

No. 16 Platoon being inspected by Lieut. D. G. Cameron, after returning from the trenches.

SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

T HE Battalion football team completed a most successful season on September 29th by winning the Corps championship from the —th Field Ambulance team by a score of 1 to 0.

This was the seventh game in this series in which the Battalion had taken part, and throughout the entire season the Battalion did not suffer a single defeat, but divided honours in the first game with the Vancouver Battalion, when the score was one all.

In the second game with this team our opponents were forced to take the short end of a one to nil score.

The Brigade final was played against the North-West Battalion, and this was an easy victory, the score being 3 to 0. The fourth game of the series was played against the Field Ambulance of our Brigade, and after an exciting match the Winnipeg Battalion came out on top, having three goals to their credit, while their opponents were only able to get the ball past Simpson the once.

An Eastern Battalion team was a formidable one; they were met in the Divisional final, but they also had to bow before Simpson's crack outfit, the final score in this game reading 2 to 1.

The hardest game of the year was played against the Engineers of another Division in the semi-final of the Corps Championship. This match was witnessed by an immense crowd, and it was anyone's game until the final whistle blew, when we had the one necessary point, while the Engineers were unable to solve the defensive scheme of the Pegs.

The Corps final, although there was so much at stake, was not such a hard-fought game as had been expected; but in this game, also, only one point was scored, Pte. Robbins being successful in landing the ball through the posts and thus giving the City of Winnipeg Battalion the championship of the Canadian Corps for the 1917 season.

Robbins was well to the front in all the games, and in the Divisional final he also scored, while Pte. Gillies added the second tally. In the Brigade final, Gillies was at his best, and managed to notch two of the three goals, while Cooper added the third.

The team which played all through the season was composed as follows (the teams in which they played in civil life also being shown) :--

Pte. W. Simpson, Captain (Norwood Wanderers) Sergt. Chamberlain (Norwood Wanderers) Pte. Milne (Brandon) Corpl. Chudleigh (226th Battalion) *Pte. Dickinson (Vancouver) Lcce.-Corpl. Johnson (Toronto) Pte. Howell (90th Winnipeg Rifles) Pte. Robbins (West Bromwich Albion) Pte. Gillies (Brighton and Hove)

Pte. Millar (Norwood Wanderers)

Lce.-Corpl. Cooper (Ulster)

Pte. Derkx, the Trainer

Corporals Hill and Watson, Reserves.

(* Pte. Dickinson has since been killed in action.)

The medals for this championship were presented to the members of the team on November 16th by Lieut.-Colonel P. J. Daly, C.M.G., D.S.O.

FOOTBALL RECORD.

Since coming to France the City of Winnipeg Battalion football team has played 36 games. Of this number they won 26, lost 5, and drew 5. In these games the team scored 79 goals, and had only 30 goals scored against them.

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