

With the return of the warm sunny days and long evenings athletic sports and contests as a means of recreation during the period when the troops are back in billets or rest camps are to the fore. Baseball enthusiasts are looking for paraphernalia; the followers of Canada's national game want lacrosse sticks; the soccer man demands proper shoes to add to his equipment; the cricketer must have his trappings and even the devotee of the ancient and honorable game of archery is not to be overlooked. The sporting instinct of the Canadian on active service is not to be denied even at the front, so committees are now in process of formation, seeking funds and equipment. Many appeals have gone forth to the Y.M.C.A. and kindred associations and soon our needs in this line will be supplied.

BRIGADE SOCCER FINAL

(By G.N.)

Superior playing in every department of the game gave the Sixteenth team a 3 to 0 victory over the Thirteenth eleven in the final soccer game for the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade championship on April 15. A splendid and enthusiastic attendance witnessed the closing league match, which was replete with close play. The 16th losing the toss of the coin kicked off against a very strong wind and quickly made the acquaintance of the Montrealers defence. After some give and take play the 16th forwards ably assisted by their half-backs, started a good combination run which ended by McMurdy beating the goalkeeper's hands up. This was followed shortly after by one from centre-Sharock. There was some very good football shown in this half by both sides; though the wind was troublesome and the ball hard to control. The second half started with a determined rush by the 13th forwards, but they were speedily given the turn-about by our defence, which were not to be caught napping. After about twenty minutes play McMurdy sent in one of his surprise shots, counting his second goal and third for his side, ending the score for game. The whole of the 16th team did what was expected of them and worked well, though no one thought their opponents would have

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been kalsomined so completely. The 13th goalkeeper had little chance with the shots that beat him. Their right back was a splendid player, the best on their team, as he saved them time after time when all seemed lost. Their half-backs were set a stiff job to hold our forward line and as for their forwards, they were up against a very hard proposition which they failed to solve, and any chance they did get to shoot they finished poorly. Taking the game all through it was characteristically fast and clean and was successfully handled by the sergeant of the Scots Guards.

The 16th team lined up as follows: Goal, Ritchie; backs, Welsh and Wearmouth; half-backs, Warrick, Reddihough (captain) and Gregory; forwards, Taylor, Gordon, Sharock, McMurdy and McPherson.

14TH VS 16TH BATTALION

This delayed game was played off on April 14 and resulted in a closely contested exhibition of footer, resulting in the 16th gathering in a victory by 2 to 0. The two goals were obtained in the first half, when the best play was witnessed in the combination work and backing up of the Canadian Scottish players, notwithstanding a very strong wind which was giving both sides trouble in controlling the ball. The team lined up as follows: Ritchie; Welsh and Wearmouth; Barrie, Reddihough, Warrick; Taylor, Gordon, Sharock, McMurdy and McCulloch.

INDOOR BASEBALL

During the period the Third Brigade was back in rest indoor baseball was largely in vogue, pending the receipt of equipment for the real game. Teams composed of officers and men of the 16th played several matches and a

game between the officers of the 16th and 13th resulted in the Montrealers winning handily. The form shown by the commissioned ranks is classy.

COMMODIOUS PREMISES

With characteristic enterprise and insight into the needs of the troops comprised in the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade, whom Capt. W. Finland the popular Y. M. C. A. officer, looks after, it took but a few minutes for the Canadian representative to complete negotiations for the purchase of the Y. M. C. A. hut, canteen and stock from the British official at D — — — h Camp and to resume business. That same evening when half the Brigade poured into the camp after their long hike from the south Captain Finland and his staff was doing a roaring business supplying the thirsty and hungry.

The Y.M.C.A. hut is one of the largest erected at the front. It has a large marquee where the dry canteen is operated and refreshments may be had at all hours. It goes without saying that every man in the Canadian forces appreciates the splendid work being done by the Y.M.C.A. to provide for their comfort and welfare when they come out of the trenches.

THE BRAZIER

[By W. J. S.]

The Brazier is a paper widely read
Here in *les tranches*, so 'tis said,
Early and late, till Tommies go to bed.
Before I tell you more of this wee
sheet
Remember that Brigade has claimed
the right
A paper of this name to make elite.
Zealous to spread around a joyous
light
In every dug-out held by this Brigade,
Ever to cheer us up, and by its aid,
Rally us round the flag till
Peace is made.

TABLE OF LEAGUE GAMES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals		Points
					For	Against	
16th Batt. -	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
13th Batt. -	2	1	1	0	5	4	2
14th Batt. -	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
15th Batt. -	1	0	1	0	1	5	0

The Chaplain addressing R.S.M.: "Are you coming to the service at 10.30 this morning?"

The R.S.M.: "No, sir, the football match is at 10.30."

One thing is certain — a shell is no respector of persons.