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LONGREACH, December 28.

The largest contingent so far for the expeditionary force left by the mail train this morning. They were :—Ernest Warr, Sidney Kennedy, James Gretchinsky, J. B. Ghest, W. L. Marks, A. E. Slader, T. Machine, E. B. Clark, H. J. Kellett, R. S. Sword, J. W. M'Nally, W. D. Gorman, E. J. Pearce, E. G. Jarrett, P. Murphy, W. Bennett, and J. L. Woodall. The first three are joining the infantry and the rest are light horsemen. Gretchinsky is a Russian sub-lieutenant. He saw active service in the Russo-Japanese war. Ghest was five years in the Naval Brigade in Sydney. The volunteers represent every state except Western Australia. They are a very fine lot of men. More are going later on in the week. Dr. Sale, of Wecumbah, also left and will go with the Army Medical Corps, if possible, and if not with either the infantry or light horse.