

Division Notes

"A" Division

The "A" Division Social and Athletic Club has been recently reorganized and the following committees have been formed: Canteen, Athletic, Rifle, Entertainment, Sick and Library. The committees are well represented and their efforts are producing good results. The Athletic Committee under Staff/Sergeant Cavanagh, organized a softball team and entered it in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police League in spite of the difficulties engendered by the "shift" system under which the duties of "A" Division are largely performed. Reinforcements for the team came from the West at a time when they were most needed, and although defeated, the team gave strong opposition to the Headquarters' teams.

Discontinued some years ago, the Annual Dinner again took place this year and a most successful evening was enjoyed at the Standish Hall, Hull, Que., on July 5th. An innovation this year was the invitation of ex-members of the Division who had retired to pension, and the occasion enabled the Officer Commanding to present suitable gifts from the serving members to ex-Constables Whitmore, Hewer and Phimister, with the hope, well expressed by those attending the banquet, that "Old Soldiers Never Die." The Dinner was well supported by members of Headquarters' Staff.

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The Division Annual Picnic was held on August 3rd at Rockcliffe Barracks where the Officer Commanding and the Staff of "N" Division extended a hearty welcome. Transportation for the large attendance was effected by hired bus, and during the afternoon a splendid programme of events for children and adults was enjoyed. "N" Division supplied a novel entertainment for the youngsters with a horseback ride for all; an attraction which was much appreciated and well patronized.

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Successfully competing against seventy-four other First Aiders, Constable C. C. Winmill of Headquarters Sub-Division won the "Victory Cup" and became the individual First Aid champion for the city of Ottawa and district.

"D" Division

Commencing the softball season early in May, "D" Division entered four teams in the league, namely Winnipeg Detachment, Highway Traffic Squad, Detectives, and Staff. Without the loss of a single game the Highway Squad emerged from the schedule with flying colours, followed by the Staff, Winnipeg Detachment and the Detectives, in that order.

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The Divisional team which competed in the "Tyro" Class in the Dominion Marksman Competition were matched against the B.C. Provincial Police for the open championship on July 29th. Increasing their score of 1380 made in the Dominion Marksman Shoot to 1386, the team succeeded in winning the competition by a margin of 18 points. The team which enabled the Division to win this competition for the first time consisted of Sergeant-Major B. J. Stangroom, Lance Corporal O. Supeene, Constable W. G. Gordon, Constable D. A. M. Bissett, and Constable T. E. H. Peach.

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The best wishes and congratulations of the Division are extended to Constable E. E. Benson on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Alice Todd at Young United Church at Winnipeg, on June 24th, and to Constable E. G. Keech who married Miss Ivy Murdock of Binscarth, Man., at Winnipeg, September 3rd.