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## SALUTING.

Since the armies of the civilized world have been in existence they have found it advantageous and fitting to observe strict military etiquette and ceremonial. At the present day these forms are practically the same in all such armies, and the soldier's observance of them is a measure of his discipline and soldierliness.

The military salute is universal. It is practised by the most democratic organisations founded on a military basis, and no man should consider that by its use he is surrendering any fraction of his dignity or self-respect.

This aspect is clearly put by Capt. Lincoln C. Andrews, of the United States Cavalry, in his valuable work "Fundamentals of Military Service." The Military salute, he writes, "is at foundation but a courteous recognition between two individuals of their common fellowship in the same honourable profession, the profession of arms."

The Irish people are credited with a pride which is very stiff-necked on occasion. We are supposed to be more sensitive than most to any slight upon our *amour propre*. It has been suggested even that this business of military saluting, whilst it may be good enough for other nations, should not be tolerated by any true Irishman.

A little thought will show the fallacy of such a supposition. Army Regulations require that the salute shall be rendered by both the senior and the junior, as bare courtesy requires between gentlemen in civil life. "It is in reality," as Captain Andrews points out, "rather a privilege than an obligation; it betokens good standing in a common cause." And he mentions the fact that in the American Army a prisoner, not being in good standing, is forbidden by regulations to render the salute.

This is the right conception of saluting. The question should be not so much "Shall I salute?" as "May I salute?"

There should be no slovenliness about the salute. It should be clear cut and soldier-like. And its acknowledgment should be equally smart. If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well.

### OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

The next issue of "An t-Oglach" will be our Christmas Number. It will be considerably enlarged and will contain many unique features, both literary and photographic.

The price will remain unchanged, and we would urge all Battalion Quartermasters to let us know immediately what extra supplies they will require.

Particulars of our Christmas Competitions appear in Page 24 of this issue.

## THE ARMY CODE.

### Notes on the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

Our Army is now maintained and disciplined under the provisions of the Act, which became law on the 3rd August, 1923. These notes are published in the hope that they will be of use to all ranks in helping them to master the code to which they are now subject.

The first part of this explanation of the measure in question appeared in our last issue. Copies of No. 18 can be obtained at twopence each on application to this office, enclosing postage (one penny per copy).

#### PART III. (Continued).

##### The Present Position of the Army under the Act.

###### The Army Legalised.

The Army as it existed on the 3rd August, 1923, in the Act for convenience of reference referred to as the National Forces, was to be deemed to be the armed forces to be raised under Article 46 of the Constitution, and the maintenance thereof was declared to be legal.

###### The Government of the Army.

Section 236 provided that the command-in-chief and all executive and administrative powers in reference to the National Forces (including the power to delegate authority to such persons as might be thought fit) were to be vested in the Executive Council and exercised through and in the name of the Minister for Defence.

On the 28th August, 1923, an Order called "Council of Defence (Constitution) Order, 1923," was made by the Executive Council. The Order created a Council of Defence "to assist the Minister for Defence in the administration of the Department of Defence." The Council of Defence consists of four members, namely, the Minister for Defence, who is Chairman of the Council, and three Military Members, namely, the Chief of Staff for the time being of the National Forces, the Adjutant General for the time being of the National Forces, and the Quartermaster General for the time being of the National Forces. The Order provides that "the Military Members of the Council of Defence shall be respectively responsible to the Minister for Defence for the administration of so much of the business relating to the raising, training, organisation, disposition, personnel, supply, equipment, control and maintenance of the National Forces as shall, from time to time be assigned to them or any of them by the Minister for Defence."

###### The Present Position of Officers.

All officers serving on the 3rd August, 1923, in the National Forces are to continue to hold their appointments as such during the pleasure of the Executive Council, and the Executive Council, acting through the Minister for Defence, may dismiss any officer or dispense with his services. It is to be noted that no commissions in the form mentioned in the First Schedule to the Act will be granted until the Army is established on a semi-permanent basis in accordance with Section 22 of the Act. In connection with the expression, "semi-permanent basis," it will be useful to bear in mind that at present the Army is on a temporary basis. As soon as the Army is established under Section 22 of the Act (which only remains in force for 12 months at most from the 3rd August, 1923), the Army will be on a "semi-permanent basis," and when the New Bill dealing with the Army which is to be introduced early next year becomes an Act, the Army will be on a permanent basis.

###### The Position of the Non-Commissioned Ranks at Present.

All men serving on the 3rd August, 1923, by virtue of any agreement or attestation, are liable to continue to serve in accordance with the term of such agreement until the Minister for Defence, acting through the Minister for Defence, may discharge any soldier.

**Discipline.**

At present the Army is disciplined under the provisions of Part II. of Chapter 1 of the Act which apply to all members of the Army. As before mentioned the General Regulations as to Discipline ceased to have effect as from the 3rd August, 1923. The provisions of the Act in reference to Discipline will be explained later.

**PART IV.****General.**

As previously mentioned, Part I. of the Act does not fully provide for the organisation of the Army, but it authorises the Minister for Defence to set up, by means of Orders and Regulations, so much of the organisation as is not expressly provided for by the Act. The task of completing the organisation of the Army is approaching completion, and when it has been accomplished the Army will be established on what has been termed a semi-permanent basis. The following notes deal with the Army as it will be when it is established on a semi-permanent basis:—

**General Organisation of the Army.**

The Army will comprise:—

1. Permanent Force or Standing Army which is to be called Oglagh na hEireann, and is in the Act and in these notes referred to shortly as the Forces.
2. A Reserve for Oglagh na hEireann which is in the Act called "the Reserve."

**The Government of the Army.**

The Act provides that the command-in-chief and all executive and administrative powers in relation to the Forces (including the power to delegate authority to such persons as shall be thought fit) shall be vested in the Executive Council and exercised through and in the name of the Minister for Defence.

**Composition of the Forces.**

The Forces are to consist of officers who are appointed officers thereof and of non-commissioned officers and men who are bound to continuous service for a term.

**Officers: Grades of Ranks.**

The following are the grades of commissioned rank in the Forces:—

1. General.
2. Lieutenant-General.
3. Major-General.
4. Colonel.
5. Major.
6. Commandant.
7. Captain.
8. Lieutenant.
9. Second Lieutenant.

**Appointments to Commissions.**

Any person is eligible for appointment to a commission. Appointments to commissions are made by the Executive Council on the nomination of the Minister for Defence. Commissions are to be signed by the President of the Executive Council and the Minister for Defence. The form of commission is as follows:—

**SAORSTAT EIREANN.****Oglagh Na hEireann.**

"To (Name of Officer).....  
trusting in your loyalty to our country, and reposing special confidence in your courage, honour, good conduct and intelligence, the Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann, in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred by the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, hereby constitutes and appoints you to be an officer in Oglagh na hEireann as from the day of ....., 19.... You will bear true faith and allegiance to our country and serve and defend her against all her enemies whomsoever. You will discharge your duty in the rank of ....., or in any higher rank to which your merit may hereafter determine your appointment or promotion, which appointment or promotion will be notified in the 'Irish Oifigiúil.' You will exercise and train in arms and maintain in good order

and discipline the soldiers and inferior officers serving under you who are hereby each and all enjoined and commanded to render you obedience as their superior officer. You will yourself observe and obey without question such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from the Minister for Defence for the time being, or from any of your superior officers according to law.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto set our respective hands and seals at.....this..... day of.....in the year one thousand nine hundred and.....

Signed.....

President of Executive Council of  
Saorstát Éireann.

Minister of Defence, Commander-  
in-Chief.

**Terms of Appointment.**

All officers hold their commissions during the pleasure of the Executive Council, who, acting through the Minister for Defence, may dismiss or dispense with the services of any officer.

**Military College.**

The Minister for Defence is authorised to establish a Military College, and the Act provides that from and after five years after the establishment of the Military College preference in appointment to commissioned rank is as far as possible to be given to graduates of the College. This provision is not, however, to affect the right of the Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, to appoint any soldier for distinguished service to commissioned rank. It will be seen there is no bar to a private soldier attaining any rank to which his merit entitles him.

**Men: Grades of Ranks.**

The following are the grades of non-commissioned rank in the Forces:—

**(a) Non-Commissioned Officers:**

1. Sergeant-Major.
2. Quartermaster Sergeant.
3. Sergeant.
4. Corporal.

**(b)**

5. Private.

**Enlistment.**

Enlistment is the acceptance of an engagement in the military service of the State, and is in the nature of a contract between the person enlisted and the State. Recruits are to be enlisted either for service with a particular corps or for general service. In the latter case the recruit is to be appointed to some corps.

**Period of Service.**

The Act authorises enlistment for a period not exceeding twelve years. It is not, however, the intention of the Army Authorities to enlist for long periods.

**Procedure on Enlistment.**

A person who offers to enlist in the Forces receives from the Recruiter a notice informing him of the general conditions of the contract he is about to enter into, and directing him to appear before a District Justice or Peace Commissioner for attestation. If he fails to appear, or on appearing, declines to be enlisted, no further proceedings are taken. If he appears the District Justice or Peace Commissioner must ask him whether he has been served with, and understands, the notice and agrees to be enlisted, and the enlistment is not to be proceeded with if the recruit appears to the District Justice or Peace Commissioners to be under the influence of drink.

**Attestation.**

If the recruit agrees to be enlisted, he is cautioned against making a false answer, and the questions contained in the attestation paper are to be put to him and his answers recorded on the paper itself.

Upon signing the declaration contained in the attestation and taking the Oath of Allegiance, the recruit becomes an enlisted soldier of the Forces.

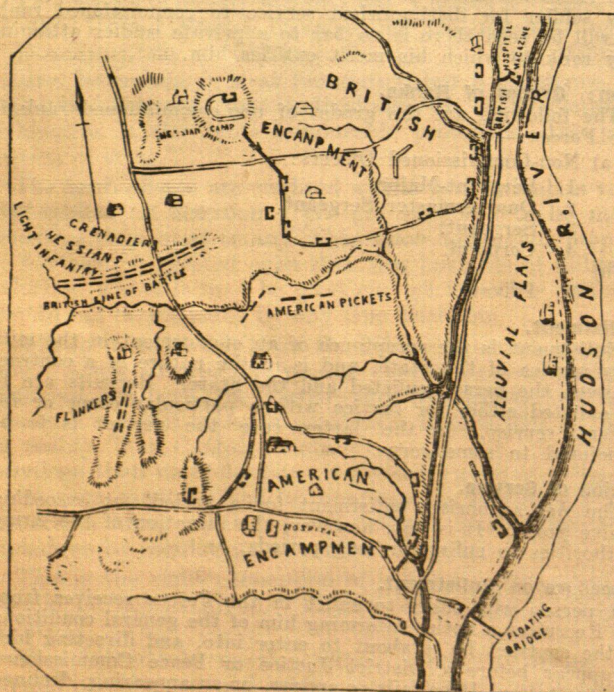
(To be Continued).

# FAMOUS BATTLES.

## How an Irish Marksman Won the Day at Saratoga.

It is generally conceded by historical writers that the battle fought at Saratoga in the early autumn days of the year 1777, marks the beginning of the prosperity of the American nation. Few encounters, from the day at Marathon to that warm June evening on the plain of Waterloo, have been so decisive, and in this connection the statement made by the late E. S. Creasy in his book on "Decisive Battles," is not without interest. "Nor can any military event," he says, "be said to have exercised more important influence on the future fortunes of mankind, than the complete overthrow of Burgoyne's expedition of 1777." To Irishmen the battle of Saratoga has a peculiar interest, for it was owing to the skill of an Irish marksman of the ranks of the Americans that the tide of victory turned in favour of the Starry Flag.

