

CALL TO THE COLOURS.

24TH REINFORCEMENTS.

CHRISTCHURCH MEN LEAVE.

The men of the 24th Reinforcements, the first draft to go from the Canterbury district containing ballotted men, left for Wellington last evening. The parade was called for six o'clock in the King Edward Barracks, and here the men from Group IX (Christchurch) and Group XI (North Canterbury) assembled, the first-named under Captain Northcote, and the last under Captain Atwell. Colonel R. A. Chaffey, O.C. the Canterbury District, and Major Finnis, New Zealand Staff, were also present, and there was a fair-sized crowd of members of the public, chiefly friends and relations, who were seeing the men off.

The full list of the men called up from No. 9 group area was made up of 149 men all told. Of these 99 were volunteers, 40 were ballotted men, 4 were called up under the provisions of section 35 of the Act, and there were also 11 N.C.O.'s and 5 men from other groups attached to the draft. All but five of the men answered their names on parade, but the group quota was 74 short altogether, owing to the fact that out of 189 men called up, only 120 had been notified to attend the parade. Of the 80 men called up for the No. 11 group, all but four answered their names, but at least two of these men were supposed to join the draft later on, one in Wellington. Lieutenants Livingstone and Brown and Sergeant-Major Rich were in charge of the men from No. 9 group, and Q.M.S. R. Simpson and Sergeant-Major H. F. Phillips in charge of the Group 11 men, and went up to Wellington with the men. A draft of about 30 men from South Canterbury joined the others at the station and went down with the train to the boat.

The parade states were as follows: —

GROUP IX. (CHRISTCHURCH).

For Featherston Camp — N.C.O. Mounted Rifles: G. C. C. Davis.

For Trentham Camp - N.C.O.'s Infantry: F. J. Carroll, E. Eade, G. D. Gregory, J A. D. Iverach, G. S. Matthews, R. A. Morgan, C. McLachlan, H. D. Raphael, J Wright.

For Awapuni Camp — N.C.O. Ambulance: L. J. Goston.

For Featherston Camp — Mounted Rifles: W. Arundel, D. H. Conway, L. M. Fahey,

For Trentham Camp — Infantry: A. K. Allen, C K. Anderson, S. L. Burton,, T. E. Brosnahan,, **T. Vincent**,

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Colonel Chaffey, in addressing the men before their departure, said that all the drafts that had gone from Christchurch had been a credit to the city and to Canterbury, and he hoped that those of the 24th Reinforcements would show their friends that they possessed the same fine spirit as the men who had gone before. He knew that many of the men who were going now were giving up more from a business point of view than many who had gone previously, and many of them had made great sacrifices. But it should be a pleasure to them to be allowed the privilege of making a sacrifice for the honour of the Empire and the great cause for which they were fighting in the biggest war ever known. The boys who had been at the front had made a glorious name, and he felt sure that the men who were going would do their duty and help to sustain the good name already won by the New Zealanders. "As regards ballotted men and volunteers," he said, "I take no notice of that. You are all soldiers now, and you will all do your duty and carry on the good work which our boys are doing. I hope to see you in your uniforms soon, when you come down for leave, and I expect you will look a good deal different to what you do now." (Laughter and applause.) The Colonel explained that his remarks were not to be taken as derogatory, but it was wonderful what a change regular life and drill would do.

The drafts, headed by the band of the 1st Mounted Regiment (C.Y.C.) then marched down to the station, being followed by a large crowd of people — including members of the C.D.C. — who applauded the men loudly en route, and gave them a rousing cheer as the train moved out of the station.

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SOCIAL AT PAREORA EAST.

(From our own Correspondent).

A farewell social was tendered to Private T. Mannix, who was down on final leave, by the residents of Pareora East. Dancing took form of the evening entertainment, Miss Davidson supplied the music, and Messrs. R. Munro and Vincent carried out the duties of M.C. Mr R. Munro in a most stirring speech spoke of the great esteem in which the departing soldier was held by the residents of the district. Mr Munro presented Private Mannix on behalf of the residents with a wristlet watch and said he hoped that it would remind him of his old friends in Pareora who would be always watching and waiting to hear of his success at the front. On behalf of the ladies' War Guild he presented Privates Mannix and Vincent with a parcel containing a pair of socks and a cap. Mrs Hayward presented Private Mannix with a pair of socks, cap, coat, money belt and cigarettes from the Red Cross Guild. Messrs Walls and Morgan also spoke. Private Mannix in returning thanks said that he could not find words to express his gratitude for all the kindness bestowed upon him. He was determined to show them how he did appreciate it by doing his little bit when he got to the trenches. **Private Vincent**, who up to the time of going to camp was employed in the office of the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company, also returned thanks. Both soldiers were enthusiastically cheered and the audience sang "They are jolly good fellows." Private Mannix was very popular in Pareora and received numerous presents. He took a keen interest in all public affairs. On the afternoon of their departure from Pareora both men were entertained at afternoon tea by the Pareora branch of the Red Cross. Mrs Hayward, president of the guild, wished them both God speed and a safe return. The opportunity was taken to present **Private Vincent** with a parcel of comforts.

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SPRINGBROOK

A WELCOME HOME AND A FAREWELL.

A welcome home social was given to Private T. Vincent in the Springbrook school on Friday evening, the 10th inst. There was a very large attendance, Mr Lunham acted as chairman, and things went merrily and without a hitch. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and continued till nearly 11 when the presentation of a handsome medal to Private Vincent took place.

