

## **Personal Items.**

**Capt. Margolin, well known in business circles on the Murchison, before he removed to Collie, is doing good work at the front. According to a letter recently received at Collie Capt. Margolin had to take charge of the men when his senior officer was killed, and he behaved splendidly. He gave his orders clearly and kept the men going. He would not leave the trenches after they had taken them and was shot through the arm. I believe, says the writer, "he was in the act of opening a tin of dog and the bullet hit the tin and went through his arm. Whilst Dr. (Capt) McGregor was dressing the wound he also got shot—there is no respect the Red Cross here. They are the first picked out."**

**Mr. J. Creeper, of the Police Department, has received a telegram stating that his son, Private H. Creeper, has been disembarked from a hospital ship at Malta slightly ill on July**

ship at Malta, slightly ill, on July 9th. Private Creeper, who was formerly on duty at the Wireless Station, volunteered at Geraldton, and was attached to the machine gun section of the Light Horse. He had been in the firing line since May 9.

Colonel Bruche, the State Commandant, visited Geraldton yesterday in connection with the arrangements for facilitating recruiting in Geraldton and district. He returned to Perth to-day.

On Tuesday, we published a letter from Bugler Fred Ashton, who is a prisoner in the hands of the Turks, and who mentioned that his comrade in captivity was Reg Lushington, also of W.A. Colonel Bruche, who was in Geraldton yesterday, saw the letter, and told us it gave the news they had been looking for for some time without success. It was suspected that Lushington was a prisoner, but though the authorities had made every inquiry they had been unable to gain any information Lus-

unable to gain any information Lushington's mother, who lives in India (Lushington is reported to be able to speak Hindustani fluently) had cabled asking if anything had been heard of him, and they had been unable to give her any news, but the publication of Bugler Ashton's letter in the "Guardian" would enable them to tell her that he was alive and safe on April 28th, and to make further inquiries respecting him.

Mr W. McKenzie Grant has accepted the position of judge of thoroughbreds, ponies, &c, and horses in action at the Royal Horse Parade at Perth on Friday and Saturday, July 30th and 31st.

Mrs G. A. Kempton, who returned last week from a holiday in the Eastern States, was given a pleasant little surprise on arriving home, several of her lady friends presenting her with a silver salver.