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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Irish Language Convention referred to in the last issue of AN tOGLACH was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at G.H.Q. A full account of the proceedings is published in another page. It was a huge success, and the representative character of the delegates, and the enthusiasm and keen interest displayed by them came as a surprise to even the most optimistic of its promoters. Over fifty delegates representative of all commands and most of the special services assembled, and for hours discussed the objects and constitution of Fainne na nOglach. The convention was conducted entirely in the Irish language, and was admitted on all sides to be one of the most practical gatherings in which the delegates had participated—and the majority of those present had much experience of such gatherings.

Go nEirighidh go geal leat, a Fháinne na nOglách!

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In athletic activities the Army is now well to the fore. Everywhere one finds evidence of its increasingly large contribution to the outdoor amusements of the people. A new and powerful force is operating in our midst, and is exerting a new influence on all sections of our national life. The very large attendance of Irish-speaking soldiers from the highest to the humblest rank at the recent Oireachtas entertainments was not without its significance. We hope that Lieut. General O'Murthuile's recent allusion to the possibility of an Irish week organised by the Fáinne na nOglach will soon be realised.

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We are, it is said, to have a tennis tournament in the near future. Is there anything being done in the handball section of our games? And, by the way, what of the possibilities of a chess tournament. Chess is one of Ireland's most historic games. The Fitheille is constantly referred to in the old tales. Deirdre and Naoise engaged in chess with the wings of doom beating the air above their heads. And, we are all more or less familiar with the historic game of chess played at Kincora, the result of which was the Battle of Clontarf.

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The reception accorded to the representatives of the Irish Army in France was, as was only to be expected, worthy in every way of the relations that have long existed between France and Ireland. Our delegates were everywhere received with more than the ordinary courtesy for which the French nation is so justly celebrated. There was surely a dramatic touch in the meeting of the McMahons. On one side was a French soldier, a descendant of one of the exiled refugees of the ancient clan. The others descended from the same historic line. Their ancestors had struggled on through centuries of national vicissitudes. To-day they are the recognised leaders of an Irish Army.

OUR FRONT PAGE PORTRAIT

Major-General Joseph A. Sweeney, G.O.C.
Donegal Command.

Major General Joseph A. Sweeney, born in West Tirconnail received his early training in St. Enda's College, and was a member of the Rathfarnham Co. I.V. prior to 1916. Easter week found the future Major General fighting in the G.P.O. under Pearse. He was arrested after the fighting, and removed with many of his comrades to Frongoch, where he remained until the following Christmas. Returning to Tirconnail, he set himself the task of organising resistance to the British, and formed several Volunteer Companies throughout the county.

In 1918, he was selected by the West Donegal Comhairle Ceanntair to contest the constituency in the Sinn Féin interests, and, though faced with opposition which would have deterred more mature politicians, he succeeded in winning the seat by 2,000 votes, and gaining the distinction of being the youngest member elected to An Dáil.

During the summer of 1919 he visited practically every town and village in the county, in pursuance of the campaign. Again arrested in 1920, he went on hunger strike in Belfast Gaol, and was transferred to Wormwood Scrubbs, from which place he was released, after being without food for sixteen days.

The following winter he started two Flying Columns, taking charge himself, and before long he made his presence so felt, that all enemy posts in the West Donegal area were hurriedly evacuated, and Republican Courts, which had hitherto been held in secret, now functioned openly.

One last attempt was made at his re-capture. Early in the spring of 1921, 1,500 British troops were landed by boat in Burtonport, and enclosed miles of territory with a ring of steel. The young Brigadier, as he was then, apprised of their coming, "made himself scarce," and remained in hiding for four days during the "comb out." His father and two remaining brothers were arrested at this time, and served terms of imprisonment in Derry Gaol.

When the "split" took place, Commandant General Sweeney remained loyal to his late Chief—General Collins—and was appointed G.O.C. of the area, now known as the Donegal Command.

Many of his old column men now hold Commissions under him, and it is worthy of note that all officers attached to the area have served in the Volunteers.



CUSTOMS AND EXCISE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the Customs and Excise, for members of the Army will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 14th, 15th, and 16th August. Intending candidates should forward entrance fee, 5s., to the Civil Service Commissioners, when they will receive their card of admission to the examination.



Baronets were instituted by James I. in 1611. Each baronet had his title on condition that he maintained thirty soldiers for three years at eight pence per day, each.

The Old Irish Party in 1642, were headed by Rory O'Moore, and aimed at total separation from England.

The Old Anglo-Irish Party wanted civil and religious liberty, but not separation from England.

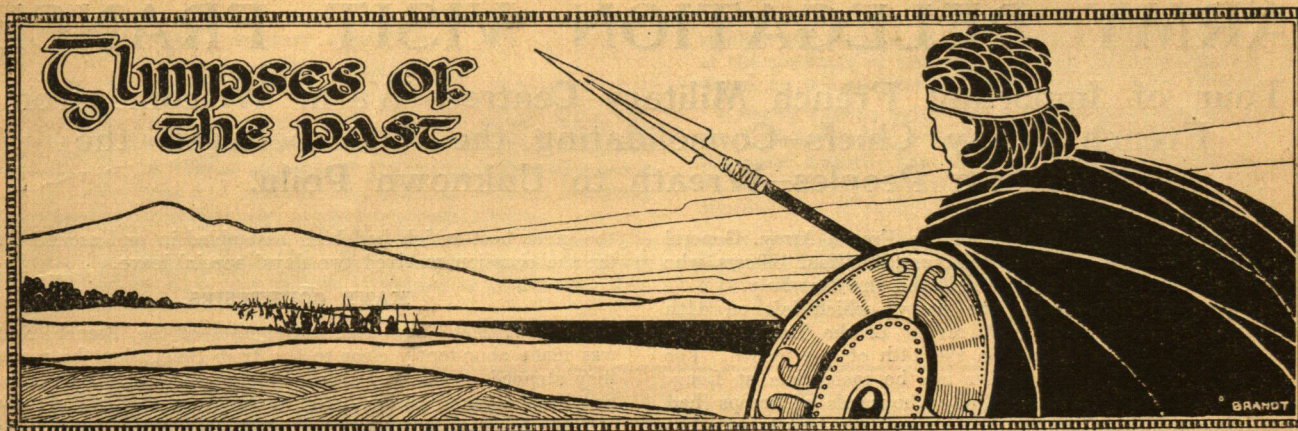
The Confederation of Kilkenny assembled on October, 24th, 1642.

Archbishop Baptist Rinuccini, Papal Nuncio, landed in Ireland in 1645. His mission ending in failure, he returned to Rome in 1649.

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The law of Ireland, which grew up gradually throughout the ages, was known as the Brehon Law, and the judges who presided over the courts were known as Brehons.

The Brehon Law came down from a period beyond the reach of history, and it continued to be used pretty generally until about the beginning of the seventeenth century.

In ancient Ireland soldiers usually marched into battle inspired by the martial strains of one or two pipers.

Under native rule two kinds of foot-soldiers were employed—Gallloglaigh (Gallowglass) and Ceithearnaigh (Kern). The former were heavily-armed warriors and wore mail. They were armed with a long sword, and a keen-edged axe.

The Kern fought with a scian, a small bow, and a javelin attached to a stout string.

Artillery was first used in Ireland during the siege of Maynooth Castle in the year 1535.

The Act of Parliament known as "Poynning's Law" was passed by a Parliament which assembled in Drogheda in the year 1494.

In 1405 the citizens of Dublin fitted out a small fleet of fighting ships, which invaded some of the seaport towns in Scotland and Wales.

The Insurrection of 1798 commenced on the morning of May 23rd.

The Battle of Oulart Hill was fought on Whit-Sunday, May 27th, 1798.

Wolfe Tone died on November 16th 1798.

Aodh O'Neill died in Rome on July 16th, 1616.

Oliver Cromwell besieged Clonmel in the spring of 1650, and lost 2,500 troops in a futile attempt to capture the town.

The Siege of Galway in 1652 lasted close on nine months.

Aodh Ruadh O Domhnaill, Art O'Neill and Hannraoi O'Neill escaped from Dublin Castle on Christmas night, 1591.

The Battle of the Yellow Ford was fought on August 14th, 1598.

The Legislative Union between Ireland and Great Britain was passed by a majority of 43 in the Irish House of Commons.

Robert Emmet's Insurrection was timed to take place in August, 1803, but owing to his plans miscarrying he was obliged to issue orders for immediate action on the evening of July 23rd.

Emmet was executed on the morning of September 20th, 1803.

The Williamite troops wore sprigs of green on their uniforms at the Battle of the Boyne, and the Jacobites wore little strips of white paper.

Aodh Ruadh O'Donnell's Castle at Ballyshannon was besieged in 1597, by a large force of Elizabethan soldiers, under one Sir Conyers Clifford. The Castle was stoutly defended by a Scotsman named Crawford, who forced the besiegers to retire.

The Bermingham Tower, Dublin Castle, was originally erected in 1411.

A force of Spanish soldiers landed at Smerwick Bay, Co. Kerry, on October 1st, 1580.

Lord Grey of Witton surrounded this force, and after fierce fighting they were obliged to surrender. Grey then ordered a massacre of the survivors.

Cromwell landed in Ireland on August 14th, 1649, and one of his first proclamations forbade plunder and excess of every kind.

Cromwell first attacked Drogheda which was held by a garrison of about 3,000 men. When the Cromwellian troops entered the town, a general massacre of the inhabitants was ordered.

Eoghan Ruadh O'Neill, the only soldier of experience, opposed to the Parliamentarians, died at Cloghoughter Castle, Co. Cavan, on November 6th, 1649.

In 1489 muskets were introduced into Ireland from Germany, and the followers of Gerald, Earl of Kildare, were the first to carry those arms.

The meeting of the Volunteers at Dungannon took place on February 14th, 1782.

The War of American Independence began in 1775.

In 1602, Lord Mountjoy wrote to the Prime Minister in London: "To-morrow I go into the field to lay waste, as far as I can, the county of Tyrone."

In 1563 the citizens of Dublin marched towards the North of Ireland, and gave battle to the forces of Shaun O'Neill at Dundalk.

It was customary for the tenants on the property of Christ Church to pay their rents on Strongbow's tomb.

ARMY DELEGATION VISIT FRANCE

Tour of Important French Military Centres—Warm Welcome from French Army Chiefs—Consolidating the Ties between the Two Peoples—Wreath to Unknown Poilu.

