

FAIRLIE NEWS

A SEND OFF.

Private R. Wotton of the 18th Reinforcements did not get his final leave at the same time as his mates, as he had joined another arm of the service, the Army Service Corps. Consequently he missed the send off accorded to his companions nearly a fortnight ago. When he arrived by himself, however, a hastily arranged send off social was held in the Parish Hall in his honour. The attendance was not a large one, owing to the extremely short notice given, but the proceedings were marked by a good deal of enthusiasm. Dancing, cards and music filled in the evening, and the guest spent a most enjoyable time. Mr C. J. Talbot briefly addressed the gathering, and farewelled Private Wotton, with every good wish. His patriotic action in enlisting, though he had a wife and family, showed that his heart was in the game. He had several times displayed grit while in civilian life, and that courage would stand him in good stead at the front. Private R. Wotton was cheered, as were also the boys somewhere in France and elsewhere. The guest of the evening suitably replied, thanking his friends for their hospitality and appreciation. Refreshments were handed round by members of the Ladies' Patriotic Committee. Music was provided by Messrs H. Foden (piano), Ormandy (cornet), and Braddick (violin). The Rev H. O. Hanby contributed musical items, and Mr C. Boulter acted as M.C. Private Wotton earlier in the evening had been given a farewell social by his fellow members of the Fire Brigade, and an enjoyable hour had been spent in song and story.