

SECOND ECHELON PARADES IN WELLINGTON

Marching Thousands Line City Streets

MEN ADDRESSED IN GROUNDS OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Tens of thousands of people lined the city streets, as many six deep on sections of the route, to applaud 1900 of all ranks of the second echelon of the Second N.Z.E.F., whose official parade was held in Wellington on Saturday morning. The public gathering was larger than that which saw the parade of the first echelon, for an hour before the men were due to assemble in Parliament grounds thousands of people flocked into the city. Though there are days at holiday periods where there are extra large concentrations of traffic and pedestrians, the invasion of the city on Saturday was all within the space of little more than an hour, in contrast to other times, when it is spread over a whole day and night. With the vast crowds of Anzac Day only two days previously and Saturday's equally large gathering, it was a notable week in the story of Wellington, and an eloquent tribute to those who either fought for their country in the Great War or are about to do so now.

In his address to the troops the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, assured them that their interests would not be neglected; their dependents would be cared for and they themselves, on their return, would be reabsorbed into the community in a manner befitting the tasks they were undertaking and the sacrifices they were making.

The troops were also addressed by Governor-General, Lord Galway, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hamlin, the mayor of Wellington, Mr. G. A. E. Jackson, president of the Australian Capri Territory branch of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors' League of Australia and deputy-leader of the Australasian League of ex-servicemen to New Zealand on the occasion of the twenty-ninth anniversary of Anzac Day. The streets, offices, and business houses were lined fully to the mayor's appeal for their staffs the opportunity of joining the parade.

In the addresses a prayer was read by the Moderator of the Wellington Synagogue, the Rev. A. B. Kilroy. Most of the period occupied by the speeches, the men had to stand in the rain, without greatcoats and sheet capes, but they stood with true, soldierly bearing. At the end of the addresses, and for the first time in Wellington, the sun shined through the city.

The American custom of throwing confetti seemed to have taken hold in Wellington, and the troops were bombarded with confetti and streamers. Toward the end of the parade there was an incident, as some collected ribbons and streamers from the applauding thousands, while others mounted New Zealand flags on their rifles. The speeches, and in the presence of the commander of their ship, Governor-General decorated one of three petty officers of the Achilles, who were among those who rendered conspicuous service in the successful action with the Admiral

Graf Spee off the River Plate. His Excellency warmly congratulated the recipients and wished them long life, that they might enjoy the well-merited recognition of their service. Those invested were: Surgeon-Lieutenant C. G. Hunter, with the Distinguished Service Cross, and Chief Petty-Officer W. G. Boniface, Petty-Officer W. R. Hadon, and Petty-Officer A. Maycock, with the Distinguished Service Medal. It was not the first time that Wellington citizens had had the opportunity of applauding the men of the Achilles for their part in this stirring naval engagement, but the decoration of these officers was the signal for a great demonstration.

The officer commanding the parade was Colonel J. Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., V.D., and there were three group commanders, Lieut.-Colonel A. C. McKillop (19th Battalion, 27th Machine-Gun Battalion, 4-5th Army Transport Companies, First General Hospital and First Convalescent Depot); Lieut.-Colonel L. W. Andrew, V.C. (22nd (Wellington) Rifle Battalion), and Major G. M. McCaskill (Divisional Headquarters, Headquarters, Fifth and Sixth Infantry Brigades, Divisional Signals, Divisional Petrol Company, Fourth Reserve Motor Transport Company, Divisional Provost Company, Divisional Postal Unit, Base Post Office, Base Pay Office, Overseas Base, Base Depot and Second Echelon Band).

The groups were led by the Echelon Band, Pipes and Drums of the First Battalion (Wellington Regiment), and Artillery Band.

Nurses of the First General Hospital and a naval detachment, also paraded and were enthusiastically applauded by the crowds.

The route of march was lined by returned soldiers, territorials and cadets

excellent, and the groups of spectators who gathered found much to comment upon in their bearing and smartness.

Next in order came the Divisional Cavalry, the 7th Field Company, New Zealand Engineers, and the Forestry Company in their new battle dress. These units detrained at 10.5 and moved off, headed by the Papakura Camp Band.

Finally came the 21st (Auckland) Battalion, in charge of Lieutenant-Colonel N. Macky, officer commanding the parade. They were led off by the Band of 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment (C.R.O.).

Soldiers Hold Dance

A very bright evening was had recently by all those who attended the second dance run by the Fort Dorset Kute Boys, at the Rex Hall, Kilbirnie.

Good work was done by the committee in preparing the hall for the occasion, signalling and code flags being the prominent feature of the decorations. Two popular items were rendered by pupils of Miss Marjorie Newports, Jack Blake giving a clever exhibition of solo tap, and later boys and girls combined in presenting two ballets. The Embassy Orchestra played well throughout the evening and largely helped to make the dance such a success.

The committee comprising of Sgt. Dixon, L/Bdrs, Jenkins, McDonald, Gnr. A. Harris, R. Janes, H. Wilson, E. Fredric, G. Robertson and F. Mackie are to be congratulated on their effort and all wish them every success with their next dance which is to be held on May 11th next.

These dances are being run for the comforts of the Kute Boys' Hut. We feel sure that everyone will assist to make their evenings a success.

Among those present were: 2nd Lt. Aimers, 2nd Lt. J. Burnette, B.S.M. and Mrs. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Gnr. and Mrs. Harris, Misses Jenkins, Chudley, M. Leverstam, Mathews, P. Dean, J. Collie, M. Newport, J. Wilson, J. Turner, K. Russell, Sgt. Holden, L/Bdrs. Hendersen, Woodhouse, Atkinson, Gnr. Jowett, Admore, Gibson, Fitzpatrick, Barnett, Messrs. J. Blake, C. Cooper, B. Yeoman, R. Foster, N. Hood and many others.

Anzac Memories

General Freyberg's Message

The following cablegram was received by Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, commander of the First New Zealand Division, from Major-General B. C. Freyberg, commander of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, now in Egypt:

"Remembering with pride the magnificent exploits of the Anzacs on Gallipoli, the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force send you a message of affectionate regard on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the famous landing."

Sir Andrew Russell cabled the following reply to Major-General Freyberg:

"Your message much appreciated. Continue good work and do better still."

Hitler is said to be eating one meal a day as an example to the German public. Other reports say that the German public is eating one meal a day as an example to Goering.

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Troops Detrain

SPECTATORS GATHER

With precision the troops formed and marched off after arrival at the land railway station in three detachments, between 9.50 and 10.17. The first group to arrive consisted of the 7th Field Regiment, and the 7th Tank Regiment, New Zealand Army.

These units marched off, headed by the Artillery Band, with the Auckland Band following in front of the Tank men. Their marching was