

OUR SPORTS SECTION

AROUND THE UNITS

A.S.C.

The sports activities of this Unit have been disorganised through members of the various athletic teams being transferred to other parts of the country, but outstanding in recent performances have been:—

Bde. Reps., Dvrs. Arnold, K. D., Porter, W.C.R. and Pountney, W.D., have upheld the name of their Unit in the Rugby Sphere.

In the Boxing World, Dvrs. Edwards, H. S., and Branton, N. W. P. Dvr. Edwards recently represented the Bde. at the Wellington tournament.

A general all-round man lost to us, is Dvr. Poultny, S. A., who holds several Waikato records. Steve Poultny is a past master at the art of high jumping, and scooped the pool here several times. He is now attached to the 3rd Bn. Group.

It is to be hoped that now Summer is here the Unit will be as well represented in fine-weather pastimes as it has been in the Winter Field.

Light Field Ambulance.

Hockey.

Our team had a fairly successful season. Of the matches played two only were lost. Pte. H. A. Jenkins represented us in the Brigade side which played Auckland towards the end of August.

Soccer.

Though we had only a small number of enthusiasts, we managed to field a fair side and had an enjoyable season, despite the fact that only one game was won. Pte. B. Sharp was selected as reserve for the Brigade XI.

Physical Training.

Since August 26, we have settled down to a definite P.T. syllabus. The period has been changed from the last to the first of the day. This has proved quite a success.

The muscles of some chaps are rapidly developing, partly owing to the number of presses ordered by the instructor.

"Be in, Big Chief! Three presses for arguing with the instructor," fired at a sergeant, does produce results!

The brain-stimulating, strengthening and competitive games, interspersed throughout the exercise, keep the men on their toes and the keenness shown proves the popularity of the training.

Transporter Company.

Sport in the Transporter Company has been mainly confined to rugby football, athletics, cricket and hockey. The cricket season was nearing its close when the company had settled down to training and the series of wet weekends further complicated matters. Teams of athletics took part in meetings at Taihape, Raetihi and Rangitikeia with only moderate success. The company was unfortunate that A. Dysart, who was probably the fastest man over 100 and 220 yards, was seldom available owing to injuries and family sickness.

The company entered upon the rugby season with high hopes as the material available appeared promising. Two teams were entered in both the Brigade "A" and "B" competitions, and both teams set off with wins. However, with its weaker numerical strength as compared with most other units the leave made it practically impossible for the "A" team to ever field its full strength and the results obtained were disappointing. Nevertheless, the team put up good fights against the best Brigade sides and accounted for their main rivals, the Brigade A.S.C., after a dour struggle. Lieut. H. Peake, Cpl. H. J. Julian, and Dvrs. K. Ladbrook, R. I. Godfrey, G. Newland and G. D. Berry all represented the Brigade at different times.

The hockey team promised well at the beginning of the season but the lack of equipment was a serious disadvantage and enthusiasm was not maintained, but the material is there and next season may be better. A few boxers have taken part in the Camp events and instruction has been given by L/Cpl. Bolger, in the mess room, at nights.

A ping pong tournament was organised, but the presence of Eric Boniface, one of New Zealand's top men, frightened many out. Needless to relate, Boniface won.



Rosenfeldt positions for winning try in Tanks v. Wellington.

UNIT RUGBY

One Battalion had its share of reps. in the Pukekohe rugby team which this season defended the Peace Cup against challenges from sub-unions of the Auckland Rugby Union. There were always at least 12 "tankers" in the team and on some occasions there were only one or two local players in the side.

The games were productive of high-class and interesting rugby and the local public were always present in large numbers.

The tank boys enjoyed the opportunity to play for the district which had welcomed them so readily, and it was very gratifying to them that the team retained the trophy against some strong sides.

The following played for Pukekohe this season:—

Tpr. D. Mann (H.Q.), Cpl. N. A. Mitchell (B), Tpr. C. M. Mortimer (Reints.), Cpl. P. Hyndman (B), Tpr. J. Elkins (C), Tpr. H. S. Robinson (A), Tpr. A. L. Manion (A), Tpr. I. A. Cockcroft (H.Q.), Lieut. C. K. Saxton (H.Q.), Lieut. C. F. S. Caldwell (A), Sgt. P. C. Banham (C), Sgt. R. J. Forrest (H.Q.), Lieut. T. M. R. Maskew (C), Sgt. G. T. Hoare (C), Cpl. B. S. Coburn (C), Tpr. D. H. McLeod (B), Pte. C. L. W. Bishop (Lt. Fd. Amb. att.), Lieut. H. H. Deans (A), Pte. A. Bennett (Bde. Ord., att.), Sgt. D. McGlashan (Bde. Ord., att.), Tpr. D. A. Grant (A), Tpr. A. T. Panther (A), Tpr. I. J. Adamson (H.Q.), Tpr. W. G. Glason (B), L/Cpl. D. Gibson (H.Q.), L/Cpl. F. W. Cavanagh (H.Q.).

Results of matches played were:—

v. Auckland B. Won, 28—12.
v. Morrinsville. Won, 22—9.
v. Matamoras. Won, 14—13.
v. Hamilton. Won, 14—3.
v. Thames. Won, 23—6.
v. Rotorua. Won by default.
v. Waihi. Won by default.
v. 34th Bn. (3 Div.). Won, 31—16.
The Bn. team was undefeated when we left Camp.

L.F.A. Rugby.

Despite the loss of several outstanding players through injuries and the departure of our section for Pukekohe, the units had quite a successful season. The team finished runners-up in the "B" grade competition. Two players, Sgt. A. L. McPhail and Cpl. C. L. W. Bishop represented us on a number of occasions in the Brigade XV, while two others, Cpl. W. Dalbeth and Dr. T. M. Perkins were selected to play in trial matches. Of the total games played 9 were won and 4 lost.

Ordnance Rugby.

The rugby football season is now drawing to a close and we can look back on a most successful and enjoyable series of games with the various units of the Brigade.

Keen rivalry has always existed between Ordnance and Two Tanks, both teams taking the field determined to "do or die" when they have been matched against each other.

One of our players, Sgt. Colin Sullivan, has consistently made the Brigade representative team, and in this respect Cpl. Eric Calvert has been unlucky; he has twice been a reserve but has not yet had a game. Cpl. Calvert's captaincy during the season has been an inspiration to the team, and it is hoped that he will lead the team on many future occasions.