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MUSKETRY.

At the present time the Battalion is giving attention to the important subject of musketry. Last week A and B Companies began their general course at Cranmer Range, Whitehill, and within a short time the left half Battalion will be on the Longmoor range. Besides the question of the importance of learning to shoot true and quick we all have pride in our marksmanship as a Battalion. And, besides this again, there is the incentive afforded by Brigadier-General Lord Brooke's sporting offer of a cup to be given to the battalion making the highest average in the 12th Brigade. We are attached to his lordship's brigade for musketry, and it is up to us to do our level best to bring our average well up. To accomplish this it is imperative that we all make use of every bit of instruction we can get. Practice rapid loading particularly. Without facility in this we shall have a poor chance in the many rapid-fire practices. Another point—keep on your own target. It is surprising how many instances of rank carelessness in this respect are met with in spite of repeated warnings.

BATTALION SPORTS.

Sports are again to the fore in the 67th. The sports committee has been rejuvenated and we can look for some lively competitions during the next few weeks. It is the desire of Colonel Ross that every officer, non-commissioned officer and man who has any facility in any branch of sport will come forward and do his utmost. As an encouragement, several prizes have been put up. Among those already contributed are one from the C.O. for inter-platoon tug-of-war; one from Major Christie for the best company musketry score; one from Major Harbottle for inter-platoon musketry; and one from Major Armour for inter-company football. Now for everybody's shoulder to the wheel.

PRaise FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL CURRIE.

In a recent letter to our C.O., Brigadier-General Currie, of the First Canadian Division, says in part:—

"I have just received and read with much interest a copy of your regiment's paper, THE WESTERN SCOT,

of the issue of April 26. Someone has very kindly sent me this very excellent paper for the past few months. . . . I am very glad you have arrived in England and I hear you have a very fine Battalion."

We are very glad to have these nice things said about us by one of Canada's greatest military "finds," for, coming from such a source, it is praise indeed.

A FINAL APPEAL.

It is an uncongenial task to appeal to the men of the Battalion to support the Battalion paper, and this is our very last "howl."

We ask your help in two directions.

We want news from you that will be interesting to our readers in British Columbia, and interesting to all ranks in our Battalion and in other Canadian Battalions encamped in our neighbourhood. There is an official scribe in each company and in each detail. Just a very small note of current happenings handed to the scribe will soon fill our paper with interesting matter. Please don't send us cuttings from other papers; we want first-hand news. Moreover, the fact that Jones was seen walking with a tall lady in a blue hat and pink stockings is only interesting to perhaps a dozen readers. Moreover, said item may get Jones into trouble when Mrs. Jones, in British Columbia, reads it. The writer has just completed a twelve-page epistle explaining away one little "dig" which appeared in one issue! We assure you that it was a masterly defence, but these women are hard to convince, you know.

Then, again, we need your financial support. It is a very small thing to ask that each man should support his Battalion paper by purchasing one copy. We don't want to brag, but we have increased the size of the paper and tried to make it a creditable production. In spite of this we have met your wishes in reducing the price to one penny per copy. Even if our efforts have failed, and you don't consider the paper worth the price, surely it is not asking too much of you to give us one penny a week!

One more request. We call your attention to the advertisements in our paper. All the firms who advertise with us are worthy of support. You will find that they can deliver the best goods at the most reasonable prices—we ask you to patronise them, and when doing so to mention the fact that you saw their "Ad." in our pages. You will have no cause to regret placing an order with them. They, in their turn, will recognise that we support the firms who advertise with us, and will renew their contracts. Only in this way can we "carry on."

Once more, and finally:

Give us news.

Buy one copy of the paper.

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There will be no baseball at Sidney, V.I., this year, as 75 per cent. of the members of the team are either in the trenches or training in England or Canada.

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