After a most successful visit to the French Army, General MacMahon, Chief of General Staff, and the four officers who accompanied him, returned to Dublin on the 31st July.

The primary intention of the party, which left on 11th July, was to attend the great review of the French Army which was to have been held on the 14th of last month. For the purpose of this great muster on the racecourse at Long-champs on the National Fete day thousands of troops had been drawn from the Ruhr and all parts of the provinces.

Unfortunately the terrific heat wave which occurred at the time fixed for the manoeuvres led to their postponement. As showing how intimately the French Army is bound up with the people it may be mentioned that when the Deputies advocated the postponement in the interests of humanity the War Office immediately fell in with their view, and the thousands of Parisians and provincial holidaymakers who had been eagerly looking forward to the great review cheerfully acquiesced in the interests of *le pauvre poilu*.

Not only were the manoeuvres postponed, but every man of

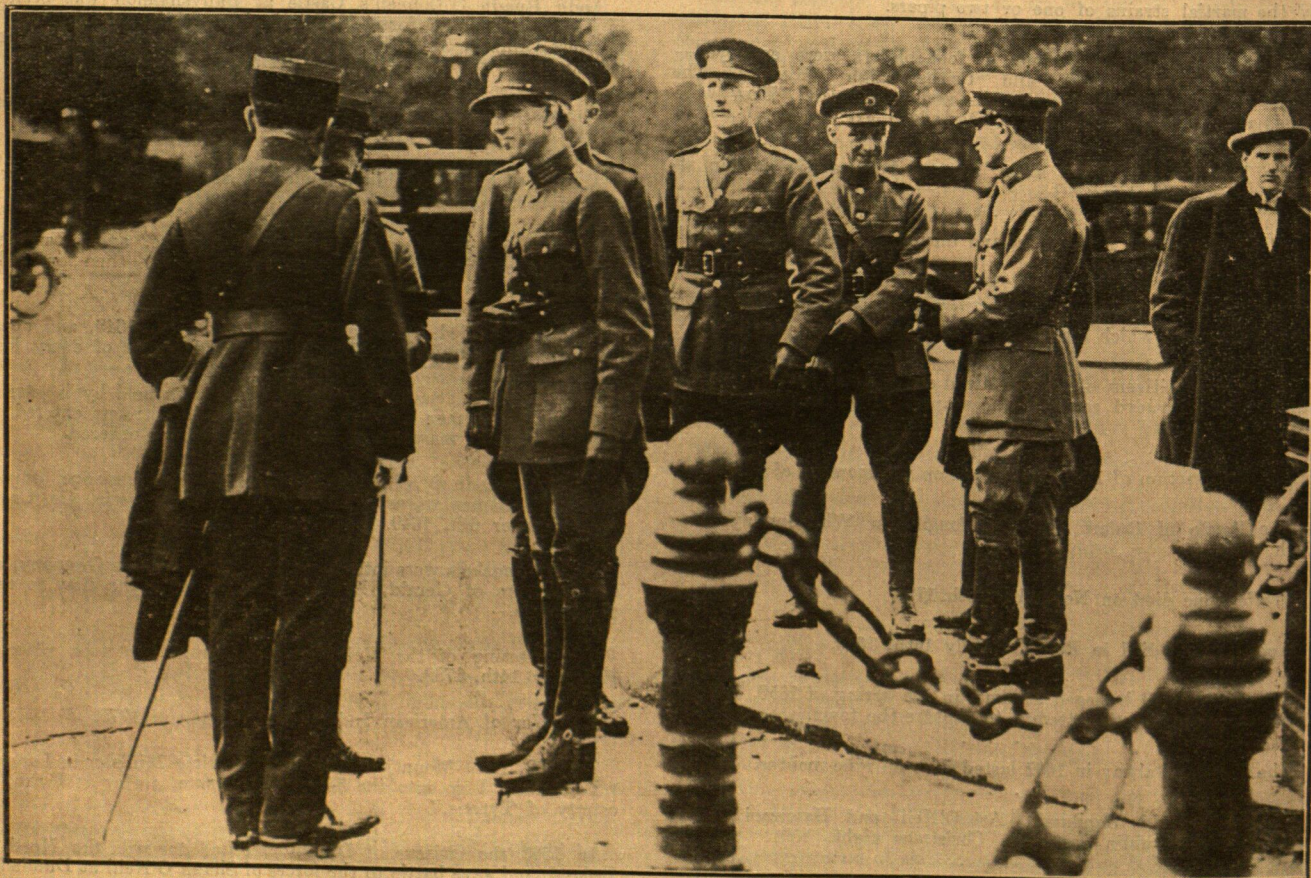
the great host which had been assembled in and around Paris for the occasion received two days' special leave.

MANY COURTESIES.

The fact that they were the guests of the French Nation was made abundantly clear to the Irish Delegation the moment they stepped ashore at Calais. The special Commissioner who had been deputed to look after them arranged for the passage of their luggage through the Customs, and the Northern Railway placed a special saloon carriage at their disposal for the journey to Paris.

During their stay the French Press displayed much interest in the visit and published photographs of the delegates as well as chronicling their doings. According to French usage foreign military officers are only permitted to wear uniform in France by special permission of the Ministry of War, but permission to wear uniform without any restrictions whatever was accorded to the Irish soldiers.

The delegates were afforded every facility by the French War



AT THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE.—General MacMahon conversing with an Officer representing the French Minister of War. Behind the Chief of Staff is Colonel B. O'Briain and (from left to right) Colonel F. Bennett, Captain W. Kelly and Major-General P. MacMahon.

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Office. At all the military centres visited the officers of the delegation were cordially received, every respect being paid to them by the French military authorities.

GENEROUS WELCOME.

Every centre the officers visited they received the same spontaneous and generous welcome by the French officers, while the French War Ministry attached a General Staff officer—Captain Lacasse, as an official attaché to the party. The visit went far to consolidate and enhance the relations between the Irish and the French people, and particularly both armies.

Outstanding amongst the military centres visited were the French War Office, Ecole Speciale Militaire (Special Military School), Saint Cyr, and Centre d'Etudes d'Infanterie, Versailles.

It is not generally known in this country that the present

received by General Tanant, the officer in command, and conducted through the entire school, following which the curriculum and general courses of training were discussed. Several of the students of nationalities other than French were introduced to the members of the party.

General Tanant presented an autographed souvenir album of the College to each officer of the delegation. He referred to the great historic link which bound the military associations of both countries together, and expressed the keen pleasure it afforded him to entertain Irish officers.

As showing the French Army's recognition of the historic ties with Ireland the delegates were interested to note at Saint Cyr a MacMahon refectory, and, at the Military Museum, a Salle MacMahon.

At Saint Cyr a cadet named MacMahon, grandson of the



General McMahon laying the bronze wreath from the Army of Ireland upon the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe.

French Minister of War, M. Maginot, served during the European War as a Sergeant in the trenches. He is now the peace time head of the Army. This is not so surprising as it might appear at first sight when one remembers that the French Army is thoroughly democratic, inasmuch as every member of it must begin in the ranks and has an equal chance of rising to command the French forces. We hope to publish in our next issue a sketch of the great military academy at Saint Cyr, which will strikingly illustrate the system of promotion by merit and merit alone which obtains in the Army of our continental friends.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Medaille Militaire, the most coveted decoration in the French Army, can be awarded to only two categories—Commanders of Army Corps or higher groups, and N.C.O.'s and men. The intervening ranks are not eligible.

HISTORIC LINKS.

Saint Cyr is the largest and most important of the French training centres for officers. Here the delegation were warmly

famous Marshal MacMahon, was presented by General Tanant to the Chief of the General Staff. The young soldier, who was of a fine athletic build and a keen student, recalled with enthusiasm the military associations of his family with Ireland.

The party subsequently lunched at Versailles as guests of the General Staff of the French Army.

INVESTIGATIONS FACILITATED.

Another centre of particular interest to the delegation was the Centre d'Etudes d'Infanterie, Versailles. Here a special training centre has been established, in which the experiences gained in the European War are turned to account. The curriculum includes courses of instruction for every officer from the rank of lieutenant to general. As at Saint Cyr, the delegation were afforded every opportunity of studying the courses of training and scheme of organisation in vogue.

At the French War Office the Chief of General Staff and the other officers of the delegation received every courtesy and assistance in their enquiry into the larger questions of Army Organisation and General Staff work.



On every side they were received by officers of the French General Staff with the utmost friendliness, and their investigations facilitated in every way.

L'INCONNU.

At the close of their visit the delegation laid a magnificent bronze wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe. The party motored from Saint Germain to the monument, accompanied by their attaché, Captain Lacasse.

At the Arc de Triomphe the Irish delegation were received by an officer representing the Minister of War. After an exchange of greetings, the Chief of Staff, accompanied by Major-General MacMahon, who carried the wreath, proceeded to the monument, where the wreath was laid by the Chief of Staff on the place specially reserved for it, while the French and Irish officers stood at the salute.

Many Irishmen, both visitors to and residents in Paris, were present.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the representative of the Ministry of War, addressing the Chief of Staff, said on behalf of the Minister he wished to thank the officers of the Irish Army for their tribute to France's soldier dead. The wreath placed on the tomb that day would be regarded by them as one more bond of union between the French and Irish nations.

The wreath took the form of a bronze palm laid on a sword, the hilt of which was draped with the French flag, while the stem of the palm bore the Irish tri-colour. The inscription reads:—

" AU SOLDAT INCONNU :
" L'ARMÉE IRLANDAISE,
" 30 JUILLET, 1923."

The wreath will be transferred later to the war museum being established at the top of the Arc de Triomphe.

The French officers attending the ceremony of the laying of the wreath wore full-dress uniform with decorations.

Following the ceremony the representatives of the French Army were entertained to lunch by the Irish delegation at the Chauteau Henry IV., Saint Germain.

The personnel of the Irish delegation was as follows:—General McMahon, Chief of General Staff; Major-General P. MacMahon, G.O.C., Curragh Command; Colonel B. O'Briain; Colonel F. Bennett; Captain W. Kelly.



