

NOTED ATHLETE DONS THE KHAKI

Alex. Decoteau Joins Sportsmen's Battalion—Reperesented Can- ada at Stockholm

Alex. Decoteau, desk sergeant of the South Side police station and one of Edmonton's best-known athletes, has joined the 202nd (Sportsmen's) Battalion and will begin his military duties at once, under Lieutenant.-Col. Bowen.

Alex. Decoteau has for years been known as Edmonton's best long-distance runner and was a representative of the Alberta Amateur Athletic Union at the Olympic trials which were held in 1912. Representing the Edmonton Police Athletic Association, he ran in practically every provincial athletic met which has been held in Alberta for the past five years.

He was the winner of the Edmonton Capital road race and was three times winner of the Calgary Herald Christmas Day road race, the classic of distance running in Alberta. He is the holder of the record for the course, establishing the mark in 1910. He did not compete in 1911 or 1912, but won the event in 1913 and 1914, each time that he ran, setting a pace which made the event practically a one-man race.

Last Christmas he jogged home two blocks ahead of the field, second and third place in the event being won by Privates Hall and Miller, of the 66th Battalion, who are now on their way to the front.