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Lieut.-Col. F. W. Kemp

M.C., E.D., M.D., M.R.C.S (Eng.), L.R.C.P (Lond.), N.Z.M.C.

During the past twenty-five years Lieut-Colonel F W. Kemp, M.C., E.D., M.D., M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), N.Z.M.C., has rendered most valuable service, both in peace and war, to the Military Forces of this Dominion.

After a few months as Medical Officer at Trentham Military Camp, he sailed with the 8th Reinforcements on the "Willocra" towards the end of 1915 and served with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt until March of the following year when he was transferred to the 2nd Field Ambulance in France.

On 16/11/17 the following notice appeared in the London "Gazette":-

"Awarded the Military Cross. Captain Frederick William Kemp, Army Medical Corps. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was untiring in his efforts in attending the wounded, under heavy fire, during an attack. He worked without rest for seventy-two hours and set a magnificent example to all."

In July, 1918, after two and a half years' unbroken service on the Western Front, Captain Kemp was appointed M.O. at Walton on Thames in England for three months and then returned as D.A.D.M.S. to the N.Z. Division in France.

He arrived back in New Zealand on the "Remuera" early in May, 1919.

A short term on the Reserve of Officers was granted to enable this officer to return to private practice, but in one capacity or another he has given continuous service at Trentham Military Camp.

On 13th September, 1928, he was promoted to the rank of Major and appointed to command No. 2 Field Ambulance. December 14th, 1931, saw him gazetted to his present rank and some years later he was appointed A.D.M.S. at Army Headquarters. Lieut.-Colonel Kemp was appointed Principal Medical Offieer of Trentham Military Camp on the outbreak of the present war.

100,000 People Welcome the Achilles

Upwards of 100,000 people of all ages assembled in Queen Street and adjacent vantage points to greet Captain Parry and his men as they marched to a civic reception at the Town Hall, Auckland, on Friday last. As many said, "For once Auckland let itself go." Their greetings and cheers were not restricted to the Achilles's men, for the officers and ratings of other naval units, soldiers from Papakura, who are to fight for the Empire on land, men who are to wage war in the air, and officers, seamen and stewardesses of the mercantile marine who preceded them in the triumphal procession through the flag-decked street were equally acknowledged as valiant front-rankers in the fight.

The Achilles's immediate purpose in returning to Auckland is to refit after having spent 168 days at sea. Having given to-day public celebrations of a notable victory, her men may have a few days of well-earned shore leave before the cruiser moves over to Devonport dockyard and becomes once again a vessel whose movements must remain secret.

In her years on the New Zealand sure to be waiting on the dockyard Station the Achilles had entered the berth. Waitemata scores of times, slipping in quietly, as is the Navy's way. It was the same whether she had been steaming far out among the Pacific atolls or had merely carried out exercises in the Gulf. Her company never expected much public notice. It was enough for them that after a long

Six months ago, no officer or man in his widest dreams could have foreseen such a homecoming as that of last Friday, when, with sirens shrieking, flags fluttering, and aeroplanes circling overhead Auckland welcomed home the ship and metaphorically garlanded her with the laurels of victory. Even dearer to the hearts of the Achilles's For All Taxi Services

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