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Once upon a time, not so very
long ago, the N.C.O.'s became ob-
sessed with the idea that they were
some exponents of the great winter
game. In order to clearly demon-
strate this somewhat peculiar
theory, it was decided to make use
of the Officers of the Depot.

At the same time the N.C.O.'s
must be given credit for having the
courage of their convictions, and
the manner in which they backed
their team is a tribute to their
real sportsmanship rather than to
their good judgment. It is said
that, as a result, unredeemed laun-
dry checks are now accepted as
legitimate currency in certain busi-
ness transactions at the Sergeants
Mess.

The results of the initial en-
counter between the rival teams
have already been briefly alluded
to in these columns. But as the
gentle reader will remember, the
first defeat was carefully explained
by the fact that the ice was too
slow, and that all that was required
was fast ice. Possibly the fact that
the moon was at the full or the sun
at its apogee or some other dis-
concerting circumstance had some-
thing to do with it. Anyway the
N.C.O.'s were going to "shew em
up" next time.

On Saturday afternoon the
"shewing up" process was staged.
The ice was fast; the weather per-
fect. At 2 p.m. the teams skated
out before one of the largest and
most fashionable audiences that
had ever assembled at the E. T. D.
arena. The "youth and beauty"
were all there. Each team, as it
came on the ice, was greeted with
tumultuous applause by their en-
thusiastic backers. It was evident
that all parties concerned, com-
batants as well as non combatants
were very much on edge.

From the first toot of the whistle
it was hockey all the way. Each
man watched his cover warily and
close checking rendered any at-
tempt at combination almost im-
possible. As a result, during the
first period, there was little to
choose between the teams.

The second period had only
started when Gervais, who starred
throughout the game for the
N.C.O.'s, sent a long high shot
from centre ice. It was a difficult
shot to stop and sagged the net
behind Baldwin. Shortly after
this Gallagher and Gibson went to
the side for two minutes. In this

instance both were equally to
blame, but throughout the game
Gibson showed a strong tendency
toward heavy checking and a gen-
eral disposition to 'rough it up'
with the Officers forward line. In-
deed on two other occasions he was
fortunate in not catching the
referee's eye. Just before the close
of the period, Captain Powell was
sent to the side for two minutes
for alleged tripping, a penalty
which was entirely unwarranted by
the circumstances. With one of
the most effective players off the
ice, play was at once carried to the
Officers' end, Gervais scoring on a
beautiful side shot just before the
close of the period.

The 3rd and most critical
period opened with Captain Powell
still in the penalty box and the
N.C.O.'s again rushed the play to
the Officers' end. With Captain
Powell's return however matters
took on a different aspect and half
a minute later Brewster scored on
a pass from Armstrong. Shortly
afterward, following a pretty run
through nearly the whole N.C.O.
team, Brewster again found the
net, evening the score amid
tremendous enthusiasm. Shortly
after this, Walklate, who through-
out had played a most effective
game, carried the puck up the side
of the rink and by a fast shot from
the corner, put the Officers in the
lead. The N.C.O.'s worked desper-
ately to again even up the score,
but all attempts were broken up
by fast checking back and a steady
defence. Finally Armstrong broke
away, carried the puck by a sen-
sational rush almost the length of
the ice and was only prevented
from scoring by Fletcher falling in
front of his goal. With three
minutes to play, Walklate secured
the puck in mid-ice, dodged thro
the N.C.O. defence and slammed
the puck past Fletcher. Time was
called without further scoring by
either side, the final tally being
4-2.

The line up was as follows:—

Officers	N.C.O.'s
Lt. Baldwin	Goal Fletcher
Lt. Brewster	Point Gibson
Lt. Gallagher	Cover Sellery
Lt. Armstrong	Right Beauchamp
Lt. Walklate	Left Estey
Ct. Powell	Centre Gervais

What the N.C.O. hockey team
wants to learn is how to play to-
gether. Individual play may be
good but it does not win games.

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instruction under C.S.M. Sims it
might benefit them.

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