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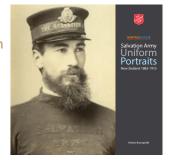
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► 'Ka mua, ka muri' - 'Looking back in order to move forward' - a Māori proverb. Here at the Heritage Centre & Archives it is important to us to keep the past alive, to maintain our people and territory's history. Our research only serves to highlight the achievements of those that have gone before us.

Just the other day I found an old "cabinet card" photograph of a female Salvationist, an officer in her uniform, from around the 1890s. It was in superb condition, sharp and crisp, as though it was taken just yesterday. For a brief moment I was taken back in time; imagining her preparing her uniform and hair prior to the portrait being taken, it must have been a special day for her. We shall never know who she was and how her life and service to The Salvation Army panned out - sadly there was no name on the back.

At Thought Matters on 28 March we will be launching the first edition of our new "Heritage Series" - "Uniform Portraits". This series will go out in the form of a journal and will be an extension of research projects undertaken at the Heritage Centre & Archives.



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## PRISON GATE BRIGADES

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Major James Barker arrived in Melbourne in 1882, appointed in charge of The Salvation Army's Australian operations. Noticing the high levels of recidivism by ex-prisoners, he established Melbourne's Prison Gate Brigade (PGB) to provide them with work and accommodation.



Addington single men's accommodation.

Addington Prison Gate Home 1898.

In 1883, on his way to begin the Army's work in New Zealand, Captain George Pollard visited Major Barker. By November 1884, a Prison Gate Brigade was established in Auckland, with a home in Upper Queen Street, run by Captain Albert and Mrs Sarah Burfoot. The local community widely supported its work with reports in *The Herald* and *The Catholic Times*, and *The War Cry*. In 1890 Governor Grey visited the Home, providing blankets.

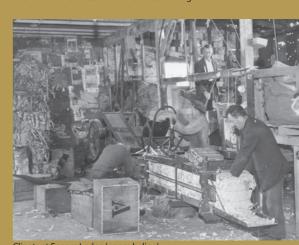


Auckland Men's Industrial Home, Auckland 1916

A farm was located in Panmure from 1891 – early 1900s and in 1887 a fishing boat was purchased. In 1897 the PGH moved to Margot St, Epsom. It continues today to provide Supportive Accommodation on this site. In Addington, Christchurch a PGH was established in 1896 and in Island Bay, Wellington from 1911 - 1912, and in Miramar in 1921. Work undertaken included market gardens,



Auckland men's industrial home - 'mat making



Clients at Epsom Lodge 'paper baling'

carpentry workshops, mat making and paper recycling.

In 1920, *The War*Cry refers to Prison

Gate Homes and

Women's Rescue

Homes as Industrial

Homes. By 1940

three Men's Industrial

Homes existed in

Auckland, Wellington

and Christchurch

and four Women's

Industrial Homes

were situated in

Auckland, Wellington,

Christchurch and

Dunedin.

## **OLD IDENTITIES OF 1933**

At the Jubilee Congress in Wellington

> 50 years after the commencement of The Salvation Army in New Zealand, the territory celebrated the milestone with Jubilee Congresses around the country. Wellington celebrated this event from Thursday 27 April to Monday 1 May 1933. Following are excerpts from *The War Cry* 6 May 1933 page 4.

On Saturday 29 April at 2.30pm in the Wellington Citadel a large number of old-timers gathered for an 'Old Identities' meeting. Under the presidency of Commissioner Cunningham they enjoyed two hours of testimony, reminiscences and early-day songs and choruses which revived many old memories and brought great blessing to all.

