

Soldier Given Presentation.

On Monday evening, last, members of the Morwell-Maryvale Band, and a number of friends, tendered a social evening to Sapper Gordon Budge, in the Morwell Fire Station.

In making Sapper Budge a presentation of a waterproof compact the President of the Band (Mr P. Brittingham) said, Gordon had been one of the best members the band had had and was a regular attendant. He congratulated him on the step he had taken and could assure him the band would give him a right royal welcome when he came back from the war. He wished him the best of luck.

Cr. A. W. Ronald said Sapper Budge had been a good citizen and a good bandsman. He (Cr. Ronald) had come along to say thank you to Gordon for going to fight for him and others. If he was going to fight for him and others. If he was a citizen he will be one of the best in the A.I.F.

Other speakers included Bandmaster Forbes, Messrs R. Hentschell, R. Hastings, W. Hobbs and R. Watson, all of whom spoke in eulogistic terms of Sapper Budge.

In responding Sapper Budge thanked them for their gift, which he said, "was just what he wanted." He always enjoyed playing in the band as they were a fine lot of men, whose company he always enjoyed. When he came back he would again join the band.

Supper was later dispensed and enjoyed. Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Fothergill, of the ladies committee attending to same.

Last week Cr. A. L. Hare, on behalf of residents of the Shire made a presentation to Private Jack Murnane (brother of Mr Dick Murnane, of Hazelwood). Jack was employed for some time by the A.P.M., at Maryvale and was a popular figure amongst his work-

mates.

Mr N. McDonald, who for over a year, has been conducting services in the Jeeralang district, has been presented with a travelling rug by the adherents of the church in the hills, as a mark of appreciation of his work among them.