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CADET NOTES.

Training commenced with a four days' barracks in the first week. Many senior boys were still absent, including several n.c.o.'s, but with the assistance of instructors from the N.Z.T.S. and from a neighbouring unit very valuable work was done.

The establishment of an A.T.C. unit within the Cadets has proved very valuable. There has been not only an added interest in the course of work but also a certain element of competition, leading to greater smartness generally.

Towards the end of the first term the battalion participated in a parade through town, its bearing being well up to the high standard set in the past.

Specialist training has included the development of a signals platoon, which it is hoped to increase in size next year, and a Lewis gun platoon. In addition, variety has been given to the work by lectures on gas and the study of the Tommy-gun and of booby traps. During the May vacation, four sergeants received instruction at the Southern Military District School, the training received being used to considerable advantage on their return. At present a platoon of prospective n.c.o.'s is being trained in preparation for next year's requirements.

COMPETITIONS.

Although only fifth amongst the schools of the area in the Press Shield Competition, the team has received considerable benefit from the training and, as most members were young, our prospects for next year are bright.

The Speight Cup, for the best shot in the School, firing .303 ammunition, was won by Cadet G. W. Valentine, who also won the Godley Cup for the best shot in A Company. The Godley Cup for B Company was won by C.S.M. D. S. Coombs.

The annual platoon competition was won by No. 4 Platoon, B Company, Sergeant W. S. Partel, who was also adjudged the best sergeant in the battalion.

A.T.C.

For the first year of its existence, the A.T.C. unit has had a varied and interesting programme. The unit is divided into two flights, one aircrew, one radio. During the second term the two flights had a half-day visit to a southern air station and also attended some instructional motion pictures at A.T.C. Headquarters. In the third term the unit took part in a recruiting parade together with the town unit