After the welcomes, the meeting was then given entirely to the old warriors who related fascinating insights of the early days | Mr Luke, an old friend of The Army recalled the occasion on which he laid a stone of the Citadel and related incidents of the coming of The Army to the city | Mr Martin, another old friend, told of stirring events in the old coach factory [Salvation Army Barracks located at what is now 99 Taranaki Street] | Envoy Buick announced that he had composed a new chorus – as it consisted only of the three words "I'm a Soldier" it was easily learnt by the audience and sung with enthusiasm | Sister Mrs Franklin of Petone soloed "The Day of Victory's Coming" | A timbrel Band of Sisters added to the interest | Speakers included Brigadier Newbold, Mrs Lt-Colonel Kirk and Major Hildreth | A testimony from a lady who said she was one of the original Little Soldiers | Envoy Colley, who



This photograph of the "Old Identies" appeared in The War Cry 13 May 1933 page 9.

opened the Wellington Corps in 1883, received a most hearty ovation. He told of the glorious days of yore and of the wonderful way in which the Spirit of God took hold of men and women, turning them from lives of sin and transforming them into fighters for God | In response to a request from the Commissioner, all those present who had been saved for forty years stood to their feet and together sang the Doxology [Praise God I'm Saved!].

# JUBILEE CONGRESS

To be conducted by

#### THE COMMISSIONER

Supported by Mrs. Cunningham, The Chief Secretary, The Field Secretary, N.H.Q. and D.H.Q. Staff and Officers from Central North and Wellington Divisions.

WELLINGTON-Thursday, April 27th to Tuesday, May 2nd.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 8 p.m.—OPENING OF JUBILEE CONGRESS and Welcome to Delegates—The Citadel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th, 7 to 10 p.m.—"EVENING OF PRAYER"
—The Citadel.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 2.30 p.m.—"OLD IDENTITIES' RE-UNION—The Citadel. 5.30 p.m.: JUBILEE PUBLIC TEA—The Town Hall. /8 p.m.: JUBILEE MUSICAL FESTIVAL—The Town Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th—11 a.m.: HOLINESS CONVENTION.
3 p.m.: LECTURE BY THE COMMISSIONER. (Chairman, His Worship the Mayor, T. C. A. Hislop, Esq.)
7 p.m.: SALVATION MEETING.—The Town Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 1st—3 p.m.: HOLINESS MEETING.—The Citadel. 7.30 p.m.: YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEMONSTRATION—The Town Hall.

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For the first congress in New Zealand, over Christmas 1883, a selection of *War Songs* was published and on the back were listed many of the officers serving in

OFFICERS AND STATIONS THE NEW ZEALAND DIVISION. ... Captain and Mrs. Bedingfield.
... Captain and Mrs. Edwards; Lieut Innes. DUNEDIN (187) Captain and Mrs. Smith; Lieut. Ford SOUTH DUNEDIN (6TH)... SYDENHAM (7TH) ... Captain and Mrs. White Captain Wedge ; Cadet Pattrick INVERCARGILL (97H) ... Captain and Mrs. Burfoot; Leut.
M'Millan.
PORT CHALMERS (107H) Eaptain and Mrs. Robinson; Lieut. NORTHERN DISTRICT. (STAFF-CAPTAIN VRIGHT IN CHARGE.) AUCKLAND (2ND) Captain and Mrs. Colley; Lieut Francis. Lieut. Moore, Cadet Condon. WELLINGTON (4TH) HEAD-QUARTERS Major and Mrs. POLLARD ; Captain

The back cover of the publication War Songs for the

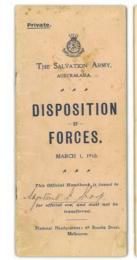
1883 Christmas Congress contained a list of officers

every officer serving.

that first year. A list of Australasian staff appeared in the booklet *The New Zealand Salvation War 1885*.
Appointments were gazetted regularly in *The War Cry*. A significant effort was made to make this information known,

The New Zealand Salvation War 1885 inside back cover.







The Salvation Army Australasian Disposition of Forces 1 March 1910.

and today it is a treasure trove of detail for tracking the movement of officers.

However It took almost 20 years for the Australasian
Territory to publish its first *Disposition of Forces* 1
March 1900. In the initial phases of The Salvation
Army 'down under' officer appointments in the field
were relatively short – many measured in a few weeks
or months. Publishing a disposition of forces during
this time would have been extremely difficult. After
New Zealand became its own territory in 1912 it
commenced publishing an annual *Disposition of Forces*.
Today it is regularly updated during the year.



28 January 1888 (page 2).
Gazetted lists of officer appointments were regularly included in *The War Cry* over the years. It sometimes included promotion of rank and even notices about weddings.

