

Nineteenths Go to Camp.

YESTERDAY'S SEND-OFF.

Yesterday morning the men of the No. 6 Group, quota of the Nineteenth Reinforcements, were accorded a send-off by the citizens of Palmerston in front of the Patriotic Society's Office in the Square. The business places were as on former occasions, shut to allow the employees and employers to assist at the send-off. The men themselves mustered about 150 strong and were of very good physique.

The Mayor, Mr J. A. Nash, as chief citizen of the town, congratulated the recruits on offering their services for King and Country. He said that it was very gratifying to know that the reinforcement was over subscribed. Christchurch had already its quota for the 20th Reinforcements, a month ahead of time. We should be proud to know that New Zealand had raised already 62,000 soldiers under the voluntary system. Britain had put up a sturdy resistance and she was now returning to the attack. Russia was still running over the Huns. The Germans and Austrians were retreating. There was no doubt that Britain was going to play a big part as far as her army was concerned. The Mayor, continuing, said that he noticed in their lines one of the local Chinese boys. It showed that he realised and appreciated the freedom of his adopted country.

News had just come through of an engagement between British and German destroyers. It said that the German boats had been hit repeatedly, and that they had retired to the Belgian coast. Only one of our boats had been hit, and an officer and a seaman had been slightly wounded. It had been the same in all the engagements. He wished the men success in their mission.

Colonel Hume, Officer Commanding the District, said that he had very little to say to the men. They were going away to play at war, the most serious game a man could play. He asked them to keep fit. They would have certain temptations on which he would not enlarge. Most of the men were athletes. He could say as an old athlete that a big thirst was a bad habit. When a man became unfit from other causes than wounds or sickness, he became an encumbrance on the service. This entailed special treatment and special transport, which would cause three or four other men perhaps, to be kept from the firing line. They were going into camp where they would have every opportunity of promotion. He wished them good-bye and success to their arms.

The Rev. Haslam also spoke. The men then marched off round the Square to the station, headed by the Municipal Band and the Boys' Drum Band. They entrained on the Main Trunk Express for Wellington.

THE ROLL

The names of the men who went to camp yesterday morning from the No. 6 district were as follows: —

NINETEENTH REINFORCEMENTS

Artillery.—
Infantry.—, D. Sullivan,
Engineers.—
N.C.O.'s, Infantry.—
Mounted Rifles, N.C.O.—
Ambulance.—
Artillery, N.C.O.—
Mounted Rifles, —

Timaru Herald. 20 October 1890 (Papers Past) [19/12/2014]

A somewhat strange fatal accident happened at Temuka on Friday afternoon. Mr M. Scannell was drawing with his traction engine a hut placed on a trolley, and a man named Dennis Sullivan was riding inside the hut. As they were going along the main road past the Maori Pah, a man walking along the road drew the attention of Sullivan to the fact that a chain was dragging loose under the hut. After going 20 or 30 yards further the man looked at the hut again, and saw Sullivan was being dragged under the trolley. The engine was stopped at once, and it was found that Sullivan was dead and greatly crushed and disfigured. It is supposed that he got down through the hole in the floor of the hut representing the fireplace, to secure the chain perhaps not thinking of the danger, and was pushed down as soon as he set foot on the road, by the advance of the load. No blame can be attributed to the driver of the engine as he could not see what was going on in the hut. Sullivan was a man about 50 years of age, and lived on a small farm at Kerrytown. He leaves a widow and twelve children, but several of them are grown up. The hut belonged to Mr P. Brosnahan and he was riding on the engine at the time of the accident. An inquest was held in the courthouse, Temuka, on Saturday, before C. A. Wray, Esq., coroner, touching the death of Sullivan. The evidence showed that the deceased, when stepping back from the window, probably fell through the hole in the floor of the hut where the chimney had been, and striking his head on the edge of the boards was rendered unconscious; that he was then dragged by the axle of the trolley, which was too low for the body to pass under, and received further injuries causing death. The coroner said that the whole affair was evidently an accident much to be deplored, but that no blame attached to anyone. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

Press. 20 October 1890 (Papers Past) [19/12/2014]

FATAL ACCIDENT. —A fatal accident occurred at Temuka on Friday afternoon. Mr M. Scannell was removing a cottage with a traction engine and trolley from the Levels plains to the Waitohi. He was assisted by the owner of the house, Mr P. Brosnahan, and his brother-in-law, Mr Denis Sullivan. The latter was travelling in the house, while the former assisted with the engine. Shortly after crossing the Opihi bridge, a man who had overtaken the traction called out that a man was under the trolley. The engine was immediately stopped and it was found that Mr Sullivan was lying jammed between the axle and the ground, having evidently been dragged about a chain. Life was quite extinct. An inquest was held on Saturday morning, before Mr C. A. Wray, Coroner, and a jury of six, of whom Mr P. Coira was chosen foreman. The evidence showed that there was an aperture in the floor of the house where the hearth had formerly been, and it was surmised either that the deceased had fallen through this opening or had purposely stepped through to adjust a chain which connected the front and back axles of the trolley. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned, no blame being attributed to anyone.

Temuka Leader. 11 May 1911 (Papers Past) [25/11/2022]

A Woodville telegram states that "a young man, aged twenty-two, named Timothy Joseph Sullivan, was accidentally killed by a fall of earth at Kumeroa on Tuesday morning. He was working on a Woodville County road contract on the upper Otawhao road, where there is a good deal of excavating work to do. Shortly after starting work there was a big fall of earth, which buried him up to the neck. His mates, who were working close by, came to his assistance as soon as possible, but when released he was quite dead. All that is known about him is that he formerly belonged to Seadown, near Temuka." The deceased was the third [sic] son of Mrs Denis O'Sullivan, of Seadown, and was well known in this district. He was just 22 years old, and a fine strapping fellow, the picture of good health. He was a member of the Temuka Catholic Club, and last season he played for the Athletic Football Club. He left Temuka for the North Island about 6 or 7 months ago, and the news of his sudden and untimely death is a great blow to his relatives and friends. His father lost his life in a threshing mill accident some 12 or 13 years ago. One of his brothers and Mr James Fitzgerald left Temuka for Wellington yesterday. They purpose bringing the remains of the deceased to Temuka for interment, and the funeral will take place to-morrow (Friday), after the arrival of the second express train from Christchurch. Much sympathy is felt for the mother and relatives of the deceased in their sudden bereavement. The members of the Catholic Club and Athletic Football Club are requested to meet at the club room at 3 p.m. to-morrow to attend the funeral of their late comrade.