In the month of June, 1777, General Burgoyne, at the head of a considerable army, advanced up the Hudson River from Canada in order to drive a wedge between the Northern and Southern Colonial forces. The plan was to attack each force separately, and inflict such losses as would bring the war to a swift end. A smaller force, under the command of one Colonel St. Leger was detailed to make a demonstration across the Mohawk river. Burgoyne's plan worked with fair success in the early weeks of the campaign; he caused the Americans to fall back at Crown Point, Tirconderoga, and inflicted a severe defeat at a place called Hubbardton.



Plan of the Battle of Saratoga.

Flushed with victory, and hoping to strike fear into the Colonial troops by one more victory, Burgoyne pushed on, and on October 7 the great action began. Burgoyne pushed forward a line of irregular troops, in skirmishing order, to distract the attention of the Americans from his main body, which he advanced in three columns—the Grenadiers and Artillery on the extreme left, a corps of German mercenaries in the centre, and a strong battalion of Light Infantry, supported by the 24th Regiment of Foot, on the right. The American Commander-in-Chief, Horatio Gates, did not wait for the oncoming troops to attack his force, but ordered a sudden attack on the left of the British line, and, at the

same time, hurled 7,500 troops, under a Colonel Morgan, against the right wing. This attack was delivered with such vehemence and skill that the British right wavered, and seemed on the point of giving way. Then the action became general along the centre in order to prevent any of the German troops being sent to the aid of the hardly-pressed right and left wings. The Grenadiers now wavered, and slowly began to retreat. A fence immediately in their rear gave them a rallying point, and for a time they withstood the leaden hail which was directed against their position. The Germans now found themselves out of touch with their flanks, and, notwithstanding all their efforts, they failed to re-establish communication. The brunt of the action now fell upon the Germans, who alone had to sustain the impetuous onset of the American troops.

Brigadier Fraser, who was in command of the 24th Regiment on the right flank, seeing the plight of the centre, hurried to its assistance with the whole available force at his disposal. Conspicuously mounted on a gray horse, he was to be observed riding from one detachment to another encouraging the troops, and giving directions as to their dispositions. It was soon apparent to the Americans that the fate of the day depended on the English leader thus mounted on the gray horse, and, after a hurried consultation, the Colonel in command of the riflemen was ordered to oppose the troops immediately under the charge of Fraser.

The American called a few of the sharpshooters to his side, among whom was a celebrated marksman, named Timothy Murphy, and said to them, "That gallant officer yonder is General Fraser. I admire and respect him, but it is necessary for our cause that he should die. Take your station in that clump of bushes and do your duty." Within a few minutes a rifle ball struck the crupper of Fraser's charger, and another passed through his horse's mane. Calling his attention to this, Fraser's aide said, "It is evident that you are marked out for particular aim; would it not be prudent for you to retire from this place?" Fraser replied, "My duty forbids me to fly from danger." The next moment he fell from his horse, mortally wounded by a ball from the rifle of Murphy, and was carried off the field by his soldiers.

When the tidings of Fraser's death became known, dismay seized the British force, and a corresponding elation took possession of the Americans. Burgoyne himself now assumed active command, and, bravely exposing himself, tried to rally his men and stem the tide, but all in vain, for just at this critical moment in the fortunes of the fight the Americans were reinforced by Tenbroek and 3,000 New York militia troops. The British, now overwhelmed and beaten at every point, abandoned their artillery and retreated to their camp. Six days later he surrendered to the victorious American General, having piled his arms, and signed an undertaking not to bear arms against the American people during the remainder of the conflict.

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# THE OFFICERS' BUREAU.

*This page will in future be devoted to topics of special interest to Officers. Correspondence is invited on all problems affecting the professional, educational, and special status of Officers.*

*Correspondents should write on one side of the paper only; and state their full name, appointment, and address—not necessarily for publication. All such communications to be addressed to the Editor, "Officers' Bureau," AN T-OGLACH, G.H.Q., Parkgate*

The Officer in charge of this Department of "An t-Oglach" has been absent on leave, which resulted in a slight hiatus in the continuity of this feature. Resuming once more, we would like to emphasise the fact that this page is exclusively devoted to the professional and other interests of Officers. It is hoped that they will, therefore, take a proportionate interest in the page; and we should like to have their views and suggestions for improvements. Correspondence towards that end is cordially invited from Officers.

## In the German Army.

In the early issues of this page the importance of Officers developing a professional view of their duty was continually insisted on. The need for consistent study was clearly pointed out. There has just come to hand an important pamphlet dealing with the course necessary for future Officers in the Army of the Reich. It corroborates our views in a very striking manner, and is both instructive and interesting.

However one's sympathies may differ regarding the participants in the Great World War, it must be admitted that the Central Powers put up a magnificent resistance, ringed round as they were with enemies. That resistance was only possible with the aid of Officers highly trained in the technicalities of their profession. Indeed some authorities go so far as to assert that the chief flaw in the German system was that too great attention was paid to the training of the Officer, and too little attention devoted to the development of initiative on the part of the N.C.O., with the result that when the Officer got put out of action, the men were leaderless in every sense of the word, and were incapable of executing strategical moves. However that may be, one thing is certain, namely, that the German Officer was a highly efficient soldier, and worked and qualified himself in a spirit consistent with the noble profession of arms.

## Course of Training.

Before the German aspirant was admitted as a Cadet to the O.T.C., he had to have completed his education course of nine terms at the High School. Having been admitted as a Cadet, there were four years of military training and study before him. Should he have not completed his nine terms at the High School, and the admittance of such young men was not discouraged, his period of military training extended over six years! And there was little hope of obtaining his first Lieutenancy before he reached the age of 29 years.

Having succeeded in gaining admittance as a Cadet, the young German spends 15 months' service with the Corps doing all the ordinary duties and fatigues. And at the end of this period, if his conduct is satisfactory, a purely military examination takes place, and if he passes he is appointed an "Offizieranwärter." He is now allowed to lunch with the Officers. He has also acquired a complete understanding of what the life, the duties, and the worries of the ordinary soldier are. This has broadened his outlook, and enlarged his understanding.

He next enters on his first course as an Officer. This course is conducted at one of the great Schools of Arms, and starts on the 1st October and continues without a break until

August 15th. Another examination takes place, and, if he is successful, he is promoted to the rank of "Unteroffizier." And so on throughout all the courses, each course being followed by a searching examination, the total actual time spent in work and study being approximately 48 months. The passing out of the final examination is not by any means an automatic absorption into the Army as an Officer. The successful candidate's name is placed on the waiting list, and he is gazetted an Officer in the regular Army when his turn comes on a vacancy.

## Age Limits.

In general, all examinations may be repeated. To avoid over-age limitations, the following standards have been fixed: To obtain admission to the School of Arms a candidate must not be more than 25 years of age, and to be proposed as a "Fähnrich," or a Lieutenant, he must not be more than 26 in the one case or 28 in the other.

Only the most faultless characters, as well as the most intelligent, are selected for admission to the School. From the very beginning younger people are warned off from the career if they do not propose to take a professional interest in it.

Hence the life of an Officer in the German Army shall certainly bring the greatest satisfaction to him who devotes himself in earnest to his work. He has not only the happiness of an active life, but the pleasure of a suitable yearly income as well as a corresponding pension at the end of his service.

The lesson which this summarised translation contains for the Irish Army Officer is that no Officer in any reputable Army attains to rank and position without hard work and study, and with the honest intention to fit himself to efficiently discharge his duties and responsibilities. It must never be forgotten that an Army is established in the first instance for the defence of the country from aggression and assault in any form; and the life of an Army Officer is by no means a soft one. Officers who intend staying on permanently in the Irish Army must first of all get that idea firmly established in their minds.

## THE HERITAGE OF THE OFFICER.

By chance I perceived the following lines in "An t-Oglach" recently:—"He is the personification of the Military Tradition of his race." The Officer of the National Army as others see him is a smart, ideal, military type; if not, he should be, and as such I wish to express, through this "Bureau," ideas and principles which might be appertaining even to officers of higher rank.

May I for the moment assume the category of a commissioned rank, and thus simplify my task of penmanship, such as it be.

Ireland is an old Nation, whose sons and daughters have held her honour and craftsmanship unclocked before the world. Even in remotest China we find the Irishman the ideal of the people, and in all things appertaining to soldiering, a leader, also a victor.

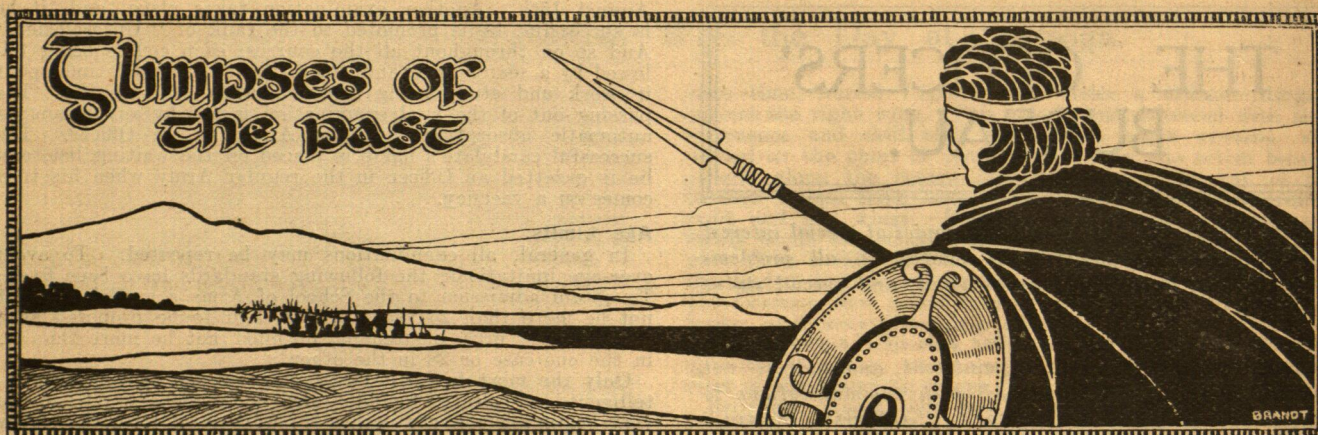
Triumphant at last in his own country, he must frame these ideals for improvement; to lead the world and let others see what he really is. His knowledge should be such as to inspire self-confidence; to forget that there is another who will help him along. What he does not know about his work let him learn, and become master of his daily duties. Confidence in oneself in military life is the essence of success. Let him learn to think for himself, and always think. Thought is the father of invention, and Ireland to-day requires all the inventive appliances conceivable to advance her prestige in the world.

Let this Ideal be remembered, and judge ourselves as others see us, not forgetting that "the guarding of that tradition is a peculiar province of the Officer."

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## MESGEDHRA'S FAMOUS FIGHT AT THE FORD OF CLANE.

