

It is in a very humble frame of mind that the editor attempts to revise "Sort Thrusts." As this is the first attempt in high-class literature the result may not be all that might be desired but may with a little more practice his efforts will improve.

Boxes will be placed in the Connaught and Victoria Armories to receive contributions to Sword Thrusts, and it is hoped that very one will contribute something to the hoped-for success of the rejuvenated "Sword Thrusts."

BRIGADE CAMP 1933

Owing to the "Paucity" of funds the mounted brigade were not given their annual camp this year. However, ten Officer and three sergeants from each regiment were authorized to attend camp at Sarcee for a period of eight days. For purposes of training the officers and N.C.O.s took the place of troops, and two troops were formed, one from the two northern regiments and one from the two southern regiments. A wonderful opportunity was given to the officers to realize the discomforts of the trooper during drill movements. The following extract from the October issue of the Strathconian will give some idea of the impression given to the Permanent Force: -

"We fear that some of the less serious minded in the squadron derived a lot of fun from the spectacle of very senior officers grooming their own charges and acting as section leaders. The remarkable display of tenacity of one portly gent in refusing to be bucked off, we are sure was due to the inability of any normal horse to get from under such a tremendous weight."

One guess - - - Who was he?

We are glad to note that no reference was made to the fact that two of our officers attempted to give a demonstration of horse-mastership while fording the Elbow River.

MILITIA STAFF COURSE

The regiment had the distinction of having three "Brilliant" officers attend the practical portion of the Militia Staff Course, namely, Major H.P. Rooke, Capt. R.D. Miller and 2nd Lt. & Capt. R.W. Peel. Unfortunately, Capt. M.H. Wright, owing to business reasons, was unable to attend. All three officers succeeded in passing with more or less distinction, in spite of the fact that one of them sent light car troop ahead of his mounted patrol for reconnaissance purposes. The success of a 2nd Lieutenant in this regard was looked upon as a miracle by the more highly distinguished senior officers of his regiment attending this course. However, there is apparently some justice in the army.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS

On the 14th of October the regiment gave a dance at Connaught Armories which was highly successful, especially financially.

The dinner on November 3rd was also highly successful and we had a very interesting talk from Lieut.-Col. Ower of the "Youth Movement in Germany". We had as guests Major W.E.R.M. Stone of the R.C.H.A. and Capt. R. Mitchell of the P.P.C.L.I., whom we were very glad to have with us and hope to see them again.

The Armistice Ball held at the Prince of Wales Armories were we had almost one hundred percent of all active 19th officers, was very enjoyable and Brigadier Matthews came up from Calgary and attended in the Lieutenant Governor's party.

The second dance was given by the regiment on November 25th which was also highly successful both socially and financially.

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ARMISTICE PARADE

The regiment together with the rest of the Edmonton Garrison paraded to the Cross of Sacrifice and afterwards march past the Lieutenant Governor who took the salute, We are glad to note that the regiment was not last this year and that it was not necessary for the adjutant to join us enroute by means of his high-powered limousine.

Jimmy Rowlett says:

A girl I loathe.
Is saddle Browing,
Always whispers.
Nothing doing"

Bob Bradburn – "Am I a little premature?"

Sweet Young thing – "No, you're a little amateur."

HARD HEADED

Said R.S.W.H. Hand to a particularly dense recruit who was being put through his paces at riding school: "Look here, how often have I told you not to approach a horse from behind without speaking to him? One of these days, my lad, you'll get a kick on the head and I'll be left with a lame horse on my hands."

"Aye! Hoo can a man make ends meet noo-a-days wit provisions at five dollars a bottle?" groaned our worthy Quartermaster.

Sweet Yount Thing: - "Have you ever thought you would like to take up Hawaiian dancing?"

Col. Louis Scott: - "No, I've no stomach for that sort of thing."

The chairman of a small-town gas company was giving an address.

“Think of the good the gas company has done,” he shouted, “and if I was permitted a pun I would say, in the words of the poet, “Honor the Light Brigade.”

Dick Carter: - “Oh what a charge they Made.”

Bob Miller & Howard Wright were returning from a poker game which as usual did not break up until the early hours of the morning. Bob, having just purchased a new radio, asked Howard to step in for a moment.

Said Bob: - “Come in and see how easy I can get California.”

Said Howard: - “That’s nothing stay in the car and come home with me and see how easy I can get hell!”.

Bert Rocks says: “What some women don’t know about marriage would fill a clothesline.”