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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is very gratifying to learn that the Army is, as was only to be expected, developing rapidly on Irish lines. The interest and enthusiasm with which the games, language, music, etc., of the Gael are being taken up all over the country should be sufficient to assure the most pessimistic. The attention paid to the language in many of the Commands and the progress already made by students promise well for the future of the native tongue in the Army.

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The announcement that Irish Classes were to be established at G.H.Q., Parkgate Street, was received with the greatest possible satisfaction on all sides. The interest taken in the subject and the eagerness of the enquiries made respecting it displayed some of the old enthusiasm. The officers, without exception, intimated their intention of attending the proposed classes. All types of student, from the merest tyro to the budding fainneach will be catered for. The promoters are sanguine that the opportunities now afforded will be availed of by all who are desirous of acquiring a working knowledge of the National Language. We hope that before our next issue the classes will be in full swing and it will be possible to publish the full programme of the work. Similar classes will be organised at the other Army centres.

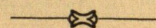
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While fully cognisant of the vital importance of the national language as a means of preserving our distinctive national culture and outlook there are many other phases and subjects that deserve consideration. History is almost as essential for the soldier as for the politician, and there is no more fascinating subject for an Irish Soldier than the study of the history and literature of his own land. It is a subject that has attracted many distinguished foreigners—Napoleon was an admirer of MacPherson's Ossian. Ireland simply teems with interesting historic relics. Every rath, mound, hill, glen, lake and river has its own fund of historic lore. They speak eloquently of the greatness of our island's past.

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Our geographical divisions and our very place names are still there to tell their own tale of by-gone Ireland. Take for instance the various names by which the Ireland has been known. They are associated with the earliest traditions of the race and are to be found in our most ancient records. Ireland itself simply means the land of Ir, but then Ir was the son of Mileadh, the father of our race, he from whom the whole Milesian line descended. Ir was the first of the Milesians to be buried in Ireland. The Book of Armagh gives the name Ireo which means the grave of Ir.

The name Erin is older still and carries us back to a period anterior to the Milesian settlement. The three last Kings of the Tuatha De Dannans ruled alternately. During each period of Kingship the country was named after the Queen of the reigning King. The names of the three queens were Eire, Banba and Fodhla, and by all these names Ireland has been known in the language of the Gael. In English, however, Erin is the one most generally used in modern times. Inis Fail, Inis Ealga, Hibernia, are other names reminiscent of our ancient history.



OUR FRONT PAGE PORTRAIT.

Major-General Prout, G.O.C. Waterford Command.

The present G.O.C. of the Waterford Command was born in the village of Dundrum, County Tipperary, in the year 1880 and received his early education locally. Whilst still a boy he followed in the track of so many thousands of our fellow-countrymen across the ocean to the United States where he completed his education.

The inheritance of the "Fighting Race" was his and when the opportunity came he was to be found in the ranks of the famous 69th—the American regiment which is linked with the memory of Meagher of the Sword. He served with the 69th in France during the European War and for five months was on the Staff of the French Command. He won several distinctions including the coveted Croix de Guerre.

The European war having come to an end the subject of this brief biography returned to his native land and gave his services wholeheartedly to the Volunteer movement. In the fight against the British he rendered very valuable services as Divisional Instructor and Intelligence Officer in his area.

Later he was appointed Divisional Instructor at the Divisional Training Camp, Galtee Castle, and subsequently acted in a similar capacity for the 3rd Battn. 3rd Tipperary Brigade.

After the signing of the Treaty he went to Beggar's Bush Barracks at the request of G.H.Q. and from thence was appointed O/C. Kilkenny. His next post was O/C 2nd Southern Command. In this latter capacity he conducted a number of very successful operations in that area and was responsible for the advance of the troops on Waterford, Carrick-on-Suir, Kilkenny and Clonmel.

Waterford was captured by the troops under his command after three day's siege and Carrick-on-Suir after two days. They could, of course, have been taken in an infinitely shorter space of time but for the desire of the Army to ensure the safety of civilian life and property as far as possible. When Clonmel was taken, on August 9th, the delight of the inhabitants, who had suffered severely during the occupation, knew no bounds. They rushed into the streets to welcome the troops as they entered and the young soldiers of Ireland had to submit to being lionised for hours—many of the women flung their arms around the lads in green and kissed them enthusiastically.

On the reorganisation of the Army the leader of these victorious troops was appointed Major General and G.O.C., Waterford Command.

Personally Major General Prout is a fine type of Irishman with a deeply-rooted love of sport and athletics. He is very popular with his men and it certainly will not be his fault if they do not distinguish themselves in the ranks of the Army Athletic Association as brilliantly as they have already distinguished themselves on the field of battle.

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MARCHING SONGS.

Óró! 'Sé do beata 'baile!

Gléas D.

{ :s | s : - .s | f : f .s | l : s | f : r .f }
{ 'Sé do bea - ta, a | bean buí léan - mar Dubh }

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{ é ar scread tú | beir i ngeí - binn ar }

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{ r' : l | d' : l | s : - | s : }
{ oíol - ta leis na | Gall - aib. }

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{ s : - | s : f .s | l : s | f : r .f }
{ Ó - ró! 'Sé do bea - ta 'baile - le! }

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{ Ó - ró! 'Sé do bea - ta 'baile - le! }

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{ Ó - ró! 'Sé do bea - ta 'baile - le! }

{ r' : l | d' : l | s : - | s : }
{ 'Nois ar taic an tsam - raib. }

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Tá Gráinne Maol a' triall ear sáile,
Óglais armta léi mar fárdá
Saeóil iad féin, ní faill ná spáinnis
'S cuirfio ruais ar Galluibh.

Óró! 'Sé do beata 'baile, jrl.

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A buíde le Riš na bfeart go bfeiceam
—Cé nác beo 'na deóir ac seacá'n—
Gráinne Maol a's mile saisgídeac
'Fógaire fáin ar Galluibh.

—Ó "nám sceol péimis," an t-ádhair padruis bpeacáac do émuinnis. (Dhrán asur o nóláin).

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RUADAR PAOI ŠAEÓILGEÓIRÍ AN AIRM.

mar a tuiscear pan uimhir deiridh de'n óglác, tá boinná
asur pór paoi šluairceat na teangan pan airm. Le goirio,
éainic buídean de na h-oiris le céile as an áro-oiris—
Šaeóilgeóirí—asur maraon leó an t-áro-šongantóir asur an
t-áro šoláiríaróe.

Triacat ar céir na teangan i scoitían pan airm asur
rošmaigeat ar éuro móir neite. Oira peo, bí an ršmúró ppeirialta
a éatíear šac páinneac a feapain éun páinne an airm a u' pášail.
Rinne an t-áro-šongantóir tagairt an-ppreirialta do'n šac a
bí le tian-ršmúró pul má bionn páinne uá leitéir ar fáiríóir,
asur h-aontuigeat leir. Leasat amac cóiríu oibhe éun péacaint
éuige nac bpaigirí doinne páinne airm ac iao peo atá ábalta
ar a nšac-óbaí a óéanainn ršm an šaeóilš.

Ir deiridh, ppeirín, go bpuiltear éun rpeir a mšršail i lahairt
asur i n-šráio na teangan i nšac ball de ballaib an airm,
ó'n áro-oiris anuar go uci na complacat. Beir cumann láiríu
deas-riaríac as teatáil éuige peo ar nór cumann lúit-éleap
an airm asur beir pé rin ann. Tá seallamaint tušca as áro-
óirte an airm go mbeir šac calair asur conšnam le pášail
inr an obaí.

Tuiscear comitíonól móir le céile šan moill ar a mbeir teacat
ó'n áro-oiris asur ó šac moill i n-éiminn. Leaspar moill an
šcuinníu rin šgéimeanna oibhe asur cuiríear an šluairceat
paoi lán t-riubal ar an toir.

Táir as péacaint éuige go bpuilreóar inr an óglác ppeat
vairtí taicneamaca i nšaeóilš ar áobair ion-rpeir.

Tornuigeat an t-peacatín peo ar an šaeóilš uó mšneac
uó na h-oiris as an áro-oiris. Ceirte cinn de manšanna
a cuiríear ar bun i. uá éeann le h-ašairí tornuigeóirí, ceann
meatónac, asur áro-manš.

Ar an áro-óirte peo atá as ršmúu oibhe na šaeóilš ó
blá clia—tá uoaine go bpuil a n-óšmaic cairte le móirín de
bláadantáib ar paoirí asur ar leacnú na teangan. Ní baosál
go tceipirí oira inr na iaríac peo atá uá éadairt aca éun na
teangan šaeóilš a éur inr an áit ir ual oi inr an airm.

Go n-éimíró leó go sear.

doinne šur máit leó aon eolap o'pášail i uoair an ršéil,
ba éeap uó ršmíobac éuige león ó uoin, ceann caia, oirš an
áro-šongantóir.

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PETER LACY, FIELD MARSHAL.

Irishman Prominent in Russian Military History.

Among the junior officers who sailed for France that bleak November morning in the year of Grace 1691, was one Ensign Peter Lacy, a youth who was afterwards destined to write his name in no uncertain characters in the military history of the Russian Empire. Lacy was born in Kileedy, Co. Limerick, in September, 1678, and through the influence of his uncle, John Lacy, Quartermaster-General in the Jacobite forces he was given the rank of Ensign in an infantry regiment that had achieved distinction in those bloody conflicts at the Boyne, Aughrim and Limerick. Upon his arrival in France Lacy was gazetted Lieutenant in the Regiment of Athlone, and shortly afterwards took part in the Italian campaign of 1693-6. On the conclusion of peace the Athlone regiment was incorporated with another corps, and Peter Lacy finding himself without a command quitted the French service, and journeyed across the frontier. Arriving in Vienna he was fortunate enough to be one of the corps of officers engaged by Peter the Great to discipline his troops. In January, 1799, young Lacy set out for the Russian Capital, and on his arrival was given the rank of Captain in the Infantry Regiment commanded by a Scottish Jacobite named Brice. From this period he was engaged in the military operations, with varying fortunes, in Livonia and Ingria between Peter the Great and Charles of Sweden.

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In 1703, the Limerick boy was given command of a company styled the Grand Musketeers of the Czar, and two years later was raised to the rank of Major in an infantry Regiment. The Czar nominated Lacy Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Polotzk, a crack corps, in 1706, and desired him to raise and instruct those new battalions. How well the newly appointed Lieutenant-General carried out the work entrusted to him may be judged from the fact that in less than twelve months the troops under his command had gained a reputation for steadiness and discipline second to none in any army in Europe. In 1708, he defeated a superior force of Swedes at Peregova. In January, 1709, the Czar further rewarded Lacy for his services by giving him a Regiment of Grenadiers. At the great conflict at Pultowa, when the Swedish Army was completely overthrown, Lacy led the right wing of the Russian Army, and was wounded in several places while leading his men in that last mad charge which gave the victory to the Czar.

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How well Peter Lacy's work for the Russian Army was recognised may be gathered from the following which was written by a Russian military writer of the day:—"It was Lacy who taught the Russians to beat the King of Sweden's Army, and, from being the worst, to become the best army in Europe. Our soldiers used to fight in a very confused manner, and to discharge their muskets before they advanced sufficiently near the enemy to do execution. Lacy instructed his men to reserve their fire until the last possible moment, and devised that system of charging which led to the ultimate victory of the Russian forces."

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When Catherine I. ascended the throne Lacy was given charge of the College of War at St. Petersburg, and raised to the rank of General. After some years of comparative peace Lacy was ordered to proceed to Poland at the head of

30,000 troops who were detailed for the protection of Augustus of Saxony. Seizing Warsaw in October, 1733, Lacy quickly made himself master of the surrounding country, and in a few months had completely routed the forces of King Stanislas. Desultory fighting occupied the next few months, and finally, in February, 1734, the capture of Dantzic placed Augustus firmly on the seat of the Polish Kings. Lacy was again highly honoured by the Empress Catherine, and Augustus received him with great magnificence in Warsaw. The Austrians now engaged in a war with France, and Lacy was ordered to their aid with all possible speed, but peace was concluded before he arrived upon the scene of hostilities. In May, 1736, Lacy was given command of an expedition sent against the Turks, and in July he succeeded in capturing the important Turkish stronghold at Azoph. The invasion of the Crimea followed this feat, and again and again did Lacy give evidence of his leadership.

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In December, 1741, a revolution took place in St. Petersburg, by which the Princess Elizabeth was made Empress, and Lacy being awakened out of sleep at 3 a.m. was called upon to say of what party he was. "I am for the reigning Empress," was the instant reply, which satisfied his interlocutors. A mutiny broke out among the Russian troops at Easter, 1742, and here again Lacy's swift determination, and conspicuous good sense came into play. He drafted several provincial regiments into the Russian Capital, and seizing the ringleaders of the mutiny thrust them into a military prison. Then when order was re-established he set up a military court to inquire into the causes of the mutiny. The differences between the soldiers and the Government were adjusted, and Lacy became, if possible, more popular than ever.

