

esting exhibition by three goals to one. Now the gunners, having tested the strength of the "rep." eleven, are willing to back their chances in a real game, providing, of course, the trio named turn out with the Gun Section.

Wednesday's soccer game was in the nature of a workout for the "rep." team for the inter-city contest this afternoon between the 67th and 72nd Battalion elevens. It served its purpose, for the Battalion team demonstrated by its exhibition last Saturday against the Thistles that it was sadly in need of practice. The Western Scots should have won this game handily, but the forwards passed up chance after chance to score. The result was a 3 to 1 defeat.

Allen James William Duggan, sprinter sensational, soccer player extraordinary and now hockeyist par excellence, is reported to be taking vocal lessons. Which just goes to demonstrate that a man never knows when he is well off. There are some things even machine gunners cannot stand for.

The Gun Section has been invited to accompany No. 3 Company to Sidney on a three-day hike, starting Monday. Now the boys are wondering whether Capt. Nicholson is figuring on squaring accounts for that forced march the section gave No. 3 returning from their route march last week.

Cpl. Mills says that the rough stuff always makes him sick—in more ways than one. He has peculiar ideas of cause and effect.

The Section has taken up boxing with enthusiasm, and now there is a battle any time the boys have a few minutes off from drill. Pte. Bob Arbuthnot is strangely aloof so far, however.

#### FIDE ET ARMIS

When'er your heart this task repels;  
When kindlier fancy, born of peace,  
The mission militant expels,  
And from that mission seeks release,  
Recall the German deeds of hate—  
Their dastard deeds on land and foam;  
Then hasten, lest we be too late,  
And strike—for Canada, and home!

Not soldiers we—plain men who know  
The love of home, the fruits of toil.  
But who his manhood holds so low  
That his heart's blood does not recoil  
From wanton murder? Hear the Call,  
And lift the shout to Heaven's dome:  
"We go, we go! Canadians all,  
"To strike for Canada, and home!"

—C. L. ARMSTRONG,  
No. 4 Company.

#### BASE COMPANY

Our motto: Boost for the Base.

Firstly, what is the base company of a Battalion? Webster's dictionary says a base is "the part of a thing on which it stands or rests; as, the base of a column, the pedestal of a statue, the foundation of a house." See?

No; the rumour was false. The bears have not been transferred to the Base Company—yet.

Forget, too, that other whopper that we are organizing a hockey team. We're no all round athletes: we stick to our own game—baseball. When the warm weather opens up and our southpaws recover from their sore arms, we'll consider challenges from any quarter—guard.

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We don't care a rap what kind of funny stuff the Adjutant pulls off on that black charger of his; but we do earnestly beg of him not to joke with anything so serious as a syllabus. Last Tuesday we were duty company. We were 130 strong, supplied 80 men for regimental employ, 48 for guard, fatigues and orderlies, and turned out the other two for parade, all present and correct. And the syllabus said we must do company drill!

That district order putting 'em all out of bounds failed to beat the band. To date they haven't skipped a bar.

Now that Pte. Lachlan McMillan has hit the Base Company, we look for a marked improvement in his scores on the range.

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