

## THE SPORTS.

THE Battalion Field Sports were scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, but the grounds were so wet from recent rains that they were postponed until Sunday. (To such an object to this anti-Sabbatarianism, we merely suggest that we can fill sand-bags on Sunday, and we can sit under shell-fire on Sunday, so we reckon that we can play a little on Sunday.)

Colonel Gunn, although unable to be present in person, kindly donated £10 to be distributed in prizes. This, although we are not a mercenary people, greatly increased the eagerness to compete and participate, and simplified the task of the recruiting committee.

To the credit of Major Alexander and the various committees in charge, the sports came off smoothly and with great success, and during the afternoon some very fine talent was brought to light—some of it in quite unsuspected places. In the three-legged race the senior N.C.O.'s developed some unexpected capacity for team work. In the Officers' race (100 yards), Major Ross, D.S.O., won—as he was bound to do on form—but was made to hurry it the whole way by no less a person than ye Editor, about whom there is nothing that suggests sprinting abilities.

That Transport Sergt. Durman's brother won the mule race may be passed over as a coincidence; but when Sergt. Bliault led the band to the tape it was clearly a triumph of mind over matter.

The reveille race showed the 24th at its best, for we have had practically ten months of incessant training for just such an event.

The bomb-throwing contest showed plainly the difference between what may be called catch-as-catch-can bombing and the professional style. Nobody grudges the Bombers their easy victory in that event, and we all feel sure that their abilities will hold to form when the target is something other than a chalk circle.

The horseback wrestling—an exclusively Transport stunt—furnished plenty of amusement. There seemed to be no rules of procedure, and his late Lordship of Queensberry would have suffered in seeing the means adopted by the bareback warriors in unseating their opponents.

Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonell, C.M.G., D.S.O., honoured us with his presence during the afternoon, coming especially to see the tug-of-war, and we certainly put in a good one for him to see. The Bombers' carefully constructed team carried off the honours, but not until the Headquarters' detail had given them a first-class tussle. Lieut. Walker accompanied the General, and added no little gaiety to the proceedings by taking charge of the greased pig. The pig, secured by Capt. Armour from Heaven knows where, was an extraordinarily affectionate animal, and responded enthusiastically to Mr. Walker's blandishments.

The Battalion is indebted to the 26th Battalion for their courtesy in permitting the use of their parade grounds for the sports, and to the various committees in charge, and especially to the individual efforts of Major Alexander, Major Ross, D.S.O., Major Parr, Capt. Armour, and Battalion Sergt.-Major Hennessey. The Brigade Band played a number of excellent selections and helped to make the affair a success.

## COMMITTEES.

Major Alexander and Capt. Armour, in charge.

*Entries.*—"A" Company, C.S.M. Picken, Pte. Milne; "B" Company, C.S.M. Sewell, Pte. Taylor; "C" Company, C.S.M. Denman, Cpl. Dunn; "D" Company, C.S.M. Sullivan, Pte. A. D. Smith; Bombers, Pte. Bagg; M.G.S., Lance-Cpl. Greenough; H.Q. Details, Sergt. Robins; Transport, Sergt. Durman.

*Starters.*—Major Parr, Lieut. Robertson, C.S.M. Sewell, Sergt. Butteris.

*Judges.*—Major Alexander, Major Ross, D.S.O., Capt. Ritchie, B.Q.M.S. Donovan, C.Q.M.S. McKay.

*Grounds.*—Capt. Hall, Capt. Armour, Lieut. White, B.S.M. Hennessey, Sergt. Stewart, Sergt. Thorpe.

*Programme.*—Lieut. Amphlett, Lieut. Walker, C.S.M. Picken, Sergt. Bushe, Sergt. Wetherman.

## RESULTS.

*Reveille Race* (fr. 10 and 5).—(1) Pte. Bridges, "C" Company; (2) Pte. Holwell, "A" Company; (3) Pte. Wilkinson, "C" Company.

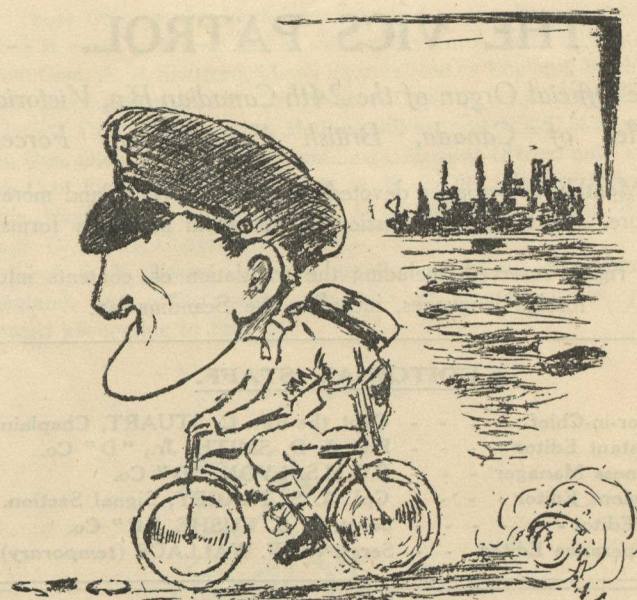
*Band Race* (fr. 10 and 5) (Bandsmen only).—(1) Sergt. Bliault; (2) Pte. Beaton; (3) Sergt. Lapine.

