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## ROLL OF HONOUR

Some time ago Mrs T. Harnett, Fairlie, received word that her son, Joseph Wade, was seriously wounded while taking part in the Messines battle. She has now received further particulars from her son who is in hospital in France and is progressing favourably. He underwent a very severe trial, having both legs smashed with shell, one leg having to be amputated, while the other was broken in two places. It was thought that he would have to lose both legs, but the skill of the surgeons attending him made the remaining leg sufficiently strong for him to use crutches. He is shortly to embark for England to have an artificial leg fitted. Mrs Harnett hopes that he will return home safely in due course. Mrs Harnett has two other sons in the firing line. William, who went away with the Australian Forces, and Edward, who enlisted with the 19th Reinforcements. They are both in France.

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### **SOLDIERS' SOCIAL.**

On Friday evening the Public Hall was crowded on the occasion of a welcome home social tendered by the Patriotic Social Committee to a number of returned men. These socials were put a stop to in the beginning of November when the influenza epidemic visited the locality. They have now been resumed and the first social on Friday evening was one of the most successful yet held. As usual the hall was prettily decorated in patriotic colours, and all the arrangements were first class. Notwithstanding the rain and the wet state of the roads the attendance was very large, and the proceedings were characterised by much heartiness and enthusiasm. During the evening the soldiers paraded on the stage and were accorded a rousing reception. They included Sergeants Bryce Wright and John Dore, Rifleman Joe Wade, Privates B. Robertson, B. S. M. Slow, J. Coyle, V. Symes, H. Ross, A. Hanifin. A speech of welcome and congratulation was delivered by Mr C. J. Talbot, and Sergeant Bryce Wright in an interesting address suitably thanked those present for the cordial reception extended to himself and his comrades. Resounding cheers were given again and again for the soldiers, and before they left the stage they were given musical honours. Songs were sung by Misses Collier, R. McKinnon, Miller and Hudson, and Mr Davie. Miss Johnston gave a recitation and was encored, as were all the other performers. Mrs Wright played the accompaniments and also provided much of the dance music in company with Mr Ormandy (cornet). Extras were played by Misses Hanifin, Bray and others, and Mr C. Boulter had charge of the floor. The Ladies' Committee attended to the supper arrangements and provided refreshments for the large crowd in an efficient manner. The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem and with cheers for soldiers at home and abroad. Prior to the commencement of the social the Fairlie Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr D. S. L. Keay, played a number of patriotic airs in front of the hall.

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## **FAIRLIE NOTES**

### **WELCOME HOME.**

A number of soldiers have returned, during the past few weeks, and they have all been accorded a welcome at the station as they arrived, and a public reception at a social afterwards. Among those so honoured are Sergeants Dore and Wright, Rifleman J. Wade, Privates Symes, R. Slow, B. Robertson, J. Coyle, and several visiting soldiers. At these receptions at the station the Pipe Band has been in evidence and a Brass Band has now been started for patriotic purposes. It had its inception at the celebrations in connection with the signing of the armistice, and under the leadership of Mr D. S. L. Keay intends to continue the good work that it then commenced. On Monday night a large crowd gathered at the railway station to welcome home Trooper Robert Shute, of Kimbell, who had just arrived on the Wiltshire. . . . .