

## At Gerringong.

### TWO RECRUITS.

At Gerringong the town was on fete to welcome and the cheers resounded again. They were met at the Council Chambers by the Mayor (Ald. T. A. Noble), Ald. T. Moffitt, secretary Recruiting Association and by the president of that body, Mr. G. Johnston. At night the Gerringong ladies provided a beautiful poultry dinner with vegetables and sweets as adjuncts to which was done ample justice, despite the good lunch at Cooljooa, given by the residents of that locality. Foxground and Broughton Village.

Dinner was served punctually at 6 p.m., the Mayor (Ald. T. A. Noble) presiding, having beside him Capt. Blow, Lieut. Hordern, Capt. J. Sharpe, Superintendent Anderson (organising secretary of the march) Mr. G. M. Burns, M.H.R., and Mr. Murray (secretary of the Recruiting Association).

The tables cleared, an entertainment was held, with the 37th Infantry band from Kiama, in attendance.

The Mayor warmly welcomed the "Waratahs" to Gerringong.

Mr. G. M. Burns who briefly addressed the gathering, made a strong appeal to the men on the temperance side of the question beseeching them to avoid the many temptations to be met with in such cities as Sydney, Cairo, &c.

Capt. Blow also made a stirring appeal to the eligible men of Gerringong to join his little army. This being his native place he was particularly desirous of some recruits joining from Gerringong.

Lieut. Hordern also addressed the gathering.

Two recruits joined in the march next morning—Messrs. M. and J. Hanrahan, and three others last week enlisted but would not wait for it).

Mr. G. S. Johnson warmly thanked the Kiama band for responding so generously by coming out to make the gathering such a success. He also thanked the Gerringong ladies for the splendid way in which they had worked and looked after the welfare of the "Waratahs."

A musical programme was then rendered, items being given by the band, Miss Johnston, Miss Burke (a beautification in the form of an appeal for recruits), and Messrs. Caltman, Neenan (Kiama) and Alcorn (Berry). The entertainment was brought to a close with an enjoyable dance for about two hours.

Punctually at 8 o'clock next morning the ladies served up breakfast at the School of Arts, where the men had camped for the night. The provisions were so plentifully supplied that there was sufficient to load each man up with a parcel in case he "felt faint by the way."

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At 11 o'clock the "Waratahs" continued their march towards Kiama, a large crowd of people and the school children following them with flags and singing as far as Omega, when they left them with every good wish for their success, and a safe return.

Mr. T. Bergin's motor car was kindly placed at the disposal of the welcoming committee, a concession much appreciated.