

Kilroo

Welcome Home.

The Kilroo Red Cross branch, recently entertained their first P.O.W. Dvr Arnold Berg who has been in Japanese hands for 3½ years. The school room was beautifully decorated with fresh flowers from school garden and local gardens. The school children formed a guard of honour, holding a garland of flowers and a flag each. The two elder boys Frank Traeger and Desmond Macgowan held a Welcome Home banner at the head of the guard. The guest was escorted to the dias by Mrs A G Burton the president of the Red Cross branch where his parents, sister W.R.A.N. Hilda Berg, and younger brother Ron were waiting to receive him. Mrs Berg was presented with a bouquet by Mrs G Frick and a shoulder spray by Mrs Kobel. Speeches of welcome were given by local residents expressing their pleasure at seeing Arnold looking so

fit and well, after his grueling experience. After the 2 minutes silence in honor of the fallen H A Traeger ex-R.A.A.F. returned, recited Byron's lines, 'We shall remember them' on behalf of the Darke's Peak branch of the R.S.L. of which he and the guest are members. Dancing was indulged in till the small hours of the morning to music supplied by Mesdames Traeger, Kobelt Wickstein and Miss Frick. Mr Ray Burton carried out the duties of M.C. in his usual jovial style. A monetary gift was handed to the guest by the M.C. from all present, expressing a wish that he buy a memento of the evening. In responding Dvr Berg thanked everyone for coming along and expressing goodwill on his safe return. He also mentioned the pleasure it gave him to see the guard of honour formed by the school children of the school in which he was an original scholar at its opening in 1932. He also expressed thanks on behalf of himself and his coppers of the 8th division for the wonderful work done by the Red Cross, although he never received much while a P.O.W. at Campi Camp. he has received his

Changi Camp, he has received his share since liberation. After a sumptuous supper provided by the ladies the singing of "God Save the King" and "For he's a jolly good Fellow" ended one of the happiest socials held at Kilroo for some time.