

WELCOME HOME AT TYCHO.

TO PRIVATE JAS. O'BOYLE.

A very pleasant social was held in the Tycho school on Friday evening last, when the people of the district gathered to welcome home Private James O'Boyle, who recently returned from active seervice. The guest of the evening being a very popular young man, the schoolroom was taxed to its utmost. Dancing was started at 8.30, the grand march being led off by Miss Daley and Private O'Boyle. During the evening excellent songs were rendered by the following, each of whom had to respond to an encore:—Miss Wilson, Miss M. Davidson (Timaru), Miss McLeod (Gaelic song). Miss Davidson gave a whistling solo in good style. Songs were also rendered by Messrs Roland Chute and C. Harcastle, each of whom had to respond to an encore. At 10.30 an excellent supper, which was supplied by the ladies of the district, was handed round, and was done ample justice to.

Supper over, Mr J. Armstrong (chairman of the Tycho Patriotic Committee) stated the object of the gathering, and said how pleased they were to see Private O'Boyle back with them. They were sorry to see, however, that he had come home wounded. Messrs R. J. McKeown, D. O'Sullivan, James McLeod, and W. A. Morrison also welcomed home the returned soldier.

Mr Morrison then presented Private O'Boyle with a gold medal and Maltese cross, which bore the inscription:—"To Private James O'Boyle from Tycho friends—on his return from active service. 12-1-18." Mr Morrison referred to the good qualities of the guest of the evening and hoped he would soon be restored to health and strength.

Private O'Boyle, on rising to respond, was greeted with rounds of applause. He said he was pleased to be back with them again, and had to thank them for the many kind things said that evening of him, and for the medal which would serve to remind him of what he had gone through and of his kind friends at Tycho.

Dancing was resumed and kept going until the small hours of Saturday morning.

Miss Davidson played the accompaniments for the singers, and excellent dance music was supplied by her. Mrs L. G. Smith played two extras. Mr Tom Daley carried out the duties of M.C. in a most efficient manner.