*Mule Race* (fr. 10 and 5) (Transport only).—(1) Pte. Durman; (2) Pte. Liddle; (3) Pte. Jeffery.

*Wrestling on Horseback* (fr. 20) (Transport only).—Winning team, 4 up: Pte. P. J. Smith, Pte. Howe, Pte. Durman, Pte. Watts, Pte. Holden, Pte. Hayes.

*Tilting the Bucket* (fr. 12 and 6).—(1) Sergt. King and Sergt. Baxter, "D" Company; (2) Pte. Bushe and Pte. Grant, Signallers.

*Three-legged Race* (fr. 10 and 5).—First Heat: (1) Ptes. Struthers



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and Dixon, Scouts; (2) Ptes. Hayes and Green, "A" Company; (3) Ptes. McDonald and Crawford, Scouts. Second Heat: (1) Ptes. Burden and Breckenridge, Signallers; (2) Ptes. Buckley and Pollock, M.G.S.; (3) Ptes. Wood and Easton, "A" Company. Finals: (1) Ptes. Burden and Breckenridge, Signallers; (2) Ptes. Struthers and Dixon, Scouts; (3) Ptes. Buckley and Pollock, M.G.S.

*Tug-of-War* (fr. 80).—Preliminaries: Bombers won from "A" Company; "B" Company won from M.G.S.; H.Q. Details won from "D" Company; "C" Company won from Base Details. Semi-Finals: Bombers won from "B" Company; H.Q. Details won from "C" Company. Finals: Bombers won from H.Q. Details.

*100 Yards Flat Race* (fr. 15, 10, and 5).—First Heat: (1) Lance-Cpl. Greenough, M.G.S.; (2) Pte. Adams, "C" Company; (3) Lance-Cpl. Grant, "B" Company. Second Heat: (1) Pte. Struthers, Signallers; (2) Pte. Frayne, "A" Company; (3) Pte. Simmons, "B" Company. Third Heat: (1) Pte. Denenning, Bombers; (2) Pte. Eldridge, "B" Company; (3) Pte. Crawford, Scouts. Fourth Heat: (1) Pte. Dixon, Scouts; (2) Pte. Jackson, "B" Company; (3) Pte. Savord, "D" Company. Finals: (1) Pte. Denenning, Bombers; (2) Pte. Dixon, Scouts; (3) Lance-Cpl. Grant, "B" Company.

*Officers' Race.*—(1) Major Ross, D.S.O.; (2) Capt. Stuart; (3) Major Parr.

*220 Yards Flat Race* (fr. 10 and 5).—First Heat: (1) Lance-Cpl. Dwyer, Scouts; (2) Pte. McDonald, Scouts; (3) Pte. Mahoney, "A" Company. Second Heat: (1) Pte. Denenning, Bombers; (2) Pte. Savord, "D" Company; (3) Pte. Grundy, "D" Company. Finals: (1) Pte. Denenning, Bombers; (2) Lance-Cpl. Dwyer, Scouts; (3) Pte. Grundy, "D" Company.

*Bomb-throwing, four-men teams* (fr. 40).—

Company.	Throwing.	Style.	Total.
Bombers ..	48	43	91
"B" Company ..	19	44	63
"C" Company ..	22	41	63
"A" Company ..	17	31	48
"D" Company ..	8	37	45

*Relay Race, four-men teams* (fr. 20).—(1) Bombers; (2) Scouts; (3) "A" Company.

## NOTES.

We will put the Padre into training for two weeks and back him against Major Ross, D.S.O., over any distance for any part of £10,000—say, 30 francs.

What tune was Sergt. Bliault of the Band playing when he cantered under the tape?

Capt. Hall and Lieut. Robertson took a chance in the tilt-the-bucket affair, and got away with it beautifully.

Discipline is becoming slack. The entrants in the reveille race were not made to shine their buttons.

Hints for golfers!—When you tire of putting a gutta-percha ball with a putter, buy a malacca cane and hire a greased pig. It's great—for the gallery.

"Pop" Carr had the time of his life filling the water bucket. It was unfortunate his hand slipped once.