

2nd Echelon Farewelled

SOLDIERS HONOURED

DANCES FOR SOLDIERS

Second Echelon Men Guests Of Patriotic Committee

A most enjoyable dance was given for men of the Second Echelon on 26th March at a largely-attended gathering in the Exhibition Cabaret. About 500 guests were present and speeches were made by the mayor of Wellington, Mr. Hislop, and the mayor of Lower Hutt, Mr. Andrews.

The hostesses were women members of the A.N.A. Club and the Official Camp Entertainers. Miss Phyllis Bates acted as dance hostess.

Mrs. Hislop was present and wore a frock of floral georgette in shades of autumn red and reseda green. Mrs. J. W. Andrews also attended.

Members of the Wellington Patriotic Committee, the A.N.A. Club and Official Camp Entertainers were present, among whom were Mrs. J. W. Heenan, Mrs. E. Luke, Mrs. F. H. Whalley, Mrs. E. Puttick, Mrs. G. Webb, Mrs. A. Dennistoun Wood, Mrs. H. W. L. Saunders, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. E. T. Toop, Mrs. M. H. Millar, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bailey, Mrs. W. D. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. A. McNaughton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. B. Joyce, Misses Isobel Biggar, Powell, Valerie Neely, Denise Puttick, Betty Signal, Harper Allan, Messrs. E. Paliser, G. London, F. Jones.

Gifts Presented by Friends.

There was a very large attendance in the Moera Community Hall on Monday night, when nine men of the Second Echelon were entertained by their friends. The evening took the form of a dance, Mr. T. Campbell being the master of ceremonies. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Nash, Mr. B. Sergeant, on behalf of the committee and those present tendered the warmest of good wishes to the men and asked them to accept small gifts from their friends. He presented each man with a fountain-pen and pencil combination, an unbreakable bottle of ink, and a tin of cigarettes. The men suitably acknowledged the gifts and good wishes.

The guests of the evening were Privates R. Brown, N. Bramley, J. McKee, P. McKee, W. Fleet, B. Burt, V. Smith, and F. Jefferis, and Sapper W. McLaren. A similar gift was presented to Mrs. D. Reynolds for her son, who left by the First Echelon. The committee comprised Mr. W. A. Hall, chairman; Mr. A. E. Sergeant, secretary; Mesdames E. O'Connor, E. M. O'Connor, T. Campbell and Miss E. O'Connor; Messrs. L. Rentoul, A. Jones, J. O'Connor and W. Morrison.

Residents' Good Wishes.

The Paekakariki Patriotic Society arranged a very enjoyable dance and card evening for the Paekakariki men of the Second Echelon. Mr. A. Smith (chairman) said it was very gratifying to see so many present, and specially welcomed Mr. Lowry, M.P., and Mrs. Lowry. Four men had left with the First Echelon, and the relatives would receive gifts on their behalf.

Mr. Lowry wished the soldiers "good luck and good health" and presented gifts to the relatives of First Echelon men, Privates D. Wheeler, T. Grey, S. Pritchard, D. Gardiner, and to the Second Echelon soldiers present, Privates R. Peters, N. Horsfall, V. F. Searl and H. J. Lomax, and Mr. L. Milton (sailor).

Mr. J. Wheeler, brother of Private D. Wheeler, in thanking the committee Mr. Lowry, and residents, said Paekakariki would always be "home" as

they went to school there. He was going into camp to go with the Third Echelon. The singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" followed the ceremony.

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED

Parties For Men Of Second Echelon

The Ngaio Hall was filled to capacity when a social evening and dance was tendered to the local members of the Second Echelon. Large and small flags were used in decoration and the stage was transformed by large bowls of red and white dahlias and blue daisies. At the beginning of the programme, a minute's silence was observed to the memory of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Savage.

