

MACHINE GUN PATTERN

The Section is gradually being raised to full strength. Geordie Nichol, the crack forward of the Sir John Jackson football team, joined our ranks on Monday. He will greatly strengthen our football team, and it begins to look as if the Machine Gun section will be "right there" in football as they are in the more serious side of our military training.

When Pte. Fuller received his laundry this week he denied being the owner of two small handkerchiefs, but the laundry boy says he sent them to the wash. Harry, explain yourself!

There is a great deal of speculation as to what Pte. McGregor was doing during his leave last week. If Mac doesn't make definite statement soon the boys are thinking of having him up before the O.C.

Lieut. H. S. Okell has been transferred to No. 1 Company, and the boys hate to lose him, but we have the interest of the regiment at heart we will be pleased to note the way No. 1 Company will improve.

Bakers' buns with plenty of currants are a feature of the Section's diet now, thanks to the generosity of G. W. Okell's Bakeries, Limited.

As an expert with the needle Pte. Towson is certainly some class. He is devoting his spare time to making machine gun badges, and if one did not see him working you would not know the "Towson" brand from the manufactured article. We hope he keeps up the good work until the section is supplied.

Cpl. J. Hewitt, the "Napoleon" of the Section, visited Vancouver for the week end. "Stormy" weather caused a slight delay in his return. Cut out the "stormy" weather, Jimmie.

Pte. Valiquet objects to his bed mate striking his arm the first night after being inoculated. Said bed mate promises not to strike him for ten days—the date of the next shot.

Brave Pte. Crocker did not know until the night of the Cariboo banquet that there was a salad named after him. South Fort George crab salad.

Ptes. Kenny and Duggan attended the Arena on opening night and pronounced the ice excellent, but Pte. Duggan complains that "Nellie's" superior height left him very much in the shade with the ladies.

A pair of gloves which everyone in the marquee refuses to own is greatly exercising Cpl. Mills. Question—Who brought those gloves home?

"THE ROLL OF THE DRUM."

In No. 1 Company, the right of the line,
There are several side drummers, all very fine,
But Corporal Higgins has got a big hunch
That out of the lot, he's the best of the bunch.

So, obtaining a pass, he went to town on the bum,
Interviewed Mister Fletcher and borrowed a drum,
Hiked back to the camp, with the drum in his hand,
And forthwith commenced to establish a band.

He assembled the Company and had the roll called,
And for "would-be" musicians loudly he bawled.
There were several stepped forward, some glad and some glum,
And accompanied old Higgins to town, on the bum.

Into town, straight to Fletcher's, he hiked the whole lot,
And peddled the "bull" till these instruments he got;
A cornet, a 'cello, and a fiddle or two
Was what he secured before he got through.

"Now, dear Mr. Fletcher," quoth Higgins the wise,
"In the 'Scot' of next week your firm I'll advertise,
So throw in some music, for which we can't pay,
And let's get to barracks for some practice today."

So, saying "Good-bye," his musicians he led
Out into the street, with a shake of the head,
Secured a "jit" and to barracks did come,
And we've heard nothing since but the roll of the drum.

Sergt. J. BURTON.

No. 1 Co.

MISPLACED ERUDITION

The following was overheard between two pedants of No. 1 Company studying a thermometer: "Zero! who was Zero, now? Was he not the fellow who was always cold?" "No, no, that was Nero, another fellow altogether."

DRINK

PHOENIX PHIZZ

PURE

MALT AND HOPS

SUPPLIED AT CANTEEN

MUSKETRY

From the instructor's point of view the result of the "Grouping" at the 100 yards' range at Clover Point has been very satisfactory. The battalion average of 10.3 is above the average necessary to pass the test, which requires at least 10 points out of a possible 25.

When the fact is taken into consideration that there are a number of men who have never before handled a rifle or are unfamiliar with the Mark 111 Ross, and a great many of the men, while used to shooting in the bush, have had to adapt themselves to military shooting, the result has been most encouraging.

The potential shooting possibilities of this battalion cannot be discounted, and the opinion exists that with the personnel of the men who have enlisted—that is men who are natural shots and who have for years been used to handling a rifle, we should have one of the best shooting battalions in the British army. The material is undoubtedly here, needing only patient instruction and plenty of practice to develop this natural tendency to shoot well; but it must be borne in mind that military shooting is quite different from ordinary shooting.

The use of the rifle under military conditions involves many points that can only be learned by close attention to the instruction, and the rules laid down are based on sound experience and principles covering a period of over fifty years.

Observation at the ranges has demonstrated that the men are keen to learn and every opportunity is given the recruit to make good. Where individual instruction is required particular attention is given to the backward or nervous recruit, but the work of the instructors could be greatly expedited and made less burdensome by the assistance of the men themselves. A good soldier must cultivate a receptive mind, and at no point in the recruits' training is it more needed than in musketry, yet it has been noted repeatedly that even after the most painstaking explanations to the men at the firing point as to proper range discipline, either through inattention or indifference the expediting of the range practices have been retarded by men not conforming to instructions.

Men can help each other very much in their off hours by discussions on musketry, in giving mutual instruction in the adoption of the various fire positions and practicing the doctrine of individual responsibility when on the range.

The musketry instruction is being conducted under the supervision of Lieut. Schrieber, who is being assisted by Lieut. Wilmot and Lieut. Gillingham.

On Saturday morning there will be an inter-company shoot at the Clover Point range under the D.R.A. rules. Each company, as also the staff, will supply six men and two officers to shoot on their respective teams. The distances will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

SCOUTS AND SCOUTING

Owing to weather conditions and regimental orders the Scouts have been unable to work as a unit the last week.

Just as soon as the inoculation for typhoid is over, and the tests for musketry are completed, the Scouts will once again get to work, and endeavor to make themselves competent to combat any conditions they may come up against in Europe. It is a great credit to the Scouts that they have in the preliminary shooting at the Clover Point Range scored on the grouping tests 15, which is away ahead of any other unit or company in the 67th Battalion. The Scouts are prepared at any time to put up a shooting team against any unit or company for money or marbles.

VENEZELOS AND CONSTANTINE

"When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of jaw."