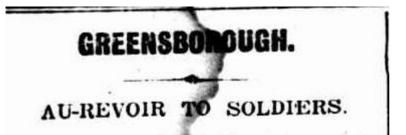
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A most enthusiastic gathering of Greensborough residents assembled on Friday night last, filling, the large local Rechapite Hall to its utmost capacity, the occasion being a farewell to fifteen newly-enlisted soluers of the district. Cr. A. H. Price presided.

The hall was artistically decorated with foliage, patriotic mottos and nags, prominence also being given to the local football colors. The proceedings were opened by the entire assemblage rising and singing the National Anthem, the returned soldiers and recruits standing at the salute.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, viz., to bid of the local lads adieu to fifteen responded to who had voluntarily At the recent anthe nation's call. nual meeting of the Greensborough football club, it was mentioned that several of the players had enlisted, and it was suggested that a send-off be given them. As a result the ladies of Greensborough particularly, and the residents generally, entered heartily into the idea and generously responded with cash and provisions. It was most gratifying to see so many met to do honor to our guests; and at the same time he would like to remind the relatives and friends of the lads who had previously gone, that, although their send-off had been a more quiet ofalthough their

send-off had been a more quiet affair, the lads were none the less thought of. (Hear, hear.) The fact that they had realised their responsibility and had responded at once and possibly were now in the actual oattle line ensured them the warmest place in our hearts. (Applause).

Private Chappell, one of the recruits, addressing the meeting, said: Speaking on behalf of the boys who were going, he could assure those present they would endeavor to give a good account of themselves. and he could assure the parents and friends that their homes and associations would never be forgotten. They would go to do their duty buoyed up with the knowledge of the good wishes of those left behind. (Applause).

A splendid programme of songs, etc., was then rendered by Misses williams, Bowden. Goldunch and others, and Private J. Rouinson, a member of the football club, and one of the recruits. The comic element was supplied by Messrs F. Champion and Wallace, a farce, entitled "The Ghost," fairly convuising the audience. Mr. Champion also gave a stump speech and other items in his own imitative mirth-provoking manner. Mrs. Brown ably presided at the piano, and during the interval played patriotic songs, accompanied by justy singing by the young people.

The Presentations.

The following presentations were then made on benali of the residents of Greensborough, the recipients being subjected to a lot of good-natured chair by the audience, inter-

tured chair by the audience, interspensed with football stogan :- Pte. Ely, Ptc. Splatt, Ptc. Chanter, Ptc. Purceli, Pte. J. Poulter, Pte, Curry, Pie. Smith, Pie. Dawson, Pie. E. Clayton, (wristiet watch each); Pte. McDowell, Pie. Poulter, Pie. Robinson, 1-te. Chappell, (safety razor each); Pie C. Clayton, (fountain pen and collapsible cup); Pte. McLeidh, (watch), already sailed. Lach recruit received, in addition, a parcer of handwerchiefs from the ladies OI Greensporough, also a pair of knitted woolien sox (donated by Mrs Allan, president of the Greensborough Ked Cross Society).

Refreshments were then handed round by a large staff of lady helpers, the guests of the evening being nonoured by being seated at a welispread table on the platform. Intough some misunderstanding number of returned soldiers were not honoared with a seat at the table, but were accommodated with a scat in front, this being the only regrettable incident connected with an otherwise most enjoyable and prefeetly managed function.

After full justice had been done to an ample supply of good things, Private Cyrit Elliott, on behalf of himself and comrades, thanked all concerned for the good things said, the good useful presents, and the good things to cat. (Laughter). He was born in Greensborough, as were several of his comrades, and they would never forget the old place. (Applause).

Corporal Molyneaux, on behalf of the visiting returned soldiers, thanked the people of Greensborough for the kind reception accorded them.

Mr. Stanton moved a vote of thanks to the chairman in a very eulogistic speech. The mover stated that on this as on every other occasion, Cr. Price had started the movement with a most generous donation and was always to be relied apon to forward anything to benefit the township. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Ehrenstrom supported the motion with a few suitable remarks.

The motion was carried by acclamation, the entire audience rising and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Price feelingly acknowledged the expression of goodwill, stating that he wished to further emphasise the fact that the success of the meeting was chiefly due to the enthusiasm of the ladies of Greensborough. On behalf of all concerned he hoped that the boys might have an opportunity to show the stuff they were made of and he sincerely wished them a safe return. (Cheers),

Enlistments.

The Greensborough Roll of Honor contains the following names to date, all of whom have been residents of Greensborough, and, with few exceptions, have enlisted from here :- D. Whittingham, C. Whittingham, J. Ackrand, C. Anderson, P. Anderson, V. Thomas, H. Turner, G. Huffer, G. Campbell, A. Whitlock, P. Killen, R. Davey, G. Jones, D. Medhurst, H. Abbott, G. Mclvor, M. Kennedy, R. Austin, A. Dincen, T. Currie, M. Coghlan, J. Purcell, Jas. Poulter, John Poulter, V. Splatt, R. Mc-Dowall, F. Chanter, F. Elv. T. Dowall, F. Chanter, F. Ely, T. Chappell, F. Smith, R. Sims, J. Sharp, C. Dawson, C. Clayton, C. Clayton, P. Whittingham, C. Elliott.