In our last issue, the writer dealt with the events in our early history that gave the name of "The Ford of the Hurdles" to the Irish capital. Some readers have since hastened to direct our attention to the fact that we had omitted all reference to the dramatic fight between Conall Cearnach and Mesgedhra, which followed the events narrated. The writer is obliged for the well-intentioned reminder, but the omission was, as a matter of fact, intentional. As he was dealing with the narrative only in so far as it related to the name of Ath Cliath, he considered it advisable to hold over the story of the historic fight.

The forces despatched from Emania to ensure the safe return of Aithirne with his large spoils and numerous distinguished captives proved altogether inadequate in face of the very large host of Leinstermen mobilised by Mesgedhra. So, realising the futility of attempting to carry out their objective, they abandoned the spoils and captives to the superior forces of the enemy, and, fighting a strong rear-guard action, succeeded in withdrawing their forces to the Hill of Howth, known in Irish as Beann Eadair. The siege that followed gives its name to the tale, "Forbais Eadair," i.e., the Siege of Howth, from which the particulars of the events that followed are derived.

The Ulstermen, on reaching the hill, entrenched themselves, and hurriedly constructed the fortifications, ever afterwards known as Dún Aithirne. All the furious onslaughts of the Leinstermen failed to dislodge them. Mesgedhra, aware of the rapidly advancing relief, made desperate efforts to overwhelm the garrison before the main body of the Red Branch Knights should arrive. All his efforts were, however, vain. The knowledge that the flower of Ulster's champions were hastening to relieve them lent strength and courage to the besieged, so that the attacks delivered with the greatest possible fury on the one side were repulsed on the other by the heroic confidence of men who had never known defeat.

The relieving force, under the leadership of no less a personage than the renowned Conall Cearnach, at last arrived and inflicted a crushing defeat on the besiegers, and drove them with great slaughter across the Liffey. In vain Mesgedhra endeavoured to rally his panic-stricken forces. The terror inspired by the very name of Ulster's greatest champion was, however, more than Mesgedhra could overcome. The panic became general, and as Sir Samuel Ferguson, in his great poem, entitled "Mesgedhra," says:

"And last Mesgedhra climbed his car and fled."

The besieged Ulstermen had sustained very serious losses, and we may well imagine the rage of Conall Cearnach when he learnt that his own two brothers were among the slain. His great victory over the Leinstermen could not console him for this loss, and he vowed that Mesgedhra's head alone would now satisfy him, so mounting his chariot he crossed

the "Ford of the Hurdles," following on the track of the fleeing Leinstermen, along past Drimnagh by the old road that led from Naas, the centre of Leinster's Kingship to Tara, the seat of the High King. As the Gauls of old on their march on Rome contemptuously ignored the garrisons in the minor towns on their way, so Conall, in his pursuit of Mesgedhra, disdained to attack the fugitive chiefs as he sped his way South. If he paused to scrutinise them, it was only for the purpose of ascertaining if Mesgedhra chanced to be of their group.

On reaching Naas he discovered that Mesgedhra had not yet arrived, and he consequently divined that the king must have taken a more circuitous route, and immediately headed for the Ford of Clane. Mesgedhra, in the meantime, had reached the sanctuary of the sacred oak grove of the Druids situated near the Ford. He had, probably, been informed of the identity of his pursuer, and, as he had been badly wounded and had suffered the loss of an arm, wished to avoid an encounter with such a formidable antagonist, and sought the sanctuary of the Druids' grove. This was, of course, sacred to pagan belief, and no one would dare violate it. Mesgedhra would remain unmolested here under the protection of the gods.

Conall tracked his enemy to the sanctuary and paused discomfited. His foe was safe beyond the reach of his vengeance. He next proceeded to circle the grove and to taunt the hidden foe. As Sir Samuel Ferguson, in the poem already quoted, describes it:

Conall:

"Come forth, Mesgedhra, from the sheltering tree,  
And render fight; 'tis Northern Conall calls."

Mesgedhra:

"Not from an equal combat do I flee,  
O Conall, to these green, protection walls."

He then explains that he is wounded, and has lost an arm, but agrees to accept Conall's challenge if he on his side will bind one of his hands, to equalise matters somewhat.

Conall agrees. Mesgedhra issues forth from the grove, and engages that dramatic single combat that has been the theme of song and story for nigh two thousand years.

There beside the Ford of Clane the weak and maimed Mesgedhra put up his heroic fight against the chief who ranked next to Cuchulainn himself as a fighter, and whose desire now for vengeance for the death of his brothers rendered him even more formidable.

Fierce and fast the conflict raged until a chance sword stroke of Mesgedhra's cut in twain the girdle that bound the arm of Conall. Restraining himself with a mighty effort, he solemnly warned Mesgedhra not to again tempt him by loosening the bound arm. He readjusted the girdle and the fight proceeded.

Mesgedhra fought with desperate determination. He was fighting on the soil where from childhood he had been trained to the exercise of arms. All round were scenes dear

by a thousand memories. He was almost in view of the palace where his fathers had ruled for centuries, inspired by all that could inspire the heroic soldier.

Conall swung, thrust, slashed in vain. All his marvellous skill and strength, all his enraged fury failed to make any impression on the maimed and wounded Leinster Chief. Mesgedhra was steadily outpointing his formidable foe when again his sword cut the girdle that bound Conall's arm. Conall forgot the conditions under which he had induced Mesgedhra—all the old ideas of chivalry were cast to the winds—and made full use of both his hands.

"He flew, he threw, he slew, and took the spoils."

Taking the chariot of Mesgedhra, in which he deposited the head of the King, he started on his return journey. Some distance from the scene of the fight he encountered Buana, Mesgedhra's wife, returning with her maids from Tlachta, where she had been attending the Samhain religious festivals. Guessing her identity, Conall informed her that Mesgedhra had ordered that she was to accompany him in the King's own chariot.

The queen, doubtful of the genuineness of the message, demanded a more reliable token of her spouse's will.

Conall, enraged, held up the head, at sight of which Buana expired. She was buried on the spot, where a great mound to this day bears the name of Buana's tomb.

"And let the earth-heaped, grass-renewing tomb  
A time long token eloquent remain  
Of Pity and of Love for all who come  
By murmuring Liffey and the Banks of the Clane."

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10/- each—Lieut. J. J. Kelliher, Lieut. G. Hoey, Lieut. D. McSweeney, Lieut. D. O'Sullivan, Lieut. M. Gleeson, Lieut. E. Stack, Lieut. Delamere, Lieut. Travers, Lieut. A. Weakliam, Lieut. McHugh, Lieut. M. O'Shea, Lieut. D. Finn, A.P.C. Joseph West, John O'Sullivan.  
£25—Sergeants' Mess.  
TOTAL, £83.

#### 6TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

£100—Men.  
£50—N.C.O.'s.  
£4 3s.—Anonymous.  
£3 each—Comdt. Conroy, Comdt. Dempsey.  
£2—Dr. T. Murphy.  
£1 each—Capt. Wm. McClean, Capt. T. McKenna, Capt. R. Walsh, Capt. D. Hannon, Capt. J. Harpur, Capt. H. Murphy, Capt. J. Mara, Lieut. J. Mack, Lieut. D. Golden, Lieut. R. Downes, Lieut. J. Guiney, Nurse Leahy, Lieut. P. Doyle, Dr. Power.  
10/- each—Lieut. D. Forde, Lieut. Warren, Lieut. P. Nolan, Lieut. T. Young, Lieut. M. Lyons, Lieut. P. Kenny, Lieut. M. Kerrigan, Sergt.-Maj. McCurtain, Sergt. T. Hughes (Transport), Vol. T. Clarke, Vol. T. Byrne, Vol. Salmon, Vol. L. O'Toole, Vol. J. Keith, Vol. J. Kinsella, Vol. R. Kavanagh, Vol. C. Mealy, Sergt.-Maj. Carlisle.  
£2 10s.—Billiard Handicap.  
£9—"A" Company.  
£8 10s.—"B" Company.  
£12 10s.—"C" Company.  
£13 9s. 9d.—Boxing Tournament.  
£50—Extra subscriptions from Officers.  
£35—Further subscriptions.  
TOTAL, £316 2s. 9d.

#### 9TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

£70—Battalion subscriptions.

#### 19TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

£2—Comdt. Culhane.  
£1 each—Capt. W. McAuliffe, Capt. P. Dalton, Capt. M. Dunne, Capt. E. Stapleton, Lieut. H. J. Murphy, Lieut. McGinn, Lieut. Moynihan.  
10/- each—Lieut. D. Brown, Capt. P. Sheehan, Capt. M. Moriarty.  
5/- each—Lieut. A. Stapleton, Lieut. J. Dempsey.  
£9 1s. 6d.—N.C.O.'s.  
£37 18s. 6d.—Men.  
TOTAL, £58.

#### 27TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

£1 each—Comdt. J. Hancock, Capt. E. Flood, Capt. M. Harrington, Capt. J. Byrne, Capt. P. Byrne, Capt. M. Nolan, Capt. E. O'Donnell, Capt. J. McGivern, Capt. W. Wilson, Lieut. F. Byrne, Lieut. J. Crean, Lieut. J. O'Neill, Lieut. D. Doyle, Lieut. J. McGuinness, Lieut. J. Lyons, Lieut. D. Jevins, Lieut. J. Lyons.  
10/- each—A./Lieut. J. Daly, Lieut. Keating.  
5/- each—Lieut. J. Sutton, Lieut. H. Creaney.  
£4 8s.—N.C.O.'s.  
£31 0s. 6d.—Men.  
£3 17s. 6d.—Collected by Q.M.S. Cooney.  
£19 15s. 6d.—Boxing Tournament.  
£225 18s. 6d.—Battalion Funds.  
£30—Further subscriptions.  
TOTAL, £333 10s.

GRAND TOTAL—£860 12s. 9d.

It is intended to close the Fund on the 31st December. Further subscriptions will be received up to that date by Major General Tom Ennis, General Headquarters, Parkgate, Dublin.

### ARMY DRAMATIC SOCIETIES.

(To the Editor of "An t-Oglach.")

A Chara,—With reference to your article on winter pastimes, would it be at all possible to organise a dramatic society among the soldiers stationed in barracks in the city. There are many men now serving in the Army with whom I personally did some amateur acting, in the Pioneer Hall in Sherrard Street. Two at least were principals when we produced "Il Trovatore," under the baton of "Mick" Lynch, late I.R.A. and Frongoch Choir, etc. Among the typists, I am sure, there are many artists of quality who would volunteer if asked.

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"STAGE."

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## ARMY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

General Staff Organisation Memo. No. 8, issued under date November 14th, contains the following:—

The Army School of Instruction will be forthwith established in the Military Barracks, Kildare, and the School will be designated "The Army School of Instruction."

The Army School of Instruction will be for the purposes of:—

- (a) Giving all Officers in the Army a general course of training.
- (b) Training Officers who have secured 75 per cent. of the total marks allotted for merit in the general course of training and who have been specially recommended by their Commanding Officers, in the next higher rank to that which they hold on entering the School.

All Officers who have not passed through the Officers Course held at the Curragh Camp will come under sub-para. (a) and will receive a month's intensive course of training in general military subjects at the above School.

