

Ashburton Guardian. 10 May 1916 (Papers Past) [09/09/2024]

COUNTY CENTRES.
NEWS AND NOTES
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
EALING

Soldiers Farewelled

A social was held in the Ealing goods-shed on April 27, for the purpose of giving a send-off to five of our young men, who had enlisted for the front, Messrs **John King**, Douglas Clements, Frank Forsyth, Pat. Daly, and James Bishop, the latter having been home missionary in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the Hinds district. Captain Wallace presided.

There was a good gathering of people from far and near, and the goods-shed was crowded. The social started by singing the National Anthem, and was kept up with songs and dancing until the small hours of the morning.

Before the supper was served, which was provided by the ladies, Mr Rowland Guinness, assisted by Miss Knox, secretary of the Ladies' Guild, was called upon to present Messrs **John King**, Douglas Clements, Frank Forsyth, and Pat. Daly, with a safety razor. Mr Guinness spoke on the many brave deeds that had been performed by the boys at the front, and urged all the boys present to do their best for the good old Flag.

Mr J. Butland presented a purse of sovereigns to Mr Bishop, and spoke of his many good qualities, and the esteem in which he was held while carrying on his duties in connection with the church.

Mr Rogers gave an address on recruiting.

Songs were sung by Mr Rogers and his daughters, from Lowcliff, and Mr Guinness and Taylor, Ealing, Mr Belcher, Arundel, and Mr Brown, from Pleasant Valley, while Mr Nat. Brown, Arundel, acted as M.C. for the dances.

Mrs Wallace, President of the Ladies' Guild, presented the boys with some useful articles from the Guild.

The thanks of the gathering were due to Mr and Mrs Wards, who kindly lent their piano for the occasion, and to Mr Berkley and son for supplying the music for the dances.

Ashburton Guardian. 18 September 1916 (Papers Past) [10/09/2024]

HINDS.

There was a record attendance in the Hinds Hall on Friday evening, when a send-off was given to Corporal W. Rogers, Privates D. Houston, P. Daly, and G. Paterson.

The Rev. G. B. Nanson, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr J. M. Hampton, occupied the chair. He presented each of the departing soldiers with a beautifully engraved medal from friends in Hinds.

Lieutenant Guinness, on behalf of the Hinds Signal Company, presented Sergeant **J. King** and Corporal W. Rogers with a set of military brushes in a case, and Private P. Daly with a case of pipes.

All the recipients suitably responded.

The following contributed items to a very enjoyable concert: — Misses L. and M. Holland, M. Shaw, E. Fletcher, M. O'Reilly, M. Rogers, Mrs J. Scales, Messrs H. Scales, McLean, P. Cullen, Aitken, and H. Rogers.

After a supper provided by the ladies the room was cleared for dancing. Mr H. McConnell acted as M.C., and Mr J. Millen, assisted by several ladies, supplied the music.

Ashburton Guardian. 15 October 1917 (Papers Past) [10/09/2024]

EALING.

A social was held recently in the Ealing goods shed to give a send-off to Privates N. Brown, J. Ritchie, and W. McKay, and a welcome home to Corporal **J. King**. Each of the departing men was presented with a safety razor and a parcel from the Ladies' Guild. An address was given by Mr J. Guinness. Corporal **J. King** was presented with a gold medal. Great praise is due to the two little girls Pratt for the part they took in the programme, and to Messrs Withell and Stephens, for recitations. Captain Wallace was chairman. Mr C. Beckley and Mrs Acton provided the music for the dance, and Mr A. Pithie acted as M.C. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning, and everything was done to give the departing soldiers a good send-off.

Evening Star. 19 March 1927 (Papers Past) [09/09/2024]

A CHARMING ACT VISIT TO INVALID SOLDIER

It is in the little acts of sympathy and appreciation that have endeared the Duke of York to the people.

Yesterday His Royal Highness was responsible for one of many charming acts of concern for the afflicted.

He had been informed that a returned soldier had been on his back in a convalescent hospital for four years and a-half, the spinal trouble having been due to war injuries. It was suggested that His Royal Highness should pass the home in his car, and the soldier, who would be on the verandah, would have an opportunity of seeing him.

His Royal Highness immediately expressed his opinion that a mere passing was not sufficient, and he desired that a rearrangement should be made in his programme so that he could make a personal call on the soldier.

This was arranged for, and yesterday afternoon, after a busy tour of factories, the Duke motored with the mayor to Mrs Nevill's Convalescent Home at the corner of Valpy street and Forbury road, St. Clair. Here they were shown to the bedside of the invalid, who is Mr **John King**.

The Duke chatted to the soldier for over fifteen minutes, during which time he sympathised deeply with Mr King, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

The visit was made unostentatiously, and it was the Duke's express desire that formalities should be waived.

A soldier lying on a sick bed is Dunedin's happiest man to-day. The Duke has brought joy once again to the unfortunately afflicted.

Otago Daily Times. 11 January 1928 (Papers Past) [04/09/2016]

PERSONAL.

At last night's meeting of the executive of the Returned Soldiers' Association a motion of sympathy with the widow of 22/193 Private John King was passed. Mr King had patiently borne a long and painful illness due to war injuries, and during that period he had been visited by the Prince of Wales, Viscount Jellicoe, Sir Charles Fergusson and the Duke of York. The members carried the motion by standing in silence.