

SOLDIERS' SOCIALS.

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TALLANGATTA VALLEY.

A welcome home was tendered to Corporal Edward Boyce in the Valley Hall on Saturday evening last. Corporal Boyce returned from the front after an absence of nearly three years.

Mr. John Campbell, in opening the proceedings, extended a hearty welcome to Corporal Boyce. He said they were all pleased to see him back amongst them once more, and, hoped that he would soon be fully restored to health.

On rising to respond, Corporal Boyce was heartily cheered. In the course of his remarks, he said he was indeed glad to be home in Australia again. He felt that he had been honored in having the privilege of fighting for this land, so dear to us all. He spoke of how greatly the boys appreciated the comforts sent by the Australian Red Cross, and, on behalf of the boys and himself, he thanked the ladies for their work, and also advised them to continue their good work. His closing words were—"You can't send too many cigarettes or too much tobacco; but anything at all, so long as it is Australian, is greatly appreciated."

During the evening musical items were given by Misses A. and L. Hunter, Miss E. Kirk and Mr. S. J. Smith. Between the musical items dancing was indulged in, music being supplied by Misses L. and A. Hunter, Miss Kirk, Mrs. B. Nichol and Mr. D. Toohey.

Supper was served by the ladies, and at the close of the evening all joined in singing the National Anthem.

On the stage with Corporal Boyce was Private J. Hibberson, who has lately returned to Tallangatta. The company extended a hearty welcome to him also.