The examination results and reports on Officers who passed through the general course of training will be scrutinised in STAFF DUTIES BRANCH, GENERAL HEAD-QUARTERS. The names of Officers who received 75 per cent. or over of the total marks will be compiled and reports obtained from their Commanding Officers as to the character and energy of such Officers. A selection will then be made and a class will be composed as follows under sub-para. (b):—

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 30 Cadets              | 20 Captains.    |
| 30 Second Lieutenants. | 10 Commandants. |
| 30 Lieutenants.        | 5 Majors.       |

These Officers will be trained for a rank next higher than their existing rank. They will be retained in the course until they are appointed to fill vacancies throughout the Army in ranks next above their existing rank. All Commissioned appointments will be drawn from this Class. As the strength of the Class will be maintained in accordance with the above numbers it will also be regarded as a Reserve of Officers.

All examination papers will be set by General Headquarters, and examinations will be conducted by an Officer from G.H.Q.

The training policy will be that prescribed by the Training Branch, but the final selection of personnel for the Class will rest with Staff Duties Branch.

The School will be commanded by a Colonel, who will be responsible for the Administration and Interior Economy and for supervising the training in the

School. He will be assisted by the Chief Instructor, who will actively superintend all training within the School, and who will be the Principal Lecturer. The Chief Instructor will be assisted by 9 Instructional Officers and 17 Non-Commissioned Officer Instructors, whose duties will be detailed by the Chief Instructor. The Officer and N.C.O. Instructors will not be detailed for any duty other than that of training.

The School Commanding Officer shall have power to select from the students any Officer whom he may consider qualified to fill the position of Instructor and submit his name to General Headquarters with a view to his appointment as such.

All Officers detailed to enter the Army School of Instruction shall report their arrival to the Adjutant of the School not later than sunset on the day appointed. Students must bring with them full kit, equipments, arms, ammunition, and valises. On the morning following their arrival students will lay down their kit for the School Quartermaster's inspection. They will then proceed to the Medical Inspection Hut for inspection. Two weeks before the termination of the course the School Commanding Officer will notify General Headquarters of the date of termination and the date of assembling of the next course and the number of vacancies available. Staff Duties Branch will arrange that Officers Commanding Units and Corps shall render to General Headquarters eight days before the date of assembly of the Class a Form in respect of each student detailed to attend the School. One copy of this Form will be retained at General Headquarters and the other forwarded to the School Commanding Officer not less than 4 days before the assembly of the Course. In this connection it may be mentioned that the School Commanding Officer shall be vested with power to return to their Units any candidates who arrive later than 24 hours after the date of assembly of the Course.

The duration of the Course for Class (A) will be one month, during which time instruction will be given in the following subjects:—

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Drill.        | Physical and Bayonet Training.    |
| Musketry.     | Elementary Tactics and Strategy.  |
| Machine Gun.  | Map Reading.                      |
| Command.      | Organisation and Administration.  |
| Leadership.   | Supply and Transport.             |
| Morale.       | Co-operation.                     |
| Discipline.   | Sanitation.                       |
| Military Law. | Accountancy and Business Methods. |

Examination will be held on the termination of the Course, and schedule of results and report will be forwarded to G.H.Q.

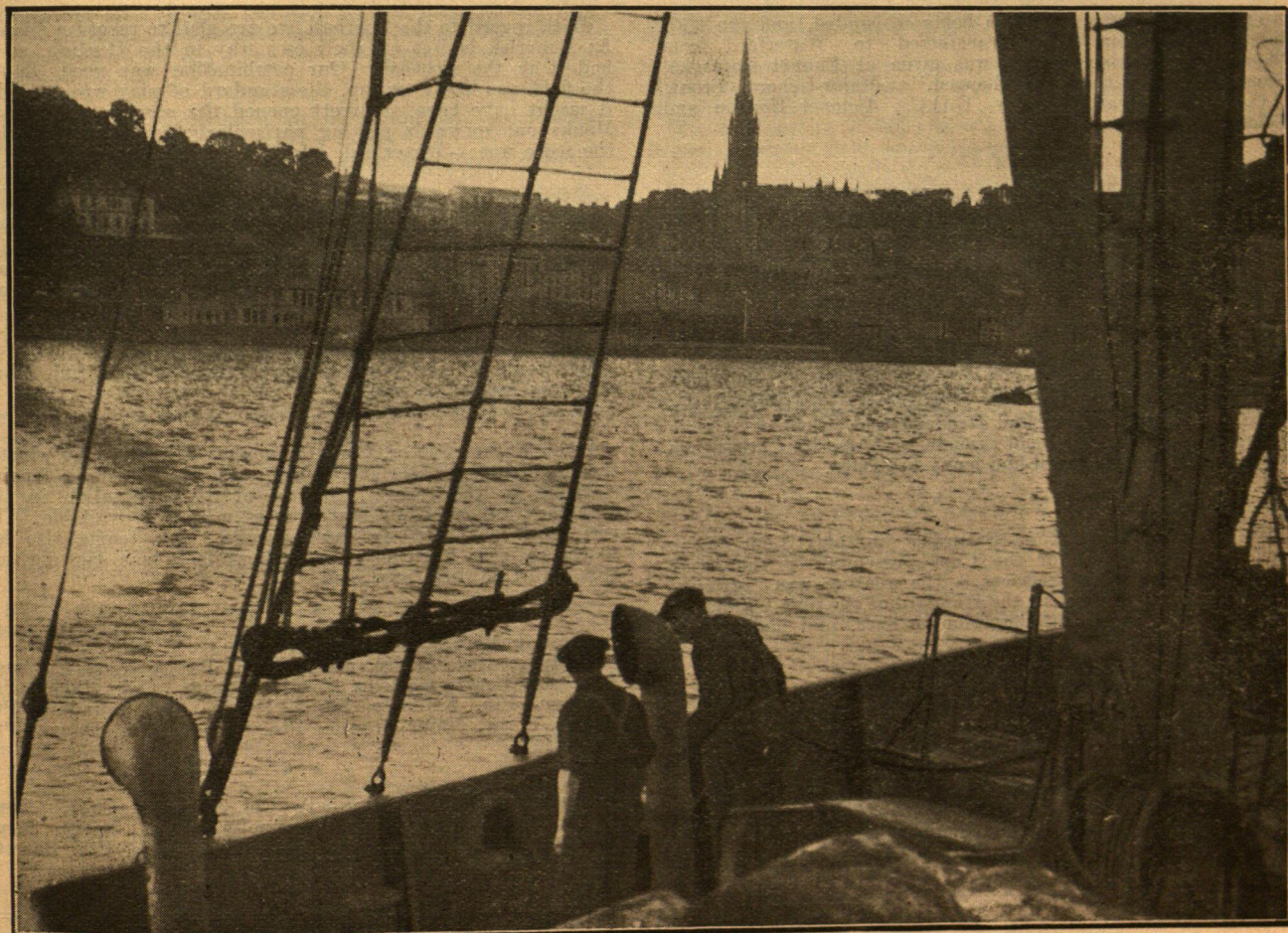
## Some Sketches at Cork Boxing Tourney.

(By Lieut. P. Collins).



- (1) Col Coote, Cork; (2) Vol. Boy Murphy, Cork; (3) Sergt. Rohan Curragh; (4) Vol. Darragh, Curragh; (5) Sergt. Collins, Cork; (6) Sergt. Brogan, Curragh; (7) Sergt. Stack, Curragh; (8) Vol. McDonald, Curragh; (9) Vol. McDonald, Curragh; (10) Volunteer Kelleher, Cork; (11) Vol. Joynt, Cork; (12) Sergt. McCarthy (Curragh).

## A GLIMPSE OF COBH FROM A PATROL BOAT.



## THE NATIONAL LOAN.

## SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

The following appeared as a Supplement to Daily Orders on 24th November:—

## SPECIAL LETTER—ALL RANKS.

I desire to invite the special attention of all ranks in the Army to the issue now being made of the National Loan of Saorstát Éireann. The future prosperity and peace of the country are largely bound up with the success of this loan, and it is, therefore, the serious duty of every citizen to promote that success by every means in its power.

Every soldier has an opportunity which, I have no doubt, he will eagerly welcome of doing his part in this important national undertaking, firstly by investing so much as his resources will permit, and secondly by recommending the same course to his friends and acquaintances and all whom he is in a position to influence.

The subscriber to this Loan is not asked to make any sacrifice. On the contrary, he is merely invited to put his savings into the most gilt-edged security of his own country, and to accept in return an annual dividend at a higher rate than can be obtained from foreign investments, which, though of no better standing, have the advantage of being better known in the financial world. The Loan is a Trustee Investment, and rests upon the highest guarantee that can be enjoyed by

any investment in this country, namely, the security of the Central Fund of the State.

The Loan is not intended merely for the benefit of large investors. Indeed, one of its special aims is to attract as great as possible a body of small investors who, by holding such investment, will have a new and practical inducement to take an interest in the stability of the country. The Loan will, therefore, be obtainable in blocks of £10, or in multiples thereof. Moreover, the entire amount to be subscribed need not be paid at once, but will be accepted in instalments over a period of about three months. The Prospectus and Forms of Subscription can be obtained at any bank or post office in Saorstát Éireann.

The campaign of destruction suppressed by the valour of the Army has been one of the chief causes giving rise to the necessity for the issue of this Loan. This fact should make every soldier feel that he has a special responsibility to his fellow citizens to be foremost in helping them to make the Loan a victory no less decisive than that which the Army has achieved in its own sphere. I, therefore, earnestly exhort my comrades of every rank to grasp every opportunity that presents itself to them during the coming fortnight to secure that the Loan will be heavily subscribed, and that the credit of Saorstát Éireann may thereby be established upon a firm and impregnable basis.

(Signed), RISTEARD UA MAOLCHATHA.

## WATERFORD COMMAND NOTES.

The 64th Infantry Battalion being disbanded, and the 25th Infantry Battalion being transferred to Waterford from Clonmel, a smoking concert was given at Emmet Barracks, Clonmel, to bid them "God-speed." Major-General Prout, G.O.C.; Col. Ryan, Deputy G.O.C.; Colonel Heaslip and Colonel Joye were present.

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Numerous tributes were paid to Comdt. T. Ryan, O/C 25th Infantry Battalion, and Comdt. Ned McGrath, O/C 64th Infantry Battalion, for their work in pre-Truce days, and during the Irregular campaign. Their comrades wished Comdt. Ryan and the 25th Infantry Battalion the best of luck in Waterford, and to Comdt. Ned McGrath and the Officers of the 64th Infantry Battalion the best of luck, wherever duty takes them.

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Comdt. P. J. Paul and the 14th Infantry Battalion have been transferred to Command Headquarters, Clonmel. While they may regret leaving old friends in Waterford, they can rest assured that they will find many new ones.

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We travelled to Cork on Saturday to play Limerick in Hurling and Football for the Cups presented by the Army Chaplains and Medical Services. The weather was "rotten," and greatly interfered with the standard of the play. Limerick Hurling Team proved far superior to ours, and had a well-earned victory.

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However, let us say something for ourselves: Our team had no training, and the following were absent:—Capt. and Lieut. Lennon, Sergeant-Major Maher, and our goal-keeper, Pte. J. Forestal. Sergt. Costelloe, the Brothers Maher, Fleming, and Sergt. Buggy (Capt.) played well, but on the whole our combination was bad. We wish Limerick the best of luck, and hope to see them doing well for the Cup. The score was:—Limerick, 9 goals 2 points; Waterford, 3 goals.

