

Temuka Leader. 28 October 1919 (PP) [14/12/2018]

DISTRICT NEWS.
WINCHESTER.

A concert, dance, and presentation of medals to returned soldiers was held in Victoria Hall on Friday evening. There was a large crowd present, including visitors from Timaru, Temuka, Geraldine, and surrounding districts. The concert was given by Mr J. Johnston's party, every item being encored. The programme was as follows: Songs by Miss Johnston, Mr S. Niles, and Miss Phyllis Sugrue; whistling solo, Mr W. H. Palmer; reel, Miss Jessie Scott's pupils Myra Opie, Ina Palmer, Gladys South, and Eva Alexander; monologue, Miss Muriel Freeman; Highland fling, Ina and Tom Palmer; songs by Mr Kiigour and Mr Stan Niles; Irish jig, Misses Jessie Scott and McGillan; song, Mr Ives; song, Miss Sugrue; seantreus, Misses Scott and McGillan. The concert was very much enjoyed and proved a great success.

During an interval Mr T Gunnion addressed those present, expressing pleasure at seeing so many soldiers present, and hoped they would have a pleasant evening, his remarks being well received.

After the concert Mr Maddren thanked Mr Johnston and the performers. Mr Maddren then called on Mr Macdonald, Mayor of Geraldine, to make the presentation of medals to the returned soldiers.

Mr Macdonald thanked the committee for asking him to be present. He was pleased to see the returned soldiers, many of whom were very great friends of his, and hoped now that the great war was over they would settle down to work. He knew they had nobly done their duty to help to end the war. Mr Macdonald then presented the medals which were pinned on by four school girls, (Eileen South, Edna Scott, Nessie Palmer, and Nellie Gillum.) to the following soldiers: - Quarter-Master Sergt. **D. C. Scott**, (M. M.); L - Corporal E. H. Langford M. M.); Sergt. W. G. Barrett, Pvt J. R. Bradshaw, Pvt George Bradshaw, Riflemen **G. H. and J. C. McBratney**, C. Unwin, J. Lindsay, Privates D. J. Powell, T. Harrison, C. DeRenzy, **A. Davey, J. D. Haar, W. B. Scott**, R. W. Jones, **H. T. Hobbs**, T. H. Langford; Troopers Geo. Cliff, D. L. Ferguson, N. G. Barker; Sapper F. W. Pearce, Driver A. H. Cripps, and Gunner J. H. Paterson.

Q-M. -Sergt **D. Scott** on behalf of himself and comrades thanked the residents for their kindness in presenting the medals, and also thanked Mr Macdonald for his remarks and making the presentation.

Mr Maddren explained that the returned men who had not received medals would get them later, when all the names were available.

After supper, which was supplied by Mr Dnnford, of Temuka, a dance was held, Messrs Johnston and Donnithorne supplying the music, and Mr Dunford acting as M.C.

Before the conclusion of the dance Mr Maddren thanked everyone who helped to make the evening a success, and Mr Gunnion and Mr Macdonald for attending.

The music for the Highland dancing was played by Private **W. B. Scott**.

Temuka Leader. 15 July 1920 (PP) [13/12/2018]

WINCHESTER.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

On Friday evening, a social was held in the Victoria Hall, Winchester, as a welcome home to the Returned Soldiers and presentation of medals to those who had left Winchester to take part in the Great War. Despite the very foggy night, the attendance was the largest that ever assembled in the Victoria Hall. The Temuka R.S.A. were well represented, the president (Mr J. P. Hastings), Mr D. O'Connor (secretary), and many other members, being present. Mr T. Gunnion (Mayor of Temuka), was also present.

Before commencing the dancing, Mr J. C. South, chairman of the R.S.W.H. Committee, asked everyone in the room to make themselves at home, and expressed the hope that all would thoroughly enjoy themselves. He also apologised for the absence of Mr J. J. Cotter.