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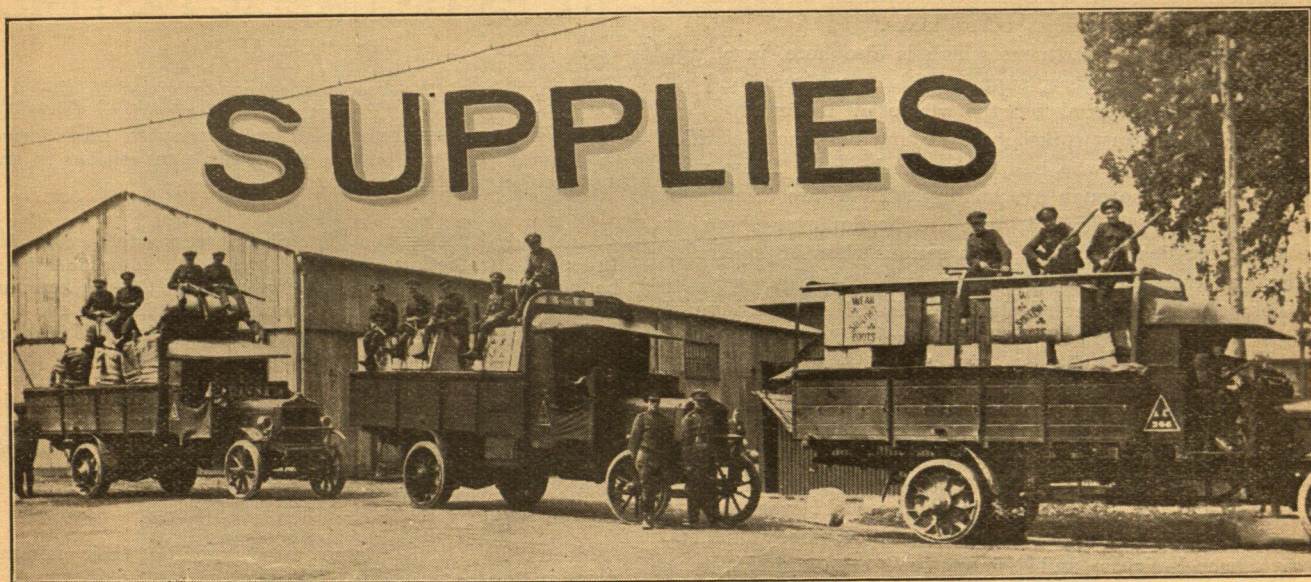
Again the tramp of war sounded between Russia and Sweden, and again we find the Irish exile in arms for his adopted land. Curiously enough on this occasion we find Lacy in the role of sailor. It was determined to strike against Sweden by sea, and Lacy being in charge of the expedition was naturally looked upon as the Admiral as well as General. How he would have conducted a manoeuvre by sea was, however, left undecided as peace was concluded before many shots were fired. Lacy now retired to his estates in Livonia, of which province he was governor, and resided there until his death which took place in 1751. Lacy is said to have been tall and well made and to have possessed a mind remarkable for its clearness of vision and soundness of judgment. He was admired by the whole army for the example he gave of intrepidity, endurance of fatigue and the maintenance of discipline.

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[BY OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.]

The activities of the Army at Islandbridge Barracks are many and varied. The Artillery occupy only one section of the barracks; round the corner, as it were, one finds great buildings stocked from floor to ceiling with "Supplies," and men busy loading lorries with goods for the different Battalions scattered all over Ireland.

In another part of the barracks the armourers are busy and still further on one comes across the Remount Services Trades Branch.

"Supplies" is a most comprehensive designation. It embraces almost everything that the Army requires—boots and bedding, tunics, towels, trousers, shirts and socks, belts, buttons and blankets—everything, in fact, save rations, arms and ammunition.

Commandant C. Farrell, who is in charge of this most important section of the Army, has achieved a marvel of neatness and systematic efficiency in the disposal of the great quantity of goods stored at Islandbridge. By means of a simple system of "tally" cards it is possible to see almost at a glance the exact amount of stock in any one of the large buildings. And, considering the bulk and remarkable variety of the goods which are stored there the prevailing tidiness and cleanliness of all the stores is a very high tribute to the officers and men concerned.

These are the Quartermaster General's chief stores for Ireland, and all the goods are inspected before being sent out by rail or sea to their destination by the Q.M.G.'s Chief Inspector and his assistants, who also travel through the country checking the supplies in the various Commands.

In one of the stores on the occasion of my visit they were re-baling uniforms after inspection. The clothes are sent out in bundles of twenty-five—twenty-five greatcoats in one bale, twenty-five tunics in another, and so on. Baling presses worked by compressed air reduce the bundles to compact

size and the canvas is stitched around the clothes whilst they are still in the press.

"Supplies" has been in existence since Beggars Bush was taken over by the Army and even before that date in a small way. The stores were first at "The Bush" whence they were transferred to Portobello, being finally removed to their present habitation in December last.

In common with other branches of the Army which I have visited "Supplies" sets its face against waste. I was shown a big heap of greatcoats which had been returned owing to the wearers having been demobilised or for other reasons. They were awaiting inspection by expert tailormen who would decide whether or not they were worth dyeing or cleaning and furbishing up for further use. In a corner was a pile of buttons retrieved from coats against which the verdict had gone. These buttons would be cleaned up and re-issued to the tailoring department for use on new uniforms.

In the store where the big boxes of boots awaited issue, in company with leggings, revolver holsters and belts, I was rather surprised to learn that the Army is also supplied with clogs, but a moment's reflection showed me that there are many classes of work for which clogs would be infinitely preferable to boots.

"Supplies" also provides shoemakers' and tailors outfits for the different Commands, forage baskets and other accessories for the Horse Transport and the Artillery, office furnishings and bed-boards.

A good many of the old "Q" company, which got the goods off the boats at the North Wall during the war with England, are engaged in this department of the Army.

Commandant Farrell was good enough to accompany the pressmen to the other sections of the Army occupying Islandbridge Barracks. At the Armourers' shops we were introduced to Captain J. Doyle, Chief Armourer for Ireland,

whose men were at work cleaning and repairing an 18 pounder and a Hotchkiss amongst other tasks.

The Ordnance Department which is also here, in charge of Commandant Carbery, supplies rifles, revolvers, and all necessary war material for the whole of Ireland.

In the small-arms workshops we found big stacks of rifles handed in by men who had been demobilised. These were all awaiting a thorough overhauling. There are armourers' shops in every Command, but the headquarter shops at Islandbridge deal with the more serious class of repairs to rifles, revolvers and machine guns.

Close to the Armourers' shops we found another hive of industry—the shops of the Remount Services Trades Department, with Lieut. Cassidy in charge. In the yard outside the shops were packed scores of ex-British army waggons. These are being overhauled, and, where necessary, repaired, after which they will be utilised for carting rations and forage and general barrack service.

In the process of repair some of these old waggons are practically made into new ones. Expert body-builders, expert wheelwrights, and painters will take an old crock which had seen its best days in the British Horse Transport, and in a remarkably short space of time turn it out "as good as new" and looking an altogether different vehicle.

This department has been at Islandbridge since February. Before that it had been established in Gormanstown Camp since September, 1922.

The picture which forms the heading of this article shows a Convoy moving off from Islandbridge with supplies for one of the Commands.



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One of the compressed air baling presses in the Supplies Stores at Islandbridge. The platform rises and presses the bundle of garments against the top, and whilst in this position the canvas wrapper is stitched on.

NOTES ON GAELIC PASTIMES.

By "OSCAR."

I am pleased to observe marked activities in the Army Athletic movement. Reports from the various Commands point to growing interest and an anxiety to push forward the games. We are on the eve of big competitions in track and field competitions also.

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On July 25th, the Portobello promoters run their Independent Meeting. Dublin Command Championships will be held at Croke Park on August 4th. Other Commands must needs push on their Championships if they are to be ready for the great A.A.A. events on August 25th and following days. It is hoped to make this a worthy display and no better week could be selected. I trust athletes are devoting their attention to training. The title of first Champion of the National Army in any event ought to be one dear to the heart of every Gaelic athlete. Already rumours of first-class talent being unearthed reach us from the respective camps. The more the merrier!

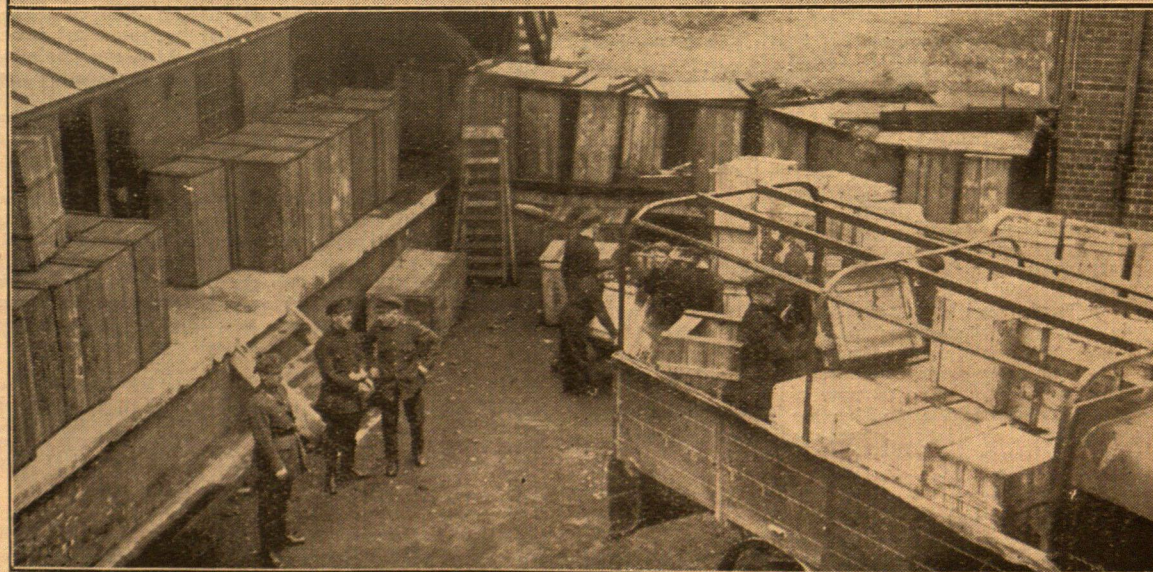
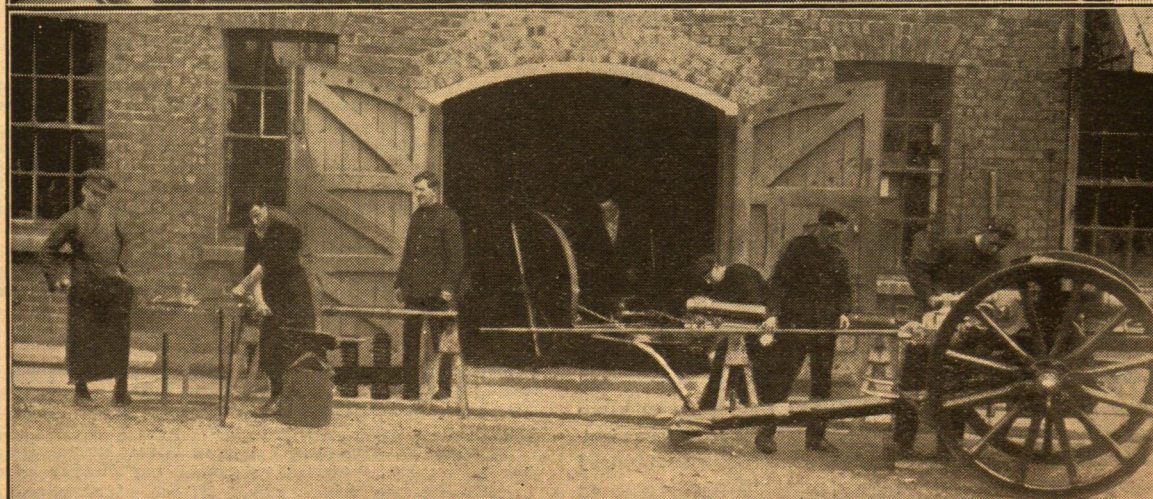
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Meanwhile Gaelic Games are assuming their honoured place in the Nation's life. No more pointed evidence of the return to normal conditions could be quoted than the enthusiasm and magnificence of the Munster Finals at Thurles on Sunday, July 1st. It was like old times. Every young man and many an old one in Tipperary appeared to be there, and thousands flocked in across the Limerick border by road and rail. Excursions brought many from Cork and Dublin. The scene around the Croke Memorial in the wide square at Thurles before and after the games was typical of the best Championship ties of the past. Tipperary won the football easily, but the hurling, as expected, was a dour, determined struggle. Limerick—All-Ireland Champions were fighting hard for their continued title. Tipperary—with great traditions behind them, were eager to prove their old virility and skill.