With regard to the Football, we are glad to record a success. As Limerick had it all their own way in the Hurling, so we had it in the Football. Our combination was good, but as the field was like a swamp, the standard of play was not what it might have been. Barrett opened the scoring, followed by Monks our forwards playing particularly well. At half-time the score was:—Waterford, 1 goal 3 points; Limerick, nil.

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Limerick played better in the second half, and several attacks were well resisted by our backs, Sergeant Kiely showing up well, also Capt. Dillon, Lieut. Connolly and Noonan. Corporal Higgins was prominent in centre field and Private Monks was the best of the forwards.

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We would like to pay tribute to the Limerick full, whose play was second to none.

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When Father Cotter, Cork Command, blew the long whistle, the score was:—Waterford, 1 goal 4 points; Limerick, 1 point.

Owing to the recent transfers of 64th Battalion in this Command, some of our best players were not available. This was hard luck, but we can't grouse. Our teams also had to travel in an open lorry to Cork while it was snowing, and this didn't do them any good.

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Our teams were as follows:—

Hurling:—Pte. Scully (goal), Sergt. Buggy (Capt.), Comdt. A. Lalor, Sergt. Costelloe, Sergt. Fleming, Cpl. Maher, Pte. Lanigan, Pte. Kennedy, Sergt. Power, Pte. Saunders, Pte. Maher, Sergt. Major Browne, Pte. Corbett, Pte. Dunne, Pte. McCarthy.

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Football:—Pte. Doyle (goal), Cpl. Higgins (Capt.), Capt. Dillon, Capt. Shore, Lieut. Connolly, Sergt. Kiely, Sergt. Holohan, Pte. Noonan, Pte. Scott, Pte. Noble, Pte. Barrett, Pte. Craddock, Pte. Ryan, Pte. Monks, Pte. McCormack.



### Coastal Patrol Football Team.



Members of the Football Team of the Coastal Patrol  
Haulbowline.

LEFT TO RIGHT:—Front Row—Chief Officer A. O'Callaghan (Secty.), Cadet P. Kane, Cadet J. Rigby, A.B. J. McNevin, Steward J. Burke, A.B. R. Wall. 2nd Row.—1st Engineer G. Ivory, Greaser P. Lawler, A.B. T. Foley, Greaser J. Edwards, 2nd Engineer O. Plunkett. Back Row—Capt. J. O'Rourke (Capt.), 2nd Engineer J. Mathews.



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## SHRAPNEL.

A branch of the C.I.R.A. has been formed amongst the office staff at a particularly draughty H.Q. Spelled out the name of the organisation is the Cold and Indignant Roomkeepers' Association.

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Soldier (*passing Assistant Cook at 12.59 p.m. on a frosty Friday*)—Hi, Con, what's the menu to-day?

Asst. Cook (*dreamily contemplating the ice-covered ground*)—Skate.

Soldier—Then I needn't hurry for first plaice; it's bound to be a frost.

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Artilleryman (*to comrade in stables who is trying to emulate John McCormack*)—Is it hard to sing that song Seumas?

The Vocalist—It is. Why?

Artilleryman—Because it's damned hard to listen to.

(*From a Machine Gunner in Military School, Phoenix Park.*)

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Ah, but you should hear them practising "scales" in the cookhouse on Fridays!

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At a Church Parade recently (no names, no pack drill) the men were ten minutes late in arriving, and the newly-appointed C.F., who was new to Army life, subsequently asked the Officer in charge what was the reason.

"There was some delay in dressing the men on parade," was the reply.

"But," expostulated the C.F., "why didn't the men dress in their huts as usual?"

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Our Chess column is proving very popular, but there seems to be an objection to draughts during the cold snap.

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During the heavy frost the steep slope of Infirmary Road was not unlike Mont Blanc.

"Damme," said the 2nd Lieut., as he picked his way gingerly up the hill to G.H.Q., "if they won't give us cars they might, at least, supply alpenstocks."

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One or two small fires in military posts were recently reported in the public press.

"Well," said the harrassed Orderly, "what do they expect from a few ounces of coal per day?"

Anybody who desires a Mandoline Band can have ours. As an additional inducement we will throw in a Maxim Silencer.

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"Hi, you," said the Sergeant who encountered the Orderly whistling in the corridor, "where do you think you are—Beggars' Bush?"

[For explanation of this joke—if required—see General Staff Organisation No. 9 on another page.]

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In the photograph of G.H.Q. which appeared in our last issue we omitted to mark the window of our office, after the example of the best regulated picture papers.

To meet the wishes of 250,000 readers (more or less—possibly less) who have written complaining of this omission, we have arranged to mark the window with a white star on every copy of the photograph purchased after the first 100. Come early to avoid the crush.

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Five kittens have been born in the "An tOglach" store room. Mother and children are doing well—because the place is too small to "swing" a cat.

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It must be distinctly understood that those Strength Return Forms are not to be used for playing "Noughts and Crosses."

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"Humph" (pronounced "Hump") said the sole survivor of the office staff, as he filled up the sick and absent squares, "it's a Weakness Return in this case."

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"Talking about the Telephone," begins a correspondent. Steady! boy; steady! The season of peace and goodwill approaches.

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## FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.

The curtains of the Sergeants' Mess at G.H.Q. have been dyed.

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One of the men in Moore Park Camp, Kilworth, bought a nice currant cake, and put it in his kit bag, with the intention of having it for his tea. He then went on parade. On being dismissed for tea, he immediately went to his bag and found that his cake and polish were missing.

Said he: "Who took my cake?"

"I suppose," said a comrade, "the rats ate it."

"They did," said the victim. "and they polished their boots too before they left."

(From Sean MacCathail, 40th Battn.)



THE GAELIC CLASS AT THE CURRAGH CAMP.

## ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

### Notes and Comments from all Commands—Second Round Fixtures—All-Ireland Champions v. The Army—Cork Command Boxing Tourney—The Question of Punctuality—Golfing Society's Progress.

A meeting of the Executive Council of Cumann Cleas Lut an Airm was held at Portobello Barracks on Monday, 19th November, delegates present being:—Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan (Vice-Chairman), presiding; Colonel Byrne, Cork; Colonel Glennon, Donegal; Captain Cryan, Special Corps; Captain O'Beirne, Curragh; Captain Dunleavy, Claremorris; Captain Seanlon, Kerry; Lieut. Cotter, Limerick; Rev. S. Pigott and Lieut. Lannigan, Dublin; and Comdt. Colgain.

#### Second Round Fixtures.

Second Round Fixtures for Chaplains' and Medical Services' Cups were made as follows:—

Dublin v. Cork (Hurling). At Naas, December 2nd.

Dublin v. Curragh (Football). At Naas, December 2nd.

1st Match, Football, at 1 o'clock sharp; Hurling, 2.30 p.m.

Referees:—Colonel Cronin and Rev. Father Cotter.

General Headquarters v. Claremorris (Football). At Croke Park, Dublin, November 28th, at 3 o'clock. Referee:—Capt. J. J. Fitzgerald.

Kerry v. Limerick, Hurling (Lieut. Dunphy, Curragh);

Kerry v. Waterford, Football, (Captain Kearney, Cork). At Tralee, December 2nd. 1st Match, Football, 1 o'clock sharp; Hurling, 2.30 o'clock.

The Secretary was directed to instruct Referees that under no circumstances are matches to be delayed beyond the scheduled time.

#### All Ireland Champions v. The Army.

The Secretary notified the meeting that the Football Fixture, All-Ireland Champions v. the Army, was arranged by the Central Council to be played at Croke Park on Sunday, the 26th of January, 1924. The Hurling matches between the same bodies to be played three weeks later.

It was decided to appoint Selection Committees to select Army teams for both matches. The following constitute the Selection Committees:—

Football:—Major General Hogan, Chairman, A.A.A.; Capt. Brosna, Limerick Command; Capt. L. O'Brien, Athletic Association Department.

Hurling:—Rev. Fathers Pigott, Dublin, and Cotter, Cork, and Colonel T. McGrath, Limerick.

The Selection Committees were directed to attend all Army Football and Hurling contests, so as to be in a position to recommend suitable teams for those competitions.

#### Rations for Athletes.

Complaints were made by several delegates that no rations were supplied to athletic teams whilst away from Barracks. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Chief of General Staff, asking that instructions be issued to Commands where teams are playing to have the necessary rations supplied to athletes.

The Executive Council confirmed the contract made by the Boxing Sub-Committee with Tancy Lee.

The account of Messrs. Kevin Kenny and Co., Ltd., was considered, and the Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan and Comdt. Colgain were directed to examine carefully the account, and to consult with Messrs. Kenny.

An application from General Headquarters Command for grant to cover expenses of Hurling team travelling to Portlaoighise was refused. The Secretary was directed to instruct the G.H.Q. Command that the grant formerly made by the Army Athletic Association was intended to cover such outlay.

#### Training Grant.

An application was made by General Headquarters Command for further training grant. The Secretary was instructed to reply, stating it was not the intention of the Executive Council to issue further grants for the present.

The Boxing Sub-Committee tendered report on the holding

of Boxing Tournament between Army and Irish Amateur Champions. The matter of procuring a suitable theatre for such contests was placed in the hands of Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan and the Secretary.

Application for the services of 10 Army boxers to perform at the proposed Boxing Tournament in aid of the ex-Protective Officers' Association was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Secretary reported that he had attended the G.H.Q. v. Donegal, and the Special Corps v. Kerry All-Army matches, and reported that both contests were not played until considerably after the advertised hour.

Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan and Comdt. Colgain were appointed to wait on Mr. J. J. Walsh, Director of Aonach Tailteann, to discuss matters affecting the Army Athletic Association.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Dublin Command defeated Athlone by 3 points in the first round, All-Army Football Contest at Newbridge on 4th November. Paul Doyle was an absentee from the Dublin side.

Kirwin (C.I.D.), the well-known All-Ireland footballer, is ineligible to play for the Dublin Command in future contests.

G.H.Q. defeated Donegal in the Football contest at Croke Park on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Although defeated, Donegal has a good team, and, with practice and training, will be seen to advantage in the near future. Two Major Generals took part in the game—Major General Quinn, G.H.Q., and Major General Sweeney, Donegal.

The Central Council, G.A.A., has fixed the Football Contest, All-Ireland Champions (Dublin) v. The Army, for Croke Park on Sunday, 26th January, 1924.

Cork and the Curragh met in the Army Hurling and Football Contests at University Grounds, Cork, on Sunday, the 11th inst. Honours were divided, Cork winning the Hurling, and Curragh the Football. An enormous crowd watched the play. Cork do things well, and advertised the contests thoroughly.

Tancy Lee is taking up duties as Boxing Instructor at the Curragh on December 10th.

A Boxing Tournament was held at Cork on Saturday, 17th November, between Cork and the Curragh. Cork won three fights, to one for the Curragh.

How many Commands have organised Harrier Clubs?

A well-known athlete states cross-country running is the best system of bringing out champion athletes.

Will aspiring champions please note?

G.H.Q. Command have set an example to athletic bodies, having appointed Sub-Committee in charge of all branches of athletics.

Army Hurlers played a prominent part in winning the Dublin Hurling League match for Kickhams on Sunday, November 11th, Finlay and Aylward being the most prominent.

Jimmy Murphy, the Dublin Command Hurler, has joined the Civic Guard, as has Burnell, Limerick.