Waterford Command Hurling Team, which played against Dublin Command at Maryborough, on Sunday, 29th July. Left to Right—Front Row—Vol. P. Leyden, 63rd Batt.; Cpl. Henry Meagher, 47th Batt.; Lieut. P. Lennon, 47th Batt.; Capt. Sean O'Gorman, Command H.Q. (trainer of team); Vol. Joe Saunders, 47th Batt.; Vol. J. Dunne, 47th Batt. Second Row—Vol. J. Power, 47th Batt.; Vol. J. Forrestal, 36th Batt. (goal); C.Q.M.S. Meagher, 25th Batt.; Vol. M. Power, 47th Batt.; Sgt. J. Costello, 36th Batt.; Lieut. J. Delany, 64th Batt.; Cpl. M. Buggy, 47th Batt. Back Row—Vol. S. Robinson, 64th Batt.; Vol. L. Meagher, 14th Batt.; Vol. M. Kennedy, 36th Batt.; S.M. J. Brown, 26th Batt.; Vol. Jas. Fogarty, 36th Batt.; Vol. J. Fleming, 36th Batt.

ΣΑΡΔΑ ΣΙΟΤΣΑΝΑ.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE CIVIC GUARD OF SOLDIERS OF THE NATIONAL ARMY.

The Commissioner, with the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, has reserved 400 vacancies in the Civic Guard for soldiers now serving in the National Army (already 314 men have been admitted on discharge from the Army).

The following conditions govern admission:—

1. Candidates must have served in the Army either for a period of 9 months subsequent to the 1st June, 1922, or continuously from a date prior to the 1st January, 1923, to the date of examination for admission to the Guard.

2. Candidates must be between 19 and 27 years of age, be 5 ft. 9 ins. in height (in bare feet), with a mean chest measurement of 36 ins. (candidates over 5 ft. 11 ins. in height must have a mean chest measurement of 37 ins.)

To obtain mean chest measurement:—Inflate the chest and measure, deflate and measure, add both, divide by 2—result will be the mean chest measurement.

3. Candidates must be strong and active, unmarried, and of good appearance and physique.

4. Candidates will require to pass a simple entrance examination in reading, writing, dictation, arithmetic—first four rules, simple and compound. They will be required to write a short letter on a simple subject.

5. Candidates will be required to pass a medical examination carried out by the Surgeon of the Civic Guard. They must be free from varicose veins, varicocele, spinal curvature, impediment of speech, defective sight or hearing or any other physical defect or disposition to constitutional or hereditary disease or weakness of any kind, must in all respects be well developed, and possess sufficient strength to enable them to undergo the fatigues to which members of the Civic Guard are liable.

6. Candidates will have to submit to test of vision and must be able to read with each eye separately and without glasses. Squint will involve the rejection of a candidate.

7. Carious teeth will involve rejection of a candidate.

8. Applications for admission to the Guard should be addressed to the Commissioner, Civic Guard Depot, Phoenix Park, Dublin, and accompanied by:—

(a) Form 3 (Army) filled in, in candidate's own handwriting. The medical certificate should be signed by a local Army Medical Officer or other Doctor. The Doctor's attention should be drawn to above conditions.

The oath will be administered at the Depot to successful candidates.

(b) Recommendation from G.O.C. Command. This recommendation should give particulars of period of service in National Army.

(c) Reference from a Clergyman of candidate's religious denomination—preferably his own Parish Clergyman.

(d) Certified copy of the register of birth from the Clerk of the Union (baptismal certificate not acceptable).

9. Preference will be given to candidates who, having fulfilled all other conditions, served in the Volunteers prior to the Truce. In order that such preference may be properly exercised, candidates should, if possible, attach testimony from the Volunteer Officer under whom they served.

10. The written application of candidates, and references, etc., referred to in Condition 8 above, will be scrutinized by the Commissioner, and candidates who appear to fulfil all the conditions will be called up by letter for final examination and attestation, but they will clearly understand that they are coming at their own risk, and that the regulations set out above will be rigidly adhered to.

11. Candidates who present themselves at Headquarters, and who cannot produce the Commissioner's summons, will not be admitted.

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FORMATION OF FÁINNE NA nÓGLÁCH.

Proceedings at Irish Language Convention in G.H.Q.—The Teaching of the Language in the Army—Important Suggestions.

The Irish Language Convention in connection with above was held at General Headquarters, Parkgate Street, on Thursday the 2nd inst. The following officers from the various commands and Special Services were in attendance:—

Siad so na teachtai a bhí i lathair.—An Taoiseacht Ionaid, Gearoid O'Suilleavain, Ard Chongantoir, an Taoiseacht Ionaid Seán O' Murthile Ard Sholáthruithe, na Coirneil O'Briain, M. O'Riain, P. O'Conchubhair, na cinn catha, R. O'hEigearthaigh agus L. O'Brian, an Captaen de Buitléir an Leas Captaen Seán O'Conchubhair (Ard Arus an Airm). An t-Athair O'Fearghusa agus an Leas-Chaptaen Donal MacSuibhne (Taoiseacht Ciarruidhe); an Leas-Chaptaen Fearghail agus an Capt. O'Floinn agus an Capt. Mac Con (Athluain); an Leas Chapt. Seán Cadhain (Clar Cloinne Mhuiris); an Leas-Capt. Seán O'Maolchatha agus an Capt. Mac an Eala (Portlairge); an Briogadóir Mac Ateaclan agus an Leas Capt. Mac Aodha (An Corrach); an Capt. S. Mac Comhail agus an Leas Chapt. S. O'Dubhgáin (Dun na nGall); an tAthair Mac Cladhmhín agus an Capt. S. Mac Mathghamhna (An Iomhair); an Leas-Chapt. Mac Flannchadha an Leas-Chapt. Mac Roibín (Forsa an Aer); an Capt. O'Donnchatha (an coiridheacht Speisialta). An ceann catha D. Mac Aodha agus an Leas-Chapt. E. de Clandiliun (Na Gunnaí móra); an Capt. Mac Tomas agus an Chapt. P. O'Ceallaigh (an pagh); an ceann catha Mac Cionatha agus an Capt. Mac Carthaigh (Doctúireacht); an Leas-Chapt. O' Cadhain agus an t-ard chigire De Barra (Roinn na mara).

The Rev. Fr. Piggot (Dublin Command) presided and opened the proceedings. The business of the Convention was conducted entirely in the Irish Language. A message was received from the Commander-in-Chief expressing regret for his unavoidable absence, and wishing the Convention every success.

An Army Language Week?

Lt.-Gen. Seán O'Murthuile, speaking in Irish, expressed his pleasure at the large and representative character of the Convention. The Fainne na nOglach had undertaken a very laudable and excellent work. The pity of it was that, owing to the fact that the Army activities were directed to the great task of defending the liberties of the People, they were not able to undertake the great national work ere now. However, better late than never. Now that the good work was set going he hoped to see it flourish rapidly and bear good fruit. He could not help contrasting the Oireachtas of the year with similar festivals in former years. Some people fancied that this poor attendance was indicative of the decline of the Gaelic Ideal. The fact was that the language was now assuming its rightful place as the Language of the Nation, and was no longer the special business of any particular organisation. They in the Army should take the necessary steps to insure that Irish, as much as possible, should enter the work of the Army.

The parent body for fostering the language in the future and for ensuring its intended use in administrative departments, would have to be the Government.

The Army being one of the foremost arms of the Government it must be seen to by all who are in a position to do so, that the Army will be foremost in its use of the Language, and it was fortunate that there were so many trained Irish Ireland Workers in the ranks of Oglagh na h-Eireann.

He looked forward to the time when the Army would have its Language Week as well as its Sports Week. He assured the meeting that "Fainne na nOglach" would have the whole-hearted support of the Commander-in-Chief and the other Members of the Army Council.

Name and Scheme of Organisation.

Commandant Leon O'Broin, having briefly outlined the events that led to the summoning of the Convention, the particulars of which were published in the last issue of "An t-Oglach," proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Colonel O'Brien, and unanimously adopted:—

"Gur ab é tuairim na comhdála seo go bhfuil sé ceangailte ar óglácaibh na hEireann a geion féin do dhéanamh chun teanga

na nGaedheal is gach a bhaineann léi do shaothrú agus do leathnú i measc a gcomhóglácaibh; gur ceart cumann fe leith do bhunú san arm cuige sin. Go bhfuil a leithéid de chumann curtha ar bun anois ag an gcomhdháil seo agus gabhaim eadrainn gach a bhfuil nar geumas do dhéanamh chun cuspóirí an chumainn do chur ar aghaidh. Iarramaid ar an gcomhóglácaibh cabhair agus congnamh a thabhairt duinn san obair ata curtha romhainn againn."

A long discussion followed as to the name of the new organisation. "Fáinne na bhFiann," "Fáinnigh an Airm," "Sluagh Fainneach an Airm," and "Fáinne na nOglach" were proposed. Several divisions resulted. Finally "Fáinne na nOglach" was adopted by a substantial majority. The Convention next proceeded to frame a Constitution and to draw up a scheme of organisation. The following, after a prolonged discussion, was finally adopted:—

FÁINNE NA nÓGLÁCH.

RUIN OIBRE NO CUSPOIRI.

1. Saothrú na Gaedhilge, agus a leathnú mar gnáith theangain na nOglách.
2. Litridheacht Gaedhilge d'fheilfeadh do shaol, agus ceird an Oglagh do shaothrú.
3. Eolas ar stair agus ar cheol na nGaedheal do mhéadú i measc na nOglách, agus suim i Rinne na nGaedheal do mhúscailt.

CORÚ FAINNE NA nÓGLACH.

1. Ard choisde, coiste taoiseacta agus coisde catha a dheanfaidh an obair do stiúradh.
2. Is ar an Ard Choisde a bheidh Ard Stiúradh an Fhainne agus gach gnó do bhaineas leis.
3. Déanfaidh buan choisde in Ath Cliath leanamhaint do chúrsa na hoibre, do mholfaidh an tArd Choisde na comhaltai Atha Cliath, agus beirt eile toghtha ag na seirbhísí speisialta a bheidh ar an mbuan choisde seo.
4. Ar an Ard Choisde seo beidh ceann Fainne na nOglach agus beirt tanaiste. Beirt teachta ó gach taoiseacht de thaoiseachtaibh an airm agus duine os gach ceann des na Seirbhísibh Speisialta.
- Beidh an ceann agus na tanaiste na gcomaltaibh *ex officio* de gach coisde sa bhFáinne.
5. In gach taoiseacht beidh Stiúradh na hoibre ar an mbeirt teachta atá ar an tArd-Choisde ón dtaoiseacht sin mar aon le duine ó gach cath sa taoiseacht.
6. Mor-seisear a bheidh ar an gcoisde a dheanfaidh an obair do Stiúradh ins gach cath.
7. Gan einne nach Gaedhilgeoir bheith iontoghtha ar choisde Taoiteachta agus gan ach óglách a bhfuil "Fainne na nOglach" buaidhte aige a bheidh iontoghtha ar an tArd Choisde; go mbeidh se de gheasa ar an tArd-Choisde gach gno a bhaineann leis an gcoisde do dhéanamh as Gaedhilge. Moltar don gcoisde taoiseachta an Choisde do dhéanamh as Gaedhilge.
8. Déinfear Sgrúduithe gach.....
- na gcoir seo a cheapann go bhfuil an Standard sroichte aca.
9. Cuirfear Ranga ar bun is na catha d'fhonn caoi do thabhairt do gach óglách ar an gcomthara do bhaint amach.
10. Beidh Ard Rang ar a luighead is gach Ceann-Arus Taoiseachta.

