

# FAREWELL TO PRIVATE NAUGHTON.

## PRESENTATION AT TYCHO.

One of the most successful socials ever held at Tycho was held in the schoolroom on Thursday evening, the occasion being a send-off to Private John Naughton. The schoolroom was packed, visitors being present from all the surrounding districts. Dancing was started at 8 o'clock, the grand march being led off by Private Naughton and Miss M. Daley. Dancing was kept going until 10.30 p.m. when supper was handed round.

Mr J. Armstrong (chairman of the school committee) stated the objects of the meeting and in a few remarks said how sorry they all were to lose such a true friend as Private Naughton.

Mr R. J. McKeown said he was very pleased to be present to help to farewell Private Naughton, who had been in his employ for fourteen years. Private Naughton should feel very proud that evening when he looked round the room and saw such a large gathering, every home in the district being represented. It showed clearly the respect and esteem in which he was held. Private Naughton had always attended their social gatherings and he would be greatly missed. It was certain that he would stand shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the brave fellows who had left the district, and help to uphold the good name that they had earned. He wished the departing soldier a pleasant voyage to the front, and a safe return. (Applause.)

Mr D. O'Sullivan said he was also pleased to be there that evening as Private Naughton was one of the most popular young men of the district. He wished him God Speed and a safe return.

Mr Morrison, in making the presentation, said he could heartily endorse the remarks of the chairman and Mr McKeown. More especially did he wish to endorse the remarks referring to the valuable assistance Private Naughton had rendered at social functions both in connection with the school and for patriotic purposes. Private Naughton had all his life been a hard working, plodding and industrious man. They all knew the great sacrifice he was making in leaving his all to go and fight for King and country, and they all hoped that the war would be over before Private Naughton reached the front: but if not, they knew that he would carry out his duties in the same manly way at the front as he had done in that and other districts. He had much pleasure in asking his acceptance of a set of military brushes, which carried with them their very best wishes for his future welfare. (Applause.)

Private Naughton in replying, thanked the residents of Tycho for the hearty send-off they had given him that night, for the kind words they had said of him and for their most useful present, which would serve to remind him when at the front of his many kind friends at Tycho. He was going away to fight, and they could rest assured that he would do his best. (Applause.)

Dancing was again resumed, and kept going until 2 a.m., when the gathering broke up, with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Excellent dance music was supplied by Mrs E. Davidson of Timaru, Mrs L. K. Smith, and Mr S. Jones. Bagpipe music was supplied for the scotch dances by Piper W. Bain, of Tycho. Private J. Naughton and Mr F. Biggs carried out the duties of M.C. to the satisfaction of all. Miss Betty Biggs and Miss Davidson played the accompaniments. An excellent supply of refreshments was supplied by Mr J. Hutchison of Timaru.