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## **WELCOMED HOME.**

### **TIMARU MEN EX CARPENTARIA.**

The South Canterbury and Otago men who arrived on the Carpentaria travelled south, by special train yesterday. On the train's arrival at Timaru the soldiers were given a hearty reception by their relatives and friends, and by the Mayor and members of the Reception Committee. Ladies from the Patriotic Society were present with baskets of fruit and cigarettes which they distributed liberally amongst the men in the train.

Timaru's quota having been marshalled and placed in waiting motor cars, the Mayor (Mr W. C. Raymond), addressed the men to whom he extended the heartiest of welcomes on behalf of the citizens of Timaru. He hoped they would soon forsake the uniform for civilian clothes, take up civilian duties, and he was sure they would be as successful as they had been at the front.

Cheers were given for the men, who were then driven to their homes.

The following men returned: — Q.M.S. R. E. Wallace, Maori Hill; Corporal T. L. Kirby, High Street; Lance-Corporal H. J. Sides, Te Weka. Street; Gunner H. A. Dickson King Street; Privates P. A. Hathaway, North Street; W. Low, Otipua, Road; L. C. Clarkson, Grey Street; N. J. Hendy, Gibson Street; P. J. Neeson, North Street; L. D. Richards, Otipua Road; - Tutty, Otipua Road; and - Dusler (Timaru). Sergeant O. J. Sullivan (Albury). Rifleman E. A. Wilkins. Private R. Hutton (Otipua.). Private R. Casey (Claremont). Private Quinn (Makikihi). Private T. Fitzgerald (Seadown). Private J. Smith (Levels). Private Colville (Waimate).

Cars were lent by Messrs R. J. McKeown, John Kelland jun., Adam and Co., C.F. Co-op., H. Stonyer. W Blackett. W. W. Baxter, W. K. Macdonald. T. J. Lamb, D. G. Wallace, J T. Anstey, Geo. Watts, S. Aitcheson, D, Angland, A. Hutton, G. Casey, and Timaru Borough Council.

### **TEN TEMUKA MEN.**

Ten more names were yesterday added to Temuka's list of returned soldiers. There was a large gathering at the railway station and as the train came in it was greeted with a hearty cheer. During the short wait the ladies of the Patriotic Entertainment Committee distributed fruit among the cars and the Mayor moved amongst the troops assuring them of a warm welcome if they ever came to Temuka. As the train left the station further cheers were given. The detrained men were then motored to the post office. Their names were: — Privates A. A. (Bert) Stokes, W. Larcombe, W. Annalls [sic], C. E. Bradford, P. Thomas, P. D. Histen, - Morrow, O'Brien, and - Darby (Winchester).

The Mayor said these boys had been away from three to four and a half years, and they had come back in almost perfect health, and we are thankful for what they have done for us. On behalf of Temuka he thanked them for the noble work they had done, and called for three cheers, and these were heartily given. Private P. Thomas returned thanks on behalf of his comrades and himself for the hearty reception they had received.

Cars were kindly provided by Messrs Hally, Street, Edwards, Kellahan, Feely, Gale (2), Craig, Gillies, Maddren, Healy.

Corporal G. H. Storey, who arrived in New Zealand in a recent troopship but was detained in Christchurch owing to illness, arrived in Temuka yesterday afternoon and was welcomed by the Mayor and a large number of relatives and friends.

### **WELCOME AT GERALDINE.**

Yesterday morning the following soldiers detrained at Orari—Sergeant J. Johnson, Privates **G. E. Anderson** [sic, J. E.], W. Earl, P. W. Regan, and Rance, while another Geraldine man, Private Annals, went on to Timaru. On the men being motored to Geraldine Major Kennedy, on behalf of the Soldiers' Entertainment Committee, said they were all glad to send the men away in good spirits and now they were extremely glad to welcome them back. He trusted they would enter into civilian life as soon as possible and spend many happy years amongst them. The Mayor, Mr Macdonald, also welcomed the men home. For a long time they had a sad time, when they

hoisted their flags to signify that some had “gone west”; but now they hoisted the flags with pleasure, because they signified that some of their men had come back. They were proud and glad to have them back and he assured them they had the best wishes of everyone. Cheers were given for the men, who were then personally welcomed by their friends.