Volunteer Traynor, the Bantam Champion, is eldest son of the late Tom Traynor, executed in 1921 at Mountjoy Jail. Young Traynor is a promising boxer.

Cork Command has elected a new Command Council. The following are the officials:—

President: Colonel B. McMahon. Vice-President: Captain Higgins.

Treasurer: Comdt. Kingston. Delegate to Executive Council: Colonel B. Byrne.

Secretary: Captain L. O'Brien.

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May we suggest to the new Council the advisability of following the example set by General Headquarters by appointing Sub-Committees to cater for the different games.

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When are the Army Authorities erecting Handball Courts in the Barracks?

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Rowing was neglected last season by Army athletes. Are there any schullers in the Army? If so, what steps are they taking to encourage and develop the sport?

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Is Comdt. O'Connor, the Swimming and Water Polo Champion, still serving in the Army?

Could he not impart some of his knowledge to his less experienced comrades?

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The Hon. Sec., Golfing Section, has secured from the majority of Irish Clubs very favourable conditions for Military golfers. Will an Army Champion bring the Irish Golfing Championship south of the Boyne next year?

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A Billiard Handicap was played recently at Portobello Barracks. Comdt. Leo O'Brien was the winner. Captain Balfe gave him a hard run in the final.

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How many Barracks have Billiard tables?

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The Dublin County Board are holding their Handball Championships, and invite the military resident in Dublin to compete. Will intending competitors communicate with Mr. O'Toole, Croke Park.

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Special Corps and Kerry played their matches in the All-Army Hurling and Football Contests at Croke Park on Wednesday and Thursday, the 14th and 15th November. Both matches were keenly contested. Kerry brought off the double event. The Kerry teams are nicely balanced, and we will be surprised if their Hurling team is not in the final.

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Kerry Hurling team gave a display reminiscent of the old Kerry Football team in their heyday. Special Corps had the match won when Kerry, with a dash savouring of the old days, took possession of the field, and won by the narrow margin of two points.

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The Chief of Staff and Gormanston teams met in the G.H.Q. Football League on the 10th inst. The match was keenly contested, the Chief's team winning by two points. During the match considerably more force than necessary was used. At one period of the game, several members of the Gormanston team left the field, and it was only after a consultation between interested players that the game was resumed. Well-wishers of the Association are eagerly awaiting to learn what action the G.H.Q. Command take at their next meeting. We hope the action will act as a deterrent to other Clubs who may be tempted to imitate such actions.

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The League Match, Pay Corps v. Ordnance, which followed the Gormanston-Chief's game, was finished in semi-darkness. We hope Secretary Tully will enforce the punctuality rule in future.

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All Army athletes will be sorry to learn that Capt. Kiely, Secretary, A.A.A., Athlone, has severed his connection with the Army. The Captain was a great enthusiast. He will be a great loss to the Boxing section.

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Army athletes sympathise with Colonel Joe Byrne, Curragh Command, on the death of his mother.

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Captain Liam O'Brien, Works Corps Secretary, has been transferred to the Army Athletic Department. Liam knows

all there is to be known about athletics. He is a decided acquisition to the A.A.A.

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Dublin Command, the premier Athletic Command, rumour has it, is resting on its laurels. We wonder why. Or is it a calm before a big Athletic storm?

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Dublin Command boxers made a poor show in the All-Army Championships. We understand that the finest boxers in the Army are attached to the Dublin Command. Why not appoint a Boxing Sub-Committee and give the boys a chance. We make this suggestion to the Command Council.

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Sergt. Major Kelly, General Headquarters, we believe, contemplates organising a G.H.Q. Harrier Club. Now, Sergeant Major, get a move on, as the season is passing quickly.

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We read in the Dublin Press that the Waterford Command Football Final, 1923, was down for decision at Clonmel on the 15th November. The report says the match was postponed owing to failing light. Another case of sloveliness.

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We suggest to Major General Prout the advisability of having new blood infused into the Command Council. Athletics are not running too well in the Waterford Command at present.

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Captain Farrell, Waterford Command, was the most outstanding and promising athlete at the A.A.A. Sports, his time for the 440 yards being above the average. In the opinion of good judges, he is a coming champion. We wonder what encouragement and assistance he is receiving from his Command Council.

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Captain O'Brien, Athletic Department, is at present organising in Cork, and Captain O'Doherty in Athlone.

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The Engineers, according to Press reports, are doing well at the Boxing game. Yet, not a man was entered from the Engineers' Corps at the recent Army Contests.

Do the Engineers contemplate setting up an Association of their own, or will they supply names of all athletes to the Executive Council?

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Boxers, all weights, can be accommodated at the monthly tournaments organised by the Curragh A.A.A.

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The aims of the Boxing Sub-Committee are to procure and train the best Boxers in the Army to fight for the Army and Ireland's honour.

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Sergt. Francis Scanlon, Kelleher Barracks, Longford, issued a challenge to Volunteer Doyle, Featherweight Champion. Scanlon was asked to give particulars of the proposed bout. We haven't heard from him since.

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We were surprised to meet a certain Lieutenant, who thinks Tennis and Golf too foreign for Army Athletic indulgence, at a Soccer match in Shelbourne Park recently.

## CORK COMMAND BOXING TOURNEY.

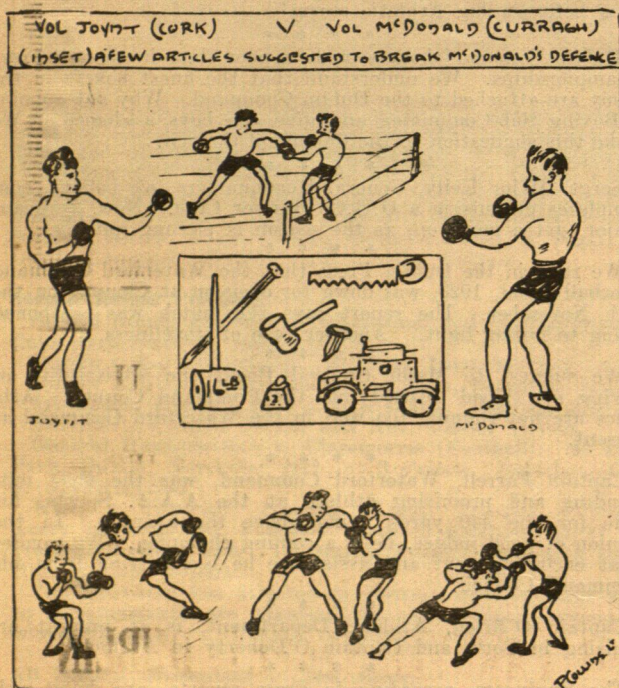
On Saturday, 17th November, a Boxing Tournament, organised by the Cork Command, was held in Miceál Barracks before a large crowd. The bouts were between representatives from the two Premier Boxing Commands, Cork and Curragh, and were of a very high order. The first bout—Brogan (Curragh) v. Collins (Cork)—was awarded to Brogan after two rounds. Brogan, who has greater experience than his younger opponent, won easily.

Vol. Coots (Cork) v. Vol. Darragh (Curragh).—This was one of the finest battles seen in Ireland in recent years. There wasn't a dull moment in the ten rounds. The decision giving a draw was well received.

Boy Murphy (Cork) v. Sergt. Stack (Curragh).—Another fine bout, Murphy getting the decision. Both boxers, who are yet in their 'teens, put in all they knew. Murphy, who is one of the finest amateurs at present performing, got the verdict after a thrilling fight.

Vol. Kelleher (Cork) v. Sergt. Ronan (Curragh).—Kelleher won by a knock-out in the first round.

Vol. Doyle (Cork) v. Sergt. McCarthy.—This bout was declared a draw. Doyle, who holds the Featherweight Championship, had to go all out to retain his title. McCarthy gave



a fine display during the contest, and the spectators were wrought to the highest pitch of excitement. We hope to see a return contest soon.

Vol. Joynt (the Fly Champion), Cork, beat Sergt. McDonald on points. McDonald, who is a mere boy, created a surprise, and forced the champion in every round to give of his best. More will be heard of this brilliant youth.

## QUESTION OF PUNCTUALITY.

### A Matter Demanding Urgent Attention.

When the Army Athletic Association was formed in April last, amongst the good resolutions passed at the Convention was one dealing with punctuality. We have attended many Army Athletic fixtures since then, and, excepting the Wounded Soldiers' Tournament and the All-Army Sports Week events, we were treated to uncalled-for delays.

On the occasion of the G.H.Q. v. Donegal matches, spectators and officials were forced to wait forty-five minutes after the advertised hour before the teams put in an appearance.

On Wednesday, the 14th November, Press representatives and Spectators were kept waiting on the field in biting cold for 75 minutes before either Kerry or Special Services condescended to take the field. So late was the start of the Football match that the Hurling game had to be put back until Thursday morning. The Hurling match was timed to commence at 11 o'clock sharp. Again spectators were kept waiting in biting cold and wet until 12.15.

The instances above quoted are not uncommon in Army Athletic circles. We attend most of the games played in and around the City, and it seems to be a set fashion with Army teams to refrain from commencing play until considerably after the appointed hour.

In pointing out these deficiencies to the Athletic Authorities, we do so in all good faith, and in the interest of Athletics. Unless definite steps are taken by Club, Command, and Executive Committees to stamp this disgusting nuisance out, it will come to pass that the Army Athletic fixtures in the future will be looked upon as being, what they presently are (from a punctuality standpoint), farcical in the extreme.

Let us hope we have seen and heard the last of unpunctuality.

## ARMY GOLFING SOCIETY.

Those who travelled to Waterford appreciated readily what an element for good fellowship the A.G.S. is, and looked forward to the Tralee Cup meeting on this date. Cork, hitherto unheard of in Army golfing circles, is humming with the rasp of much sandpaper on the "irons" laid aside in more serious days. The Army Corps of Engineers, too, I hear, intend to dig themselves in with all the vigour of its youthful energy. What about a few from the Midlands and the West? Look up your railway guide and you will find trains to suit your convenience.

The various golf clubs throughout Ireland offer splendid facilities to members of the A.G.S. A list of these facilities will be published immediately. Meantime, should any member desire information as to any particular club, a note to the Hon. Sec., A.G.S., c/o A.A.A. Office, Portobello, will bring a ready reply.

## GENERAL HEADQUARTERS LEAGUE.

TABLE TO 26/11/23.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Gormanstown	9	8	1	0	16
Army Pay Corps	10	7	2	1	15
Army Salvage Corps	9	7	1	1	15
Portobello (Staff)	9	6	3	0	12
Army Ordnance	9	6	3	0	12
Mountjoy Police	8	5	3	0	10
Chief of Staff's Dept.	7	4	2	1	9
Army Supplies	10	3	7	0	6
M.T.C., Portobello	10	2	7	1	5
Adjutant General's Dept.	10	1	9	0	2
Chief of Staff's B.	10	0	10	0	0

Fixture:—Saturday, 1st December, 1923, Gormanstown v. Mountjoy (P.A.), at Portobello Barracks, 2.30 p.m.

## BILLIARDS CHALLENGE.

Dear Editor,—Re the billiard challenge in your issue of the 17th, by the Accounts department, I beg to accept same, and would like you to send further particulars at your earliest convenience.—Yours, etc.,

PTE. JOHN WOODS,

Officers' Mess Staff, Collins's Barracks.

