

## SPORTS FOR MARCH.

As a direct result of the great offensive now in progress at the Front, the sporting events arranged in the Depot became of minor or secondary consideration during the latter part of March.

The greatest sporting event of all is on, and the rest have had to wait.

With Fritzie frisking about our front line positions, and shoving around like a cow in a china shop, it became necessary for all training to be intensified and hurried forward.

In consequence of this, the events arranged for March 27th were postponed to March 29th, and on that day were permanently cancelled.

Amongst this the mounted sports, always picturesque and exciting, had to be abandoned.

We are pleased to note that the boys in France have found time and opportunity for some sporting events, as chronicled below.

Fixtures and arrangements for April are necessarily indefinite, but everything that can be done in the present state of flux is being done, and no doubt we shall again be in a position to definitely organize our sporting events.

The sports items we have received from France are rather scanty as yet, and show very little connected effort.

From Major Rolston's Company we learn that a keen interest is being taken in baseball and football. A baseball meeting was held during the month, to arrange such games as the military situation will allow. An abundance of good material for league teams is reported, and a good season expected.

In the football field this Company has three matches to their credit. Against the 14th H.A., after a hard contest, they landed a 3 to 0 victory. The following week a 2 to 1 victory was scored against the 102nd Battn., after a match which is described as notable for erratic shooting and poor refereeing.

On Monday last the Sappers played the Signals, and after a clean game beat them by 1 to 0. The Signals were very much boosted, and boasted three international players.

Stevenson played goal for the Sappers, and Billy Sinclair was a host in himself at inside left. Dave McBeth was out for goals, but had the misfortune to damage his arm, and had to leave the field. We have also a record of achievement of the A.F.C. football team in Belgium and France, between April, 1916, and September, 1917, which may be summed up as follows:—Played 32, won 23, drawn 8, lost 1; goals for 87, against 18.

### Major A. Anderson's Company.

A thoroughly representative public meeting was held at 10.30 a.m. on the 17th ultimo, to discuss the formation of a Sports Club.

It has been quite obvious for some time past that the spring "fret" (to use Kipling's expression) has infected the more energetic members of this unit, resulting in enthusiastic punting of the leather sphere and a curious phenomenon connected with the baseball "pill"—satisfactory evidence of "pep" wanting only suitable direction.

The following office-bearers were elected:—Hon. President, Major A. A. Anderson, D.S.O.; President of Committee, Lieut. Glass; Secretary, Sergt Simpson; Committee, Sapper L. A. Brotherston (baseball), Sergt. E. Frow (football), Driver "Freddie" Gibbs (field events), Corpl. H. Raven (boxing and wrestling), Lance-Corpl. A. G. Mitchell (lacrosse), Corpl. Blackwell (indoor baseball), Sapper "Dud" Shrimpton (basket-ball).

### Notes from the Gymnasium.

**Boxing.**—Sapper Goodson, who is to fight a bout at the National Sporting Club in London about April 22nd, is in fine form, and training hard. We do not yet know the name of his opponent, but he will have to be a bottling son of a gun to step out with our product.

**Wrestling.**—Considerable activity is taking place in wrestling circles in the Depot, and as a result of brigade championships, held recently at Seaford, three of our men have been selected to go to Bramshott for the championship on April 24th.