

FRITZ ON THE RUN.

Writing to his father from a hospital in France, under date 20th August, Corporal Emil A. Tardent says: "Here I am in bed with a machine gun bullet in my right hip. It is a war souvenir I gathered in that great and glorious battle, which commenced on the 8th August, and is still proceeding. We got Fritz on the run on the first day, and have kept him hopping ever since. After the first day the battle developed into open warfare. The boys were just splendid, steady as a rock, fighting with determination, but throwing away no chances, and keeping wide of traps set by the crafty Hun. I candidly admit that it gave me grim satisfaction to be getting a bit of my own back on Fritz. As a fighter, I consider Fritz up to par. He is only a long range fighter. When you get closer to him, he runs for his life, and will not face either bomb or bayonet. When you capture him, he cringes and crawls, and whines enough to make a man sick. I met my brother Jules when I was being carried away from the firing line. He was all right and still going strong. My wound is healing well, and I hope to take part in another battle yet, before the winter sets in."

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.— A meeting of the Mangaroo Point Branch of the National party was held in the Kangaroo Point School of Arts on Friday evening. Mr. W. C. Reading (general secretary and organiser of the National Democratic party) explained the steps that are being taken towards Nationalist unity. The name and constitution of the National Democratic party was approved and adopted, and delegates appointed to represent the branch on the State Electorate Committee and on the Central Council.