P.S.—I have selected four men from above barracks. (Two other acceptances arrive as we go to press).

The Connacht Plantation scheme was launched in 1635, but was abandoned after a very half-hearted effort was made to induce planters to settle across the Shannon.

## WHEN?

We wonder when the Commands intend holding their Boxing Championships. Is it not time to prepare for the Tailteann Games?

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## OFFICIAL NEWS.

### Appointments, Resignations and Discharges.

General Staff—Staff Duties—Appointments and Discharges Memo. No. 6, contains the following:—

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF'S DEPT.

Lieutenant William Hardiman to be Lieutenant, General Staff.

##### ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Comdt. Theo. C. Courtney to be Commandant, A.C.E.  
Comdt. Desmond Dowling, to be Commandant, A.C.E.  
Comdt. Thomas Wren, to be Commandant, A.C.E.  
Comdt. John J. Coleman to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Comdt. Stephen Conlon to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Capt. Lyndon E. Bastable to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Capt. Henry Kenny, to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Comdt. Charles Naus to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Comdt. John Ratigan, to be Captain, A.C.E.  
Comdt. Michael A. O'Connor, to be Captain, A.C.E.  
2nd Lieut. Michael E. Coogan to be 2nd Lieut., A.C.E.  
Lieut. Frank W. Dowse to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.  
Capt. Joseph P. Daly, to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.

##### ARMoured CAR CORPS.

Lieut. T. J. Hanlon, to be Captain, A.C.C.  
Lieut. T. J. Hanlon, to be Captain, A.C.C.  
Capt. Thomas Kelly, to be Captain, A.C.C.  
Capt. Patrick McDonald, to be Captain, A.C.C.  
Lieut. James Hussey to be Lieutenant, A.C.C.  
Lieut. Charles Hegarty, to be Lieutenant, A.C.C.  
Lieut. Richard Collins, to be Lieutenant, A.C.C.

##### SIGNAL CORPS.

Capt. Liam Fagan to be Captain, Army Signal Corps.

##### ARTILLERY CORPS.

Capt. Garrett Brennan to be Captain, Artillery Corps.

##### SPECIAL INFANTRY CUSTOMS.

Capt. Matthew Monaghan to be Captain, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Capt. Bernard Hanley to be Captain, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Capt. Nicholas Dromey, to be Captain, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Comdt. John Lohan to be Captain, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Capt. Michael O'Carroll to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. John McGovern to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. James Noonan to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. Thomas Joseph Cowman, to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. James Kevin McGarry to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. Patrick Joseph Lawlor to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. James Hurley to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. Thomas Joseph Quinlan to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Lieut. John Kennedy to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.  
Comdt. John Smith to be Lieutenant, S.I. Customs Officer.

##### CURRAGH COMMAND.

Arthur Duff to be 2nd Lieut. Army School of Music (as from 22nd October).

##### DONEGAL COMMAND.

Capt. Robert Alcock to be Captain, O.M. 3rd Battalion.  
Lieut. Patrick Lee to be Lieutenant, Assistant Command Transport Officer.

##### CORRIGENDA.

Memo. No. 5.—Captain G. Murray, Tintown "B," should read Captain P. Murray.

Memo. No. 5.—Delete Captain Sean O'Flynn, Q.M., 43rd Battalion.

##### TRANSFERS.

Captain Frank McGrath, 55th Battalion, Dublin Command, transferred to Armoured Car Corps.  
G.R.O. 24.—Captain J. J. Burke, Reports and Statistics Branch, Department of Chief of Staff, transferred to Staff Duties Branch, as from 1/11/23.  
S.D. Memo. No. 1.—Lieut. Charles Darby, Department of Chief of General Staff, transferred to Department of Adjutant General, as from 19/11/23.  
G.R.O. 27.—Lieut. E. Gillespie, Department of Chief of General Staff, transferred to Department of Adjutant General, as from 12/11/23.

##### DISCHARGES.

Save where otherwise stated, demobilisation dates from 27th November. An asterisk (\*) denotes that the Officer has resigned.

\*Captain Francis Xavier Algar, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Lieut. R. Brandt, M.O., Mountjoy Jail, 7th November, 1923.  
Comdt. Anthony Breen, O.C., 3rd Battalion, Special Infantry Corps.  
Lieut. R. Burns, M.O., 26th Battalion, Claremorris Command.  
Captain Stephen Byrne, Adjutant, 1st Battalion, Dublin Command.  
\*Comdt. James Cagney, Command Staff, Cork Command.  
Captain Michael Cashman, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
1st Lieut. Patrick Joseph Clare, "C" Company, 50th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
\*Lieut. Terence Clarke, Special Infantry Customs.  
Comdt. James Clerton, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
\*Captain John Collins, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain Patrick Collins, Camp Adjutant, Michael Barracks, Cork Command.  
\*Captain Hugh Cormack, O.C., M.G. Company, 36th Battalion, Waterford Command.  
Captain Peter Corrigan, Legal Staff, Cork Command.  
Captain Patrick Cosgrave, 2nd i/c 50th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. G. Coyne, M.O., 61st Battalion, Claremorris Command.  
Captain Owen Cullen, Mechanical Transport Corps.  
2nd Lieut. Francis A. Cullinan, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Comdt. John J. Cummins, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. James Curtis, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. John Daly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. C. V. Devlin, M.O., 15th Battalion, Cork Command.

Comdt. Bernard Dillane, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain William Donohue, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain George Dowdall, Assistant Q.M., Army Air Service.  
Captain Thomas Eivers, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
V/Comdt. Francis Fallon, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain James Farrelly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
\*V/Comdt. John Finn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. James Fitzgerald, Department of Adjutant General.  
\*2nd Lieut. Richard Fitzgerald, M.G. Company, 9th Battalion, Kerry Command.  
2nd Lieut. James Fitzpatrick, M.G. Company, 15th Battalion, Cork Command.  
2nd Lieut. Edward Fleming, "C" Company, 56th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Comdt. James P. Flood, Athlone Prison, Athlone Command.  
\*2nd Lieut. Thomas Flood, Assistant Q.M., 42nd Battalion, Cork Command.  
Captain Anthony Gaughan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain Thomas Gibbons, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. Comdt. William Gillen, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Joseph Gormley, "B" Company, 56th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. Michael Gormley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. David Gough, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Lieut. James Hassett, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain T. A. Henehan, M.O., O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (10th November, 1923.)  
Comdt. Leo Hickey, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain John Hickey, "C" Company, 11th Battalion, Limerick Command.  
\*1st Lieut. Thomas Keatinge, "C" Company, 9th Battalion, Kerry Command.  
Comdt. Thomas Keelan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. C. P. Kelly, Assistant Q.M., St. Brice's Hospital.  
Lieut. G. B. Kelly, M.O., 45th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
A Captain Thomas J. Kelly, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Captain Patrick Landers, O.M., 42nd Battalion, Cork Command.  
Lieut. James Lannon, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain Thomas Leonard, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
\*2nd Lieut. J. Clayton Love, Legal Staff, Cork Command.  
2nd Lieut. Joseph Lynch, Army Corps of Engineers.  
2nd Lieut. Patrick Lynch, Assistant Q.M., 46th Battalion, Donegal Command.  
\*1st Lieut. C. E. Lysaght, M.O., 63rd Battalion, Waterford Command.  
2nd Lieut. J. Maloney, O.M., Marlboro' Hall.  
Lieut. George Millard, Army Corps of Engineers.  
2nd Lieut. William Minogue, Assistant Q.M., 50th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. John Mooney, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Peter Moran, M.G. Company, 24th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Capt. Christopher Moriarty, Tintown "A," Curragh Camp.  
1st Lieut. John Mulcahy, M.G. Company, 49th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. T. Mulcahy, M.O., Curragh Camp.  
1st Lieut. James Mullen, M.G. Company, 53rd Battalion, Dublin Command.  
1st Lieut. Francis Murphy, "C" Company, 56th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. Michael McArdle, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Patrick McGorry, "B" Company, 53rd Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. E. McGovern, Special Infantry Customs.  
Lieut. Robert H. McKeown, M.G. Company, 55th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
\*Lieut. Samuel McMenemy, "A" Company, 2nd Battalion, Border Unit.  
Comdt. J. McNamara, Department of Chief of the General Staff.  
Captain Patrick Naughton, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. James Nicholls, Staff, Athlone Prison, Athlone Command.  
Lieut. Michael Nicholson, "A" Company, 35th Battalion, Donegal Command.  
2nd Lieut. Michael Byrne, Assistant Q.M., Waterford Command.  
Lieut. James O'Callaghan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. Francis O'Carroll, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain James O'Connell, "A" Company, 57th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. John O'Connor, "B" Company, 17th Battalion, Kerry Command.  
Lieut. Thomas O'Connor, Special Infantry Customs.  
Lieut. James O'Dea, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. G. O'Donnell, M.O., 35th Battalion, Donegal Command.  
Lieut. John O'Donnell, Legal Staff, Dublin Command.  
\*Lieut. James O'Donovan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Capt. Patrick O'Donovan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
\*2nd Lieut. James Joseph O'Dwyer, Assistant Q.M., 36th Battalion, Waterford Command.  
Lieut. Thomas M. O'Flaherty, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Lieut. Michael O'Leary, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. Timothy John O'Leary, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. Michael O'Neill, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Thomas O'Reilly, M.G. Company, 48th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Commandant Bartholomew O'Shea, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Eugene O'Sullivan, 29th Battalion, Curragh Command.  
Capt. John O'Sullivan, O.T.C., Curragh Command.  
Capt. James Phillips, Adjutant, 62nd Battalion, Curragh Command.  
Comdt. Sean Powell, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Captain Daniel Purcell, "A" Company, 7th Battalion, Limerick Command.  
2nd Lieut. Michael Quinn, Army Corps of Engineers.  
Lieut. Martin Reddy, Mechanical Transport Corps.  
Captain Luke Roddy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
Lieut. Stephen Scannell, Claremorris Command.  
\*Lieut. Patrick Sheehy, Army Corps of Engineers.  
2nd Lieut. Patrick Sherry, M.G. Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. William Luke Synott, "C" Company, 11th Battalion, Special Infantry Corps.  
Lieut. George Taylor, Staff, 35th Battalion, Donegal Command.  
\*2nd Lieut. Patrick Treanor, 21st Battalion, Dublin Command.  
V/Brigadier Edward Walsh, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
2nd Lieut. Patrick Walsh, "A" Company, 56th Battalion, Dublin Command.  
Lieut. Patrick Whelan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

##### DISMISSALS.

The services of Captain John Corrigan, O.M., 45th Battalion, and Lieut. Thomas O'Brien, M.G. Company, 45th Battalion, are terminated as from the 21st November, 1923, by order of the Executive Council, consequent on conviction by Civil Court of an offence against the ordinary law.

Captain Stephen Donnelly, Line Officer, Tintown "B" Internment Camp, charged with the offence of being guilty of an act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, was by General Court Martial found guilty and sentenced to dismissal from the services. The sentence was signed on 25th October, 1923, and finding and sentence were confirmed on 2nd December, 1923.

