

# MYSTERY OF PRIVATE C.G. COOMBE'S LEFT ARM WOUND

The Daily Telegraph (Launceston) reported in its 'Personal' column on Wednesday, August 18, 1915 the mystery surrounding the return on HMAT A70 Ballarat of 198 Private Clarence George Coombe of Campbell Town suffering from a wrist wound. He had previously been recorded at Gallipoli, and subsequently listed, as suffering from rheumatism. One report in the Hobart Mercury on 6 August 1915 did list Private Coombe as suffering from a lacerated elbow, however all other newspaper reports, and his service record, indicated he was invalided due to rheumatism.

The news of the arrival of Private C. G. Coombe to Launceston came as a great surprise to his parents and the people of Campbell Town (writes our correspondent). When last heard of Private Coombe was an inmate of an hospital in Egypt, suffering from an illness. It appears that Private Coombe is wounded in the wrist, and his parents are much surprised, it being the first they have heard of it. The townspeople are all eager to welcome Private Coombe back again, and they one and all trust that the hurt will soon be better. A telephone message on Monday said that Private Coombe will be detained in Launceston for a day or more.



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Wounded soldiers: Privates C.G. Coombe (seated) and C.W.T. Street following their return to Tasmania.  
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