The Officers.

The Commander-in-Chief, Risteard O'Maolchatha was elected Ceann Fáinne na nOglách, and Lieut.-General Seán O'Murthuile and Lieut.-General Gearoid O'Suilleabhain were the Tanaiste selected. It was officially announced that the new decoration would be a "Fáinne" worked in gold thread on the sleeve of the uniform. The other items on the Agenda were referred to, the tArd-Choisde. It was decided to request the Adjutant-General to have an official census of all Irish speakers and possible Irish teachers in the Army at present.

In discussing the organisation scheme it was decided to request the Adjutant-General to have a Special Command Order issued recognising the appointment and status of the Command Teachta and requesting battalion commanders to assist and facilitate them in their work and to have the names of the various Teachta issued in Command Orders.

It was decided that the first examination for the Fáinne should be held towards the end of September. That Lieut.-General Gearoid O'Suilleabhain, Lieut.-General Seán O'Murthuille, and Lieut.-General Piaras Beaslai be requested to conduct the first examination. The first examination should be as comprehensive as possible, and none but those whose knowledge of Irish was unquestioned should be allowed to present themselves for examination.

It was suggested that the presentation of the new decoration should be made in November, and might be performed as a function of a Samhan festival. The Buan Choisde was entrusted with the formation of the necessary programme for subsequent presentation of the Fáinne, and it was decided that at least a period of three months should elapse between the publication of the clár and the date of the examination. A proposition that the examinations be not held until such time as the Army terms be published was withdrawn, and amended as above, but it was decided to request the Army Council to have all terms in connection with Army work published.

The Fáinne members, it was suggested, should compile lists of such terms, giving tentative Irish equivalents, the whole to be submitted subsequently to the qualified authorities selected by the Army Council. It was decided to request the Army Council to receive a deputation who would place before them the objects of the Fáinne, and who would explain what was desired as regards the teaching of the Language in the Army and the nature of the Book of Terms required. It was recommended that the Fáinne na n-Oglách be made a special department with requisite staff, office, etc., for proper working of same.

The next meeting of the Ard-Choisde will assemble on the 30th August, 1923, at 3 p.m.

LANGUAGE MOVEMENT ON THE CURRAGH.

(From a Correspondent.)

Ireland free, not alone free but Gaelic, was the spirit of Patrick Pease. R.I.P. Part of the work was done when we saw the last of the British soldiers, but a great deal remains to be done. Ireland cannot be said to be free while her children's language, amusements and customs are those of the British. Who are better fitted to revive the language, etc., than her own sons. "The Army of Ireland?" The men who released her from bondage are the men for the work, and if they are determined the enemy's language, etc., will go under like her soldiers.

Already a start has been made in the Army. The last week's AN t-OGLACH gave an account of what was being done in the Dublin Command for the revival of the language, and we are given to understand that much is being done throughout the country. No mention has been made of the work done at the Curragh, but the Curragh can speak for itself. There is one thing definite, and that is that the Curragh was the first command to establish an official Irish class for the benefit of the soldiers.

A syllabus of work was drafted out by the end of last May, and work was started in real earnest on the 4th June in the Garrison Schools. The class is attended daily by 60 officers and N.C.O.s. They spend 3½ hours per day in learning to speak and write the language, and half an hour learning Gaelic songs and dances. The men who are chosen to attend this class are free from all other duties that would interfere with their studies.

Apart from the Garrison School Class, there are classes held for the benefit of the whole Command at Keane, Gough and Ponsonby Barracks. Officers and N.C.O.s not on duty attend these either in the morning or afternoon.

At present there are about 200 learning Irish in the Curragh Command, and it is hoped that in the near future when teachers can be provided, it will be essential for every soldier to learn the Irish language.

HURLING AND FOOTBALL CONTESTS AT MARYBOROUGH.

On Sunday, 29th July, Waterford met Dublin in the Inter-Command Hurling and Football contest for the Army Championships at Maryborough.

The Waterford teams travelled by a special train from Clonmel, and were played to the venue of the contests by the Waterford Pipers' Band. The Dublin teams travelled by motor, and were accompanied by a number of officers of the Dublin Command Staff.

There was a very large crowd of spectators, and those on the stand included Major-General Prout, G.O.C., Waterford Command; Mrs. Prout, Major-General Hogan, G.O.C., Dublin Command; Colonel J. Ryan, Second in Command, Waterford Command; Mrs. Ryan, Colonel Heaslip, D.A.A.G., Waterford Command; Colonel MacNeill, D.A.A.G., Dublin Command; Colonel Higgins, D.A.Q.M.G., Dublin Command; Rev. Fr. Drea, Waterford Command, Chaplain; Colonel McNulty, V.C., Naas District.

Both matches opened in spirited style, Waterford Command in each case being first to raise the flags, but the big Command stood the strain of the conflict better, and carried away the laurels in both matches. The final scores were:—

	Waterford.	Dublin.
Football	2 goals 2 pts.	5 goals 5 pts.
Hurling	2 " 6 "	5 " 2 "

Of the two matches the hurling proved the more exciting. It was a dashing and splendid game throughout. The excitement during the second half of the play was intense, but the Dublin Command eventually got the upper hand, and scored repeatedly towards the end.



THE RECORDS OF P. H. ANDREWS, MILITARY POLICE P.M. STAFF.

(Photo herewith), include the following:—

Dundalk:—One Mile Open Handicap, First; Five Miles Open Handicap, First.

Jones's Road:—One Mile Open Handicap, Second.

Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow:—Won Three Mile Scratch and Lap Prize for same.

Abbeyleix, July 9th:—Won Three Mile Open Handicap for Perry Solid Silver Challenge Cup, beating such well known wheelmen as Curran (Dublin), Kelly (Naas), and Beare (Dublin).

Shelbourne Park:—Second, Five Mile Open Handicap (won by Fitzgibbon).

Kildare, 16th July:—Won Five Mile Open Handicap for Solid Silver Cup.

Two-Mile-House, July 23rd:—Won Two Mile Championship of Leinster for second time in succession. In this race beat such wonderful wheelmen as Barnes, Berney, Galavan, Byrne, Bennett, and Kelly (Naas).

In the 25 Mile Championship of Ireland over Naas Road (1922) Andrew's time was 1 hour 12 minutes and 23 seconds. Irish Record over same 1 hour 9 minutes. Held by Barnes.

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FROM FAR and NEAR

THE *Meath Chronicle* pays us the compliment of republishing articles from AN t-ÓGLACH in its columns, but it has so far—we are sure, inadvertently—omitted to mention their source.

MICHAEL O'DEA, at present with the Army, has been appointed Home Assistance Officer for Scariff. He is at present in hospital, and a substitute has been appointed to carry on until he is able to take up duties. O'Dea was the former officer.

WHEN a fire broke out in the offices of the Midland Skin and Hide Co., Mullingar, the military fire brigade did excellent work in preventing the blaze spreading to the adjoining buildings.

ON the arrival of President Cosgrave and party in Sligo, on 28th ult., a military party at the station presented arms, and a bugler sounded the salute.

MAJOR-GENERAL McKEON, G.O.C., Athlone, served Mass for Rev. Father Barnabas, O.F.M., Athlone, on the summit of Croagh Patrick during the annual pilgrimage on Sunday, 29th July.

REQUIEM Mass was offered on Saturday, 28th July, in the Church of St. Mary of the Rosary, Nenagh, for the soul of Colonel-Commandant A. E. MacCurtin, killed in action at Raheen a year ago. The 11th Batt., Nenagh, under Captain English, attended.

THE funeral of Vol. James Kendrick, accidentally killed at Fermoy, by a fall from a lorry whilst trying to avoid collision with a horse and cart, took place with full military honours from Ballyahill Parish Church, Co. Limerick.

THE souvenir programme of the recent Command Sports at Clonmel carried a neat little advertisement for AN t-ÓGLACH. A cordial vote of thanks is hereby passed to our friends in the Waterford Command.

SOLDIERS serving outside their own electoral areas can have their votes transferred to the area in which they are serving. Provision has been made for soldiers to vote by post, and ballot papers will be distributed to all those whose names are on the Register.

THE anniversary of the death in action, at Raheen, of Colonel-Commandant Sean Collison was commemorated by solemn Requiem Mass in his native parish of Moneygall. There was a big attendance of military and laity, and after the Mass a service was held at the graveside, at the conclusion of which the general salute was given, and the Last Post sounded.

AFTER the Dublin Command Sports meeting at Croke Park, on Saturday last, a dance was held in the ballroom attached to Messrs. Clery's premises in O'Connell Street, Dublin, under the auspices of the Army Athletic Association, and proved a brilliant success. The music was supplied by Mr. Clarke-Barry's orchestra, and there were upwards of 80 couples present. Amongst those present were:—General Mulcahy, Commander-in-Chief; Lieutenant-General Sean MacMahon, Chief of Staff; Major-General D. Hogan,

G.O.C., Dublin Command; Major-General Sweeney, Donegal Command; and Major-General M. Brennan, Limerick Command.

THE only document found upon a man recently arrested by the military in Co. Cork, was a copy of AN t-ÓGLACH. Light in dark places!

THE temporary memorial to the late General Collins and President Griffith will be unveiled at Leinster Lawn, on Monday, 13th inst., at 12.30 p.m.

GENERAL MULCAHY, Commander-in-Chief, is a candidate for election to the next Dáil as one of the representatives of the North side of Dublin.

ON Wednesday at Croke Park the Band of the Special Infantry Corps was awarded the Silver Cup presented by General Eoin O'Duffy in connection with the forthcoming "All Sports Week." The D.M.P. Band secured second place and the Civic Guards Band third.