The Hall was beautifully decorated | with flax, cabbage trees, and other greenery, and flags lent by the local school and Mr C. Bates. The music was supplied by Mr J. Johnston, extras being played by Mr. Arthur Scott. Misses Myra Opie and Gladys South danced a couple of Highland dances. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr Shepherd, and Mr J. Cripps made an efficient M.C. During the evening songs were sung by Misses Johnston, Messrs W. Ives, Stan Niles, and A. M. Opie, and Mr E. Taylor, gave a recitation.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

During an interval Mr J. C. South said they had met together to present the Returned Soldiers with medals. The presentation had been lingering on for a long time, but they had met together that night to show their appreciation of the work that the soldiers had done for them. He spoke feelingly of the parents who had lost their boys at the front, and he then called on Mr C. A. Opie, to make the presentation.

Mr Opie said he had much pleasure in making the presentation of medals that evening. Soldiers had done splendid work during the war and now they had

settled down again, he hoped they would prove good citizens. He asked them all to come forward as their names were called out, and receive their medals. The medals were pinned on by Myra Opie and Gladys South, every recipient being loudly applauded. Mr T. Gunnion, Mayor of Temuka, said he had much pleasure in congratulating' the residents of the district on rolling up so well to welcome the returned soldiers that evening. The boys fully deserved all honour that could be paid to them, and he hoped that they would live long ot wear their medals. He thanked the Committee of Winchester for inviting the Temuka residents' to be present.

Dr J. P. Hastings, (president of the Temuka R.S.A.), also thanked the Committee for their kind invitation to be present that evening. He spoke of the great distress |at Home, where now that the war was over, returned soldiers could not now get work to dto. The Doctor's remarks were listened to with great interest.

Q.M.S. D. C. Scott, M.M., replied on behalf of the returned soldiers, thanking the residents for their welcome, and the various speakers for their remarks. He also thanked the ladies for the splendid work done for the soldiers during the war.

Mr Opie thanked the people of Winchester and surrounding l districts for their attendance, after which, on the call of Mr Gunnion,, three hearty cheers were given for the returned soldiers.

Dancing was kept up till 3.30 a.m., when "Auld Lang Syne," was sung, and brought to a conclusion one of the best and most enjoyable evenings ever spent in Winchester.

The following is a li»t. of tho recipients of medals :

Q.M.S. D. C. Scott, M.M.

Sergt.-Major G. Burborough.

Sergeant H. Kennedy, M.M.,

Sergeant C. H. Elsom, M.M.

Lance-Corporal E. H. Langford, M.M.

Driver A. H. Cripps.

Private J. R. Bradshaw.

Private G. Bradshaw.

Private H. Darby. Private A. E. Darby.

Private J, P. Haar.

Private E. Hoskin.

Private T. Harrison.

Private H. Hobbs.

Private R. W. Jones.

Private D. Lyons,

Private T. H. Langford.

Private G. Elsom.

Private J. Lindsay.

Private W. B. Scott.
Private R. A. Young.
Gunner J. H. Paterson.
Sapper F. W. Pearce.
Rifleman G. H. McBratney.
Rifleman C. J. McBratney.
Rifleman C. Unwin. .
Rifleman C. DeRenzy.
Private A. Davey.
Private F. Waldron.
Rifleman D. J. Powell.
Trooper N. G. Barker,
Trooper G. Cliff.
Trooper D. Ferguson.
Sergeant M. Lyons.
Sergeant W. G. Barrett.

Certificates were given to the next-of-kin of those boys who had paid the supreme sacrifice:

Sergeant W. McClelland.
Private S. McClelland.
Private Stanley Davey.
Trooper Ernie Booker.
Trooper Thomas Booker.
Private T. R. Kennedy.
Rifleman J. S. Fothergill.
Sergt.-Farrier H. J. Joseph
Private W. Guildtord.
Rifleman J. Aitken.
Rifleman C. J. Haar.