

## Sport.

### BASE-BALL.

Base-ball was indulged in by the boys shortly after arrival in France. Games of the sectional variety were played, with the object of not only providing sport, but of rounding up a team that would represent the Unit in a creditable manner when opposed to other teams of the 1st Canadian Division.

Out of the number of exhibition games played one in particular commands attention—the game with the 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Section (Queen's Own, Toronto), played at Vlamertinghe, in Belgium, on the afternoon of the day the Germans made their fruitless onslaught on the Canadian position at Langemarcke. The M.G. Section had as their pitcher the late well-known all-round athlete, Ross Binkley, who was killed a few short hours after the game when going into action with his unit.

A brief summary of the season reveals the fact that out of 24 games played our team won 17 and lost 7.

The showing in the League was very creditable, the team landing second place, and winning seven out of ten games.

The ball team lost a good player, and one of its best friends, in Judson Ellis, who died of wounds received at Festubert in May. At all times he had the interest of the game at heart, and no small credit is due to his efforts in the successes obtained.

The following are the names of the players who participated in the season's games:—Pitchers, Luke Roe (captain), Lea Jones; 1st base, Tom Yeates (wounded), Ben Allen; 2nd base, Jud Ellis (killed); S. stop, Hank Coleman, Benny Beach; 3rd base, Joe Livingstone; L. field, George Secord; centre field, Captain J. D. McQueen; right field, Bill Partridge, George Parker, Bob Johnstone, Bill Thompson, Elmer McMasters, Jimmy Goode.

### FOOTBALL.

We are fortunate in possessing a good number of followers of the grand old game of football, and a start was made in England, but owing to the extraordinary weather conditions that prevailed while we were doing our training there only one game was played—with the Newfoundlanders, which we won with the score 1—0.

In the earlier games played in France we were led in the centre by Sergt.-Major H. F. Amps, and our successes were in a great measure due to his work in that position. The team were deeply grieved when the Sergeant-Major was struck down with illness and was invalided to England. It is hoped he has now fully recovered. Another tower of strength was Sergt. R. B. Francis. His brilliant play at centre-half was greatly missed when he left us for the O.T.C. Fortunately amongst the drafts received were two good men who have filled the vacated positions with credit to themselves and the Corps.

In the International game—England v Canadians—arranged as a benefit match for the Red Cross Society, the team was paid the honour of having four of its Members on the Canadian team, viz., D. Stewart, J. C. Eaton, B. Daley, and R. Mayson, and their inclusion was fully justified. The game ended in a draw.

Taking into consideration the numerical strength of the Unit, we consider we have a team second to none in the first Canadian Division. This claim is borne out by the summary of games played to date:—Played, 39. Won, 30. Lost, 5. Drawn, 4. Goals for, 97. Goals against, 45.

This is no mean record, for all comers have been met, including many Imperial Units who have in their ranks some well-known Old Country professionals.

### CRICKET.

Through the kindness of the Red Cross Society we received a cricket set, and in any spare time that has been available the game has been played by its devotees. In Capt. S. A. Smith, D.S.O. ("Doc" Smith, of Winnipeg), the game was in excellent hands, and the record of games played proves that in this brand of sport the Unit can hold its own. Lord Stratheona's Horse, Capt. Gregg's team from the Royal Engineers, and No. 8 Casualty Clearing were all met and defeated.

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