey

J. W. Kerr

A. Kerr

W. P. Keller

L. King

P. Keenan

R. J. Lindsay

J. P. McLeod

J. McMinn

**W. Quinn**

A. S. Rowell

G. A. Reid

F. L. Sutton

E. M. Vigers

G. George  
A. Grant  
W. Gillon  
J. D. D. Hill  
G. Houston  
F. S. Hampton

W. T. Wotton  
A. S. Wells  
G. E. Argyle  
C. T. McKay  
F. Simcock  
R. E. L. Hampton