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## TRANSPORTS GYMKHANA PROVIDED GOOD SPORT

CAPITAL SPORT, close finishes and clever exhibitions of horsemanship were the features that went to make a rattling fine card at the second Gymkhana held in Flanders by the Transport Section on the afternoon of February 20. The two courses laid out for the sports—one a quarter-mile oval and the other a straightaway—were sufficiently rough to test the skill of both rider and driver. Entries were numerous, most of the events being run in heats. On page three the results of the finals are given. Captain C. Marshall, who organized the affair, could not be denied the pleasure of being present with his boys, notwithstanding he was suffering from a very painful injury to his ankle and had been condemned to bed by the M.O. Lt.-Col. J. Edwards Leckie, D.S.O., officiated as referee. The judges were Major Peck, Captain Kemp and Capt. Brown. Lieut. Sachs combined the duties of starter and scorer, and Lieut. Tupper ably assisted Capt. Marshall in making the afternoon the success it was from the spectators point of view.

Puddy came romping home with the coin, capturing three firsts and one second. Congratulations, Old-timer.

By a short head McDonald won out in the bending race for saddle ponies, Puddy running a mighty close second.

The team driven by Weatherstone at Essars with so much success, again cleaned up the money in both ammunition and bending races, under the skillful handling of "Oak Bay" Gravlin. Incidentally, Gravlin is not only some driver, but can pitch a baseball farther than any man in the battalion.

With nine entries, the bareback mule race was one of the most popular events on the card. "Shorty" with Corpl. Crafer up, scored a win by half a length, with Newlings a close second.

As a fun provoker, Ronald Goodlet

was the life of the meet, and his strenuous efforts aboard "Brownie" were worthy of greater success.

Langhorn, the machine gun driver, was up against a hard proposition in Gravlin, having to be content with second place both in the S.A.A. loading race and the bending race for team and limbers.



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O.C. 16th Batt., The Canadian Scottish

Who tampered with the avoirdupois of the dummies used in the V.C. race? We've heard of men going into a decline but this was too rapid to be natural.

Archdale, who had a popular following among the spectators, was instrumental in helping Gravlin win the S.A.A.

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## FRENCH DECORATIONS FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

AN INTERESTING ceremony was witnessed by a large number of soldiers and civilians at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 17th last. The occasion was the decorating of Canadian officers and men who had been awarded French military honors. The presentation of medals was made by General de division D'Oissel on behalf of the French Government. The presence of a company of French infantry of the line, with their colors and drum and bugle band, added considerably to the interest taken in the afternoon's proceedings. The French troops the blue color of their uniforms blending harmoniously with the predominant khaki of the British forces, were loudly cheered as they swung onto the parade ground and took up their position on one side of the historic square. Directly opposite, facing them was a guard of honor, with pipe band, from one of the Canadian battalions. The colors of the French troops, with their escort, occupied the centre of the square. After inspecting the guard General d'Oissel proceeded with the presentation of the decorations. Among the recipients was C.S.M. J. A. Scroggie of The Canadian Scottish, who received the Medaille Militaire. Sergeant Scroggie has the honor of being the first member of the battalion to receive a French decoration. Lt.-Gen. Sir E. A. H. Alderson, K.C.B., and a number of officers from the headquarters staff witnessed the ceremony.

A recently arrived battalion at the front had their baptism when a H.E. hit in the "midden" of their farm billet. The O.C. No. 1 says they have nothing on him. The genial Hun put it all over him at Fort —.