

## PATRIOTIC

Recruiting Sergt. Sam Dalley has gone on the land.

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During the week two recruits have entered up at Wollongong, Septimus Jones and Leonard Burns.

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Private Frank Parkinson arrived home to Wollongong this week. He had had an attack of trench fever.

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Pte. Guido Weber, son of Mr. C. Weber, Fernhill, is back from France, after an absence of 18 months. There is some rough in the service, he says, but taking the smooth with it, it's not bad at all. He got some shell splinters when in a missing man's place. Re present situation, he says it does not worry him in the least; the Germans have absolutely no hope of breaking through. The morale of Fritz, he says, is not up to much; he is very ready to throw up his hands. As long as our men are kept in food and munitions, there is nothing to fear.

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Members of the Wollongong Company Boy Scouts who have won medals are, W. Fisher, F. Wiseman, and Des Byron, former a gold one, two latter silver. These will be presented at an early date. On Saturday the company fall in at 1.30 p.m.; on Monday fall in at 11 a.m. and leave by 11.10 train from Wollongong for Lake Camp.

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The brothers, G. and H. Hicks, sons of the late Henry Hicks, of Thirroul, and brothers of Mr. Alex. Hicks, Balgownie, left this country in November, 1914, for the war, and are still on duty. They have made good progress, George being now a captain in the Light Horse in Palestine, and also Adjutant. Henry has also attained the rank of Captain, and is in Belgium. Both of them served in the Boer War.

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#### Red Cross Day.

The hon. sec., Miss Campbell, writes:

The Red Cross "drive" in Sydney has caught on in a wonderful manner, and promises to be a record in patriotic effort. The "drive" has now reached Wollongong. Every house will be visited by authorised collectors, who will carry with them the Red Cross House Badge, which can be purchased for the sum of 5/. This amount may be donated by one member of a household or shop or several members may subscribe it among them. The badge bears a large Red Cross and a facsimile of the signature of Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, the president of the Australian Red Cross Society. Orders may be given to the collectors for buttons of the value of 1s, 2/6, 10s, or £1. These will be available in about 10 days.

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