'Twas a great display of the National game—thrills in every instant, ash clashing on ash, long wing drives, soaring balls and desperate struggles near the areas; yet withal, not an angry word nor a stroke of play suggestive of temper. When the veteran Arthur Donnelly was entrusted with a "free" in the final stages Tipperary were one point behind. You could hear a pin fall as he rolled the leather on to his stick. He got it up well and his stroke was perfectly timed and placed—travelling well above the bar for the equaliser. The succeeding scenes were indescribable in their enthusiasm, and when the long whistle left the teams level, tongues were loosed, speaking of the match as the "greatest yet." Personally, I do not think the game was as brilliant as some of the past finals, but it was sufficiently good to satisfy us that Irishmen are still a powerful athletic force, and that hurling is not a lost art. The re-play will be eagerly awaited and must attract a record crowd.

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Without any extraordinary performances the Irish Athletic Championships at Croke Park were a great success. The events were all of a high standard; all our best athletes were in attendance, and the mingling of North and South was a healthy indication of future possibilities. We will probably win all the weight events against England and Scotland, and, though we cannot expect to shine otherwise, we may run into many seconds on July 14th. It would be too much to expect our men to show their best form after the troubles of recent years, but we are in a good position to re-construct our old athletic prestige. I am not without hope that athletes of unusual natural ability will be discovered in this season's Army Championships.



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ACTIVITIES AT ISLANDERIDGE.

[Exclusive photograph

TOP—(Left to right)—Captain Doyle, Chief Armourer; Commandant Farrell, Chief Supplies Officer; Commandant MacEvoy, Asst. Chief Ordnance Officer; Captain P. Byrne, i/c Accounts Branch, Islandbridge; Captain Pederski, i/c Stores Supplies; Lieutenant Doyle, Asst. Chief Armourer; Captain H. Byrne, Staff Supplies, and Lieutenant Cassidy, i/c Remount Services, Trades Branch. MIDDLE—Outside the Artillery Workshops. Copying to 18 pounder. BOTTOM—Loading up a convoy outside the Supplies Stores.



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FROM FAR AND NEAR.

MAJOR General McKeon, G.O.C., Athlone, and Mrs. McKeon are on a visit to the Continent.

IN consequence of the Farm Labourers' strike and resultant occurrences Curfew, has been proclaimed in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. A number of persons have been courtmartialled and fined for breaches of this regulation.

THE marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, Athlone, Very Rev. Canon Crowe, P.P., officiating, of Miss May Wheatley, daughter of Mr. J. Wheatley, King Street, to Captain J. P. Harper, Tipperary, and formerly of the Athlone Command. At a reception, after the ceremony, Captain Sean O'Connor paid a tribute to the bridegroom's work during the Black-and-Tan regime.

VOL. Ml. Hayes (19), son of Wm. Hayes, Emly, was drowned while bathing at Askeaton. An unsuccessful attempt at rescue was made by Vol. Franklin.

THE first anniversary of the death of Vice-Brigadier Thomas Ruane, Kiltimagh, was marked on Thursday, 5th July, by a striking military display at Kiltimagh. All sections of the Claremorris Command were represented, while the various public bodies throughout the country sent deputations. At 11.30 o'clock a solemn Requiem Mass was offered up in the parish church after which close on 200 officers and men marched to the graveside of the late Brigadier Ruane, where after prayers, the "Last Post" was sounded, and three volleys were fired over the grave.

AT Ceannanus Mor Military Barracks on Friday evening, 29th June, the non-commissioned officers and men of the garrison presented Lieutenant Bishop with a beautiful gold watch and a dressing case on the occasion of his departure for the Curragh. The presentation was made by Sergt. Ennis.

SUNDAY, July 1st was the anniversary of the death of Col. Comdt. Mandeville, Staff Capt. Vaughan, Staff Capt. Condon, and Sergt.-Major Behan, killed during military operations in Dublin. To mark the occasion Mass for the repose of their souls was offered in St. Patrick's Church, Ringsend. There was a crowded congregation, which included over 500 men from Beggar's Bush Barracks.

After Mass the troops marched through the city to Glasnevin, accompanied by the brass and reed and the fife and drum bands from Collins barracks, and the brass and reed band of the Special Infantry from Portobello Barracks. At the cemetery the troops were drawn up by the graves, a firing party discharged three volleys, and trumpeters sounded the "Last Post." There was a large assembly of civilians, amongst whom were many relatives of the deceased.

WIDESPREAD sympathy is extended to Major-General T. Ennis, Commandant Ennis, G.H.Q. and Chief Superintendent P. Ennis, Oriel House, on the death of their mother which occurred in a Dublin Nursing Home at midnight on July 3rd. The funeral took place on the 5th inst. from St. Agatha's Church, North William Street, after Requiem Mass, to Mylerstown, Co. Kildare. Many officers attended the obsequies and the Higher Command was fully represented.

THE North Tipperary county surveyor reported he had received an offer from General Prout to have Kilsheelan Bridge repaired, provided the County Council supplied the necessary materials and plant. If advantage were taken of General Prout's offer it would save money to the counties of Waterford and Tipperary. It was stated that Waterford Co. Council had refused to take action in the matter.

Pressed by ratepayers and the Local Government Department, Tipperary Council made an order authorising the military authorities to proceed with the work under the supervision of the county surveyor.

PROMINENT amongst the great gathering at Feis Bhreifni, in the G.A.A. grounds, Rosculigan, Cavan, were Major-General D. Ho-an, G.O.C. Dublin Command and General O'Duffy, Chief Commissioner of the Civic Guard.

AT Kildare Feis, says the "Leinster Leader":—"The splendid gymnastic display given by the military proved highly interesting. It included tableaux, parallel bars and horse-work."

THE Army Pensions Bill passed through its final stages in Seanad Eireann on July 11th.

PPRIVATE McCrudden was drowned whilst bathing near Markree Castle, County Sligo, on the evening of July 11th. Several of his comrades who went to his rescue had narrow escapes.

VOLUNTEER Kerdon, stationed at Ballymahon, County Longford, was drowned whilst bathing in the river Inny. He was a native of Galway.

APRETTY wedding took place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin, on Monday last, when Commandant P. J. Ryan, O/C Garrison, Baldonnell, was married to Miss Molly Farren, of Red Cow. Major-General MacSweeney and a number of officers from Baldonnell, Tallaght, etc. attended.

ON Friday, July 6th, Haulbowline Island with its dockyard, was dedicated to the Sacred Heart by Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan, Bishop of Cork. Colours bearing the sacred emblem were blessed and presented to the Coastal Defence Corps.

GENERAL Prout, G.O.C. Waterford Command, and a number of officers attended the dinner given in Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel, to the Ministers who addressed the meeting in that town on Sunday.



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ΣΑΡΘΑ ΣΙΟΤΣΑΝΑ.

PARTICULARS OF CADETSHIPS

(CONFINED TO NATIONAL ARMY OFFICERS).

The Commissioner, with the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, will appoint 15 Cadets for the purpose of undergoing instruction and training at Headquarters, and of being prepared and fitted to take charge of Districts.

The following conditions govern these appointments :—

1. Candidates for Cadetships must be Officers now serving in National Army, unmarried, and between the ages of 21 and 26 years. Each Candidate must have attained the age of 21 and must not have attained the age of 26 on the first day of the Examination.

2. Each Candidate must be at least 5 feet 9 inches in height, and have a mean chest measurement of at least 36 inches. Each Candidate will be required to pass a Medical Examination carried out by the Surgeon of the Civic Guard. He must be in good health and free from varicose veins, varicocele, spinal curvature, impediment of speech, defect of sight or hearing, or any other physical defect or disposition to constitutional or hereditary disease or weakness of any kind; he must in all respects be well developed, and should possess sufficient strength to enable him to undergo the fatigue to which Officers of the Civic Guard are liable.

3. Each Candidate will have to submit to test of vision. He must be able to read with one eye separately and without glasses. Test arranged after Snellen's Test-type, so that his vision would be approximately V.—6 for distant vision, and Jager's Test-type at a distance to be selected by the Candidate under similar conditions. Squint, inability to distinguish different colours, or any morbid condition liable to the risk of aggravation or recurrence in either eye, will involve the rejection of the Candidate.

4. Each Candidate shall have 24 sound teeth. These, or some of them, may be artificial. Carious teeth will involve rejection of the Candidate.

5. The Candidate must send in with his application a certified copy of the Registry of his Birth, or in default of this, any other proofs of his age that the Commissioner may require.

6. The Candidate will have to satisfy the Commissioner that his moral character is such as to qualify him in all respects for appointment.

7. A competitive examination to test the knowledge of applicants for appointment to the rank of Cadet will be held on 1st August and subsequent days.

8. No applicant will be called up for Examination whose *bonafides* cannot be vouched for by a responsible Army Officer, and whose character cannot be testified to by a Clergyman of his religious denomination, preferably his own Parish Clergyman. An applicant can only sit at the competitive examination with the permission of the Commissioner, and no applicant will attend this examination unless called up by the Commissioner.

9. The Commissioner reserves to himself the right to grant to any Candidate "Service Marks" (subject to a maximum of 200 such marks). The Commissioner may grant a Candidate all or any of these marks in virtue of his previous I.R.A. record, of his record in National Army, of his National record generally; of his general fitness for the position which he seeks, and of his aptitude for command.

10. The following are the subjects for the Examination, with the maximum marks for each subject :—

	Marks.
IRISH	200
ARITHMETIC	200
DICTATION (this includes Orthography and Hand-writing)	100
ENGLISH	200
PRECIS WRITING	100
GEOGRAPHY	150
READING ALOUD	50
IRISH HISTORY	200
DRILL	150
Total Marks	1,350
Service Marks	200
GRAND TOTAL	1,550

Irish.—A fair knowledge of Irish will be looked for. Candidates will be required to translate idiomatic sentences in English into Irish, and will be required to translate into Irish a continuous piece of English prose. Passages in Irish for translation into English will be given from "Seadna," by Father O'Leary, and Candidates will be further required to translate into English unseen passages from Irish authors. The standard of this Examination is about that of the Middle Grade standard of the Intermediate Examinations.

Arithmetic.—Candidates will be required to solve questions on the first four simple rules; Vulgar and Decimal Fractions; Interest—Simple and Compound; Practice; Discount and Present Worth; Profit and Loss; Proportional Parts. Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of all the more common Arithmetical Tables in use, as well as of the Metric System, Mensuration.

Dictation.—Candidates will be required to take down in their own handwriting a passage in English prose, and also a passage from a poem of some well-known poet. Each passage for taking down will be read over once at a slow rate, so that Candidates may obtain a grasp of the contents. The passages will then be read over at a quicker rate, and no portion of either passage will be repeated for the benefit of Candidates.

English.—Candidates will be required to write an Essay—a choice of four being given. The Essay given to contain at least 600 words. Candidates will be required to show a knowledge of Anglo-Irish Literature—especially that of the last century. A Grammar question may be set.

Precis Writing.—A long passage or passages of English prose will be given to the Candidates, who will be required to make a short summary thereof, giving, in their own words, the meaning of the passage or passages. Candidates must be careful, while aiming at brevity in their summary, not to sacrifice the meaning of the original passage or passages.

Geography.—Candidates will be required to show a thorough knowledge of Geography of Ireland, and a general knowledge of the Geography of the World.

Reading.—Each Candidate will be required to read a passage in prose and a passage in poetry—print or MS.

Irish History.—Candidates will be required to show a fair knowledge of Irish History from the year 1172 to the present time. The History of Ireland in the 18th and 19th Centuries should be studied in particular.

Drill.—Squad and Company Drill. Ceremonial.

11. A Candidate who is declared to be successful at the competitive Examination, whose age is within the prescribed limits, and whose health and moral character are certified to be satisfactory, may, with the approval of the Minister for Home Affairs, be ordered by the Commissioner to Headquarters for training and instruction.

12. Each successful Candidate called for training and instruction will have to undergo six months' course at Headquarters, during which time he will have the rank and pay of a Sergeant of the Civic Guard, namely, £5 per week.

13. Candidates successful at the Entrance Examination will not be required to undergo any further Examination in Literate Subjects.

14. Cadets will be borne on the strength of the Guard, and will be allowed to occupy quarters in the Cadets' Block. They will be further allowed to wear the undress uniform of Superintendents of the Civic Guard and to perform the duties of Officers. Candidates may purchase this uniform at their own expense, but it is not compulsory on Candidates to purchase such uniform, as each Cadet will be provided with Sergeant's Uniform and equipment at the public expense.

