

ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

The Sergeants were beaten, 6 to 2, by the Battalion soccer team in the test of football skill last Saturday, and now they are satisfied. They were looking for it and they got it, and they have only themselves to blame.

A New Year's Day jaunt to Vancouver is being planned for the Battalion soccer team. The boys will play the 62nd Battalion, and it is planned to make the occasion a grand and glorious picnic. A couple of hundred supporters will accompany the boys, it is believed.

The Rowing Club Rugby team of Vancouver, unbeaten leaders in the Vancouver City League series, are trying to arrange a home and home series with the 67th Battalion Rugby team. It is proposed to play the first game here next Saturday and the return game in Vancouver on New Year's Day. Negotiations are now pending. The Western Scots play Victoria today.

The Battalion Soccer League has been dormant for some time now, the weather preventing any play. Needless to say, the Machine Gun Section still leads.

The Battalion hockey team has arranged a schedule of six games with the Victoria amateur clubs. The dates are December 23, Jan. 6, 10, 20, 27, and Feb. 3.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the Naval and Military Tournament in aid of the Convalescent Hospital for Wounded Soldiers, which will be held in the Horse Show Arena next Thursday and Friday. The cause is a worthy one, and as there will be lots of fun there is likely to be a large attendance from the Battalion.

MACHINE GUN PATTERN

As an artist in "sluffing" work, "Kaiser Bill" has everyone in the Section beaten, as he proved the day we were making gravel walks. By the way, re those same walks (made on a rainy day), it should be borne in mind that we all have a day's fatigue to our credit should anyone get C.B. for missing tattoo.

Since our badge artist, Pte. Towson, has started manufacturing show badges for the Scouts the rest of the Battalion will be able to know that we have such a section in our midst.

Pte. Crocker says he likes to shovel gravel and carry it, especially on rainy days, but at the same time he knows of others in the different companies whom he does not want to be jealous, and suggests they be given a chance.

Pte. Kendall was heard to remark in a quiet voice, after getting his third "shot in the arm": "This dope is supposed to keep a man well, but it sure gets me."

If Pte. Valequit gets as mixed up on that Rupert trip as he did on the description of the "Sear" trip—well it will be some trip, Rick.

Pte. Parry has a week-end pass to go to Mission. What mission is he on?

The Section say there will never be any fighting with the Germans as long as we have Pte. Flynn. Why? Well, he will sure raise an argument and continue it just as long as the Americans do their notes on the "Lusitania," etc.

First voice: Why is the camp so quiet?
Second voice: Jack Arbuthnot is out.

Ptes. Sutton and Duggan are some mess waiters, but Duggan insists that "Reveille" is blown an hour too soon.

What a contrast there is between the juniors of our bunch, Ptes. Wilson and Kelly. Jack never stops talking; Arthur only speaks when the O.C. asks him to describe the colt gun, and then he is there with anyone in the crowd, although he was the last one to join us.

Question: Pte. Baurle, how far can you throw a chair?
Answer: Hard to say. Numbers count.

Voice from the ranks: Cpl. Mills, how many motions from "secure arms" to the "slope"?

Second voice: Who wants to know.

Inoculated in the morning and inoculated in the afternoon was the programme for one of the Battalion Sergeant-Majors on Tuesday. Kiss me, sergeant.

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