

The Kilties' Farewell Field Day

Ever since the issue of the first regimental orders of the 236th. Overseas Battalion—New Brunswick Kilties—plans for a great field day, which would be a thorough exhibition of all phases of regimental activity, had been in the air. In No. 1 Daily Order, a short sketch of these plans had been drawn up, and this was followed as far as possible at Fredericton on 4th. June.

For weeks before the actual event extensive preparations were being made. Trenches were dug for an exhibition of trench warfare, athletic apparatus procured, printing of programmes and other necessaries attended to, publicity arranged covering the entire Province of New Brunswick, committees appointed to look after the various departments of the entertainment, and, in fact, no detail neglected to make the day a huge success.

The day was divided into three parts. The first, consisting of a programme of athletic events, held on the lawn in front of the Officers' Quarters. The second, a military tournament, including a spectacular display of modern warfare, held at the Exhibition Grounds. The third, a festival and fair on the Queen Street Barracks Parade Ground. At the evening affair a Major Drawing was arranged, in which over one hundred and twenty-five dollars worth of prizes were offered. The tickets for this were readily disposed of by members of the battalion, Boy Scouts, and the ladies of No. 5 Detachment, Women's Volunteer Reserve. A gate prize of a barrel of flour was also offered.

June 4, the great day itself, dawned bright and fair. Numerous visitors from other points around the province were in Fredericton, and early in the morning a troop of Boy Scouts was busy selling souvenir programmes which had been prepared for the occasion.

On the Saturday afternoon previous, the preliminaries for the athletic events had been run off, thus eliminating many competitors who had no

chance of making a good showing. The first event on the programme was the 100 yards dash. This was won by C.Q.M.S. Paul L. Kuhring, a former University of New Brunswick star, with a time of 10 4-5 seconds. He was closely followed by Capt. W. S. Godfrey, chaplain of the battalion, while Pte. R. Atkins made a good third. The first place in the Sack Race, which was next on the programme, was taken by Transport-Sergeant J. Fred Lawney, with Piper J. Smith a close second and Pte. Hardy, third. The Running Broad Jump

was won by Lieut. A. C. Baldwin, with 17 ft. 6½ inches to his credit. C.Q.M.S. Paul L. Kuhring came second with 17ft. ½ inch, and Pte. R. Atkins, third, jumping 16 ft. 9 inches. Lieut. F. W. C. Wetmore was the winner in the Shot Put, throwing 33 ft. 8 inches, followed by Lance-Corporal K. McKerlick, 32ft. 3 inches, while Lieut. R. L. Brewer was third with 31 ft. 1 inch. In the High Jump, Lieut. A. C. Baldwin was victorious, Sergt. J. A. Skeggs and Pte. R. Atkins tying for second place. C.Q.M.S. Kuhring led the 120 yards Hurdle Race, fo-

lowed by Sergt. B. A. Burden and Sergt. J. F. Lawney. The final event was the mile, won by Sergt. B. A. Burden. Pte. A. Leaman was second and Lee.-Cpl. C. A. Cromwell took third place. Captain, the Rev. W. S. Godfrey was Chairman of the Sports Committee, Sergt. C. A. L. Waite acted as Clerk of the Course, while R.S.M. Edenirum Bayers and R.Q.M.S. James Dymond and C.Q.M.S. F. L. Mooers were judges.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME.

The first event of the afternoon's programme was an exhibition of Physical Drill with band accompaniment and without words of command. Forty men in charge of Lieut. C. E. Blair, assisted by Sergt. J. A. Skeggs took part. Twelve exercises, taken from Tables 1 to 8 were chosen and performed in a manner highly creditable to the instructors.

The Physical Drill was followed by a Fat Men's Race, in which the laurels went to R.S.M. Edenirum Bayers, who was closely followed by Lee.-Cpl. Mirabelli and Sergt. Cochrane. In Tilting the Bucket, a team of Ptes. Harris and Overholt were victorious, while Transport-Sergeant J. F. Lawney and R.Q.M.S. James Dymond took second place.

The fourth event of the entertainment was a display of work in Bayonet Fighting accomplished by the battalion. This was carried out by twelve men under Lieut. R. L. Brewer and consisted of exercises in pointing, disarming, defence and assault. The men who took part in this exhibition had been under training for some time and were very smart and efficient in their work.

An amusing Musical Race was the next feature, and was won by Piper J. Smith with his bagpipes, with Bandsman J. N. Semple second and Piper George Clarke, third. Miss Myrtle E. Ross, daughter of Pipe-Master W. H. Ross, then executed a sword dance. Miss Ross had pre-

VALCARTIER CAMP: MIDNIGHT.

Over the hills that watch the
silent river
Steals the young moon—misty as
a dream
Dreamt just at daybreak—and the
white tents gleam.
Sometimes a ripple stirs the
stream to silver
And dies again upon the shadowy
shore.
A sentry's challenge and the
whispered answer.
A breeze of summer, like a fairy
dancer
'Mong the grasses, singing of her
elfin lore.
The shadowy, grey-clad ghost of
Memory
With hosts of other summers in
her train,
Creeps gently in, and softly set-
ting free
Old pleasures, past, and keen,
once-suffered pain,
Lingers awhile, and, parting,
brings to me
One thought—like clouds across
the moon again. —T.J.W.

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