15. At the end of the six months' period of training, Cadets will be subjected to a further examination for the rank of Superintendent, and successful Candidates at this Examination will be appointed to the rank of Superintendent as vacancies occur and according to their standing, proficiency and conduct as Cadets. Successful Candidates who are not definitely and immediately appointed Superintendents will be attached to the Headquarters of Chief Superintendents throughout the country with the rank and pay of Inspector. After a satisfactory period of service in this capacity, and as vacancies occur, these Inspectors will be given the rank of Superintendents.

16. Candidates who fail to pass the above-recommended

tion may be given a further period of instruction, or they may be asked either to resign or to take up duty as ordinary members of the Civic Guard with the rank of Sergeant.

17. The six months' training period, being only a period of probation, Cadets cannot be considered as being permanently attached to the Guard as Officers, or as having any vested rights to commissioned rank. Those of them who are unsatisfactory, from any point of view, will be dispensed with. Where a Cadet is removed, no reasons will be assigned for such removal.

18. All applications, together with copies of testimonials, certificate of character, birth certificate, certificates of efficiency and education, etc., must be lodged with the Commissioner not later than 12 a.m. on the morning of 25th July, and no application whatever will be considered after this date.

19. No appointment to the rank of Cadet will be made except as a result of the examination held on August 1st and on subsequent days. Candidates who are called up for training and who, for any reason, are unable to attend in time, will not be considered further. The period of training will commence on Monday, 13th August, and Candidates called up, who fail to put in an appearance at the appointed time, will be rejected.

20. The commencing pay of a Superintendent is £400 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to £600 per annum. The commencing pay of a Chief Superintendent is £650, rising by annual increments of £25 to £800 per annum. When Officers are not accommodated in official quarters, they are entitled to rent allowance as follows:—Chief Superintendents, £80 per annum; Superintendents, £60 per annum. Officers when absent from Headquarters on duty are entitled to subsistence allowance at the following rates—

10 hours and upwards	Night up to 24 hours,
6/8	20/-.

In addition, Chief Superintendents are entitled to £160 a year as locomotion allowance, provided Commissioner is satisfied with the means of locomotion, and Superintendents are likewise entitled to £120 a year locomotion allowance.

Cadets, on being passed for the rank of Superintendent, will receive an allowance of £50 for purchase of uniforms, etc., and they will receive an allowance of £15 per year for maintenance of uniform thereafter.

(Signed) EÓIN Ó DUBHTHAIGH, Taoiseach,
Coimisinéir.

9/7/23.

OUR YOUTHFUL PUGILISTS.

An event, at once unique and entertaining, featured at the Army Service Corps Barracks, Curragh, on the nights of 27th and 28th June, when the Boys Training Company met to hold a series of eliminating and final boxing bouts for the Section Challenge Cup.

The cup, purchased through the medium of the Battalion Sports Fund, is a heavy silver one, and prior to the actual contests taking place, was much admired by the boys.

Entries were invited throughout the Company for all the classes of weights, viz., feather, bantam, fly, light and welter, and the result came to an average of eight entries per class. The process of award of marks is that the section to which the winner of a bout belongs receives two marks, while the loser's section receives one mark.

In all 33 preliminary and final bouts were fought in the boys' classes, and some of the style displayed gave undoubted promise of good results in the future. One contest in particular that gave the spectators much enjoyment was between two youngsters about 4' 8" high who stood toe to toe and hammered one another until called off.

Being a free show, a good crowd had assembled, but one is inclined to think that 5/- entrance fee might easily have been charged for the class of the sport provided.

On the second night besides the final bouts of the boys' competitions, there were also preliminary and final bouts for the men's competitions, besides a special contest between Vol. O'Brien of the boys' Company and Vol. Behan of the men's Company. Vol. O'Brien won this fight.

The results of a capital two nights' sport are as follows:—

Boys' Competitions.

Fly-Weights.—Vol. Smith, Sect. 1, beat Cpl. Dunne, Sect. 1.

Bantam-Weights.—Vol. Riordan, Sect. 1, beat Vol. Nolan, Sect. 2.

Feather-Weights.—Vol. McFarland, Sect. 2, beat Vol. Smith, Sect. 1.

Light-Weights.—Cpl. O'Brien, Sect. 1, beat Vol. O'Shea, Sect. 3.

Welter-Weights.—Vol. Brennan, Sect. 4, beat Vol. Evans, Sect. 2.

Men's Competitions.

Fly-Weights.—Vol. McLoughlin beat Vol. Pugh.

Bantam-Weights.—Vol. King beat Vol. Brown.

Welter-Weights.—Vol. McElwee R, beat Vol. Vol. McElwee P.

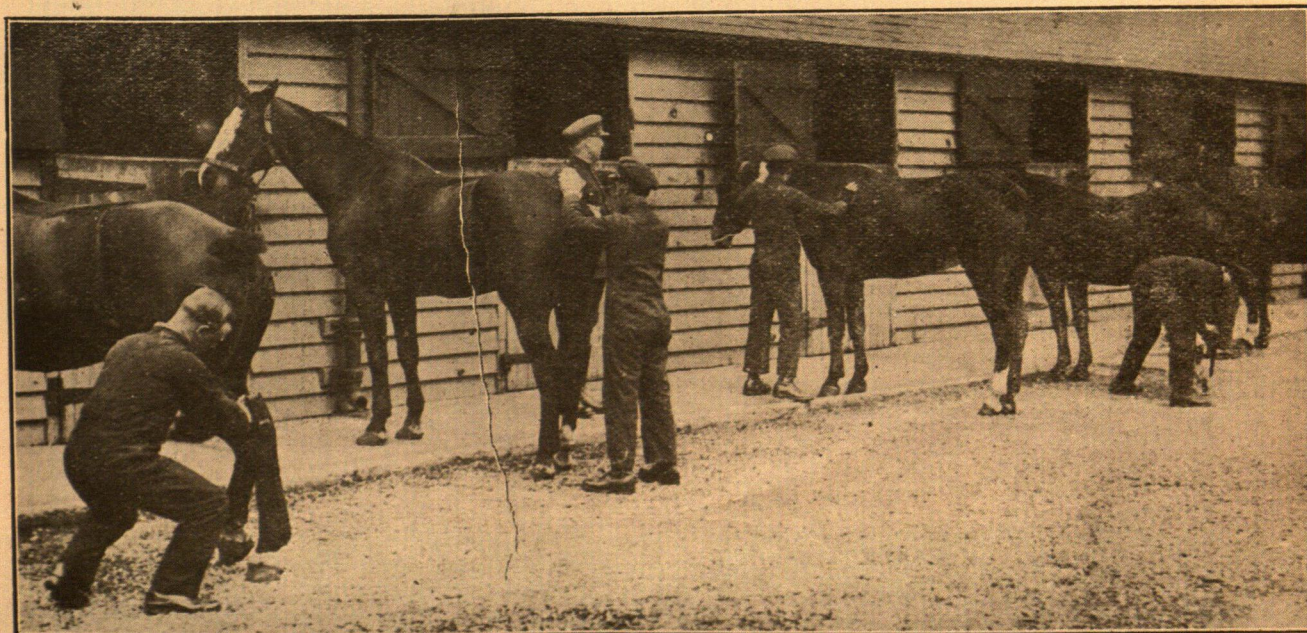
The result of the sectional scoring was as follows:—

	Fly.	Bantam.	Feather.	Light.	Welter.	Total.
Sect. 1.	15	9	6	6	—	36
Sect. 2.	1	6	8	3	4	22
Sect. 3.	2	3	3	3	3	14
Sect. 4.	—	3	4	9	4	20

Thus No. 1 Section won the Cup, and carried it off to their hut with all the pride that well earned victory can carry.

Committee.—Colonels J. P. Hunt and J. Byrne. Judges.—Messrs. Kent and McCormack. M.C. Lieutenant M. J. Doogan. Timekeeper.—Mr. McMenemy.

A photograph of the youthful boxers will appear in our next issue.



"An t-Ogláic"

Beginning the day. An early morning scene at the Artillery Barracks, Islandbridge.

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SOME CRAYON IMPRESSIONS



OF THE CURRAGH COMMAND.



ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Programme of First Grand Tournament in aid of the Wounded Soldiers—Sports at Kehoe and Beggars' Bush Barracks—Activities in the Limerick Command—Special Reports from all quarters.

Sunday next, July 15th, witnesses the first grand tournament organised by the Army Athletic Association in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Comforts Fund. It would be difficult to find an object more deserving of the support of the new association, and the purpose for which the Tournament is being held should alone tend to swell the gate receipts.

The Army Athletic Association, however, is not relying on the sympathy of the public for a big attendance. It has provided one of the most attractive programmes seen at Croke Park during the present year, so that those who turn up at the famous sporting venue on Sunday will not only have the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to a most deserving object, but will realise that they are getting splendid value for their money in the sporting fare presented for their enjoyment.

The following is the programme:—

- 1.30.—Gates open.
- 2.15.—MASSED BANDS' performance (Special Infantry. Dublin Command, Railway Corps and Civic Guard).
- 2.30.—HURLING: Limerick Command v. Cork Command.
- 3.45.—TUG-OF-WAR. First pull, D.M.P. v. Guinness's Brewery.
- 4.0.—TUG-OF-WAR. First pull, Civic Guard v. Ballyboden.
- 4.15.—MASSED BANDS' performance.
- 4.30.—FOOTBALL: Dublin Command v. Curragh Command.
- 5.45.—TUG-OF-WAR. Second pull, D.M.P. v. Guinness.

6.0.—TUG-OF-WAR. Second pull, Civic Guard v. Ballyboden.

6.30.—TUG-OF-WAR. Final pulls (if necessary).

6.45.—PRESENTATION OF MEDALS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

A beautiful set of gold medals for the D.M.P.—Guinness's contest has been presented by Surgeon Barnaville.

Gold medals also have been presented by Cumann na Saoirse for the other Tug-of-War, and for the Hurling and Football victors.

Seats are being reserved on the touch-line for the wounded soldiers.

The usual prices of admission are being charged to all save the wounded soldiers. Tickets for reserved side-line seats may be had on application to the Hon. Sec of the A.A.A., Commandant Colgain, Portobello Barracks.

Cumann na Saoirse are providing refreshments for the wounded soldiers, athletes and musicians.

It is to be hoped that every soldier who can possibly be present will turn up at Croke Park on this occasion—and turn up early—as there is certain to be a big influx of sport-loving civilians.

The following is the Limerick Command Hurling team:—McGrath, Murphy, Lynch (2), Riordan, Ryan (2), Clancy, Fitzpatrick, Mockler, Burnell, Morrin, Barron, Fahey, Storan, Dundon, Carroll, King.

The following is the Curragh Football Team:—Gogarty, O'Beirne, McIvor, Hudson, Fahey, Brennan, Farrell (62nd Batt.), Whelan, Warnock (43rd Batt.), Smith (29th Batt.), Curtis, Lohan (O.T.C.). Gommand Staff:—Rogers, McGettrick, Harepark, Tentown:—Kennedy.

LIMERICK COMMAND COMMITTEE—SPORTS PROGRAMME.

(FROM OUR LIMERICK CORRESPONDENT.)

A meeting of the above Committee was held on 25th June, Rev. Fr. McCarthy, Vice-President, being Chairman. Col. T. McGrath, Hon. Secretary, and Lieut. Sean Crean, Hon. Treasurer, were also present. The following members of the Command Committee were in attendance: 12th Battalion, Pte. M. J. O'Connor; 28th Battalion, Lieut. Sean Clancy; 31st Battalion, Lieut. Fitzpatrick; 60th Battalion, Sergt. Clancy; 18th Battalion, Capt. Hill; 39th Battalion, Lieut. Quinlan; 7th Battalion, Lieut. Minogue.

APPEAL BY COMMAND HEADQUARTERS CLUB.

The Committee heard an appeal by the Secretary, Command Headquarters Club, against a decision of the 60th Battalion Committee in ordering a replay of the match—Headquarters v. Transport. Col. McGrath represented Capt. Kelly, Secretary Command Headquarters Club, who was unavoidably absent. Lieut. Sean Crean represented the 60th Batt. Committee.

Col. McGrath explained that the match was fixed for Wednesday, June 6th, but by mutual consent was postponed to Friday, June 8th. The match was played on Friday, and Headquarters won. Owing to a complaint by Transport that their full team was not present, the match was re-fixed for Wednesday, 13th June, and Headquarters won. This statement was borne out by Lieut. Minogue, 7th Battalion who witnessed both matches. On the grounds that the match was played and won twice by Headquarters after having been mutually postponed, Col. McGrath claimed that their team be awarded the match.

Lieut. Crean on behalf of the 60th Battalion Committee maintained that the match was not fixed by the Battalion Committee, and consequently was illegal, and should be re-played.

Headquarters was awarded the match by decision of the Command Council.

