

## Presentations to Soldiers.

(By our Correspondent.)

A send-off organised by the Greensborough recruiting committee was held in the Rechabite hall on Friday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags of the Allies, kindly lent by Allan and Co, music warehouse.

Twelve young fellows from Greensborough have responded to the Empire's call. Three are at the front, viz., R. Bosch and two sons of Mr. Whittingham (chairman). Three other young men, G. Hughes, G. McIvor and M. Coghlan (ex-captain of the local football team) were unable to obtain leave of absence, and the remaining six, L. E. Whittingham, D. J. Medhurst, A. W. Dincep, H. Turner, R. Davey and A. G. Abbott, were the guests of the evening.

The programme consisted of musical items and recitations, effectively rendered by Mrs. Clarke, Misses E. Elliott, West, Beattie, Messrs Whittingham, Barrett, and Master Walcott.

The Rev. Stanley Wells (Anglican) and Rev. L. E. Bennett, M.A., (Methodist), also occupied the platform, and delivered stirring patriotic addresses, eulogising the courage and patriotism of the young men of Greensborough, present and absent, who had responded to duty's call. Both of the speakers made reference to the fact that the brave young fellows about to leave would do so followed by the respect, good wishes and prayers of their townspeople and the community at large, and it was to be hoped that they would be permitted to strike valiant blows for freedom and justice, returning safely after helping to bring about a new era of peace and righteousness. The entire assembly then rose and sang "God Save our Splendid Men." The chairman then made the presentation with appropriate remarks, each soldier receiving a fountain pen and a pair of woollen socks donated by Mrs. Allen.

After a substantial supper, provided by the ladies of Greensborough, had been done ample justice to, dancing was indulged in by the younger portion of the company till the wee sma' hours and the National Anthem, heartily sung, brought a most enjoyable function to a close.

The following Greensborough lads enlisted earlier in the war, and are now on active service:—Clifton Anderson, Phil Anderson, Vivian Tho-

mas, George Jones, Robert Campbell, Max Kennedy and V. Sharp.