SINCERE sympathy will be felt with Rev. R. J. Casey, Chaplain to the Forces, Kehoe Barracks, Dublin, in the loss he has sustained by the death, on August 6th, of his father, Mr. Michael J. Casey, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

THE anniversary Mass for General Michael Collins and President Arthur Griffith, and the soldiers who lost their lives during the past year's fighting in Ireland, was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford, on Wednesday, 1st inst. Captain O'Shea and Captain O'Rourke marched to the church at the head of upwards of 200 men of the 63rd Battalion; a guard of honour was posted in the sanctuary, and the Last Post was sounded from the organ gallery. Wexford Corporation was officially represented.

ON the 1st inst., in the house of a man named Tracey, at Avoca, a military patrol came upon Tim Breen, an escaped prisoner, asleep. He awoke to find himself again in custody. Tracey and a man named Byrne, who is believed to have acted as guide to Breen, were also arrested.

THE 2nd August, the anniversary of the landing of the Dublin Guards at Fenit, was duly observed by the troops in the Kerry Command yesterday. Church parades were held in the areas in which the various battalion headquarters were situated, including Tralee, Killarney, Kenmare, Cahirciveen and Castleisland, and Requiem Masses were celebrated for the repose of the souls of those who fell during the fight associated with the entry of the troops into Tralee, and also during the ensuing hostilities.

A striking demonstration was witnessed in Tralee on August 2nd, when some 300 troops paraded and marched through the town to St. John's Church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock. The parade was headed by Colonel Bishop, Command Adjutant, and Colonel McGuinness, Second in Command. All available officers of the Command staff attended. Appropriate music was rendered by the Kerry Command Pipers' Band. Military honours were paid at the Elevation, the guard of honour presenting arms. At the conclusion of the Mass the "Last Post" was sounded.

A FEW LINES ABOUT THE SALVAGE CORPS.



ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of Executive Council—Grant of £100 to each Command—
Second Round Hurling and Football Championships—
Fixtures Arranged.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at Portobello, Barracks, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Major General Hogan, presiding. Also present:—Rev. Father O'Callaghan, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Father Pigott, Dublin Command; Colonel Byrne, Comdt. Lawlor, Captain O'Beirne, Curragh Command; Captain McIntyre, Works Corps; Lieut. Tully, G.H.Q.; Capt. Chisholm, Independent Services; Lieut. Cook, Special Infantry Corps; Captain Shore, Waterford Command; Colonel Brennan, Captains Dunleavy and Dillon, Claremorris Command; Captain Keogh, Cork Command; Captain Kiely, Athlone Command; and Colonel Glennon, Donegal Command.

OBJECTIONS.

Objections lodged by the Waterford Command v. Dublin Command, Curragh Command v. Claremorris Command, Hurling; and Claremorris Command v. Curragh, Football, after a lengthy discussion were withdrawn.

DRAW.

The draw for the second round Hurling and Football Championships resulted as follows:—

HURLING.—Cork v. Dublin. Limerick v. Claremorris. Athlone v. G.H.Q. Independent Services a bye.
FOOTBALL.—G.H.Q. v. Limerick. Athlone v. Curragh. Special Infantry Corps v. Dublin. Cork a bye.

FIXTURES.

The following fixtures were made:—

HURLING.—Cork v. Dublin. At Newbridge, August, 19th.
FOOTBALL.—G.H.Q. v. Limerick. At Newbridge, August 19th. First match at 2 o'clock.

Referees:—Captain Finlay and Sergt. Major Joyce Conlon.
HURLING.—Limerick v. Claremorris, at Limerick, August 16th. First match at 3 o'clock. Referee:—Comdt. Kearney, Cork.

FOOTBALL.—Athlone v. Curragh, at Maryborough, August 15th.
HURLING.—Athlone v. G.H.Q., at Maryborough, August 15th. First match at 3 o'clock. Referees:—Comdt. J. Ryan and Lieut. Dunphy.

FOOTBALL.—Special Infantry Corps v. Dublin, at Croke Park, Monday, the 13th day of August. 6.30 p.m. Referee:—Lieut. Murphy.

£100 EACH.

A grant of £100 was made from the Executive Council to each Command.

Reports were received from each delegate, stating that Command Championships—Hurling, Football and Athletics, are almost completed.

TRAVELLING.

Arrangements are being made with the Irish Railway Companies for the issuing of special travelling vouchers to members of the Army Athletic Association.

6th BATTALION SPORTS AT KILLARNEY.

Splendid weather coupled with a fine attendance, was associated with the 6th Infantry Battalion Sports held in Killarney on July 26th.

Three Miles Steeplechase:—1st, Vol. J. J. Moore; 2nd, Vol. T. Cullen.

Half-mile Flat:—1st, Vol. J. Lavery; 2nd, Vol. J. J. Moore.

100 Yards Flat:—1st, Vol. Murphy; 2nd, Vol. Corrigan.

High Jump:—1st, Sergt. Dempsey; 2nd, Vol. Murphy.

Hop, Step, and Jump:—1st, Capt. Harpur; 2nd, Vol. Murphy.

120 Yards Hurdles:—1st, Vol. Murphy; 2nd, Vol. J. J. Moore.

Tug-of-War:—Won by "P. A."

Football Place Kick:—Volunteer Patrick Redmond.

Long Jump:—1st, Vol. J. J. Moore; 2nd, Vol. J. McCaffrey.

440 Yards:—1st, Vol. J. J. Moore; 2nd, Capt. Harpur.

Raising and Pucking Hurling Ball:—Vol. P. J. Ryan.

220 Yards:—1st, Sergt. Dempsey; 2nd, Vol. C. Burchett.

Sack Race:—1st, Vol. J. McCormack; 2nd, Cpl. Cummins.

Relay Race:—1st, "C" Company.

Officers Race (880):—1st, Lieut. J. Crean; 2nd, Capt. Hannon.

1 Mile Flat:—1st, Vol. J. J. Moore; 2nd, Q.M.S. McIvor.

Three Miles Flat:—1st, Vol. J. Savage; 2nd, Vol. McGuire.

DUBLIN COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(IMPRESSIONS BY "OSCAR.")

A bright August day; a keenly appreciative audience; good music and a certain freshness and wholesomeness of spirit which is always associated with clean, healthy outdoor sport—these were some of the features of the Dublin Command Athletic Championships at Croke Park on Saturday last.

Various attractions of the August Holiday period had carried the populace to the sea and the hills. As a result the civilian spectators were not very numerous, but all present closely followed the competitions, and proof of their appreciation was signalled by the fact that they remained to the very end when General Hogan distributed the prizes.

The successes of Inspector Glynn, of the C.I.D., were the outstanding feature. A native of Galway, this lightly-built athlete first reached prominence in the Leinster Championships, but since his association with the C. J. Kickham Athletic Club, his jumping has improved remarkably. He has beaten 22 feet in the long jump five times this year in actual competition. At the Command Championships he won the long, and hop, step jumps easily; won the hurdles after a fall, and was second in the furlong—truly, a great day's work. He is thin and spare, but of very nicely-balanced mould, and runs and jumps in attractive style.

The sprints were won by a strong, dashing finisher—Hennessy—who will improve; Lieutenant O'Connor went right away from his field in the quarter and half mile, and is a finished runner; whilst the old harrier, Heffernan, was another dual winner, capturing the mile and three miles in good style.

But to me the most attractive feature of the afternoon was Corp. Hepenstall's high jumping. He jumps in the only style in which Irish jumpers have achieved any marked success—almost a straight run in with a neat turn in crossing the lath. Americans have discovered a more effective way for great heights in recent years, but what is known as the "Leahy" style has perfect form, and should be cultivated by our Army jumpers. If they practise the style at low altitudes and stick to it assiduously they will be surprised by the height they can attain.

The cycling was excellent. The mile championship was a foregone conclusion with Capt. Donnelly, our best living Irish cyclist, always having the race in hands. The crowd were enthused by J. J. Barnes' great performance in the five mile handicap. From the post of honour (scratch) he made every post a winning post. At first it looked as if he could never catch his field. Opportunity favoured him at half-way, where the long markers dallied to find a pacemaker, and in a flash Barnes was upon them, to ride at ease to a great finish.

The weight throwing was moderate, as might be expected from a young Army, but the tug-of-war provided a great contest. The G.H.Q. were always the steadier and weightier ten, and won all their pulls comfortably.

Now, for a few words of advice. There were too many people on the "field" last Saturday. A limited number of hard-working officials can run a meeting. A schedule of the hour and minute of each event should be hung in every dressing room.

The official at the entrance gate should allow no one through until his event is on, and athletes must be taught to leave the grounds immediately their race is over.

As well as this, every athlete, except those in actual competition, must kneel or lie down. The spectators must be catered for at all times. Otherwise they will not come along again. I would even say that the Field Officer—you must always have one strong-willed man in control—should insist on all officials kneeling or sitting down, except when taking actual measurements or results.

It has always been borne strongly upon me that promoters of athletic meetings study the interests of their supporters outside the ring all too little.

Given a clear vision of each event with good megaphone announcements spectators will enjoy an athletic meeting.

Advice No. 2.—Jumps and weight events could be run off

OUR ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS AT DUBLIN COMMAND SPORTS.

AMONGST
THOSE
WHO
DISTINGUISHED
THEMSELVES
WERE
LIEUT. S.
O'CONNOR
WHO RAN AWAY
FROM QUITE A LOT OF
FELLOWS IN THE 440 YDS
& ½ MILE RACES WHILE —

CORPORAL HEFFERNAN
AFTER WINNING THE 3 MILE
HAD ENOUGH WIND FOR A
LITTLE CONVERSATION

I TELL
YOU
I
DID
NOT!

THEN
I
APOLOGISE

COY. SGT.
STEPHEN
HENNESSY
WINNER OF
THE 100 &
220 YARDS.

CAPT. B. J.
DONNELLY,
WINNER OF
THE 1 & 3
MILE CYCLE
RACES.

A BIG FELLOW
WHO PREFERS
TO REMAIN
ANONYMOUS
PUTTING
THE 56
OVER THE
BAR

INSPECTOR T. GLYNN,
THE INTERNATIONAL JUMPER,
IN REPOSE & IN FLIGHT.

J. J. BARNES GAVE HIS FOLLOWERS
EVERY CHANCE TILL THE LAST LAP
OF THE 5 MILE RACE — THEN HE
LEFT THEM.

PTE P.
HEMPENSTALL
WINNING
THE HIGH
JUMP. MAN
ON RIGHT
WONDERING
IF HE'LL COME DOWN AGAIN

PERSONALITIES:

COL MAC NEILL,
JUDGE

CAPT.
BARRY,
TREASURER

COL O'HIGGINS,
CHIEF STEWARD

CAPT.
HARKINS,
STARTER

simultaneously with track events. The programme must not drag—better three hours' lively sport than a six hours' long-drawn entertainment. I have run twenty-event programmes very successfully in the south under three hours, and it is quite long enough for any spectator.

