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OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN OF THE E.T.D.—SHUN!!

During the past two months, the history of Athletics at the E. T. D. can scarcely be described as having been a howling success. Beginning in December with real enthusiasm, live committees, and a good working organization, there appeared to be every indication that a live program of winter sports was an assured fact.

Unfortunately, subsequent events tended to handicap the program of sports that had been arranged. Rumors of the long expected but long deferred drafts became more and more insistent. In the expectation that each week would be their last at the St. Johns Depot, it could scarcely be expected that men would continue to take the same keen interest in the affairs of the E. T. D.

Finally after many disappointments and a quite unnecessary amount of worry, Engineer Draft No. 27 got away, followed a little later by Engineer Draft No. 28 and Skilled Railroad Draft No. 3. With the departure of these drafts, practically all of the "old timers" disappeared from the St. Johns Depot.

But almost immediately new Engineer and Forestry Drafts began to take the places of those men who, for many months, had upheld the traditions and the reputation of the old Depot. And although the fact may not yet have been realized by all, yet it is now strictly up to the newer men to assume at once the responsibility of "carrying on". In this we firmly believe that they will make good.

On Wednesday evening a meeting of officers, N.C.O.'s and men was called at 7.45 in the Recreation Room by Captain Powell, for the purpose of reorganizing the Sports committees. And what was the result? Half a dozen officers, two loyal sergeants major and a handful of men put in an appearance.

Although the turnout was anything but encouraging, Captain Powell at once called the meeting to order. In what might be described as a heart to heart talk, he stated in particularly terse language, some severely plain facts regarding the lack of enthusiasm and spirit indicated by the insignificant attendance. As an example, Capt. Powell referred to the hockey match of Wednesday afternoon between the Officers and N. C. O.'s. Every opportunity had been given all ranks of the Depot to be present, even the last drill period having been cancelled. Yet in spite of this fact the turn out was insignificant.

If the men who are new to the Depot could but have been present at the sports days run off by their predecessors who have now gone overseas, the races of all kinds, the boxing and the wrestling bouts, the football matches at which, to a man, the Depot turned out to cheer on the men representing their companies, the base ball watches which kept every one on their toes, sometimes for a dozen innings, well,—they would not have thought much of their representation at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

It is, however, only fair to say that we do not consider that the turnout on Wednesday evening was a fair criterion of the attitude of the men who now represent the E. T. D. and who are largely responsible for upholding its name and reputation. We believe that the new men have lots of 'pep', initiative and enthusiasm. We believe that there is among them ample athletic talent and that they can and will demonstrate what they can do, once they have realized that it is up to them to do so.

At the meeting held on Wednesday evening two committees were formed. One of these consisting of Lieutenants Butterfield and Ells and Sgt. Major Escott, will make arrangements for putting indoor base ball on a going basis. The other committee, consisting of Capt. Powell, Sgt. Major Escott and Sgt. Major Carson, will devote their efforts toward the active encouragement of the manly art of self defence.

Notices regarding the carrying on of the above will be posted shortly. And let us say once more that it is strictly up to every individual officer, N.C.O. and man in the Depot to turn out and demonstrate that the sporting spirit which, in the past has helped make the E. T. D. what it is today, is still very much alive. Let us show that the departure of the "Old Guard" for overseas duty does not mean that we are going to shut up shop altogether. Again we say

**Officers, N.C.O.'s and men—
Shun!!**

WE'VE FOUND OUT AT LAST

In answer to the knotty,—not to say personal,—query that appeared some time ago in the Research department of this Great Family Journal, as to what Lieut. Butternut keeps in his trunk, we are now creditably informed that the mystery consists of nothing more than a Gyn Sling.

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