

February 16, 1911. "The compulsory clauses of the Defence Act (universal training) will be brought into operation in March."

March 1, 1911. There was a reference to the Defence Act of 1909 providing for compulsory military training.

March 3. There was reference to those "who have been termed Volunteers." The companies were to be brought up to full strength with enrolments as from November 2, 1910. All who had not volunteered by March 31 were to be enrolled in the general training section. Meanwhile there was to be the "Annual Volunteer Excursion to Auckland" on March 25. March 27. It was "a great success, with a crowd of passengers on the Wakatere and a fine day."

April 17. "The Wakatere had 800 to 1,000 excursionists on Sunday night." (Easter).

May 23. The deadline for Territorial registration was June 2. Thames had 39 Territorials and 127 Senior Cadets. June 6. At the Thames centre Territorial registrations received were 329, with Senior Cadets 423.

June 12. Major-General Godley announced that there would be two local Territorial companies of 120 each, two of Senior Cadets of 120 each, and he hoped to see retained in Thames the Battalion Band of 25 members.

July 28, 1911. There was reference to the Band Rotunda as being useless, as it was seldom used and looking dilapidated. July 31. There was reference to the Band having to get permission of the Thames Borough Council each time it wished to use the Rotunda, and usually by the time it got it the weather was unfavourable.

August 6, 1912. Thames was experiencing prosperity.

November 16, 1912. There was a new boys' drum and fife band, under Bandmaster Clarke of the Battalion Band.

(There appeared to be less newspaper interest in military matters now Thames no longer had its own Volunteers.) (At least for the time being.)

The Thames Re-Union Booklet, printed by the Waikato Times, reprinted from the Waikato Times of February 17, 1913. An account of proceedings at Thames on the 15th, when visitors came by rail and other means, and particularly by the Wakatere with 1,000 on board. Thames had its welcoming Band. "As the ship drew close to the wharf, the soul-inspiring strains of 'Home, Sweet Home' were carried to them on the breeze." "....."Immediately this preliminary welcome had subsided, the Onehunga band, which was aboard, was heard to be playing 'Auld Lang Syne.'" "....."Headed by the two Bands, the visitors formed in procession and marched, between two living lines, to the reserve." (Victoria Park).

Reverting to Thames Star. March 5, 1913, re plans for a grand carnival 1917, after the success of the 1913 Re-Union. "There had been the Band with luncheon in the Park." Thames now had King's Theatre, Central Picture Palace and Oddfellows Hall, and the Waikato Times of 17 Feb. mentioned two picture theatres thrown open the night of the 15th for women and children, while the men had a smoke social. As well as the luncheon and the Band in Victoria Park earlier, there were also speeches reported at length.

April 29, 1913. The day before there was a reception, with the Band using the Rotunda, for the Governor, the Earl of Liverpool.

July 5, 1913. The local Territorials "resumed" parades at their respective halls throughout Hauraki, (Thames one limited space, Govt. asked for new one.)

July 10, 1913. The proposal of a military Band in Thames met with considerable enthusiasm. July 19. There was a grand military ball at King's Theatre by the Defence Corps of Thames.

August 9, 1913. A uniform fund was being collected for the boys' drum and fife band.