Advice No. 3.—A band should play "all" the time. This is easy with the A.A.A., who have a lot of splendid bands at their disposal. A little music "now and then" in the afternoon is not enough. An almost continuous musical programme is the rule in other countries when ambitious athletic programmes are organised.

Advice No. 4.—Army athletes need better coaching. This matter early won the attention of American athletic enthusiasts. The coach is the thing. I do not know whether efficient coaches are already employed in the Army. If they are they have a lot of grinding work before them. If not first-class coaches should be secured at once; second-raters are no use.

"OSCAR."

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS MEETING AT THE CURRAGH.

Under the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief and the G.O.C., Curragh Command, a very interesting and successful Battalion Sports Meeting was held in Beresford Sports-field on Sunday, 29th July. The competing Units were the Corps of Military Police, Stewart Barracks, and the Permanent Staffs of Tintown "A" and "B" and Hare Park Internment Camps. Although the morning was wet the day cleared about noon and remained fine until after the conclusion of the Sports. The field and seating arrangements were perfect, and Comdt. McDonnell, A.P.M., and his staff are to be congratulated on the way in which all details were arranged. Mr. A. J. Nolan, the well-known athlete, was priceless as Starter and General Superintendent of Sports, and all Officials, conspicuous among whom were Comdt. W. Byrne and Captain McGrath, worked hard to keep the events going.

The Committee were lucky in securing the services, at very short notice, of the Naas Brass Band, which rendered a most pleasing selection of music during the afternoon, and considerably helped to make the Sports enjoyable.

A high standard was set by the athletes, and the prize-winners should do well at the Command Championships on 4th and 5th August. To single out individual performances, Vol. Mallin, Stewart Barracks, proved himself a first-class sprinter, while Vol. Steadman, Stewart, consistently won all the middle and long distance races. Commandant Kavanagh, Hare Park Camp, secured prizes in sprints, jumps, and weights.

Among the distinguished visitors present were:—General Mulcahy, Commander-in-Chief, and Mrs. Mulcahy; Colonel P. Mulcahy and Mrs. P. Mulcahy; Professor Liam O'Brian; Colonel Dunphy, D.A.A.G.; Colonel Brasso, and Captain Redmond. The winners had the high honour of being presented to the Commander-in-Chief, who distributed the prizes at the conclusion, and congratulated each recipient.

RESULTS.

Officers' 100 Yards:—1st, Comdt. Kavanagh, Hare Park Camp; 2nd, Capt. O'Connell, Hare Park Camp.

100 Yards Open:—1st, Vol. Mallin, Stewart Barracks; 2nd, Comdt. Kavanagh, Hare Park Camp; 3rd, Vol. Phelan, Tintown "A."

220 Yards:—1st, Vol. Mallin; 2nd, Vol. Phelan; 3rd, Sergt. O'Brien, Harepark.

440 Yards:—1st, Vol. Steadman, Stewart Barracks; 2nd, Sergt. O'Brien; 3rd, Vol. Byrne.

880 Yards:—1st, Vol. Steadman; 2nd, Sergt. O'Brien; 3rd, Capt. O'Connell.

One Mile:—1st, Vol. Steadman; 2nd, Sergt. O'Brien; 3rd, Vol. Barber.

One Mile Walk:—1st, Vol. McErlean, Stewart; 2nd, Vol. P. Byrne, Tintown "B."

Slinging 28 lbs.:—1st, Lieut. Galvin; 2nd, Vol. Darcy, Stewart; 3rd, Comdt. Kavanagh.

Slinging 56 lbs.:—1st, Vol. Darcy; 2nd, Lieut. Galvin; 3rd, Comdt. Kavanagh.

Relay Race:—Won by Stewart Team (Mallin, Steadman, Mullen, Daly).

Tug-of-War:—Final—Stewart Team No. 1 defeated Stewart Team No. 2.

Sack Race:—1st, Sergt. Harte, Stewart; 2nd, Cpl. O'Connor, Tintown "B"; 3rd, Sergt. McElroy.

Blindfold Boxing Competition:—Final—Vol. Hughes, Tintown "A" defeated Vol. McErlean.

120 Yards Hurdles:—1st, Vol. Mallin; 2nd, Comdt. Kavanagh; 3rd, Vol. Manning.

Long Jump:—1st, Comdt. Kavanagh; 2nd, Vol. Mallin; 3rd, Vol. Manning.

Hop, Step, and Jump:—1st, Comdt. Kavanagh; 2nd, Vol. Manning; 3rd, Sergt. McElroy, Hare Park.

High Jump:—1st, Vol. Manning; 2nd, Vol. Nolan; 3rd, Vol. Mallin.

16 lbs. Shot:—1st, Vol. Fayne; 2nd, Comdt. Kavanagh; 3rd, Lieut. Galvin, Tintown "A."

WATERFORD COMMAND SPORTS.

The Waterford Command held its first Command Sports on Sunday, 22nd July. The weather conditions were ideal, and, despite the many counter-attractions on that day, there was an exceptionally large crowd of spectators.

Comdt. Colgain, G.H.Q., Secretary of the Army Athletic Association, was present, and refereed the Tug-of-War contest between the Engineers Clonmel and the 36th and 47th Batts. The former won both contests easily and were loudly applauded as they marched off the field with their O.C. Capt. Louie Ryan.

The proceedings were enlivened throughout the afternoon by music provided by the Military Brass and Reed Band from Collins Barracks, the Kilkenny and Waterford Military Pipers, and the St. Joseph's Boys' Band, Clonmel. Refreshments were provided by the local branch of the Cumann na Saoirse; and the guests included Rev. Fr. Drea, Command Chaplain, Kilkenny, and numerous other Clergymen and Officers from the various Battalions.

Maj.-Gen. Prout, the popular G.O.C., displayed keen interest in the proceedings, and ran off the events in quick succession, much to the satisfaction and enjoyment of the crowd; at the close of the proceedings he was accorded enthusiastic applause. "Our object in running these sports," he said, "is to foster Gaelic Athletics in Ireland. You know that there has been a split in Gaelic Athletics, but I assure you we will have no split in the Army on the subject" (App.).

Continuing, he referred to the forthcoming Hurling and Football contests at Maryborough when the teams from the Waterford Command would meet Dublin in Hurling and Football and he hoped the citizens of Clonmel would accompany them and see how those teams played. He concluded by thanking the donors of the prizes, the Sports Committee, the Guests and the Cumann na Saoirse for their hospitality. He felt he should make particular mention of Q.M.S. Lynch, who worked night and day for the success of the sports, and who deserved great credit indeed.

DETAILS.

100 Yards Flat (Scratch):—1st heat—Capt. Joe Farrell, 25th Batt, 1; Cpl. J. Brown, Army Engineers, 2. Six competed. Won easily.

Second Heat—Sergt. W. Curran, 64th Batt., 1; Sergt. W. Kennedy, Army Engineers, 2. Three competed. A close finish.

Final—Farrell, 1; Curran, 2; Brown, 3.

One Mile Cycle (Scratch):—Sergeant J. Murphy, 25th Batt., 1; Captain A. Foley, 14th Batt., 2; C.Q.M.S. Whelan, Engineers, 0. Murphy made all the running and won by a wheel.

220 Yards Flat (Scratch)—Captain Joe Farrell, 25th Batt., 1; Sergeant Curran, 64th Batt., 2; Sergt. Crowe, 14th Batt., 3. Farrell took the lead at once and, though pressed in the straight by Curran, won by three yards; a good third.

Three Miles' Flat (Scratch):—Private Fitzgerald, 64th Batt., 1; Corporal Whelan, 63rd Batt., 2; Sergt. J. Power, 14th Batt., 3. Also competed—Private Dwyer, Private Daniels, Sergeant N. O'Brien.

Putting 16 lbs. Shot (Scratch):—Sergeant Mostyn, 63rd Batt. (31ft. 10in.), 1; Private M. Kehoe, 64th Batt. (30ft. 10in.), 2.

440 Yards Flat:—Captain J. Farrell, 25th Batt., 1; Captain G. Coughlan 14th Batt., 2; Corporal W. Curran, 64th Batt., 3.

Three Miles Cycle:—Private Fitzgerald, 25th Batt., 1; C.Q.M.S. Whelan, Engineers, 2. Won by a lap.

High Jump:—Q.M.S. O'Connell, 14th Inf. Batt. (5ft. 2in.), 1; Corporal J. Brown, Engineers (4ft. 11ins.), 2; Sergeant Hayes, 25th Batt. (4ft. 7ins.), 3. Also competed—Sergeant O'Keane, Corporal Duggan.

120 Yards Hurdles (Scratch):—Private R. Collins, 14th Batt., 1; Corporal J. Brown, Engineers, 2; Private Fahy, 64th Batt., 3. Won easily. Brown fell but for this should have won.

880 Yards:—Captain G. Coughlan, 14th Batt., 1; Lieut. P. McGrath, 25th Batt., 2; Corporal M. Duggan, 14th Batt., 3. Also ran—Q.M.S. R. Fitzgerald, 64th Batt.; Private Burke, Command Staff. Coughlan led throughout, and won easily.

The Obstacle Race, which was provocative of much laughter, was won by Sergeant Curran, 64th Batt.; Sergeant Kavanagh, 14th Batt., 2; Three competed. An objection lodged to the winner was upheld and the race awarded to Kavanagh.

Five Miles Cycle Race:—Sergeant Murphy, 25th Batt., 1; Private P. Fitzgerald, 25th Batt., 2.

Long Jump:—Captain J. Farrell, 25th Batt. (18ft. 8½ins.), 1; Corporal J. Brown, Engineers (18ft. 2ins.), 2.

Throwing 56lbs. with follow:—Private W. Perry, Engineers (20ft. 6½ins.), 1; Private M. Kehoe, 64th Batt. (18ft. 11ins.), 2. Also competed—Sergeant Mostyn and Corporal Fitzgerald.

100 Yards (Officers):—Captain Joe Farrell, 25th Batt., 1; Captain Coughlan, 14th Batt., 2; Captain R. Foley, 14th Batt., 3; Lieut. M. Quinlan, 64th Batt., 0.

Sack Race:—Private Kehoe, 64th Batt., 1; Corporal Fitzgerald, 14th Batt., 2. Eight competed. A very amusing race. Won easily.