Mr Browne was called on to make the presentation, and in doing so claimed that Private Vincent had honourably won it, and was entitled to wear it with pride, as he had played his part well, volunteering when he was yet only a boy. Mr Drinnan also made a few remarks, paying a tribute to Private Vincent's father for letting his boy go when still under age.

After the presentation, supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and carried on till after 2 o'clock in the morning. At intervals during the evening songs were given by Mr L. Walker, Mrs Arden and Misses Moyle, Arden and Browne, who were all heartily encored.

A hearty vote of thanks was offered the Brassel Brothers, assisted by Messrs Walker, Brosnahan and Miss Davidson, for supplying the music; to Messrs P. Vincent and Brosnahan for acting as M.C.; and to the ladies who toiled so hard in the refreshment room.

Timaru Herald. 12 Nov 1929 (PP) [09/01/2026]

ST. ANDREWS. WEDDING.

The picturesque little Church of St. Mary's, Otaio, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon, when Una, elder daughter of Mrs T. Galletly, St. Andrews, was married to Thomas, elder son of Thomas Vincent, of Pareora. The Rev. J. Hay performed the ceremony, and appropriate music was rendered by Miss B. Hay.

The Church was artistically decorated by friends of the bride with banksia roses, while arum lilies were arranged on the altar. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr A. Galletly, wore a very pretty gown of beige georgette and radium lace, and carried a lovely bouquet of pink tulips. Miss Rhoda Galletly, sister of the bride, attended as bridesmaid, wearing a dainty frock of hydrangea pink georgette, with shoes and stockings to match. She carried a pretty bouquet of lilies of the valley and tulips. Mr Sam. Vincent, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony Mrs Galletly entertained the guests at her residence, "The Beach," when the usual toasts were honoured. Mrs Galletly received her guests, wearing satin marocain and beige trimming. Mrs Vincent, mother of the bridegroom, wore a navy blue costume and navy hat to match. Later in the day, the couple motored to North Canterbury for their honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being of fawn, with brown hat to match.

Timaru Herald. 12 July 1935 (PP) [09/01/2026]

HEAD-ON CRASH CARS COLLIDE AT KINGSDOWN ONE COMPLETELY BURNT

With terrific impact two cars met in head-on collision on the Main Road about three miles south of Timaru soon after 6.15 last evening. One of the cars, which was driven by Mr T. Vincent, of Pareora, burst into flames soon after the accident and was completely destroyed.

The accident occurred at the foot of the hill at Mr P. Rooney's property at Kingsdown, on a bend which has recently been widened. Mr Vincent, who was accompanied by Messrs R. Keowns and P. O'Connor, of Pareora. was returning to his home after a visit to Timaru when the collision occurred, the other car being driven by Commander A. D. Boyle, who had with him Messrs S. Kingston, of Fairview, and M. Turton, of Ashburton, who were returning to Timaru from Waimate.

Mr Vincent received severe cuts in the head, and Commander Boyle a bad gash in the forehead. Mr Kingston was more seriously injured, suffering a fracture of the left leg. The other passengers escaped with minor abrasions. After receiving attention from Dr. W. R. Fea. Mr Vincent was conveyed to the Timaru Hospital by the St. John Ambulance, and Commander Boyle and Mr Kingston were taken to a private hospital, where the former received treatment and was able to proceed to his home.

The cars met well up on the crown of the road, and were locked together head-on. Some time after the crash, the petrol tank of Mr Vincent's car exploded and the vehicle became a mass of flames. Fortunately the wind carried the flames away from Commander Boyle's car, which,

although not burnt, was badly damaged, the engine and radiator being stove in. Mr Vincent's car was completely destroyed by fire.

In the rear of Mr Vincent's car were supplies for his store at Pareora, and when the fire broke out an attempt to salvage them was made by Constables D. J. Lloyd and J. A. Best, who were promptly in attendance. They managed to save a large quantity of perishable foodstuffs, but a crate of cordials and three or four pounds of tobacco were lost.

It is thought that the accident was caused by the drivers becoming confused by the headlights on the bend in the road.

Mr Vincent, who was an inmate of the Timaru Hospital, had returned home by 17 July.

Timaru Herald. 6 February 1939 (PP) [09/01/2026]

FIRE AT PAREORA

Store Burnt to Ground

Bucket Brigade Saves House Next Door

A wooden building at Pareora, comprising a general store, hairdressing saloon and billiard room, owned and occupied by Mr T. Vincent, was totally destroyed by fire about 9.45 last night. The outbreak occurred suddenly and in the space of a few minutes the whole building was blazing fiercely. A bucket brigade of residents was formed, but they had no chance of beating the flames and concentrated their efforts on saving the adjoining houses occupied by Mr W. Heslim and M. H. Cornelius, which were seriously threatened. Had there been a westerly wind it might have been impossible to check the progress of the fire. The volunteers, securing water from a tank at a residence opposite, did splendid work.

The store was a total loss, the stock and two billiard tables being rapidly destroyed by the flames which were visible for miles around. Mr Vincent, who resides a few doors from the shop, was absent from home and arrived to see his former business premises collapse into a mass of smouldering ruins.

It is thought that the fire started in the main shop. So rapid was its progress and so intense the heat, that it was impossible to save anything. The fate of the house next door was in the balance for some time, and it is understood that a wall was damaged as a result of the heat. Furniture belonging to Mr Heslim was moved into the street for safety. It was at first thought that the Post Office nearby was in danger and the Chief Postmaster at Timaru despatched two officers and a portable fire extinguishing apparatus as a precautionary measure.

Mr Vincent's premises were built about seven years ago. It is believed that the building and stock were insured but the insurances were not available last night.