BRANXTON. A farewell social was tendered to Private Reg Maher on December 23. Maher was presented with a fountain pen and pocket wallet, accompanied by good wishes for his safe return. The hall was then cleared and

dancing was indulged in till midnight.

The following goods were forwarded by the local branch of the Red Cross to the depot during the past week:—24 cakes soap, 5 pairs pyjamas, 2 shirts, 17 tooth-brushes, 12 nail brushes, pair sox, 6 sweaters, 6 woollen rugs, 4 pairs flannel underpants, doz. tins tooth paste, 6 tins of cig-arettes, 12 Cardigan jackets.