

BATTALION FIELD DAY.

Thanks to the organisation of Capt. Tayler and Cpl. "Deacon" White the event was a marked success. At no period of the afternoon did an event lag. Excellent material was produced, and company enthusiasm was highly marked. The men outstanding were Cpl. Hay, Transport, who won the 100 yards and 220 yards flat. Bell, of baseball fame, ran a strong race, especially in the relay. Dancocks looked to be our coming runner, getting a place in the 100 and 220 and winning a grand race in the 440 yards. Gunn, of "D" Company, who was suffering from a bad leg, ran a beautiful race in the 440 yards as well. In the one mile race, Miller, headquarters, won easily, with Sgt. Bell "A" Company, and Patton running a fine race for second. Pte. Mollineux, of "A" Company, won the broad jump, with several only inches behind. The last race of the day, the relay race, 880 yards, was won by Headquarters Company—Pte. Gregory, Cpl. Hay, Pte. Bell, and Pte. Dancocks. "B" Company ran a strong race, Strohm running a good race, but not having sufficient training was not able to hold his lead on Cpl. Hay.

Following this, the 49th team played the R.T.'s in lacrosse, and were defeated in ten minutes' overtime by one goal. The game aroused considerable interest in the battalion, and no one could have said that the game should die out, as so many have previously predicted.

Nor was the afternoon lacking in enthusiastic spectators. All the Brigade Staff, as well as other friends of the battalion, were present. The Y.M.C.A. served tea to the ladies, thanks to the organisation and the enterprise of Capt. Emsley and a few ardent associates. We have the presumption to believe that it was the success of this day that made the brigade consider the corresponding Brigade sports that followed.

BRIGADE FIELD DAY.

The brigade could never wish a finer day for a track meet than the one decided upon, nor could they ever receive more support than was given by the Y.M.C.A. and staff, who continually spared no effort in marking out the grounds and entertaining the crowd. It was on this particular day that the battalion scored a wonderful success. Many

were heard to remark, "Is this the —th Field Day?" so many were the events they won. We were able to score 73 points to the second unit's 33. This does not in any way signify the real success of the battalion, as each race was well fought.

Here Cpl. Hay tied for first in the 100 yards, with Bell third. In the 220 yards and 440 yards we brought three winners home, Dancocks winning both. Mollineux took second in the 880 yards, and might have won the race had he not misjudged the number of laps in the heats. Sgt. Bell won the mile race after a beautiful sprint in the final 100 yards, passing Miller and Weir, of the P.P.C.L.I. The three miles went to us, with Miller, Sgt. Bell, and Patton in their respective places. Best of all, but an event which caused no surprise, was the easy win of our tug-of-war team under Sgt. Crockett. As usual, the relay race closed the meet. Hay, Bell, Dancocks, and Gunn each ran well, and won easily.

DIVISIONAL SPORTS.

Immediately after the Brigade Field Day it was decided to place brigade winners in a separate training camp with trainers and runners. This proved to be a good idea, as the team, which now became a brigade team, did splendidly at the divisional meet. Here, as before, the battalion came to the front, and with a large margin won the silver cup donated by the G.O.C. to the unit obtaining the highest number of points. In this aggregate was included the points gained by our boxers, Cpl. Houle and Pte. Glew, the latter of whom did exceptionally good boxing, and with ordinary luck might have won at Corps sports.

As a result of a very poor start, Cpl. Hays and Sgt. Bell did not get a place in the 100 yards dash, but despite a similar start in the 220 the former got a close second. Dancocks and Sgt. Cantin won their quarter and half-mile respectively in grand style. The relay team won again by forty yards, with Sgt. Cantin taking the last half-mile in place of Gunn, of "D" Coy., who was unable to run.

We finished the day by winning the tug-of-war, having previously defeated the 43rd in the semi-finals some days before.

Needless to say, the battalion set a record for athletics which will be hard to pace in future meets.