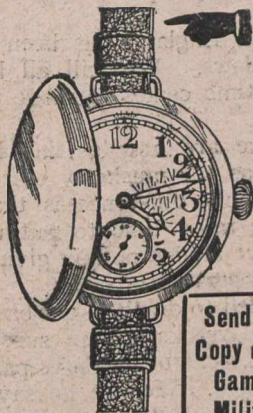


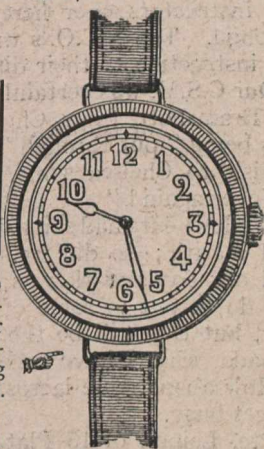
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CONCERT PARTY: Lieut. R. Morrison, Q.S.M. Duffett, Bandmaster L. Turner, Pipe Major W. Wishart, Sergt. Rankin.

BASKET BALL: Sergt. Young (Y.M.C.A.), Lce.-Corpl. Fawcett, Ptes. McIlvrde, Perry Manual.

CRICKET: Lieut. J. Meredith, Lieut. Terry, Lce.-Corpl. Cryer, Ptes. Sherman, Schofield.

MILITARY EFFICIENCY CUP.

Major Harbottle has very kindly given a most excellent cup for inter-platoon competition, the test being military efficiency in all branches. The first test will be in musketry and the following rules govern this first competition:—

1. The cup will be for platoon competition.
2. The cup will in the first instance be given to the platoon of the 67th which obtains the highest platoon average in the general musketry course now being fired.
3. Only those men who fire *all* the practices in the course will be counted. The score of any man who does not fire all practices will be ignored in computing the average.
4. The winning platoon will hold the cup until another competition can be arranged.
5. In the musketry competition the machine gun section and the signallers will compete as one platoon: the balance of the staff as another.
6. The donor may at any time direct the platoon winning the cup to defend it in some other test of military efficiency.

SPORT NOTES.

Staff-Sergt.-Major Duffett has kindly consented to act as official trainer, and all athletes are requested to

get in touch with him to arrange regular training. Drummer Orr will act as his assistant.

Thirty lacrosse sticks have been ordered and should be here this week-end, when Capt. Okell will immediately get his players lined up for a try-out game. It is impossible to import these sticks from Canada now, and this lot is being specially manufactured by Spalding's in London.

Hut No. 16 is specially set aside for all sporting "paraphernalia" to be kept there. In the past members of the regular teams have been allowed to retain their jerseys and gear as long as they were on the teams, but this can no longer be done. As such a large number of men will from now on be playing in the various games, it will be impossible to give everyone an outfit, so all jerseys and gear will be issued from this hut prior to games, and must be turned in immediately afterwards. Pte. Jack Smith has been appointed custodian, and he will be always on the premises, and players are to be encouraged to change in the hut and get a rub down after all games. S.S.M. Duffett is arranging for this, and with his own assistants and Jack Smith, players will be well looked after. Make Hut 16 the Sports Headquarters.

Frank Slavin has returned, looking ten years younger, from his triumphal tour of the southern parts of England.

"Our Jack's Dope," Hut 16.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Heard in Sergeants' Room:—Sergt. C. (writing letter): "Say, boys, I'm up against it. I've forgotten the name of my girl!"

In answer to what the officers wish to know:—Stronk originated the same time as Binks.

To defend a bridge with 30 men:—

First answer: Conditions unknown, strength of enemy unknown, therefore best method unknown.—Q. E. D.

Second answer: In the words of the poet, "It can't be did."

Here we are at the ranges, wind, dust, dirt, shortage of water, but plenty of enthusiasm to put up a good score.

Corpl. M. C—— is to be congratulated on his ability to get away with it.

Who is the sergeant who has received 48 letters since landing in England? The last ones come from Aldershot.

Have the members of the "baun" been vaccinated on the right arm of their tunics? The hieroglyphics at a distance look like early Egyptian.

We hope to get a good wash when we return to our hutments.

Voice outside tent: "I'm Camp Quarter-Master-Sergeant now."

Voice inside tent: "Then, Heaven help us!"

A correspondent from Whitehill, enlarging on the doubtful qualities of the drinking water there, asks feelingly: "How can one even clean what teeth the dentist may have left? The on'y dependable liquids on the range seem to be tea, beer and porter! Are any of these liquids deleterious to the enamel? Speaking from an ever-widening experience, we are glad to be able to reassure our correspondent on the last item."

Pte. Philip W. Steer, of Strathcona Horse, died on 5th of May, at Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, from injuries received at La Bassée.

There are nearly 100 Cowichan men with the 88th Batt. C.E.F.