SELECTION OF COMMAND HURLING TEAM.

The next business was the selection of a team to represent the Limerick Command against the Cork Command in Dublin on July, 15th. After some discussion it was decided that a team representing the 12th, 28th, 60th and 7th Battalions should play a team representing the 11th, 18th, 31st and 39th Battalions, and that the Command team be chosen from amongst the pick. It was decided to summon a further meeting of the Committee for Saturday, 30th June, at 6.30 p.m. sharp, to make a final selection. Lieut. Chris Ryan was appointed to train the Command team at Rockbarton.

COMMAND COLOURS.

The Command colours adopted are:—Blue Jersey with White shield containing three yellow crowns. Gold edging to shield.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

Rev. Fr. McCarthy was directed to interview Comdt. Colgain, Secretary, Army Athletic Association, re travelling facilities for teams.

A letter from Comdt. Colgain stating that Army teams were forbidden to play civilian teams, except with the permission of the Executive Council, and that Army teams (as such) were forbidden to play any game banned by the Army Athletic Association, was read by the Hon. Secretary.

FIXTURES.

The following fixtures were made:—

HURLING.

12th, 28th, 7th, 60th. v. 11th, 18th, 31st, 39th at MARKETS FIELD, Saturday, 30th inst., at 3 p.m.

31st v. 39th at ROCKBARTON, Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m.

Referee—Capt. Murphy.

7th v. 60th at MARKETS FIELD, Monday, July 2nd, 7.30 p.m.

Referee—Fr. Hamilton.

FOOTBALL.

7th v. 60th at MARKETS FIELD, Saturday, 30th inst., 4.30 p.m.
Sergt. O'Neill.

31st v. 39th at ROCKBARTON, Saturday, July 18th, 3.0 p.m.
Sergt. O'Neill.

18th v. 11th (re-play) NENAGH, July 11th, 4.0 p.m.—Lieut. Minogue.

At the hurling match for the selection of the Command team the 12th, 28th, etc., will wear the Pay Corps' jerseys. The colours for the 11th, 18th, etc., will be supplied by Capt. Hill. An entrance fee of 6d. will be charged. Lieuts. Cotter and Crean were appointed to take charge of the gate arrangements and sale of tickets.

SPORTS.

Entries close on July 17th for the Command Military Sports. It was decided that not more than three competitors from each Battalion should be allowed to compete in any one event. July 16th was decided upon as the last date for receiving entries for the handball competitions.

HANDBALL.

On the question of standard courts the following resolution was proposed by Lieut. Clancy and seconded by Capt. Hill:—"That the Army authorities be requested to build a standard handball court in the New Barracks, Limerick."

TOURNAMENT AT CROKE PARK.

The question of running an excursion train to Dublin in connection with the tournament in aid of wounded soldiers to be held at Croke Park on July 15th was next taken up, and the Committee decided that it would not be advisable to give the G. S. & W. Railway Co. a guarantee of 300 passengers at 8/- per head.

The following resolution was proposed by Lieut. Minogue (7th Batt.) and seconded by Lieut. Clancy (28th Battalion):—"That the G.O.C., Limerick Command, be asked to notify all Departments that officers, N.C.O.'s and men engaged in promoting the Army Athletic Association should be given facilities to do so, provided same did not seriously interfere with their duties."

POSTPONEMENT OF SPORTS.

The Command Military Sports was postponed to July 26th owing to the Kilmallock fixture taking place on July, 22nd, the original date fixed.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK.

The Secretary announced that Pte. O'Connor, 12th Battalion, who was appointed clerk was unable to take up the appointment as he was engaged clerk in the Orderly Room, 12th Battalion, and consequently Pte. F. Rochford "A" Coy., 12th Battalion, was appointed clerk to the Secretary.

PROGRAMME FOR SPORTS MEETING AT END OF MONTH.

A meeting of the Limerick Command Committee A.A.A. was held June 8th, 1923.

At the June meeting of the Limerick Command A.A.A., (Rev. R. McCarthy, Vice-President, in the Chair) the following were registered:—28th Battalion, Gort—all teams; 39th Battalion, Charleville—1 hurling team; 12th Battalion, Ennis—"A" "B" and "C" Coy's; 7th Battalion, Limerick—"M.G." and "B" Coy's; 11th Battalion Nenagh—2 hurling teams and 2 football teams; 60th Battalion, Limerick—4 hurling and 4 football teams.

A message from Commdt. Colgain asked the Command to select a hurling team to play the Cork Command at Croke Park on July 15th. It was decided to field a team for the date mentioned.

It was decided to adopt the old Thomond Colours for the Command.

It was decided that the League system of competition be adhered to as far as possible.

Correspondence from Captain Gilleece was read on the subject of Boxing asking for names of N.C.O.'s and men in the Command, anxious to compete. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up in the following weights:—Feather weight, 9st and under; Light weight, 9st 9lbs.; Welter weight, 10st 7lbs.; Middle weight, 11st 6lbs.; Catch weight, any weight. Entrance fee 2s. 6d. each man.

The programme for Athletic Championships was next for consideration. This includes Battalion and Command sports, and fixtures were arranged for the last week in July, in the Markets fields. A Sub-Committee was appointed for this purpose, the members being Commdt. Joyce, Captain O'Sullivan, Captain Lynch, Lieut. Cotter, Lieut. Crean, with permission to co-opt additional members if necessary.

The following are the list of events for the Command Military Sports to be held—as arranged by this Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 15th June.

Events confined to Military within the Command:—100 yards—220 yards—880 yards—1 Mile—high jump—long jump—tug-of-war—relay race—1 mile cycle race—putting 16 lb. shot—throwing 56 lb. with or without follow.

Open Events:—220 yards—440 yards—880 yards—3 miles flat—high jump—hop step and jump—raising and striking hurling ball—1 mile cycle race—3 mile cycle race.

SPORTS AT THE CURRAGH.

62ND BATTALION (PONSONBY BARRACKS) HOLD INITIAL MEETING OF SEASON.

FROM OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.

By kind permission of Major General P. McMahon, the 62nd Battalion hold their Sports on the 29th June. The weather was beautiful, and admirably suited for carrying out the day's programme. A Committee of Management under the Presidency of Captain Liam Collins had charge of the arrangements, and the success of the undertaking is attributable in a great measure to the activities of his excellent Committee. There was no interval, and this fact undoubtedly made a great impression, for at sports of this kind, unless event follows close on event, the spectators become listless. Amongst those in the Officers' enclosure were:—Colonel Dunphy, D.A.A.G., Colonel Hunt, Colonel Bennett, Colonel Byrne and Commandant McDonald, A.P.M.

The Sports were the first held in the Command this season, and that they were so eminently successful is due to the organising ability of Commandant Lawlor—Officer Commanding 62nd Battalion—and Captain Collins and his Committee, who were in charge of arrangements. The prizes allotted to the various events were very valuable, and included a set of Gold Medals of Celtic design, presented by Messrs. Elvery and Co., Ltd. for inter-Coy. tug-of-war. Other prizes presented included a silver watch from Mr. Cunningham (Kildare) a suit case from Messrs. Todd Burns (Curragh), a valuable fountain pen from Messrs. Eason and Son (Curragh Branch), and a valuable prize from Mallicks, the Curragh.

An outstanding feature of the day's programme was the remarkable success of Sergeant D. Delaney, who won the 100 yards, 220 yards, and 440 yards. He got second in the 880 yards and in the long jump. Lieutenant Morgan's versatility was also an outstanding feature. He won the long jump, high jump and hop step and jump, also the Officers' 100 yards.

Colonel Dunphy, Command Adjutant, in the unavoidable absence of Major General P. McMahon, G.O.C., presented the prizes. He shook hands with each successful competitor and congratulated each man warmly. He also presented prizes to the winners of the boxing competition held some time previously in Battalion Gymnasium.

In the course of his remarks at the conclusion of the distribution he congratulated Commandant Lawlor, the Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the 62nd Battalion on the great success of the sports. He expressed admiration of the manner in which the sports were carried out, and said that they were worthy of emulation. He had remarked, when passing by the grounds of Ponsonby Barracks (62nd Battalion) on the evenings, after the day's work that the men of the Battalion were enjoying themselves at their games, and nothing gave him greater pleasure. A Battalion foremost at sports must need be foremost from a military point of view.

The meeting concluded with "three cheers" for Colonel Dunphy, which he acknowledged with a salute. Commandant Lawlor was the recipient of a similar ovation. Details:—Judges, Colonel Hunt, Captain Higgins, Captain O'Beirne, Captain Kelly; Stewards—Captain Collins, B.S.M. Ward, C. S. M. Gogarty, C. S. M. McIvor, Sergeant O'Connor, Vol. Keyes; Starter—Commandant Lawlor.

100 yards—Sergeant D. Delaney 1st; Vol. Dillon and Vol. Keyes, (dead heat).

Hop, Step and Jump—Lieut. Morgan, 1st; Vol. Young, 2; Cpl. Canning, 3rd.

Rising and pucking Ball—Lieut. Dunphy, 1st; Capt. Higgins, 2nd; Vol. Fahy, 3rd.

220 yards—Sergt. Delaney, 1st; Vol. Keyes, 2; Vol. Gorman, 3rd.

Football Place Kick—Capt. O'Beirne, 1st; Vol. Bradley, 2nd; Lt. Morgan, 3rd.

Veterans Race—Sergt. Daly, 1st; Inst. Officer McCormack, 2nd; Vol. Manning, 3rd.

Officers 100 yards—Lieut. Morgan, 1st; Capt. Collins, 2nd; Lieut. Kimmage, 3rd. This was a good event. The winner's time was 1 2/5 secs. Captain Collins was beaten by not more than 1 1/2 yards.

Relay Race—Won by "A" Company (C. S. M. McIvor, S. Q. M. S. McGuire, Vol. Keyes, Vol. Dillon).

Sack Race—Cpl. Bulger, 1st; Vol. Stoney, 2nd; Vol. Goggins, 3rd.

1 Mile Flat—C. S. M. McIvor, 1st; Vol. Gorman, 2nd; Vol. Stoney, 3rd.

Long Jump—Lieut. Morgan, 1st; Sgt. Delaney, 2nd; Vol. Clifford, 3rd.

High Jump—Lieut. Morgan and Vol. Gorman (dead heat).

Obstacle Race—Vol. Tehan, 1st; Vol. Kelly, 2nd; Vol. Fahy, 3rd.

880 yards—C. S. M. McIvor, 1st; Sergt. Delaney, 2nd.

Weight Throwing—Cpl. Canning, 1st; Vol. Nugent, 2nd; Vol. Coughlan, 3rd.

440 yards—Sgt. Delaney, 1st; C. S. M. McIvor, 2nd; Vol. Keyes, 3rd.

Tilting the Bucket—Vol. Kelly and Vol. Stoney.

Pillow fight—Vol. Bradley.

FOLLOWING his appointment as Army Chaplain, Rev. E. O'Harte, C.C., Monaghan, resigned his position as Secretary, St. Macarten's Hall. The Committee congratulated him on his work, and expressed regret at his departure. COPYRIGHT MILITARY ARCHIVES

CURRAGH TRAINING CENTRE SPORTS.

Despite the tropical heat there was a large attendance on Wednesday, July 11th, at the old cricket ground on the Curragh, when the Curragh Command Training Centre Sports took place.

The officials in charge were:—Chief Judge, Col. J. P. Hunt; Judges, Col. R. McCarley, Capt. Feely, Capt. H. Hennessy, Lieut. P. Cronin, Lieut. P. J. O'Shea, Lieut. J. Curtis; Timekeeper, Lieut. P. J. Lynn; Clerk of Course, F. S. M. Gardiner; Chief Whip, B. S. M. O'Reilly; Recorders, C. S. M. Coggin, V. McCarthy; Starter, Lieut. M. J. Doogan. Results:—

HALF-MILE—Lieut. Hart (O.T.C.), 1; Lieut. Murphy (O.T.C.), 2. 12 ran. Time—2 mins. 26 secs.

HIGH JUMP—Lieut. Hurley, 5 ft. 2 ins., 1; Lieut. P. Reilly, 5 ft. 1 in., 2. PUTTING THE SHOT—Capt. O'Driscoll, 36 ft. 7 ins., 1; Comdt. Booth, 35 ft. 9 ins., 2; Lieut. Gorhan, 33 ft. 7 ins., 3.

MILE FLAT—Lieut. M. J. Doogan, 1; Lieut. Moynaghan, 2; Lieut. Finneran, 3. Time—5 min. 6 secs.

SLINGING 56lbs. (without follow)—Capt. O'Driscoll, 21 ft. 9 ins., 1 Commandant Ryan, 20 ft. 6 ins., 2.

LONG JUMP—Pte. McIlwee, 18 ft., 1; Capt. Killoury, 17 ft. 8 ins., 2. 440 YARDS—Lieut. Leonard, 1; Lieut. O'Shea, 2; Lieut. Quinn, 3.

