

Temuka Leader. 4 October 1919 (Papers Past) [29/09/2023]

YESTERDAY'S WELCOME.

Yesterday two more men for Temuka - Sergeant Cullinane and Corporal Turnbull — arrived by the 3.20 express train from the North. On the train coming into the station, the Municipal Brass Band, under Mr Burtenshaw, played a welcoming air, and the ladies were soon busy distributing fruit and cigarettes amongst the men who were going further south. It was stated that there were about 150 returned soldiers on the train, some belonging to as far south as Invercargill. As soon as the train had left the local men were motored to the Post Office, where a large crowd had gathered to welcome them. The Mayor extended to them a hearty welcome on behalf of town and district. They had been away and done their duty, and now that they had returned they were deserving of all honour and all were proud of them. On behalf of Temuka he thanked them for the services they had rendered to their country.

The men having been heartily cheered, Sergeant Cullinane, in returning thanks for the welcome on behalf of his comrade and himself, said that he did not really belong to Temuka, but his uncle and aunt lived here and he had spent his final leave here so he had come to look on Temuka as his home. He thanked them for their welcome, and being a stranger, he appreciated it all the more.

Corpl. Turnbull also expressed his thanks, and after further cheers the men were motored to their homes in cars supplied by Messrs Hally and Kellahan.