

Lieut. Brickenden's Company.

We managed to wangle half a day's holiday for our sports, and although many had the weary feeling returning from works, it soon disappeared as event followed event, and the enthusiasm grew. It was an ideal day, threatening rain taking away the terrific heat we had been accustomed to having for weeks previous.

With Lieuts. Dunn and Holman as starters, Chappels and Fitzgerald as judges, and our C.S.M. keeping tag, the fun never lagged, some keen competition being shown.

The summary of results is as follows:—

100 Yards.—Milligan, Bailey, Johnstone, Douglas.
Broad Jump.—Frearson, Johnstone, Gardiner, McKay.
Three-legged Race.—McKay and Dafferin, Broom and Hawker, Stagg and Volbrath.
Putting the Shot.—McKay, McEwan, Kelso.
220 Yards.—Milligan, Johnstone, Douglas, McElrea.
Hop, Step and Jump.—Johnstone, McKay, Chandler.
Throwing Baseball.—Milligan, McKay.
440 Yards.—Johnstone, Williams, Diggins, Morgan.
Kicking the Football.—Guthrie, Gardiner.
Old Soldiers' Race.—Dafferin, Lee, James.
Half-Mile.—Campbell, Bailey, Williams, Heeley.
Sack Race.—Scott, Lush, Edwards, Heeley.
Wrestling on Horseback.—Heeley and C. J. Bryant, Templeton and Williams.
Wheelbarrow Race.—Heeley and Gracey, Templeton and Williams.
Relay Race.—No. 2 Section: Milligan, Boyd, McElrea, Frearson, No. 3 Section: Williams, Douglas, Sheppard, Bailey.
High Jump.—Douglas, A. Smith, Volrath, Heeley.
Throwing the Hammer.—McEwan, Gardiner, Sparks, Boyd.
Greasy Pole Pillow Fight.—Templeton, Lucas, Douglas.
Consolation Race.—Robertson, Gilbert, Morrison.
Clowns.—Volrath, Stagg, Tait.
Tug-of-War.—No. 2 Section: Bater, Stanner, G. Winters, Thompson, Kelso, Dutton, Boyd, Frearson, Milligan (coach).

A prize was given for the section with the best aggregate, and No. 2, generally regarded as a back number, managed to bag this coveted prize. Milligan, the speed artist, was the principal point winner for them, having three firsts to his credit.

Campbell was the surprise packet of the afternoon in the half-mile, finishing strong and with a good lead, and so confounding his critics.

Our veterans took the lead for keenness, and in "Waxy" Gardiner, much younger men found a tough proposition, for even now he is a hard man to beat.

In "Windy Tait," of fame renowned,

A Stag gowned like a female,

And a coon called Volrath as clowns,

Their antics cheek personified.

They made the "Jocks" stare open-eyed:

"Hoot mon!" they dar dae oucht,

Thae lads frae ower the herring pond."

At night Lieut. Brickenden distributed the prizes, assisted by Lieut. Chappels.

The occasion was taken as favourable to give Lieuts. McCurdy and Rirey a send off, and the building rang with the cheers, to which they each responded with gems of eloquence.

We played the Tunnellers at baseball and beat them 14 runs to 4, but a week later they reversed this to 4 against 9.

Cricket was tried, but we lost out 46 runs to 83, chiefly due to the old trouble, lack of practice. The talent is there, but not the enthusiasm.

Lieut. J. I. Oliver's Company.

For the moment, indoor baseball is the most popular diversion with the troops. Though it is an innovation in the Company, the boys have taken to it like a baby to candy. Teams have been organised, and titanic conflicts are taking place daily. The Drivers, effectively camouflaged as Hayman's Hearties, are in the lead, having defeated such formidable aggregations as Turner's Tigers (57—17) and Pennington's Pets (21—5). They have, however, suffered defeat at the hands of Sykes' Spartans, the score being 13—5.

Judging by the rooting, Dixie Walker is the star performer of the Company, though Sapper Morley and Driver Sherratt are easily in "A" category.

Tennis continues on its merry way with ever-growing popularity. Of late, our court has vastly improved—so has our playing. The most notable struggles of the past month are as follows:—

England v. Canada.—England, represented by Capt. Lowe, R.E., and 2nd Lieut. Crowe-Smith, A.S.C., suffered defeat at the hands of Canada, via Lieuts. Bunting and Doherty.

In Sappers v. Gunners, the integrity of the former was stoutly upheld by the C.S.M., Sergts. Hayman, Turner and Smith, who easily defeated picked players of the R.G.A. For his brilliant playing, the C.S.M. deserves the admiration of all sappers, great and small.
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Major Earnshaw's Company.

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Sports have been "looking up" lately. Conditions have been more favourable, and increased interest is the result.

The Company Sports arranged for May 24th were postponed on account of wet weather, and were held on May 30th. They were a great success.

Sectional rivalry was very much in evidence—the "Horse Lines," "D.R.s.," and the 2nd Brigade Section especially distinguishing themselves.

Individually, L/Cpl J. W. Broome and C.S.M. N. Dent made the best showing.

The Divisional Commander was present during part of the afternoon.

The soccer team has been doing well.

In the first round of the Canon Scott Cup (open to units of the Division), they beat the 8th Battalion by 2—0.

They also won two games against teams from French units.

The Frenchmen play clean, fast football, and are quite enthusiastic about the game. They lack experience and weight, but they have speed and an abundance of energy.

The "rooters" appear to enjoy these games, and delight in yelling for the visitors and roasting our team.

Plenty of baseball practice and sectional games, but no Company games to report this month.

The Divisional sports were a huge success, and thanks to the arrangements made, most of the Company were enabled to spend a very pleasant day.

Our group did not distinguish itself.

L/Cpl. J. W. Broome finished 4th in the Quarter Mile, and we look forward to him getting a place at the Corps Sports.

In the Obstacle Race, C.S.M. Dent led as far as the top of "the ropes," but found the outlook from that height so entrancing, that he remained there.

The baseball team is settling down after many experiments.