PILLOW FIGHT—R. McIlwee (O.T.C.), 1; Cpl. Dunne (Boys' Co., O.T.C.), 2.

220 YARDS (confined to Battalion Commandants)—Comdt. Walsh (7th Batt.), Comdt. Ryan (25th Batt.), 2.

TUG-OF-WAR—B Company (O.T.C.) beat A Company (O.T.C.), 2 pulls to nil.

220 YARDS—Capt. Jordan, 1; Capt. Leonard, 2; Lieut. Phelan, 3. Won by five yards. Eight ran. Time—26 1-5 secs.

RELAY RACE—C Company (O.T.C.), 1; B Company (O.T.C.), 2. Time—4 mins. 15 3-5 secs.

LADIES' RACE—Mrs. Kavanagh, 1; Miss Connolly, 2. Seven ran.

BOXING.

Two boxing bouts were brought off in the evening. The interest mainly centred in the meeting of Sergt. T. Moloney (O.T.C.), Welter Weight Champion of the Curragh Command, Light Weight Champion of the same, and ex-Light Weight Champion of the British Army, and Private Darragh (62nd Battalion), runner-up in the Welter Weight, Curragh Command, who has won championships in India, and is a well-known North of Ireland boxer. The other bout was a 6-rounds' challenge affair between Pte. Kidley (Curragh Fire Brigade) and Sergt. Stack (O.T.C.).

It was considerably after the appointed time when the boxing began, the officials being:—Judge, Col. Sean Cusack; Referees, Comdt. Colgan (Portobello Barracks) and Comdt. T. Scott (Cork Command); M.C., Instruction Officer Maguire; Timekeeper, Comdt. N. Colgan. The fight was promoted by Comdt. Lawlor, who put up a silver cup for the winner. Amongst those present were—Col. Dunphy, D.A.A.G. (Curragh Command); Col. Hunt, O.C. Training (Curragh); Comdt. Byrne, Camp Commandant; Comdt. Bruen, G.O.C. (Staff Captain); Capt. Farrell, Capt. Redmond, Capt. O'Flanagan, and Col. McCauley. Details:—

10 ROUNDS CONTEST.

SERG. T. MOLONEY (O.T.C.) v. PTE. DARRAGH (62nd BATTN.).

Moloney scaled 9st. 13½lbs., and Darragh 9st. 13½lbs., so that there was little difference on the score of avoirdupois, but Moloney looked better physically.

1ST ROUND—Both opened in lively fashion, and Moloney missed an upper cut. Darragh did most of the leading, and after some in-fighting they got into a clinch. It was Darragh's round.

2ND ROUND—Darragh led and hot exchanges followed. They clinched, and then Moloney got in a stinging left to the jaw. After a clinch the gong left honours easy.

3RD ROUND—Moloney led off and a lively mill followed till they got into a clinch. More in-fighting was followed by a couple of clinches. There was no advantage to either in this session.

4TH ROUND—Moloney got in a stinging left, and more hot exchanges at close range followed. Moloney was cautioned for holding, but had somewhat the better of the round.

5TH ROUND—Darragh opened the better, but the "break, break" of the "third man in the ring" became rather monotonous. It was all clinching and Moloney was having the worse of the argument, though at the bell he got in a good upper cut.

6TH ROUND—Moloney was the more aggressive and administered punishment. The referee warned both, after which they clinched. It was Moloney's round.

7TH ROUND—Both opened cautiously, then they mixed it, and heavy in-fighting ensued. It was Darragh's round.

8TH ROUND—Darragh did the leading, but Moloney got in some good right and left arm jabs. More clinches followed and the referee had to frequently separate the men, Darragh had the better of the session.

9TH ROUND—This meeting opened in whirlwind fashion. Moloney landed a grand left to the jaw, but Darragh fought on gamely and carried the fight to his opponent, whom he sent to his knees as the gong went, but Moloney had the better of the round on the whole.

10TH ROUND.—They went into a clinch at once, and then hot fighting at close quarters was seen. After more clinches and "rib roasters," the gong went. The verdict went to Darragh on points by a very small margin, an apparently very popular decision.

6 ROUND CONTEST.

PTE. KIDLEY (Fire Brigade) v. SERGT. STACK (O.T.C.).

This was a 6-round challenge match. In the first round Kidley rushed his man into a neutral corner. They fiddled a bit and then went at it hammer and tongs. Stack got home with a straight left and had the better of the opening session. In the second meeting the pair were cautioned. Kidley forced the fight, but was short with his right. They clinched, and after a lot of futile sparring, Kidley, who was a stone the heavier, had the better of it. The third round opened with hot exchanges, Kidley forcing his man to the ropes, and landing vicious right hooks to the jaw. At the gong Kidley had much the better of the argument. Stack led off well in the fourth round, and did most of the leading, but Kidley finished the stronger, though it was a very even round. In the fifth round Kidley used his right to effect, and the pace livened up. Fast and furious exchanges followed, Kidley dealing out a lot of punishment, but Stack stood up to it in game fashion. The last round was a lively one, but there was a lot of clinching, Kidley forced the fighting and had Stack on the ropes. The verdict went to Stack on points, after a very game contest.

SPORTS AT KENMARE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On Sunday 1st inst., before a large gathering, the 27th Infantry Battalion, brought off their Athletic and cycling sports at Kenmare. A feature of the day was the fine performance of Lieut. Lyons, who won the 100, 200 and 440 yards, and was also second in the high jump. Volunteer Tom Lawlor, also showed to advantage: winning the eight miles marathon race in easy fashion. Commandant Handcock, Commanding Officer 27th Infantry Battalion, acted as Starter, and performed his task in a capable manner. The prizes were distributed by Colonel James McGuinness, second in Command, Kerry Command. The Dublin Guards Pipers, and 27th Battalion, Fife and Drum Bands enlivened the evening with a splendid selection of Irish music. Details:—

Eight miles marathon race—1st, Volunteer Tom Lawlor; 2nd, Captain Martin; 3rd, Volunteer P. Dooley. Won by half a lap—12 competed.

100 yards final—1st, Lieut. Lyons; 2nd, Sergt. O'Brien; 3rd, Lieut. Murtagh—14 competed.

220 yards final—1st, Lieut. Lyons; 2nd Vol. O'Shea; 3rd, Lieut. Murtagh—10 competed.

440 yards final—1st, Lieut. Lyons; 2nd, Vol. O'Shea; 3rd, Capt. Goggin—9 competed.

1 mile flat—1st, Sergt. Major O'Shea; 2nd, Corporal Martin; 3rd, Vol. Doyle—12 competed.

High jump—1st, Capt. Goggin; 2nd, Lieut. Lyons—4 competed.

Long jump—1st, Vol. Twoomey; 2nd, Vol. Stapletin; 3rd, Captain Nolan—5 competed.

Sack race—1st, Vol. Butler; 2nd, Vol. Doherty—13 competed.

Pillow fight—1st, Vol. Reid; 2nd, Vol. Thomas—12 competed.

Tug-of-war—1st, A Company; 2nd, B Company—four teams competed.

Final one mile bicycle—1st, Vol. Cavanagh; 2nd, Vol. Whelan; 3rd, Vol. Synnot—Eleven competed.

Three miles bicycle—1st, Vol. Cavanagh; 2nd, Vol. Dennehy; 3rd, Lieut. O'Hara—Eight competed.

Special Prize for best All-round-performance:
Lieutenant Lyons.

SPORTS AT BEGGARS BUSH BARRACKS.

On July 1st at Beggar's Bush, in glorious weather, the battalion sports meeting was brought off before a large crowd of spectators, the Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan acted as starter, ably assisted by Lieuts. John Dillon and J. Murphy, and officers of the Headquarters Staff. The splendid band from Collins Barracks rendered some pleasing selections, while not the least interesting part of the programme was the spirited six-rounds exhibition boxing match between Ned Keenan and Kid Doyle. Results:—

100 YARDS—Final—Vol. M. Ryan (E. Coy.), 1; Lieut. J. Leahy, 2; Lieut. J. F. Prendergast, 3. Won by inches; yard between second and third. 25 competed.

220 YARDS—Final—Lieut. J. F. Prendergast, 1; Vol. H. Keogh, 2; Pte. Keller, 3. Won by a yard; same. 8 competed.

440 YARDS—Final—Vol. M. Ryan, 1; Vol. J. Field, 2; Vol. Clifford, 3. Won easily; poor third. 9 competed.

MILE FLAT—Final—Lieut. Smithers, 1; Cpl. McKeon, 2; Lieut. Prendergast, 3. Won easily by 80 yards; bad third. 10 competed.

3 MILES FLAT—Final—Cpl. McKeon, 1; Lieut. Smithers, 2; Vol. Clifford, 3. McKeon made the pace hot from the start, winning as he liked by three-quarters of a lap. 6 competed.

HIGH JUMP—Vol. M. Keogh, 4 ft. 8 ins., 1; Vol. M. Ryan, 2. 5 competed.

LONG JUMP—Pte. Lacey, 16 ft. 5½ ins., 1; Vol. J. Keller, 15 ft. 3½ ins., 2. 8 competed.

HOP, STEP and JUMP—Vol. M. Keogh, 32 ft. 3½ ins., 1; Pte. Lacey, 32 ft. 3 ins., 2. 5 competed.

FOOTBALL PLACE KICK—Vol. M. Mernagh, 141 ft. 2 ins., 1; V.L. P. Byrne, 132 ft. 11 ins., 2; Lieut. J. F. Prendergast, 3. 12 competed.

PUTTING 16 lbs. SHOT—Vol. Lacey, 27 ft. 1 in., 1; Vol. C. Doyle, 25 ft. 7 ins., 2.

100 YARDS FLAT (boys under 18)—Vol. Smith, 1; Pte. L. Geraghty, 2. CYCLING EVENTS—MILE—Final—Vol. R. Stowe, 1; Lieut. J. Murphy, 2. Won easily. 5 competed. THREE MILES—Final—Vol. R. Stowe, 1; Vol. J. Field, 2. Won easily by lap and a half. 5 competed.



2nd BATTALION INTER-COY. HURLING AND FOOTBALL FINALS.

FOOTBALL:—"B" Coy. v. "C" Coy. at Birr, 13/6/23—Referee Capt. J. O'Donnell.

This proved a fast, clean game, both teams being "out to win" from the kick off. In the first half "B" Coy. promised well, the ball being almost continually around "C" Coy.'s net, but owing to splendid defence of "C" Coy. the scores at half time were:—"C" Coy., 1 goal 1 point; "B" Coy., 2 points. The second half showed "C" Coy. on top and result at full time was:—"C" Coy., 1 goal 3 points; "B" Coy., 2 points.

FOOTBALL AND HURLING:—"B" Coy. v. "A" Coy. at Roscrea, 16/6/23. Referee, Capt. Collison.

This, one would imagine, was a surprise for "B" Coy. On a former occasion "B" Coy. in a friendly match had a complete walk over "A" Coy. but "A" Coy. were evidently not going to allow anything like that to happen again and gave "B" Coy.'s goalie a very exciting and busy time. Some splendid shooting was done by "A" 's forwards. Occasionally the "Greens" rallied admirably and pushed the ball into the "Reds" territory but only to rebound from A's splendid "backs." Quick, scientific play was the order, and the match was a very interesting one, resulting in a victory for "A" Coy. of 1 goal, 3 points to nil.

The hurling also proved a splendid contest, both teams showing excellent form and science, and "B" Coy. retrieved its honours by winning by 4 points. The result was:—"B" Coy. 3 goals. "A" Coy. 1 goal, 2 points.



BOXING AT ROSCREA.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

The 2nd Battalion Boxing Championship was brought off on Thursday, 14th June, 1923, at Roscrea.

Welter-weight:—Sergt.-Mjr. O'Neill "C" Co. v. Sergt. Doyle "C" Coy. This was a very energetic contest, both men showing excellent form and science. O'Neill won on points.

Light-weight:—Vol. Boyce "A" Co. v. Vol. M. Delaney, "C" Coy. This bout was very disappointing. Delaney opened with a lead to the head and a series of punches to the body, whereupon Boyce retired. Delaney was declared the winner.

Welter-weight:—Vol. Chase "C" Coy. v. Vol. Young, "D" Coy. This was a good contest while it lasted. Both men fought very well in the first round. Chase forcing the fight. During the second round Vol. Young retired after a hard exchange, Chase being declared winner.

Welter-weight:—Vol. Collins "C" Coy. v. Vol. McGurk, "D" Coy. Vol. McGurk failed to put in an appearance, and therefore, Vol. Collins was awarded the fight.

Bantam-weight:—Vol. Joe Kelly, "B" Coy. v. Gunner Kelly, "D" Coy. The former opened with a series of punches to the head which sent the latter down for the count of seven. Upon gaining his feet Gunner Kelly retired. The fight being awarded to Vol. Kelly.

