

## ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

On Saturday, the 18th, we had a visit from the 72nd Battalion, C.E.F., of Vancouver, when they brought over a soccer team, and also a tug-of-war team. The soccer match proved to be one of the best in which the "Western Scots" have participated, an exceptionally good brand of football being exhibited. During the first half play was exceptionally even, no score having been registered, but during the second period "our boys" just ran away with the visitors, superior condition and better team work being responsible. The final score was 5 to 2 in favor of the "Western Scots."

Before the match both teams paraded before headquarters, and, headed by the pipe band, marched to the grounds, a large number of supporters joining the column en route. During intervals the brass band enlivened matters with popular airs. Lieut.-Col. Ross kicked off the ball, while Pte. W. Lorimer, of the 88th Battalion, officiated as referee.

The tug-of-war resulted in somewhat of a farce, the 72nd team easily outpulling our men. It may, however, be stated that our team is made of ten men, while the visitors only brought over six, which necessitated the breaking up of our well-trained combination.

It has been arranged that return games be played in Vancouver on Saturday, January 8, when we are sending over a soccer, basketball and a ten-men tug-of-war team. All may rest assured that each team will give a good account of themselves.

### THE POULTICE WALLOPERS

We're only "Poultice Wallopers" a-bringing up the rear,  
A-picking up the step that's lost between the band and here,  
And when we're out upon the "route" we aye can raise a cheer  
As we go marching on.

No! We are not downhearted!  
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No! We are not downhearted!  
As we go marching on.

We're only "Poultice Wallopers" a-bringing up the rear,  
And at the "Diarrhoea Squad" you sometimes throw a jeer,  
But how about that "No. 8" when you were feeling queer,  
As we go marching on.

We're only "Poultice Wallopers" a-bringing up the rear;  
But in prompt "first aid," or at "sick parade" when your works  
are out o' gear—  
You bless the "No. 9" that cured effects of last night's beer  
As we go marching on.

We're only "Poultice Wallopers" a-bringing up the rear;  
But for fractured bones or blistered heels you're pleased to  
have us near.  
Our bandages and splints you'll want before another year,  
As we go marching on.

We're only "Poultice Wallopers" a-bringing up the rear.  
We can't enjoy the martial strains that cheer the Pioneer,  
But we'll be there in step, my boys, without a doubt or fear,  
When we get to Berlin.

No! We are not downhearted!  
No! We are not downhearted!  
No! We are not downhearted!  
As we march to Berlin.

—J.R., S.B. Section.

### MINOR NOTES

"Well! He might have been a little less high and mighty."  
The remark was made by one of the High School cadets at the recent entertainment at that institution by the pupils as an officer of the militia swept grandly in at the door, and with a

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