

Everyman's Hut

and kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on,
The night is dark, and I am far from home . . ."

The first week-end in camp. Men gathered from one end of the Domain to the other—too soon to have formed friendships—too early to have formed the good-byes of home—a wet, stormy Sunday night, everyone to depress and make miserable, inside Everyman's Hut an atmosphere of comfort, warmth and cheery welcome. Gone are the well remembered faces of the seconds, their places taken by the thirds, who look very fresh and comfortable in the new barracks. Since the Hut reopened on Tuesday, the time has been well spent in breaking the ice, making contacts, etc., and preparing for Sunday evening, when the full activities are functioning. A packed house ready for the sing-song, which went with a swing, and as the men sang the old hymn "Lead kindly on" it seemed singularly appropriate to have these men taken the first step on a journey leading far from home and ending—where? The answer holds the answer, but we pray the time is not far distant when again they will see the "faces" which they have loved long but lost a while."

Taking from the well-known text at 3:16, Mr. Coppin, who is in command during the absence of Mr. Blair, took the opportunity of explaining, simply and plainly, the aims and aims of the work at the hut and pressing home to the men the necessity of assurance of peace and good as they go forth. During the evening, all stood and sang "Eternal, strong to save," this being a permanent feature of the Hut, as was the prayer for the men and their home. Mr. Coppin has established a small reputation with the iron and the hat—one might say is at "peak" production. Mr. Coppin was to have returned from home on Tuesday, but as we write news that his throat has given trouble and it will be towards the end of the week before he can return. We pray for a speedy recovery and a return to the work which is near his heart.

Now that we begin to understand each other, we look forward to the next as happy a time as we had the seconds, and again give a warm invitation to all the men to use of the facilities at the Hut.

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CAMP TRANSFERS. FROM NGARUAWAHIA.

Men who have been doing camp duty at Ngaruawahia have been transferred to the Third Echelon direct and will be drafted to units in Papakura camp as follows:—

R. A. Campbell, D. F. Coles, B. W. Greig, C. A. Greig, W. I. L. Mavitty, C. L. O'Malley, C. B. Rae, W. L. Rae, R. J. Rush, T. Spira.

FROM NARROW NECK.

From Narrow Neck camp the following have been drafted to Papakura camp and detailed to various units:—

J. M. Anderson, F. F. Antonelli, T. M. Archer, J. D. Arrol, G. H. Baker, H. R. Barratt, H. H. Bell, W. Bell, H. J. Blucher, W. M. D. Bremner, N. Carson, A. Cassrels, J. Caundle, K. B. Chapman, K. D. Corke, A. E. W. Crouch, A. Day, J. D. Dempsey, G. M. Drinnan, R. R. R. Fraider, A. Gray, W. A. Griffin, L. G. Handcock, S. Harvey, P. R. Hodge, R. H. Horsfall, M. D. Hughes, A. F. Johnson, H. Johnson, J. W. C. Johnstone, C. C. Jones, W. C. Josephs, J. W. Leslie, C. Lovell, K. Lovell, C. H. Luckings, J. S. MacGregor, S. L. McNaughton, A. J. McQuinlan, J. H. J. Mason, H. E. Matheson, E. Millis, C. J. Nicol, J. Pearson, J. W. Petty, C. Preston, H. F. G. Ready, T. K. Roberts, S. H. Sherson, J. T. Smith, B. Smith, M. J. Spence, M. W. Thomas, A. E. Thompson, J. White, R. L. Williams, H. L. Winter, T. Wood, W. C. Wynne, R. Yardley, I. M. Younger, F. W. Zealand.

N.Z. ARMY RUGBY 400 Footballs To Be Purchased

Recently steps have been taken by the National Patriotic Fund Board in co-operation with the New Zealand Rugby Union to provide footballs for use by the men of the Expeditionary Force overseas. At a meeting recently of the board approval was given to the purchase through the Rugby Union of 400 footballs for this purpose.

Another decision by the board in the interests of the New Zealand troops in Egypt was to purchase a public address system which will enable open-air concerts to be given and will obviate the necessity of the men having to congregate in one place. The suggestion in the first instance was made by the New Zealand Division of Signals, and the members of the board agreed that it was an excellent idea.

A grant of £525 was made for Air Force regimental funds in New Zealand.

Lord Galway presided over the meeting. Others present were Sir Robert Anderson, Mr. Perry, M.L.C., Mr. Coates, M.P., Messrs. B. C. Ashwin, L. O. H. Tripp, J. Paul and Tai Mitchell. Colonel J. Esson and Mr. Fagan, M.L.C., were unable to be present through illness, and Mr. W. Mulholland was prevented from attending because of a Farmers' Union engagement.

CHAPLAINS IN CAMP.

* The Rev. F. Gardner Brown, of the Dominion Road Methodist Church, has been selected to represent the Methodist Church as chaplain to the forces, third class (major) at Trentham camp. During his absence his pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. H. E. Harkness.

The Rev. J. W. McKenzie, Presbyterian minister at Epsom, has also been appointed a chaplain, third class, Trentham camp.

TROOPS DEPART

Draft For Papakura

MARCH IN WELLINGTON

About 190 recruits for the third echelon marched through Wellington on the 15th, from the drill hall by way of the main streets to the railway station, to entrain for Papakura Camp, Auckland.

The draft formed up in the drill hall at about two o'clock. About half wore uniform, the rest mufti with a red-and-white armband marked with a crown, to distinguish them from civilians on the railway stations and elsewhere along their route. There were several Maoris, reinforcements for the Maori Battalion; the remainder were recruits for the anti-tank regiment and the field artillery.

A crowd had assembled in Buckle Street, and the draft was given a good reception as it followed the band down Taranaki Street and Vivian Street. In Cuba Street the crowds along the way increased in numbers; shop girls and office workers streamed out to line the pavements as the military music heralded the approach of the marching men.

Those in uniform, feeling perhaps something of the inspiration of the service to which they now belong, marched smartly, but the men in mufti showed an inclination to straggle, and an occasional uncertainty in keeping step. However, the parade was an impressive one, and its significance was not lost to the spectators along the route, who gave the men a stirring send-off.

The crowds were densest at the junction of Lambton Quay and Willis Street, where the draft was given a rousing cheer.

The majority of friends and relatives of the recruits, as well as a large body of the general public, awaited their arrival at the railway station. The steps were crowded, and as the soldiers marched through a narrow lane between the onlookers into the crowded concourse, they exchanged greetings, handshakes, and even kisses, with friends who had come to say good-bye. Though the public were excluded from the troop-train platform, they lined the neighbouring one, and many of the soldiers, on falling out, climbed down on to the tracks to exchange final greetings.

After the train backed in to the platform, and another local train took up its position on the next set of tracks soldiers in the troop train were able to chat from their windows to friends who had swarmed aboard the suburban carriages, not due to depart till some time later.

There was a slight wait while the baggage of the draft was loaded, and then, with a final whistle, waving of hands and cheery shouts from platforms and windows, the men set out on the first stage of the adventure they have undertaken.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

FOURTH REINFORCEMENTS.

A short course for officers who have been appointed to the Fourth Reinforcements will be held at the District School, Narrow Neck, after which they will proceed to the Advanced Training Company at Trentham mobilisation camp, together with non-commissioned officers selected from units of the Second and Third Echelons. The selected officers are:—

Artillery.—Lieutenants H. R. Hume, R. A. Payne; Second-Lieutenants M. B. Trower, B. W. Brock, R. J. S. Rabone, A. E. Simpson, J. D. Carnahan, J. R. Foster, S. C. Hay.

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