The programme was in the hands of Mr. A. L. Franks, and Messrs. Oldfield, Grant and Langdale provided music. Dance extras were played by an accordion band. An enjoyable interlude was community singing conducted by Mr. W. Christian, with Mrs. A. R. Christian at the piano.

Mr. B. J. L. Lynneberg, on behalf of the patriotic committee and those present, extended the warmest good wishes to the men and paid tribute to their action in enlisting, stressing the righteousness of the cause for which they were fighting. "When you leave Ngaio," he said, "you will not be forgotten. Letters and parcels will come to you regularly from the district as a small measure of our deep thankfulness that you are helping to make secure for us this country that we love so much."

The guests of honour were Lieut. S. H. Johnson, Sergeant W. G. Jude, Privates E. L. Barber, J. M. C. Chalmers, J. G. Beard, R. Bridge, J. Beck, Armstrong, F. K. Corbett, A. I. Goatham, T. M. Hood and I. W. A. Mackay. Cheers were called for the men as they received their gifts, and the same gifts will be forwarded to members of the First Echelon, who included Captain L. Marshall, Privates P. Aplin, C. Bringans, S. Gosden, W. Gosden, J. E. Hurdley, C. E. Holmes, F. Thorley, and T. Sims. The singing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" followed the ceremony.

Supper was served by members of the patriotic committee, assisted by the returned soldiers.

TAITA GATHERING

The Taita Women's Institute held an enjoyable social and dance recently for the relations of members and men of the district who had enlisted in His Majesty's Forces. Mrs. F. Hunter, the president, extended a hearty welcome to all present and later called on Mr. Cooksley to speak on behalf of the institute. Captain Cowie replied on behalf of the soldiers, who were the recipients of gift parcels. Dainty shoulder sprays were presented to wives and mothers, and also to the wives of the speakers.

Some excellent items were presented, the artists being Misses Colson, tap dances; Mr. Cyril Tilly, humorous songs and dance; Mr. Wineera, tap dances. Community singing, led by Captain Cowie, followed. The guests of honour were Messrs. Ireland, Rothnie, Thomas, Hurney, Knowles, Wilson, Tustin, Forrester, Burburgh, Brewer, Kenny, Nicholls.

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Dance For Former Members Of City Council Staff

A dance in honour of the men in the employ of the Wellington City Council who have enlisted was held in the Town Hall on March 19. It was sponsored by the Wellington Centre, Local Bodies Officers Guild, and was attended by representatives from every department in the corporation.

The men thus honoured were Messrs. W. S. Atkinson and R. D. MacGregor of the town clerk's department; Messrs. D. H. McLeod and C. Fraser, of the city treasurer's department; Mr. R. Truscott, parks and reserves; Messrs. E. R. McKillop, P. J. Frain, G. I. B. Thomas, and G. Key, city engineer's department; Messrs. J. I. Mercer, W. Horsfall, F. Harnor, F. McKechnie, and J. Suckling, traffic office; Messrs. J. A. Armstrong, J. Hunter, B. Prosser, O. F. Whiteman, J. R. Rowe, R. H. Bell, and J. Wall, electricity and tramways department; and S. Agar, city solicitor's office. Of these men, one, P. J. Frain, left with the First Echelon; some are in the Second Echelon; and others are in training and on garrison duty. In addition, there is a long list of men in the corporation's employ, but not on the clerical staff, who have enlisted and are serving overseas, or in the training camps.

The mayor and mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. A. Hislop, were present, also Mr. E. P. Norman, town clerk, and Mrs. Norman, Mr. K. E. Luke, city engineer, and Mrs. Luke, Mr. M. Cable, general manager of the tramways and electricity departments, and Mrs. Cable, Mr. J. G. MacKenzie, director of parks and reserves, and Miss MacKenzie, Mr. M. S. Duckworth, assistant town clerk, and Mrs. Duckworth, C. R. A. Wright.

