

# THE TENTH CONTINGENT.

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## DEPARTURE OF GISBORNE SECTION

There was no public ceremony in connection with the departure of the Gisborne section of the Tenth Contingent last evening, but a large crowd assembled on the wharf to give the men a hearty farewell. The troopers were marched to the wharf in charge of Majors McCredie and Winter, and these members of the Recruiting Board accompanied the contingenters out to the Te Anau. Several of the departing men had climbed the rigging of the steamer, and judging by their manner were evidently in the best of spirits. As the Waihi drew away from the wharf, three ringing cheers were given by the crowd for the Gisborne representatives, who responded in a vigorous manner to the compliment. The sheds on the wharf were lined with people, desiring to exchange a last farewell with the men. The short passage to the Te Anau was not made without several passengers being attacked with mal de mer, and two or three of the Tenth were observed to be keeping close to the side of the vessel. Arrived on the big steamer, the troopers were lined up, and were farewelled by Majors McCredie and Winter.

Major McCredie, addressing the men, stated that the duties of the Recruiting Board were at an end in regard to those selected, and they were handing over the charge of the Gisborne section to Sergeant-Major Johnstone, who would conduct them to the camp at Trentham. Before departing, he wished to say a few farewell words. Most of the Gisborne section were joining the ranks of the military for the first time, and he counselled them to observe discipline, no matter how rigid it might be. They should remember to obey, and not question the orders of those placed over them, and the speaker thought the intelligence, and he might say ability, which they had displayed in securing their positions was a guarantee that they would not fail in this respect. The colony was now sending a contingent to the Coronation of Victoria's son. On the other hand, the men were going to fight for him and his great Empire. They should let their hearts and minds be directed ever to that great flag of liberty and justice, and guard it well. They should also not forget to cherish the fair name which the colony's first contingents had made for New Zealand, and, if possible, add lustre to it. "Remember," said Major McCredie, "that golden deeds lead on to golden days, and that you may experience those golden days in your old homes is my earnest wish." The Major concluded by bidding the men farewell, expressing the hope that they would do their duty fearlessly.

Major Winter also spoke a few words of farewell to the men, and both officers shook hands with the members of the contingent, wishing them God-speed.

The troopers were then placed in charge of Sergeant-Major Gordon C. Johnstone until they reach Wellington. Sergeant-Major Johnstone joins the force at Trentham, as also Trooper Charles Parker, who goes as second assistant to the veterinary surgeon.

The selection of candidates was made on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-seven were provisionally chosen after the riding test. At the medical examination five were thrown out as being over the height or under the required chest measurement. As twenty-two men constituted Gisborne's quota, no further discrimination was necessary. The members of the Recruiting Board were thoroughly satisfied with the physique of the men selected, and they are certainly a fine lot of young men likely to do credit to the colony. With but one exception, they are all under thirty years of age. Following are particulars of the men finally chosen:—

William Bougen, aged 20, height 5.5, chest 36, weight 10.0, Gisborne.

Oliver Blowes, aged 22, height 5.9, chest 40½, weight 11.10, Maharahara East, Hawke's Bay.

William James Biggs, aged 25, height 5.8½, chest 38½, weight 11.8, resident of Hicks Street Lower Road, Deptford, London.

James Cunningham, aged 23, height 5.8½, chest 37, weight 10.6, Te Ara, Gisborne.

Christopher George Challis, aged 25, height 5.5½, chest 36½, weight 10.10, address Ropemaker street, London.

Joseph Dunn, aged 23, height 5.9, chest 39, weight 11.11, Temuka, South Canterbury.

Matthew Dwyer, aged 27, height 5.8½, chest 37, weight 11.4, Rangitiki, Wanganui.

Charles William Giles, aged 21, height 5.10, chest 37, weight 11.3, Hamilton East, Waikato.

Thomas Howell, aged 27, height 5.5, chest 39, weight 10.7, Gisborne.

William Moore Harvey, aged 23, height 5.7½, chest 37, weight 11.2, Dunlog, Mauchline, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Thomas Shaw Hamilton, aged 23, height 5.7, chest 37½, weight 10.13, Jumbunna, Victoria.

Richard Herbert Jones, aged 20, height 5.6½, chest 37, weight 10.6, Market street, Kington, Herefordshire, England.

William James Little, aged 20, height 5.8½, chest 36, weight 10.2, Kaiti, Gisborne.

Augustus Alfred Larsen, aged 25, height 5.7, chest 37½, weight 10.10, Palmerston North.

Robert McIvor, aged 25, height 5.7, chest 37½, weight 11.0, Waikari, Hawke's Bay.

Matthew Michael McGovern, aged 23, height 5.7, chest 38, weight 11.8, Hokitika, Westland.

Harry Martin, aged 23, height 5.8½, chest 38, weight 11.3, Whatatutu, Gisborne.

Robert Nicol, aged 33, height 5.4½, chest 37, weight 11.3, Papakura, Auckland.

William John Parker, aged 23, height 5.4½, chest 36½, weight 9.10, Whataupoko, Gisborne.

Charles Robson, aged 23, height 5.9½, chest 36½, weight 11.8, Te Kaha, Opotiki.

Edwin James Stephens, aged 28, height 5.8½, chest 36, weight 10.7, Gippsland, Victoria.

Thomas Tasker, aged 26, height 5.7½, chest 39, weight 11.0, Motueka, Nelson.