Hop, Step, and Jump:—Q.M.S. O'Connell, 14th Batt. (39ft. 7in.), 1; Captain Joe Farrell, 25th Batt. (36ft. 9½ins.), 2. Four competed.

Tilting at the Bucket:—Another very amusing and keenly-contested event. It was won by the team of the 64th Batt.; 14th Batt., second.

One Mile (Scratch):—Sergeant J. Power, 14th Batt., 1; Lieut. McGrath, 25th Batt., 2. Also competed—Private Whelan, 63rd Batt., 3.

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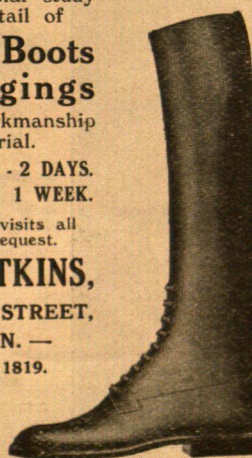
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the hill Power had a good lead from McGrath, and, gradually forcing ahead, won by 20 yards.

Two Mile Steeplechase:—Private Power, 14th Batt., 1; Private Keane, 14th Batt., 2; Lieut. McGrath, 25th Batt., 3.

Tug-of-War:—Army Engineers beat 36th Infantry by two straight tugs. 25th Batt. and 64th Batt. not fielding teams, the 47th Batt. met the Engineers in the final.

The Engineers again won by two straight pulls.

Engineer's Team:—Anderson (Captain and Trainer), Lafford, Kennedy (2), Brown, Casey, Crotty, Lynch, Mullins, Perry, Sergeant O'Brien (Coach).

Boys' Race:—C. Nolan, 64th Batt., 1; C. Boyland, 63rd Batt., 2; R. Lukeman, 47th Batt., 3. Five ran.

Ladies' Race:—Miss Delahunty (Command Staff), 1; Miss White (C.N.A.S.), 2; Miss Kennedy, 3. Won easily. Seven competed.

One Mile Relay Race:—Won by 25th Batt. (Captain J. Farrell, Q.M.S. Maher, Vol. T. Fitzgerald and Corporal Hawkins). 14th Batt., 2nd—(Captain Coughlan, Private Collins, Sergeant Croke, and B.Q.M.S. O'Connell).

Hunting the greasy pig was a screamingly funny event. Eleven joined in the hunt, and the porker was eventually captured by Sergeant W. Curran, 64th Batt.

Human Wheelbarrow Race:—14th Batt. (Private Smith and Private Firt), 1; 25th Batt. (Sergeant Hayes and Private Malloran), 2. Six teams competed.

Climbing greasy pole proved a very strenuous effort, and the only one to reach the top was Private Smith, 14th Batt.

Musical Race (for bandsmen):—Richardson (drummer), 1; Reynolds (cornet), 2.

Football Place Kick:—Sergeant Kiely, 25th Batt., 1; Lieut. Purcell, Command Staff, 2.

The prizes having been distributed by Mrs. Prout, wife of Maj.-Gen. Prout, and Mrs. Ryan, wife of Col. J. Ryan, three hearty cheers were given for the G.O.C., and the enjoyable day was brought to a close by the playing of the "Soldier's Song," whilst the Military stood to attention and the citizens respectfully doffed their hats.

GOUGH BARRACKS' SPORTS.

The 29th Battalion held their Athletic Meeting on Sunday, 22nd July, at the Curragh. The weather was ideal, and each event was keenly contested. The prizes were valuable, and points were awarded to each Company according to their placings in each event these points counting towards their credit for the Battalion Shield, which will be presented to the Company obtaining the most successes in Football, Hurling, Field Events, Boxing, Shooting.

The results at the end of the meeting showed "A" Coy. with a total of 37 points; "C" Coy., 23 points; "B" Coy., 12 points; and "D" Coy., 11 points.

The prizes were presented by Col. Dunphy, D.A.A.G., Curragh Command, who warmly commended the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion on the success of the meeting, and said he felt sure they would distinguish themselves in the Command Championships.

The success of the meeting was in no small sense due to the officials, the Commanding Officer, Comdt. M. Stephenson, Capt. Devine, Capt. McNicholl, Capt. McKenna, and Capt. Shanahan, Lieuts. Roche, Leen, and B.S.M. Last, C.S.M. Deery, Sgt. Melville, Sgt. Dunne.

DETAILS.

100 Yards:—Pte. Hagan, 1st; Pte. Milliken, 2nd; Pte. Fagan, 3rd.

220 Yards:—C.S.M. Martin, 1st; Pte. Fagan, 2nd; Pte. Clarke, 3rd.

440 Yards:—C.S.M. Martin, 1st; Pte. Clarke, 2nd; Pte. Crawford, 3rd.

880 Yards:—Pte. Walsh, 1st; Pte. Clarke, 2nd; Sgt. Boland, 3rd.

One Mile:—Pte. Walsh, 1st; Pte. Killeen, 2nd; Sgt. Boland, 3rd.

120 Hurdles:—Sgt. McCusker, 1st; C.S.M. Martin, 2nd; Lt. Roche, 3rd.

High Jump:—Lt. Roche, 1st; Sgt. McCusker, 2nd.

Long Jump:—Sgt. Brogan, 1st; Pte. Hagan, 2nd; Pte. Walsh, 3rd.

Hop, Step, and Jump:—Pte. Hagan, 1st; Sgt. Brogan, 2nd.

Relay Race (One Mile):—"C" Coy. 1st; "A" Coy. 2nd.

Novelty Race:—Sgt. Dunne, 1st; Pte. Hearty, 2nd.

Tug-of-War:—"D" Coy.

Pucking Hurley Ball:—Lieut. Cahill, 1st; Lieut. Tuohy, 2nd.

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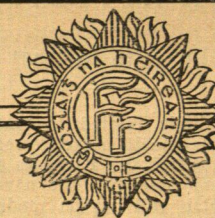
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Readers should write on one side of the paper only. It is possible that some slight delay may occur in answering certain queries owing to the necessity for making inquiries, but all questions will be answered in the earliest possible issue.

COMMISSIONS WANTED.

"Rory" (Clonmel).—There is no possibility of obtaining a Commission at the present time. Efficiency is the best recommendation for promotion.

"B" Coy. (Limerick).—(1) We do not think so.—See page 10, Issue No. 11. (2) There is no Cadet Corps in the present Army organisation. (3) To G.O.C. Command through O/C Company. (4) There is no Cavalry Corps in existence. For other information we refer you to answer to "Lery—Rathmines" in issue No. 22. (5) Regret we are not in a position to give you this information.

DISCHARGE.

"J. S." (Hibernian Military School).—Your letter is not comprehensive enough. Have you made application for discharge? Write us again, and we will deal with the matter.

Private H. D.—We regret that we cannot reply by post. You are at perfect liberty to apply for your discharge. Your example of patriotism is highly appreciated.

TRANSFER.

"Old Volunteer" (Tuam).—Make enquiries of your O/c. The transfer may have been delayed for some reason or other.

"Eager" (Templemore).—There would be no possibility of joining the force you mention—as a matter of fact, this corps has been reduced to its original strength, and may be disbanded altogether.

OLD VOLUNTEER'S WISH.

"B. B." (Athlone).—We believe exceptions will be made in cases like yours.

FROM HAULBOWLINE.

1997 (Tallaght).—We would advise you to make a second application. Your first one may have gone astray or been overlooked.

WOUNDED EX-OFFICER.

"Palman qui meruit ferat" (Longford).—(1) We could not state definitely that you are. (2) There is no such Corps. (3) We do not know.

OUT-OF-WORK.

J. B. (Foynes).—Bring your case to the notice of Officer i/c Claims at G.H.Q.

ISSUE OF UNIFORM.

"Short Grass" (Curragh).—You should have applied for your uniform when you were promoted. The free issue of uniforms was discontinued, as per G.R.O. 21 (10.2.23). You could not get compensation for articles you never possessed.

WOUNDED DURING B. and T. REGIME.

D. Hegarty (Cahiriveen).—Make application to Officer i/c Claims at G.H.Q.

SEEKS CLERKSHIP.

"John Wallace" (Ennis).—Make application to your O/C, stating qualifications.

WISHES TO REJOIN.

"Worried" (Harold's Cross).—Recruiting has ceased, but we believe you might succeed, in view of your former service, if you applied in writing to the O/C of any of the various Band Units.

MEDICALLY UNFIT.

Corporal M. Duignan (Droichead Nua).—Make application for information on this matter to Officer i/c Claims at G.H.Q.

SEEKS CLERKSHIP.

"Anxious to Join" (Old Kilmainham).—We regret to inform you that for the present recruiting has stopped. You will, however, be afforded an opportunity of joining in the near future.

CARPENTER.

Corporal T. C. (Macroom).—You are entitled to pay according to your rank, i.e., 3s. 9d. per day. If you attested as an Infantry man, you will have to complete your term of service as such. You could request to be taken on the strength of the Battalion Pioneers in the capacity you desire.

ACCOUNT OUTSTANDING.

Thomas Lee (Red City, Fethard).—Enquiries are being made into this matter.

WOULD-BE RECRUIT.

"Corporal Ted" (Curragh).—Recruiting has ceased for the present.

LEAVE.

Pte. P. McM.—There is no definite regulation governing this matter. Under present conditions it is a matter subject to the ruling of the G.O.C. Command.

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Vol. M. F. (Kerry).—You can obtain a book of the kind you require from Messrs. Eason & Son, O'Connell Street, Dublin, costing about 1s. 6d.

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"Scoláire" (Portobello).—We would advise you to make representations to Officer i/c Claims, Dept. of Adjt.-General, G.H.Q.

PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Private M. K. (Curragh).—The terms under which soldiers attested, since the outbreak of hostilities, stipulated that they could be dismissed before completion of service. You can, however, make application that you be allowed to complete your service. This may or may not be granted.

THAT "CROSS STRAP."

R. F. (Portobello).—Regulations governing these matters will be issued soon. For the present the order of the Barrack O/C will hold. Watch chains are considered decorations, and should not be worn.

Tom Mullaly.—Refer the matter again to your O/C, and let us know the result.

INSIGNIA.

"Brasso" (Curragh).—The insignia for a C.Q.M.S. is three $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. by 3-in. green bars on sleeve, midway between shoulder and elbow.

ARREARS OF PAY.

3rd Batt. Special Infantry Corps (F. C.).—This matter, we are informed, has now been adjusted through the local Pay Officer. The confusion arose through the men not being attested and issued with numbers before being drafted away.