Welter-weight:—Corporal McGrath, "C" Coy. v. Vol. O'Toole, "B" Coy. A clean stand-up fight all through. Both men displayed excellent ability and courage, Cpl. McGrath losing by a very small majority.

Bantam-weight:—Vol. McGarry, "C" Coy. v. Vol. Murray, "B" Coy. This was a very good contest. Both men looked fit and showed plenty of science. Although mere novices they showed plenty of tact and energy while in the ring. Murray won on points.

Welter-weight:—Vol. O'Sullivan, "C" Coy. v. Sergt. Flood, "B" Coy. This contest was very fast from start to finish. Both men tried very hard. O'Sullivan won.

Welter-weight:—Vol. Jackson, "A" Coy. v. Vol. Kelly, "C" Coy. There was good science displayed during this contest. Kelly won on points.

Middle-weight:—Vol. Featherstone, "A" Coy. v. Cpl. Dunne, "B" Coy. This bout was opened by Vol. Featherstone who attacked with right to body to be countered by Dunne to the head following with a quick exchange. Dunne forced the fight throughout and won on points.

HURLING AND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. FIRST ROUND.

At Gort, on Sunday, 24th inst., teams representing 12th and 28th Battalions met in the first round of the Hurling Championship. 28th Battalion won by 6-3 to 1-3.

At Tipperary in the Football Championship a drawn game was the result. 11th Battalion 1 point, 18th Battalion 1 point.

SIGNAL CORPS' CYCLING CRACK.

The Signal Corps' Athletic and Sports Committee are to be congratulated in having in their unit such a sportsmanlike cyclist as Wireless Sergt. J. C. Beare, Claremorris Command. His achievements in the White and Blue colours include:—Postal Sports, Dublin, 24th June, 1923, 1 mile handicap Cycling, Sergt. J. C. Beare, 30 yards, 1st; 3 miles handicap Cycling, Sergt. J. C. Beare, 60 yards, 2nd. Claremorris Command Sports, June 29th, 1923, 1 mile Command Championship, Sergt. J. C. Beare, 1st; 3 miles open scratch, Sergt. J. C. Beare, 1st; 5 miles open, scratch, Sergt. J. C. Beare, 2nd. Sergt. Beare will be at the Corps' Championships at Croke Park on the 25th July.

INDEPENDENT CORPS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The above athletic and cycling meeting which is to take place in Croke Park on July 25th promises (weather permitting) to be a gigantic success. There are 25 events and the competitors in each track event will number 21. All the Corps are busily engaged in training and keen competition is expected. Sergt. J. C. Beare, fresh from his cycling triumphs in Dublin and Claremorris is an entrant for the cycling events. There are whispers that rods are in steep for him and that he will have to go all out to put the Signals in the lead in the cycling championships.

Tug-of-War teams from the Artillery, Railway Protection and Salvage are keen on their chances. There are 13 Challenge Cups for competition, 26 gold medals and a vast collection of good prizes.

The meeting promises to be the best endowed sports meeting held in the Capital for a considerable period. By kind permission of the G.O.C.'s the bands of the Special Infantry, Dublin Command, Railway Protection, Repair and Maintenance, and two pipers bands will attend. The C-in-C. has kindly signified his intention of being present and will reach the sports ground at 5 p.m. The prices of admission for men of the Army are 6d. and 1/-.

Col. Mulcahy's Corps (Artillery) will give displays of driving and tug-of-war on horseback, while our friends of the Air Force will perform some evolutions in the empyrean. Though the competitions are confined to the 7 corps the gates are open to all and it is hoped that a great muster of the Army and its friends will be present.

RESULT OF DRAW FOR ARMY HURLING AND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Limerick v. Works Corps (Newbridge)	19th July.
Claremorris v. Curragh (Athlone)	29th July.
Kerry v. G.H.Q. (Limerick)	18th July.
Air Force v. Cork (Kilkenny)	21st July.
Donegal v. Athlone (Castlebar)	29th July.
Waterford v. Dublin (Maryboro')	29th July.
Independent Services	A Bye.

Matches are timed to commence at 3 o'clock sharp.

FOOTBALL MATCH AT BERESFORD BARRACKS GROUND, CURRAGH.

A football match was held at the above ground on Wednesday, 4th July, 1923, for the purpose of making a final selection of Command Team to represent Curragh Command against Dublin Command at Croke Park, Dublin, on the 15th of July. 62nd Battalion (Selected) engaged a team selected from the various Battalions of the Curragh Command.

Never was a more keenly contested match played at the Curragh. The ground as a result of the morning's rain was not in perfect order, but it interfered little with the game. The best material in the Command were toggled out for this match and the standard reached was very high, arousing the hope no doubt that the laurels of victory in the coming contest with Dublin Command will be brought to the Curragh.

Contrary to expectations 62nd Battalion Selected were able to hold their own against such a formidable combination as that fielded against them. Volunteer Kennedy as full back was a tower of strength for the 62nd, and B.S.M. Hudson in goal was unbeatable. His saves at times bordered on the marvellous. Capt. Whelan as full back on the other side was a stone wall. Repeatedly he beat off many great efforts



of the 62nd's forwards. Lieut. Curtis in centre field was always prominent. C.S.M. McIvor played a strenuous game throughout and was always a source of worry to his opponents in centre field. Captain O'Beirne's magnificent fielding was a notable feature of the game. His long drives always sent the ball to the goal mouth.

The only score in the first half was a point for the 62nd per Captain O'Beirne from a "free." Lieut. Curtis received an injury towards the close of first half and did not resume play in second half.

The second half was also well and keenly contested. Command Selected team scored a point early after the resumption. All other efforts to score by both sides were thwarted by the magnificent play of the backs on both sides. The forwards were by no means inefficient. Many scores would have resulted from their dashing play were it not for the greasy state of the ball, which naturally made accurate shooting difficult.

Towards the close of the second half, from a "free" taken by Sgt. Brennan, Vol. Fahy scored a point. In the last moment of the game "Command Selected" team equalised the scores.

Final scores, 62nd Battalion (Ponsonby Barracks) 2 Points.
Command Selected, 2 Points.

WITH THE 51st BATTALION.

The following matches were played in this Battalion:—

On 16th June, "A" Coy. and "D" Coy. played Football match at Tullamore; "D" Coy. beat "A" Coy. by 1 goal 1 point to 1 point.

On the 28th June, "A" Coy. v. "D" Coy. hurled at Tullamore, where "A" Coy. succeeded in retrieving their game by beating their opponents by 2 goals 2 points to 1 point. Mr. Cloonan, a prominent Offaly Gael, refereed.

On the 27th June, "B" and "C" Coys. met in Football at Maryboro', which resulted in a draw of 1 goal each.

Battalion Sports were brought off on Sunday, 1st July, at Portlaoigheise. There was a poor entry owing to scattered Coys. Chief events were:—

100 yds.	...	Sgt. O'Brien	(1)	Capt. Powell	(2).
220 "	...	Sgt. Payne	(1)	Sgt. O'Dear	(2).
440 "	...	Cpl. Conroy	(1)	Vol. Arnold	(2).
880 "	...	Capt. Powell	(1)	Cpl. Conroy	(2).
1 mile	...	Vol. Sweeney	(1)	Vol. Smith	(2).
3 mile	...	Sgt. O'Dear	(1)	Vol. Sweeney	(2).
High Jump	...	Capt. Powell	(1)	Lt. Kelly	(2).
Throwing 56 lbs. Vol. Keyes	(1)	Vol. Birmingham	(2).		
Tug-o-War between "C" and "D" Coys.—"C" Coy. won					

after a very hard battle.

SPORTS AT KEHOE BARRACKS.

Sports were held at Kehoe Barracks on Sunday, 8th July. Capt. B. J. Donnelly, the Irish cycling champion, won the open "hundred" and the 220 yards—a fine performance considering his strenuous efforts of the previous day at the Harp C.A.C. Sports. When the athletic events were finished, a boxing exhibition was given by Kid Doyle with Sergt. Bergin. Details:—

100 YARDS (Open)—Capt. Donnelly (1st Batt.), 1; Capt. Walsh (1st Batt.), 2. Won by 1 yard.
16LB. SHOT.—Pte. J. Duffy, 27ft. 6in., 1; Pte. O'Keeffe, 26ft. 11in., 2.
220 YARDS (Open)—Lt. Goodwin, 1; Sergt. Carbiney, 2. Won easily by 6 yards.

LONG JUMP—Capt. Walsh, 16ft., 1; Lt. Goodwin, 15ft. 3in., 2.
440 YARDS FLAT—Lt. Goodwin, 1; Sergt. Carbiney, 2. Won by 2 yards.

HIGH JUMP—Sergt. Halpin, 4ft. 5in., 1; Lt. Goodwin, 4ft. 2in., 2.
100 YARDS FLAT (Confined to Officers)—Comdt. V. Byrne (8 yds), 1; Capt. Walsh, 2. Won by inches.

HALF-MILE FLAT (Open)—Lt. Goodwin, 1; Pte. Crinnegan, 2. Won by 2 yards; 10 competed.

220 YARDS (Confined to Officers)—Capt. Donnelly, 1; Capt. Walsh, 2. Won by inches. 8 started.

THROWING 56LB WEIGHT—Pte. Duffy, 15ft. 11in., 1; Pte. O'Keeffe, 15ft. 3in., 2. 7 competed.

ONE MILE FLAT (Open)—Pte. Murphy T., 1; Pte. Spittle, 2. Won easily by 2 yards. 11 started.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP—Capt. Walsh, 34ft. 11in., 1; Pte. Duffy, 32ft., 2. 15 competed.

100 YARDS FLAT (OLD CROCKS)—Pte. Whalley, 1; Sergt. Ledwidge, 2. 11 competed.

2 MILES FLAT (Open)—Pte. Murphy, 1; Sergt. Halpin, 2; Pte. Spittle, 3. Won by 2 yds; 3 yds. 15 competed.

FIXTURES.

The following fixtures have been arranged by the Army A.A.:—
July 25—Portobello, Croke Park.
August 4—Dublin Command Championships, Croke Park.
August 25 and following days—Irish Army Championships, Croke Park.

RESCUE FROM DROWNING.

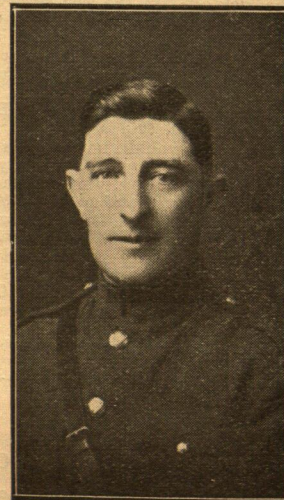
Sergeant Saves Young Man in County Kerry.

The record of brave deeds performed by the soldiers of our Army grows with each day that passes. In a recent issue of AN t-ÓGLACH we chronicled a gallant rescue by Private Doyle at Binn's Bridge, Drumcondra. Before that there was a rescue by a soldier from a burning tenement in Dublin, and now comes the story of a deed of similar heroism performed by Sergeant C. Dempsey, of the Bal-donnell forces, who was attached to the Railway Protection, Repair and Maintenance Corps at the time.

The Sergeant was in charge of a post at Loo Bridge, County Kerry, on the afternoon of the 10th inst. and went for a swim in the river. While in the water he heard a splash in the deepest part of the river, about 50 yards away, and the voices of children crying that a man had fallen into the Pool.

The Sergeant immediately left the water and ran along the bank to the spot where the children were shouting. Here he found a young man named Cronin had fallen into the river fully dressed, and being a non-swimmer was in imminent peril of his life.

At the point the water is about nine feet deep and there is a strong undercurrent. Sergeant Dempsey, although not a strong swimmer, and fully realising the risks he was



Sergeant Dempsey.

running, did not hesitate for an instant, but plunged into the Pool and after a severe struggle against the undercurrent, succeeded in getting the drowning man to the bank.

The Sergeant himself was in an exhausted condition by this time, but, seeing that Cronin was unconscious, immediately set about applying artificial respiration, and after ten or fifteen minutes' work the young man recovered.

Sergeant Dempsey, although somewhat shaken by his experience, was soon all right again and able to resume duty.

During a tenement fire in Meath Street, Dublin, on the night of July 6th, Sergeant Cornelius Murphy, Private Joseph Kealy and Private Cummins rendered valuable assistance in rescuing the inhabitants.

Sergeant Burchell, passing along the quays on a tram about ten o'clock on the same night, saw a civilian plunge into the river to rescue a woman and immediately dived in to his assistance. Between them they succeeded in getting the woman safely to land.

