

Returning Soldiers

THREE RECEIVE WELCOME.

Three soldiers, Corporal T. H. Buttery, Pte. A. Voitkun and Tpr. W. H. Clerke, returned to Port Pirie from active service yesterday. They were accorded a hearty welcome at Solomontown, where the usual decorations of the railway station were carried out elaborately.

The school drum and fife band has made its re-appearance, adding much to the heartiness of the welcome. Mr. Charlesworth was in charge of the arrangements. The three returned men were motored to the Town Hall, where they were cordially received by the assembled crowd, including representatives of the various patriotic associations. They were then motored home. The cars were supplied and driven by Messrs. R. T. Lawry and H. Osborne.

Corporal T. H. Buttery, 3rd Field Ambulance Division, is an Anzac, and has been on service four years and eight months. He returns with the rare experience of not having been once wounded. About two years ago he came back to Australia on duty, but returned to the front after a brief stay.

Private A. Voitkun is a married man. His wife lives at Ellendale. He has been away three and a quarter years, but had been a prisoner of war in Germany since 1916. He stated briefly yesterday that his experience as a prisoner of war was rough.

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Trooper W. H. Clerke, Mobile Veterinary section, is a son of Mrs. T. E. Wallis, of Waterworks Town. Trooper Clerke has been on active service for three years and was wounded on one occasion.