PROFICIENCY PAY.

"Steady" (Curragh).—Area Intelligence Officers are not entitled to proficiency pay.

"S. S. S." (Blackrock).—You are not entitled to proficiency pay. The answer to your second question is also in the negative.

"Mary Ann" (Kehoe Barracks).—You are not entitled to the pay you mention.

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"Curiosity P. A." (Curragh).—Please note lines 4, 5 and 6 in the instructions to correspondents under the heading "Information Bureau."

"Noel" (G.H.Q.).—Above remark also replies to you.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE EXAM.

Vol. M. McEvoy.—Full details were given in previous issues of "An t-Oglach." It is now too late to apply for an entrance form.

PAY ON DISCHARGE.

"Greatly Disappointed" (Belfast).—The Pay Officer has only got authority to pay to the official date of discharge, as entered in the book by the Officer i/c Records.

RATION ALLOWANCE.

Bugler Fay.—Orders are quite correct, and 16/7/23 is the date on and from which the new rate of Ration Allowance is granted.

DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE.

All letters relating to Dependants' Allowance are forwarded direct to the Dependants' Allowance Branch of the Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks, Dublin.

Only in very exceptional cases are such letters replied to in these columns.

Mrs. K. Doyle (Bagnalstown).—The claim for P. Doyle has been rejected on the Investigator's report, as the claimant was idle for a year prior to enlistment. The other two claims are receiving attention.

Mrs. B. M. (Dublin).—This claim was overpaid by the allowance of thirty shillings per week, and has now been assessed at seven shillings per week. Payments will be renewed when the overpayment has been cleared off, which will not be for another month.

"Sequence" (Dublin).—The mother's claim is clear to the 21st July, 1923. Notification of marriage was not previously received. Payments are withheld from the mother, and payment will now be made to the wife from the date of the marriage, less any overpayment made to the mother.

"Anxious" (Curragh).—The cheques were returned from the old address, and were held pending receipt of the new address. This has now been noted, and payments will be continued.

Volunteer J. W. (Co. Cork).—This case is under investigation.

Volunteer J. W. (Co. Waterford).—This has been assessed at fourteen shillings per week. The total payments to 4/8/23, amounted to £41 2s., regular fortnightly payments of 28s. being made.

"Reduction" (Dublin).—You should send your certificate of discharge to Dependants' Allowance Branch, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks, and claim arrears, quoting RSM 6661.

Mrs. Catherine Carty (Kinsale).—This claim was rejected as your son's earnings amounted to ten shillings per week, of which he gave eight to the home. His board at home is estimated to have cost ten shillings, so that there is no financial loss.

"Drumcondra."—Your son is shown as having been discharged on 19/2/23. The claim was passed for payment at 28s. per week, and overpaid to the extent of £3 8s. at the date of discharge. No notification has been received officially of his re-enlistment. Application has been made for same to the Records Office, and when the necessary information is received, payments will be renewed.

"Black Jack" (Curragh).—The investigations are not completed in this case. If assessment is admissible on report, payment will be made without delay, retrospective from the date of attestation.

Driver J. MacM.—If you do not wish your name published, you should use a pen-name. You should apply to Dependants' Allowance Branch, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks, Dublin, for a form to fill in. The Army Authorities, as such, can only deal with your case since you attested in March last. With regard to previous service, you should communicate with the officer whose name you mention.

M. Hennessy (Fethard).—Your attention is directed to the panel in this section headed "Essential Detail Omitted."

"Parney" (Gormanston).—This matter is receiving attention.

"Anxious" (Youghal).—We have sent forward your letter, but would point out that if the allowance was 7s. per week the payments would not be very much in arrears on your own showing.

Vol. J. W. (Co. Cork).—Your letter has been forwarded, as requested.

Maria Deignan (Wesport).—We regret that we cannot do anything in this case. If you want to pursue the matter further, you should write to the Dependants' Allowance Branch, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks, Dublin.

Vol. R. Leonard.—Your letter has been forwarded to the proper quarter.

Volunteer B. Kelly.—According to your letter, the shortage of fourteen shillings was made good the following week. We do not understand what you mean by "and no other Dependants' Allowance whatever." If you care to write to the Dependants' Allowance Branch, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks, you will have to state the position very much more clearly than in your letter to "An t-Oglach."

T. M. B. (Killarney).—We understand that this claim is being investigated.

"Constant Reader."—Your letter has been forwarded to the proper quarter.

"Billy" (Kehoe Barracks), "Diehards Never" (Bray).—Your letters have been forwarded to the proper quarter.

"Regular Soldier."—This question should have been raised before your discharge. The amount of Dependants' Allowance varies according to the circumstances of the case.

DISABLED SOLDIER.

G. M. C. (Dublin).—A soldier discharged from the Army as medically unfit cannot be re-attested. You do not state if the hurt which has brought about your incapacitation was received while on service. You should, however, make a claim for compensation before the Government Committee dealing with claims of soldiers who served during the Anglo-Irish war, when your case will be investigated.

RE-ATTESTATION LEAVE.

"Northern Light."—A definite order on the matter of re-attestation leave is being issued at an early date.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

Vol. W. G.—The agreement entered does not appear to have had army official sanction, and is therefore not binding. Many good soldiers were reduced in rank in the course of Army reorganisation. You will, no doubt, reach your previous rank as the result of good service.

UNDER ARREST.

"Orders."—You cannot be tried by the Military authorities for an offence of which you were already convicted by a civil court. See General Regulations as to Discipline, para. 90 and 91.

DISCHARGE.

Seven Soldiers (Kerry).—Your cases are being attended to.
"Webley" (Portobello).—Enquiries are being made into this case.

P. A. "WALKING OUT."

John C.—You may, of course, go out in civilian clothes—provided you get a permit from your O/C.

A SEXTETTE.

Pte. Martin Cullen (Carrick-on-Shannon).—(1) This cane is not regulation, and the purchase is, therefore, not obligatory. (2) If the Warrant issued on 9th June was given on the grounds that the circumstances "appear to deserve special consideration," this being the opinion of the G.O.C., you would be entitled to a leave Warrant. (3) This is a matter for your Company Q.M. (4) No. (5) We do not think the conditions are quite as you state. (6) This matter is being referred to Dependants' Allowance Branch.

AREA OF SERVICE, ETC.

"Reservist" (Curragh).—Due mainly to the circumstances obtaining, it was not possible to convenience individual soldiers in the matter of transfers. An attested soldier is liable for service in any area to which he is drafted. The question of your pension is one which cannot be dealt with here. Regarding Dependent's Allowance, this is being brought under the notice of the Department responsible.

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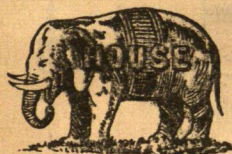
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Pte. F. O'C.—Bring the matter before your Battalion O.C., who should make the recommendation. Write us further, and let us know the result.

TRANSFER.

Vol. L. G. (Curragh).—You have not yet supplied the name of the Unit in which you are at present serving.

PAYMENTS ON DISCHARGE.

"Ashtown" (Castletownbere).—Your statement is not quite correct. All soldiers being discharged from the Army on the expiration of their term of service, will receive 28 days' pay, with Dependent's Allowance for the same period, provided they have been receiving this allowance previously.

MOTOR DRIVER'S GRIEVANCES.

J. M. (Mullingar).—Your case is being referred to the proper authority for investigation.

HOUSING PROBLEM.

Pte. B. McG. (Transport).—We sympathise with you. The housing problem is a difficult one to deal with. However, we are taking up your case with a view of having your transfer effected.

CAPTAIN'S QUERIES.

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An Ruiréalac, An Spíobal.
Capla, Lionán, Cinn mápa.

Cómpaó Beirte.

- (1) Séamar agus (2) Tomás.
- (1) Ó beadar, a Tomás, fáilte Róimac.
- (2) So maruip, a Séamar. Cionnar tá as éiríse lib go léir ó foín?
- (1) Ó muipe níl aon éirí searín asainn.
- (2) Agus, beas an máit beir as searín.
- (1) Ní bpaictar puinn dá báip.
- (2) Cáip fadair éugainn? (1) Ó Baile áda Cláir.
- (2) An bpaipir as éirí pút 'pa éadair anoir?
- (1) Táim, le tamall anoir. Cángar o'fonn oirpe na seachtaine do éadair leim muinirí pa pean áit.

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

ANNUMUCKAIAUTUNNA
IR RINE KLAUR KLINNA
WIRRIISH.

(err lan-oont).

Kishlawna worra, kloon karvawn.
Bwoll lee vee kawn, Mullock Rahnee.
Thoom, Doonmore, Bwoll lawhn Ree
Beeil lawha gloonneen, Krockweel.
Moatha Grawn oaga, Awk kinn.
Bail mwillith, Gee Saula.
Bannkur Errish, Gubba Kirra.
Kruss see mweeleena, Bwolla krooy.
Tubber kirra, Bolla klaur nug Golliva
Maw killin, ookthur aurdh.
Kruss voehur wauma, a kluckawn.
A Rish ailuck, a spid dale.
Kossla, leenaun, kin worrow.

Koar Raw berta.

- (1) Shaymuss ogguss (2) Thum mauss.
- Day vahasa, a hum mawish, faulta Roath.
- Gum mwarrir a haymish, kunnuss
Thaw a guy ree liv gal lair oh hin,
Oh wisha, neel lain koosh grawna gun.
- Ogguss byugga wah vaha grawn.
- Nee wiethur pween daw waur.
Kaur gowish koon? Oh vlaa kleeh.
- Willir a kur footh suk kohira nish?
- Thawm, lit thommulla nish. Hawnuss
down derra nuss shockthinna duk
kohiv lim weentur suss shan naut.

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Castlebar, Louisburg.
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Bellmullet, Geesala.
Bangor, Achill Sound.
Crossmolina, Ballyeroy.
Tubbercurry, Claregalway.
Moycullen, Oughterard.
Maam Cross, Clifden.
Recess, Spidal.
Costella, Leenane, Kinvara.

Dialogue.

- (1) James and (2) Thomas.
- (1) Welcome Thomas.
- (2) May you live James! How are ye all progressing since?
- (1) Oh, wisha, we have no reason to complain.
- (2) And little good to be complaining.
- (1) There isn't much got by it.
- (2) Where did you come from? (1) From Dublin
- (2) Are you staying in the city now?
- (1) I am, for some time. I came to spend the week end with my people in the old place.

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