

viously been of great assistance to the Kiltie Concert Company on their various tours and her dancing was greatly appreciated.

The seventh event was an exhibition of Swedish and Naval Drills and pyramids by twenty men under Sergt. C. A. L. Waite. These men were all dressed in white gymnasium suits and made a very fine showing in the various formations which they assumed. The calisthenics were followed by a Boot Race, won by Pte. G. Harris, Cpl. McAleese taking second place and Piper J. Smith third. Four pipers then performed the Highland Fling, music for which was supplied by Sergt. A. Stewart.

The crowning event of the afternoon was the exhibition of trench warfare. Operation Orders had been prepared and copies were handed around to the spectators. These orders ran as follows:—

OPERATION ORDER NO. 76

by

LIEUT.-COL. PERCY A. GUTHRIE,
Officer Commanding 236th Overseas
Battalion—The New Brunswick
Kilties—Sir Sam's Own.

1—Information.

Reliable information has been received that the enemy is about to launch a gas attack, followed by an assault on our position.

2—Intentions.

The Officer Commanding intends to attack enemy trenches Nos. 41-43, Ref. Map F.X., this evening at 11.30 P.M.

3—Disposition.

- (a) Captain E. J. Mooney, "B" Coy., with three subaltern officers and 200 N.C.O.'s and men will carry out the attack.
- (b) Lieut. F. H. Ryder, Bombing Officer, will detail 12 bombers to assist.
- (c) Lieut. D. G. Peters, Signalling Officer will establish communications by field telephone and signallers.
- (d) Lieut. N. C. McFarlane, with detail, 25 men, will provide working party, with necessary tools to consolidate. Also ammunition carriers.
- (e) Sergt. D. H. A. Tozer of the Medical Section will be at Company H.Q. dug-out with four stretcher-bearers and establish advance dressing station.
- (a) Lieut. F. H. Ryder and bombers will accompany the firing line and, when within assaulting distance, bomb the enemy trenches, following which the infantry in charge of Lieut. R. L. Drewer will advance to the attack.

- (b) Lieut. F. W. C. Wetmore will explode the fougasse, which will be the signal for the attacking party to commence operations.
- (c) If the assault is successful in capturing the entire frontage designated, Lieut. N. C. McFarlane and working party will immediately proceed to assist in consolidating the position won.

5—Ammunition and Tools.

A reserve supply of bombs, ammunition and tools will be carried at Company H. Q. dug-out.

6—Reports.

Officer Commanding Company will report the general situation to H.Q. at opening, during progress and at close of engagement.

FRANK EASON,

Captain.

Adjutant, 236th Os. Bn.,
N. B. Kilties.

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As seen from the grand stand the final event of the afternoon was spectacular indeed. Down the field a hundred and fifty yards distance had been prepared a series of trenches, representing the front line of the enemy, with communications, listening post, wire entanglements, etc. Immediately beneath and in front of the grand stand had been prepared an open dug-out, as company headquarters with telephone connections, reserve ammunition and bomb supplies, stretchers and medical equipment. The scene opened with the arrival of a company of British troops in full marching order, under command of Captain Eddie Mooney. The troops took position in extended order immediately in front of headquarters, lying down. Slowly ascending from the opposite trenches came the gas. The wind proved unfavourable for the enemy and the British opened rapid fire. An immense mine was exploded, which tore up the trenches and wire entanglements. The company was put into the attack in waves, the signallers laying their field telephone wires. Meanwhile the interest of the spectators was stimulated by the flash and noise of explosives bursting on the enemy's parapet and wire. Within assaulting distance the bombers came into action and when the trenches had been cleared the final charge carried the British troops to victory. The work of the Medical section was shown, and some comedy introduced when the captured Huns,

wearing gas masks and full equipment come out and were commanded by the Stretcher-Bearer Sergeant to carry in the wounded. Lieut. A. O. Budd, who personated the German officer prisoner displayed the treacherous character of the Hun to perfection when he attempted to assassinate Captain Mooney in his dug-out and was forcibly disarmed. The scene closed when the working party, heavily loaded with sand-bags, shovels, picks, etc., crossed No Man's Land to consolidate the trenches. The attack was arranged and carried out under the direction of Captain Percy F. Godenrath.

The Queen Street Barracks Parade Ground was the scene of the evening's Festival and Bonnet Hop. Lights had been strung and booths set up and as soon as the gates were opened the square was crowded with people. A daring "Slide for Life" was executed by Drummer A. Walker and Lance-Corporal C. A. Cromwell, the former sliding along a suspended wire, supported only by a strap on the back of his neck and the latter repeating the performance, hanging from a bar by his teeth.

The winning tickets for the Major Drawing were drawn by Mrs. Hester Harvey and the prizes distributed. The winners were as follows: 1st., a silver tea service valued at fifty dollars, Miss M. G. Buswell; 2nd., a thirty-five dollar suit or overcoat, unclaimed; 3rd., a barrel of flour, George Chappell, Esq.; 4th., a pair of trench boots, Mr. A. W. Coombes; 5th., a pair of army boots, H. R. Babbitt, Esq.; 6th., 10 tickets, Gem Theatre, Mr. H. M. Blair; 7th., 10 tickets, Unique Treatre, Miss Helena Tracey; 8th., 10 tickets, Gaiety Treatre, Cpl. J. H. Burness; 9th., 10 tickets, Unique Theatre, Mr. Ernest A. Belyea; 10th., 10 tickets, Gem Theatre, unclaimed. The gate prize of a barrel of flour was also unclaimed.

The evening ended up one of the red-letter days in the history of the Kilties. Outside the merely financial benefits, there were other far more valuable results. The Regiment had an opportunity to show the people of its native province what it could do and how well it could do it.