





SPORT TALK

(By Toby)

In every kind of sport from tennis to pitching sheaves the 196th Battalion held a place right up in the front rank. The boys organized from the start and with the co-operation and assistance of the officers the battalion was always befittingly represented on every occasion. Those who did not perform did their bit by encouraging the athletes from the side lines. The old college life was always evident, the "never-say-die" spirit kept the contests alive until the timer's whistle had gone and although the breaks of the game were sometimes against us the boys kept gamely plugging ahead. The determination and zeal which characterized the different games were bound to bring results.

At the outset of the organization of the different branches of sport at camp the 196th entered teams in every line. On July 1st at the big military athlete, at Camp Hughes, the 196th Battalion won first place. Here the crack athletes of the Western Provinces participated. The meet was characterized by its many thrills and close finishes. The W.U.B. did exceptionally well in the runs and weights. The following is a summary of what the battalion did at this meet:

ATHLETICS JULY 1st

880 yards, 1st, Pte. B. Bryers; 1 mile, 1st, Pte. B. Bryers; hammer, 1st, Pte. N. Sagrott; 16-lb shot, 1st, Pte. N. Sagrott; discus, 1st, Pte. N. Sagrott; 100 yds., officers, 1st, Lieut. W. V. Tobias; 100 yds., buglers, 2nd, Pte. Potter; 1 mile walk, 2nd, Pte. Pratt; 1-2 mile, officers, 2nd, Lieut. C. McKee; discus, 2nd, Pte. P. Admanson; 100 yds., buglers, 3rd, Gilbert; 440 yds., 3rd, Pte. Hall; hop, step and jump, 3rd, Lieut. F. Freer.

At the second big athletic meet our boys had to content themselves with 2nd place. After a hard day's work the 226th led the rah rahs by one point, harvest leave interfering greatly with the training of the boys. The meet was successful inasmuch as the battalion were successful in bringing out some dark horses who had hitherto been unknown athletes. The team for this meet was:

2nd MEET

220 yds., 1st, Pte. Hall; 1-2 mile, 1st, Pte. B. Bryers; relay, 1st, 196th; 16-lb. shot, 1st, Pte. H. Sagrott; 100 yds., 2nd, Pte. Hall; 440 yds., 2nd, Pte. B. Bryers; 1 mile, 2nd, Pte. B. Bryers; running broad, 2nd, Pte. H. Sagrott; running high, 2nd, Pte. Murray; 440 yds.,



3rd, Pte. Elliot; discus throw, 3rd, Pte. H. Sagrott; hop, step and jump, 3rd, Pte. H. Sagrott; tossing the caber, Pte. Johnston.

In baseball the 196th landed second place in their division. The team was composed of many men who had previous experience in semi-pro leagues. The "brainy plays" which they pulled off made them look like a big league Connie Mack watched them team. throughout the season and it is rumored that he tried to have them discharged so he could restore the "Athletics" to their old former splendor. During the season the boys played many exhibition games with teams of different leagues and won the majority of their games. Their record is as follows:

Baseball Team—Spencer, McNeil, Osterhouse, Philips, McNab, Butchart, Dunlop, Clarke, McLeod, Patterson, Lieut. Campbell and Moir.

Battn.	Runs.	Battn.	Runs
196th	5	100th	. 6
196th	20	221st	. 4
196th	12	L.S.H	. 4
196th	6	203rd	. 4
196th	7	144th	6
196th	7	222nd	6
196th	7	100th	3
196th	10	L.S.H	5
196th	9	100th	1
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	83		39

Won 8: lost 1.

The 196th Battalion were never known as kickers, but when it comes to football they were there. (There with a capital T.) They easily won their division, going through the league without losing a game. However, when it came to the finals for the championship, the breaks were against them. In the first game they played the 203rd to a standstill, but could only get a draw. While playing the 227th in the second game they had it over them like a blanket and lost their chance of winning the trophy by again trying the above battalion. The 196th can well be proud of their team, for, without doubt, they were the classiest and fastest aggregation in camp, and with a little more training they would be serious contenders for the Connaught cup, emblematic of Amateur Football Championship of Canada. The team and their record is as follows:

Football Team—Wood, Parker, Sagrott, Parlow, Lye, McKay, Robertson, Bonny, Bradford, Lieut. Freer, Lieut. Hopper; spares, Sergt. Manuel and Lieut. Cunningham.

Lieut. Cunning	nam		
Goa	als fo	or Aga	inst
196th	3	L.S.H	0
196th	0	179th	0
196th	4	152nd	1
196th	3	226th	2
196th	1	144th	1
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196th-100th won by default.

196th won 4, lost 0, tied 1. Number of points 9.

The officers of the battalion had a very classy team (having many professors of classics). But unfortunately they never had any opportunity to show their speed. The poor Camerons accepted their challenge in hopes of putting the brakes on our speed demons. They were trimmed to the tune of 3-1. Thus ends the record of the officers' team.

Lacrosse at camp was not very well organized on account of the fact that many of the battalions who had lacrosse teams left for overseas in the middle of the lacrosse season. However the W.U.B. had a very strong team, contributing nine of the twelve men who represented the "all star" lacrosse team of camp against the "all star" lacrosse team from Winnipeg. On our team were many notable stars from the coast. It is most unfortunate that there was no league, as the 196th, with all their material, would have easily won the premier honors.

Hockey and rugby are two sports which the 196th won't be able to participate in, for by the time the leagues are organized the W.U.B. will be somewhere in France showing their ability with musket and bayonet. The prospects for winning the Hugo Ross trophy were never better, for among the rugby squad are senior rugbyists from Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. In hockey the "fans" were already conceding the Allan cup to the 196th, for, here again we have men who have played in the fastest amateur hockey leagues of Western Canada.

No small part of the success of the athletes was due to the active interest shown by the senior officers, who, in their earlier days were among the gridiron and hockey stars of the big eastern universities. It is no wonder then that the battalion should have done so exceptionally well when they have for their leaders famous college athletes who appreciate the value of clean and manly sport.

Cricket and tennis played a very important part in the activities of the battalion. Unfortunately, however, the league did not get very far. Many stars were on both the cricket and tennis teams.

Another great achievement in the line of sport in the battalion was shown at the big wrestling and boxing tournament. The battalion had entries in every event and furthermore the

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