The Town Hall was most attractively decorated, the patriotic motif dominating. A group of Empire flags provided a background of colour for the orchestra on the stage, which had been enlarged and brought forward to make the hall smaller and more comfortable. Greenery and hydrangeas surrounded the stage, and coloured lights, the work of the electricity department, most effectively transformed the ceiling into a sky of myriad hues. Empire flags also decorated the overhanging balcony, and pennants added colour to the alcoves beneath, where chairs were arranged in groups for sitting out. The decorations were in Mr. E. Kemsley's charge.

The dance was attended by more than 500 members of the clerical staff and other employees, and was a very happy and informal gathering. The guests of honour were the centre of attraction throughout the evening, and several speeches were made, including one by the mayor. Mr. J. W. Jenkins spoke for the guild, and Captain G. Thomas replied on behalf of the soldier guests.

Mr. Ray Trewern and Mr. A. H. Woods gave solos, Mr. J. Wilson gave an entertaining eccentric dance, and Mr. James a demonstration dance.

Supper was served, and the committee responsible for this and other arrangements in connexion with the dance were Misses N. Prince, E. A. Lorimer, M. James, M. Cochrane (secretary), Messrs. W. Cooley, J. W. Jenkins, Gordon Smith, Alan Cross, and L. Drew.

Presentation To Men From Upper Hutt

The Upper Hutt Patriotic Committee entertained on the 15th March the local soldiers on Easter leave. The Record Hall was gaily decorated, and the committee worked hard to ensure the success of the evening.

After the supper interval the mayor, Mr. James Blewman, on behalf of the citizens of Upper Hutt and the patriotic committee, presented each local soldier of the Second Echelon with a propelling pencil, a 10/- note, two packets of cigarettes, and a parcel containing a woollen scarf, unbreakable mirror, and socks.

Mr. Blewman said that he was very proud of the boys, and wherever they went wished them "God speed."

The Hon. Vincent Ward, M.L.C., also

wished the soldiers the best of luck, remarking that a number of them were sons of returned soldiers. After the presentation, dancing held till midnight.

The committee responsible for the evening were: Mesdames Spencer, Hyslop, Borach, and Messrs. J. Blewman, Zohrab, secretary, C. R. Purvis, V. Ward, D. A. Purvis, R. Ashford, and T. A.

Farewell at Bulls

The eight men from the Bulls are leaving with the Second Echelon were given a wonderful party at Bulls Town Hall one night. They were given Air Force blue, khaki, and the pretty frocks of the Second Echelon. A picture of the hall. They were presented with gifts and the party was kept up till a late hour.

Farewell to Hutt

Members of the Hutt Valley Patriotic Committee and of the City of Wellington Entertainment Committee for the combined recently to hold a successful dance in the Lower Hutt R.S.A. clubrooms for men of the Second Echelon. The members of the committee, including Majesty's Armed Forces, were welcomed by the branch president, A. E. Pattinson, and his well wishes were cordially received by Mr. J. W. Andrews, the Lower Hutt, who was present. Mrs. Andrews to speak for the citizens of the Valley. Later in the evening the Hon. Walter Nash, with Mrs. Nash to pay his tribute to the volunteers of the district carrying on so well the fine tradition of service established in the N.Z.E.F. by their hosts a century ago.

Entertainment for

The Nelson men of the Second Echelon have been home leave and a very gay scene presented on March 28th, at the Record Hall, when the women's committee of the Territorial Association gave a dance for the men and their families. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and coloured lights, and the evening went on into the small hours of the morning. The men were given useful gifts by the National Reserve and the Territorial Association. They will send the Nelson Force equipment for the voyage.

Other Farewells

At Marton, Corporal E. Jones was the guest of honour at a farewell given by the Bible Society congregation of the Presbyterian Church. The executive of the Marton Ambulance entertained two returned soldiers, Corporal E. Jones and Private Turnbull, who are also leaving the Second Echelon. Mr. W. Jones was entertained by members of the Fire Brigade. All were given gifts.