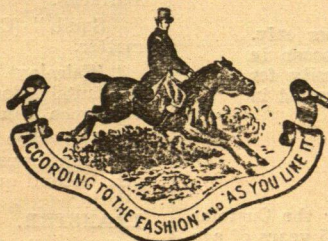
THE funeral of Sergt. A. Slater, Railway Corps, late of Derrynane Parade, N.C.R., who died in St. Bricin's Hospital, took place with full military honours to Glasnevin from St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley Road, Dublin. The guard of honour was in the charge of Lieut. Russell, while Lieut. Maguire commanded the firing party, and Capt. B. M. McMahon represented deceased's unit.

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Soldiers are cordially invited to make use of this column. All queries should be addressed to the Editor of "An t-Oglach," G.H.Q., Parkgate Street, Dublin, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, which will not be made public unless desired.

Readers should write on one side of the paper only. It is possible that some slight delay may occur in answering certain queries owing to the necessity for making inquiries, but all questions will be answered in the earliest possible issue.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE EXAMINATION.

Private T. Purtill (Limerick).—(1) Candidates for the Customs and Excise Examination must be between 19 and 35 years of age on the 1st June, 1923. (2) Instructions have been issued that candidates will be facilitated as far as possible by their Commanding Officer.

"Nob" (Curragh).—(1) Prospective candidates must have either nine months' service in the present army subsequent to 1st June, 1922, or continuously from a date prior to 1st January, 1923, to the date of the examination. (2) Service marks will be allotted for service in the Volunteers.

Private G. F. Jackson (Ballinamore).—The answer to your query is in the negative.

"Anxious" (Kilgarron, Co. Kerry).—(1) The examination will probably be held at more than one centre. (2) Leave of absence will be arranged for candidates. (3) See first answer to "Nob" above.

"Anxious, A.P.C."—(1) Apply to Adjutant General's Department, G.H.Q., for the necessary entrance form. (2) The examination will be held early in August this year.

"Paddy" (Kildare).—The minimum number of marks which a candidate must obtain in the examination (i.e. exclusive of service marks) to qualify for appointment shall be 50 per cent. of the total marks allotted.

CLAIM FOR CLOTHES.

"Guram Pawnie."—Forward your claim, giving full particulars of all the circumstances, to Claims Department, G.H.Q.

Sergeant J.N.—See answer to "Guram Pawnie."

TENDER FOR SWILL.

"Orwell."—We would suggest that you refer the matter to your O/C. giving all the details that you have given in your letter to us.

SOLDIER COOKS.

"Officer Chef."—We have stated on several occasions that soldier cooks are not entitled to proficiency pay.

Sgt. T.D. (Clonmel).—See answer to "Officer Chef."

INFORMATION LACKING.

Volunteer G.M.C.—We regret that as your letter of the 16th May was not preserved, the necessary details of your case are lacking. It is a pity you did not summarise them in your second letter. If writing again please include a complete statement.

REGIMENTAL BARBERS.

"Regimental Barber."—You are not entitled to proficiency pay. We cannot understand your reference to the Camp Q.M.'s orders.

BACK NUMBERS.

J. Molloy (Athenry).—Back numbers can be obtained from this office at the rate of twopence each and one penny per copy for postage.

CLAIM REJECTED.

Adrian Kavell (Ballaghaderreen).—It is not quite clear from your letter why your claim was rejected, and, in the circumstances, we can do nothing.

RE-EMPLOYMENT.

"Orderly Unit."—Please repeat all the details given in your first letter.

DEPENDANT'S ALLOWANCE.

"Puzzled."—Your letter has been forwarded to the proper quarter for attention.

Private M. Barry (Bandon).—We cannot trace receipt of your first letter. You should forward full details to the Officer in charge, Dependants' Allowance Branch, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks.

Squib" (Curragh).—We have asked for a statement on this matter.

"(Fairplay)."—Send your home address to the Officer i/c Dependants' Allowance Branch, Portobello Barracks, Dublin, giving Reference Number A.F./6280.

"Allowance" (Curragh).—Your query re Dependant's Allowance has been forwarded to the proper department. With reference to your second query, the answer is in the negative.

TRANSFER.

"Shoey."—Transfer to another unit can only be obtained with the sanction of your O/C.

Driver T. O'R.—Transfer to another unit can be obtained by applying to your O/C.

J. H. (Curragh).—You should make application to your O/C.

W. M. (Co. Wexford).—If you joined the Army as an Infantry soldier you must serve as such till your time of service expires when you can reasonably make application for transfer.

"In Doubt" (Cork).—You should make immediate application to your O/C. The term of service is 5 years or more with same rate of pay as infantry.

"Would be Civic Guard" (Droichead Nua).—Make application to the Civic Guard H.Q., Phoenix Park, giving full particulars.

BACK PAY.

"The Spares" (Templemore).—No.

"In doubt" (Listowel).—You can only claim pay as from the date of attestation.

Other inquiries re back pay are being dealt with direct, and the usual forms are being sent out.

PROFICIENCY PAY.

"A.B.C." (Gort), "Chips" (Limerick), and "Reader" (Curragh).—Apply to your O/C.

Volunteer M. B.—No.

"A Snip" (Tallaght).—The Pay Officer's Action was in accordance with instruction from Asst. Command Q.M.

"Plumber" (Kildare).—You should receive 3s. per day if certified proficient by O/C.

"Tomas."—Unless you are a skilled tradesman working at your trade, proficiency pay does not apply.

"Black Jack" (Dublin).—State your case to your immediate O/C. The granting of proficiency pay is subservient to the jurisdiction of officers commanding.

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ESSENTIAL DETAIL OMITTED.

Will correspondents please note that in all queries relating to Dependants' Allowance, the home address, together with the full name of the dependant and the full name of the soldier, must be supplied to enable the case to be traced. This applies to a number of letters on this subject received during the past few weeks.

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RATION MONEY.

Private W. M., and "Enquirer."—Apply to your O/C.

Sergt., G. H. Q.—You are not entitled to Ration Allowance.

"Transport" (Limerick).—No, if you are in receipt of Dependents' Allowance.

Volunteer Murphy (Dundalk).—Apply to Capt. Coleman, R. P. and M. Camp.

"Button-Stick."—(1) 23/3/23. (2) No.

"Mother" (Macroom).—(1) No. (2) No; if married an allowance "Marriage" is paid to the officer if his wife is not accommodated in military buildings.

EXCISE EXAMINATION.

"Sean Ruaidh."—The regulation laid down in the notices in the Press cannot be departed from. The examination is wholly controlled by the Civil Service Commissioners, and not by the Army Authorities. It is possible that other examinations of a similar nature will be held in the near future, the general conditions of which may cover your case.

PRISONER'S CHARGES.

"Vol. J. T." (Curragh).—We have forwarded your letter to the proper quarter for attention.

FIELD ARTILLERY.

D. F. McG. (Clonmel).—We do not reply to queries by post. We advise you to apply to O/C. Artillery Corps, at Island Bridge Barracks, Dublin.

CAN'T GET FORMER POSITION.

"G. Ch." (Cork).—The matter raised in your letter has been referred to the proper quarter for attention.

WEARING UNIFORM.

"Mark Tnat" (Templemore).—Members of the Army are not allowed to enter the Six-County area, or travel outside Ireland either armed or in uniform.

DISCHARGE.

J. N. (Galway).—Your letter is receiving attention.

"Fair Play" (Dundalk).—Your letter is being dealt with.

"Hasty" (Limerick).—Your case is being dealt with immediately.

"CIVVIES."

"Disgusted" (Tallaght).—It is not permissible for soldier clerks to wear civilian clothes while on duty.

FROM FITTER TO COOK.

V. K. (Inchicore).—Your letter is not sufficiently clear. Have you left the Army? What exactly do you mean by "Government Employment." Write again giving fuller particulars.

COOK'S QUERY.

Michael O'Brien. —If you are attached to the Special Infantry, you should receive 28s., the same as the men for whom you cook.

IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Three Patients.—The answer to both your queries is "Yes."

PROMOTION AND PAY.

"Kid," 2nd Southern.—Apply to your O/C.

GRADE MONEY.

"A Victim."—Not without certificate from O/C. that you were a proficient tradesman and worked full time at your trade.

PROVOST GUARD.

"Inkbottle" (Tullamore).—No such position exists.

STOREMAN'S PAY.

J. N. (Limerick).—Apply to your O/C.

PRISONER'S BACK PAY.

"Anxious" (Curragh).—A certificate must be obtained from the G.O.C. of arrest, detention and discharge from custody without charge being preferred against you. Command P.O., Kerry, has instruction to deal with the case.

NO PAY?

Mrs. Bridget Molloy (Ennis).—Application should be made to the local pay officer.

ARREARS OF PAY.

"Pro Bono Publico" (Cork).—Your claim must be certified by the O/C. under whom you served during the period claimed for.

A CAPTAIN'S DIFFICULTY.

"Fairplay."—Apply to A. G.'s Dept. for certification of appointment.

B.Q.M.S.'s PAY.

B.Q.M.S. (Dublin).—Apply to your O/C.

B.S.M., J. B.—Proficiency pay does not apply.

IN THE NEGATIVE.

"Dublin" (Ballinrobe).—(1) No. (2) No.

MARRIED OFFICER.

"Anxious."—Marriage Allowance, 4s. per day.

UNITED STATES DISCOVERS NEW AMMUNITION.

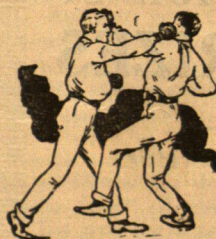
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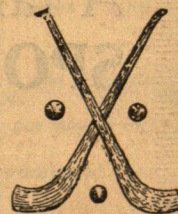
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Gaelic.

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 don déas ir píce, naoi déas ir píce.
 daéad, deic ir daéad, don déas ir
 daéad.

naoi déas ir daéad, trí píce.
 don ir trí píce, deic ir trí píce.
 túl, meiteam, lúgnara, samraí.
 sé ro an samraí.
 túl a reáct, meiteam a naoi déas.
 caé a haon déas ir daéad.
 cá bpuil caé a do déas ir píce?
 níl a púor asam i sgeart.
 cao é an caé atá i nár anoir?
 tá caé a trí déas ir píce.
 dia luain, dia máirt, dia céadaoin.

luan, máirt, céadaoin.
 dia rdaoin, dia hdoine, dia saéaíun,
 dia rdaoin, doine, saéaíun.
 dia doinnaiš, lá, mí.
 doinnac, clog, am.
 cao é an lá é? Cao é an mí é?
 iníu an luan. Sé ro an túl.
 ní hé ro an meiteam.
 cao é an tam é? Cao a clog é?

An ceátrú, an cúigeat, an rémaí.
 An reáctú, an toctú, an naomáí.
 An deiceamíat, an taonmáí déas.
 An doimíat déas, an trímíat déas.

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

Nay iss fíhi, deh iss fíhi.
 Ain dee ogg iss fíhi, nay dee ogg iss fíhi.
 Dhahudh, deh iss dhahudh, ain dee
 ogg iss dhahudh.

Nay dee ogg iss dhahudh, tree fíhid.
 Ain iss tree fíhid, deh iss tree fíhid.
 Yule, Mehuv, Loonnussa, Soura.
 Shay shu un Soura.
 Yule a shockth, Mehuv a nay dee ogg.
 Koha hain dee ogg iss dahudh.
 Kaw will koha dhoe dee ogg iss fíhi.
 Neel issa gum ig garth.
 Kodh dain koha thaw in Naussa nish
 Thaw kohha tree dee ogg iss fíhi.
 Day Loon, Day Maurt, Day Kay
 dheen.

Loon, Maurth, Kay dheen.
 Dare dheen, day heena, day sohirin.
 Dare dheen, eena, sohurun.
 Day downig, law, mee.
 Downuck, klugg, oum.
 Kodh dain law ay? Kodh dain me aye?
 In nuva loon, shay shu un nule.
 Nee hay shu a Mehuv.
 Kodh dain toun may? Kodha klug
 gay?

A karr roo, a koog goo, a shay oo.
 A shockthoo, a tuekthoo, a nay-oo.
 A dehoo, a tain noo dee ogg.
 A dhoe oo dee ogg, a tree oo dee ogg.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

29, 30.
 31, 39.
 40, 50, 51.
 59, 60.
 61, 70.
 July, June, August, Summer.
 This is the Summer.
 July the 7th. June the 19th.
 The 51st Battalion.
 Where is the 32nd Battalion?
 I don't exactly know.
 What Battalion is in Naas now?
 The 33rd Battalion.
 On Monday, on Tuesday, on Wednes-
 day.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
 On Thursday, on Friday, on Saturday.
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
 On Sunday, a day, a month.
 Sunday, a clock, time.
 What day is it? What month is it?
 To-day is Monday. This is July.
 This is not June.
 What time is it? What o'clock is it?

4th, 5th, 6th.
 7th, 8th, 9th.
 10th, 11th.
 12th, 13th.

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