

*Temuka Leader*. 3 March 1910 (Papers Past) [30/03/2026]

An interesting little ceremony took place at the Temuka Hotel last Tuesday evening, when a presentation was made to Mr Dave Bain, on the occasion of his leaving New Zealand for Australia. The presentation was made by his football friends, who mustered in full force, both local clubs being represented. Mr A. Cuthbert occupied the chair, and in proposing the health of their guest dwelt on his excellent qualities on and off the field. While expressing regret at his departure he wished him prosperity and long life in his new sphere. Almost all those present spoke in the most complimentary terms of Mr Bain, after which his health was drunk with musical honors. The chairman then presented Mr Bain with a gold-mounted albert chain, suitably inscribed. Mr Bain in reply, thanked them for their valuable present, which he said he did not expect, nor did he think he deserved such a token of their esteem. It would always serve to remind him of the happy days he had spent in Temuka, and he hoped at some future date to return and renew their acquaintance once more. After several toasts were honoured, and several songs sung, the proceedings came to a close with many good wishes for Mr Bain.

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## **WELCOME HOME.**

TROOPER DAVE BAIN

Trooper Dave Bain, a returned soldier invalided home from Egypt, arrived in Temuka yesterday. Despite very wet weather a fair crowd assembled at the station. A procession was formed, and headed by Mr A. Cooper playing the bagpipes, marched to the Post Office, where Mr T. Gunnion, on behalf of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee, welcomed the returned soldier.

The Mayor (Mr A. Frew), in seconding the welcome, said they were deeply indebted to the men who were fighting for us. They had no small task in hand, as it was going to be a long war, but the men had the right spirit and were going to win in the end.

Cheers were given for the soldier, and for the men who were still fighting.

Trooper Bain thanked the Temuka people for their cordial welcome.

Trooper Bain was wounded in the Raffa fight on February 10, 1917, receiving a bullet wound in the right hip.

*Temuka Leader*. 13 September 1917 (Papers Past) [31/03/2026]

## **BACK FROM THE WAR.**

WELCOME TO TROOPER DAVE BAIN.

On Tuesday last — Trooper Dave Bain — another of our lads who have been fighting for our country and been wounded, returned home to Temuka, and received a warm welcome, Rain was pelting down when he arrived, and had been pelting down all the day, but it did not deter a large gathering assembling at the station and the Post Office to meet and greet him. On getting off the train he was met by Mr Gunnion (chairman of the Patriotic Entertainment Committee), Rev. A. H. Norris, secretary, and the Mayor, Mr A. Frew, and after having been heartily cheered he and his party entered Mr Hally's large motor car, and, preceded by Mr A. Cooper playing the bagpipes, was driven to the Post Office, where the usual welcome was accorded him.

Mr Gunnion said he had a short time previously hoisted the Union Jack in honour of Trooper Bain who had been fighting for his country, and now he had the honour of welcoming him back to Temuka - to his mother and relatives and friends — (Applause.) They were all

delighted to see him, and proud to have him with them again. — (Applause.) He was sorry they could not do more to show their pleasure, and in this relation Mr Gunnion repeated the story told by the Prime Minister of how a poor London flower girl emptied her basket of beautiful flowers on the cot of a wounded soldier, to show her pleasure and her gratitude for what he had been suffering for her and her country. He assured Trooper Bain that they were all very pleased to see him back again, and in a measure recovered from his wound. — (Applause.)

Mr Gunnion then went on to speak of a nephew of the Mayor who had just returned from the war, and had come to Temuka on the previous day suffering from a grievous injury to one of his arms. He was sorry he was not standing beside him, so that he could welcome him personally, but although he was not present he extended to him the same hearty welcome that he had given Trooper Bain. These men had been fighting to protect our country, our women, and children from a brutal enemy, and they could not honour them too highly. — (Applause.)

The Mayor said they were all deeply indebted to these men for the services that they had rendered to their country, and it is our duty to pay tribute to them. They saw their boys come back wounded, their wounds having been received while fighting our enemy. The enemy was fighting hard and long, but as his nephew (whom Mr Gunnion had referred to) had said to him, “We must win.” — (Applause, and a Voice: “We will.”) Broken though his nephew’s arm was, his spirit was not broken, and there many others with the same spirit, who would be glad to go back again if necessary. In conclusion, he wished them to again, in all sincerity, give a hearty welcome to the man who had returned. — (Cheers.)

Trooper Bain, in a few fitting words, thanked the speakers and all who had assembled for the kind welcome they had given to him. He felt proud to have received such a welcome. He was glad to see that they were fully alive to the fact that a war was on, and to see them so Patriotic. It would take a long time to tell them how glad he was to be back with them and to see them again. He thanked them sincerely for the kind reception they had given him. — (Applause.)

Cheers for the boys at the front were given, and Trooper Bain was driven home.

Trooper Bain left with the 7th Reinforcements. He is suffering from a severe bullet wound in the right hip received on 6th February in the battle of Raffa on the borders of Palestine. He has made a good recovery, but is suffering from weakness.

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## **SOLDIERS’ SOCIALS. WELCOME HOME AT MILFORD.**

There was a good attendance at the Milford school to welcome home Corporal Christmas and Troopers D. Bain and F. Brown.

Mr Andrew Guild, chairman of the school committee, presided, and during a lull in the dancing warmly welcomed the returned soldiers, in an appropriate speech. He then presented each with the Milford Patriotic Association’s gold medal of honour.

An apology was received for the absence of Corporal G. Hayhurst. Mr T. Gunnion also made a patriotic speech. Mr W. Lawlor acted as M.C. for the dance, and Miss Elsie Brown and Messrs Horgan, Greggan, A. Brown, and Watts supplied the music. Miss Scott, of Winchester, and Mr Kilgour, of Temuka, each danced, and Mr W. Ives sang and played.

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#### WEDDINGS.

##### BAIN — WAREING.

On Tuesday, December 3rd. a quiet wedding took place at The Manse, Temuka, when Irene Dorothy, fifth daughter of Mrs Philip Wareing, of "Fairview," Temuka, was married; to David Bain, of "The Stumps." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Chas. Macdonald. Subsequently Mr and Mrs Bain travelled to Napier, where the former has drawn a Government run.