##### SUSPENSION OF DEMOBILISATION—APPOINTMENTS AND DISCHARGES MEMO. No. 5.

Demobilisation of the following Officers is suspended pending investigation of charges preferred against them under the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923:—

2nd Lieut. John Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

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 Captain William Mulcahy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.  
 Captain Patrick Mulleady, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

#### ERRATA—APPOINTMENTS AND DISCHARGES MEMO. No. 5.

The name of Captain Albert Augustine Healy, Adjutant, 59th Battalion, Cork Command, entered in error, is withdrawn.  
 2nd Lieut. James Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp, should read 2nd Lieut. John Flynn, O.T.C.  
 Captain H. Daly, marked "Resigned" in error, should read "Discharged," 31st October, 1923.  
 Lieut. J. P. O'Brien marked "Resigned" in error.  
 Lieut. Joseph Benson, O.T.C., Curragh Camp, should read Lieut. William Benson.  
 Lieut. John Swindles, dismissed, should read Lieut. John Swindles, 57th Battalion, temporarily attached 13th Battalion.

#### ERRATA—APPOINTMENTS AND DISCHARGES MEMO. No. 3.

The following Officers, whose names appeared in Memo. No. 3, should read "Resigned":—  
 Captain Joseph P. Adamson, "C" Company, 11th Battalion, Special Infantry Corps.  
 Comdt. Maurice Culhane, O/C. 19th Battalion, Kerry Command.  
 Lieut. James J. Fortune, Armoured Car Corps.  
 Lieut. Thomas Hynes, 4th Battalion, Claremorris Command.  
 Comdt. James McCarthy, O.T.C.  
 Captain P. J. McElliott 4th Battalion, Claremorris Command.  
 Captain William McEvoy, R.T.O., Limerick Command.  
 Captain Patrick Joseph McGrath, Tintown "A," Curragh Camp.  
 Lieut.-Comdt. James M. Sheeran, Athlon Command.  
 2nd Lieut. Anthony Paul Tuke, Assistant O.M., 33rd Battalion, Dublin Command.  
 Lieut. Denis Turner, Army Corps of Engineers.

#### ABOLITION OF CORPS AND SERVICES BRANCH.

In accordance with the general scheme of Army Re-organisation, Corps and Services Branch of the Department of the Chief of General Staff is abolished as and from Saturday, 17th instant.

Officers Commanding Corps and Services shall now be responsible directly to the Chief of General Staff for the administration, control and efficiency of the Units under their Command.

All matters hitherto referred to G.S.O. (1) i/c Corps and Services shall now be referred directly to the Chief of General Staff.

#### ABOLITION OF ADMINISTRATION BRANCH.

In accordance with the general scheme of Army Re-organisation, the Administration Branch of the Department of Chief of General Staff is abolished as and from Saturday, the 17th November.

The duties carried out by the Branch shall now devolve upon the General Staff, and all matters affecting administration hitherto dealt with by this Branch shall be referred to the Chief of General Staff.

#### DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES.

D.O. No. 31.—Dependants' Allowance within the meaning of Defence Order No. 16 shall not be issuable in the case of any officer or soldier who marries after the date of this order (9th Nov.).

#### MILITARY CUSTOMS BRIGADE.

D.O. No. 32.—The creation of a Military Customs Brigade as an additional branch of the Army has been approved.

The area to be controlled by the Brigade shall be that specified in General Staff Special Memo. No. 12 of the 13th June, 1923.

The Officer Commanding the Brigade shall have full control over his area. Apart from ordinary military duties the following duties shall be performed by the Brigade:—

- Physical assistance to Customs Officials on duty on the Border.
- General patrol of all roads on Sundays and during night hours (between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.) on week days.
- Auxiliary patrol of unapproved roads during day hours (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.).
- General protection of Customs Huts, buildings, and public property in the area.

The establishment and organisation of the Brigade will be laid down in subsequent Defence Orders.

#### DISBANDEMENT OF SPECIAL INFANTRY CORPS.

D.O. No. 33.—The Corps known as the Special Infantry Corps shall be disbanded as from the 15th November, 1923. The Officer Commanding the Corps will arrange for the transfer of all troops of the Corps to the Military Customs Brigade or to the Curragh for posting to Infantry Battalions.

(D.O., dated 19th Nov.)

#### DISBANDEMENT OF SALVAGE CORPS.

D.O. No. 34.—The Corps known as the Salvage Order is hereby disbanded as from the date of this Order. The duties hitherto performed by that Corps and the material in its charge will now be taken over by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The General Officer Commanding, Army Corps of Engineers, will arrange for the transfer or discharge of all troops disbanded from the Salvage Corps.

#### DISBANDEMENT OF INFANTRY BATTALIONS.

D.O. No. 35.—The following Infantry Battalions are disbanded as from the date of this Order (9th Nov.):—

19th Infantry Battalion; 26th Infantry Battalion; 28th Infantry Battalion; 41st Infantry Battalion; 53rd Infantry Battalion; 57th Infantry Battalion; 60th Infantry Battalion; 64th Infantry Battalion; 65th Infantry Battalion.

General Officers Commanding will arrange for the transfer of all N.C.O.'s and men to neighbouring Infantry Battalions. Officers may be transferred to any Battalions, Corps, or Staff in which vacancies exist.

#### OFFICERS' DUTY SHEETS—MONTHLY RETURNS.

General Staff Duties Memo. No. 11 contains the following:—

Commencing with the 2th November, 1923, all Officers will be required to make a monthly return of duty performed each day. The Form (A.F. 306) provides for a daily entry of hours of duty, place of duty and nature of duty, with a remarks column in which is to be stated if the nature of the duty is special, or the reason, if no duty or only part duty is performed. The nature of the duty will be briefly stated—"Line," "Office," "Inspection," etc.

The Form, on completion, must be signed by the Officer himself, and countersigned by his immediate O.C., who will be held responsible for the certification of the entries. The completed forms are to be forwarded in bulk from the Headquarters of the Command, Corps or Department in which the Officers to whom they relate are serving, together with a covering list of names. The returns of General Officers Commanding Commands, Officers Commanding Corps and Heads of Departments, are to be forwarded direct to the Chief of General Staff in time to reach him not later than the 5th of each month.

It is emphasised that these returns must be submitted by all serving Officers without exception, and should be in the hands of the G.S.O. (1) i/c Staff Duties, by the 7th of the following month. Failure to make the return will involve at least delay in the issue of pay for the succeeding month. Thus, the returns for November, 1923, must be received in Staff Duties Office by the 7th December, 1923, and in the event of non-receipt, the Chief Pay and Accounts Officer will be instructed to withhold, until further instructions, the issue of December pay.

Supplies of the Forms (A.F. 306) will be issued by A.Q.M.G., i/c Stationery, Portobello Barracks.

#### OFFICERS DESIRING TO RE-JOIN AFTER DEMOBILISATION.

General Staff Duties Memo. No. 12, issued under date November 13th, reads as follows:—

In view of the Government decision to reduce the Army establishment, it is inevitable that a number of Officers, whose services it would otherwise be desirable to retain, must be demobilised under Defence Order No. 28. Having regard to the value of the services already rendered by such Officers, and to the fact that they may themselves desire to be afforded an opportunity of remaining on in the Army, it has been decided to re-accept in the ranks any such Officers who are fit and who are anxious to re-join the Forces, but no undertaking can be given as to promotion to commissioned ranks except vacancies exist, and then only subject to the necessary tests having been passed.

Any application made in accordance with the foregoing does not prejudice an applicant's right to demobilisation pay under Defence Order No. 28. Applications should be addressed to the Adjutant General.

#### ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

General Staff Organisation Memo. No. 9 contains the following, under date 20th November:—

In connection with the scheme of Army Re-organisation, the Army School of music shall be established at Beggar's Bush Barracks forthwith.

The establishment for the School is as follows:—

- School Officer Staff
- School Staff; and
- School. Total, all ranks—294.

Commandant J. Coughlan, at present attached to the Special Infantry Corps, will take charge of the School and will organise it on the lines laid down above.

All Brass Bands and Pipers' Bands will be transferred to the School, and all Bands should be in the School by the 1st January, 1924.

Only the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men on the establishment laid down above and the Unit on Guard Duty will be billeted in Beggar's Bush Barracks.

Commandant J. Coughlan will be entirely responsible for the administration and general routine of the barracks.

#### OFFICERS' CAP BADGES.

All Officers are directed to note, by G.R.O. No. 55, that the wearing of a cloth "Diamond" of any kind whatever, underneath the new Official Cap Badge, is forbidden, and A.P.M.'s are directed to consider the wearing of such "Diamonds" as "Irregular Dress."

#### UNAUTHORISED PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES.

G.R.O. No. 55 contains the following notice issued by the Q.M.G.:—

Notwithstanding the regulations already laid down in various Defence Orders and General Routine Orders as to the requisitioning of supplies and materials through the Quartermaster General, it is observed that in many cases irregular and unauthorised purchases are still being made locally. This is especially the case in the purchase of coal and chandlery supplies. Recent conditions may have rendered such local purchases necessary, but the time has now arrived when requisitions for all supplies must be made through the Quartermaster General.

D.A.Q.M.G.'s are again notified that as from the date of this Order they will be held personally responsible for ensuring that local and irregular purchases will cease. In case of any infringement of this regulation, the D.A.Q.M.G. is liable to be fined in a sum not exceeding 10 per cent. of the amount of the account so contracted, and will, in addition, be dealt with severely from a disciplinary point of view.

#### G.H.Q. MILITARY BALL.

This function—the first of its kind—which was originally fixed for December 14th, has been postponed. It will be announced later on.

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### DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCE.

Only in exceptional cases are questions relating to Dependants' Allowances or Marriages Allowances replied to in these columns. All other letters relating to such matters are forwarded to the Departments which deal with these questions.

Before writing lengthy complaints of non-payment of Allowance, our correspondents should make sure that application has been made for payment.

A CHEMICAL WORKER.—“Explosives” (Dublin)—We have passed your letter to the Officer i/c of the particular Department to which you refer, and will inform you through these columns of the result of our inquiries.

28 DAYS' DETENTION.—Cpl. B. (Curragh Camp)—If you supply us with your full name we will look into this matter. Otherwise we can do nothing.

LENGTH OF SERVICE.—“Old Timer” (Dublin)—This matter has been taken up with the proper quarter, and we will inform you of the result in these columns.

EX-OFFICER'S CLAIMS.—“Noreside”—(1) Apply to Officer i/c Claims Department of Adjutant General, G.H.Q., giving particulars and circumstances. (2) Take this matter up with the nearest Employment Exchange. (3) Yes, do as directed at (1).

PROFICIENCY PAY.—Vols. Grant and Dobbin (Curragh)—Your letter has been sent to the proper quarter for attention.

R.T.O. STATUS.—“Lynx”—We do not appear to have received your first letter. There is no definite regulation governing the matter you mention. We would advise you to take the matter up with the C.R.T.O.

### BACK PAY.

All claims in this respect which have been verified on investigation are being held, pending the sitting of an Adjudication Committee to deal with them. The results will be duly notified to the Claimants.

CLAIMING DISCHARGE.—“Up the 55th” (Dublin)—(1) See reply to “J. McL.” (2) Your second query is not very clear. The full period must be served except in very special circumstances, when a man may apply for discharge before his time expires. He would be entitled to the usual payment on discharge.

A YEAR'S SERVICE.—J. McL. (Ordnance Survey)—The period is reckoned in calendar months, i.e., 52 weeks would constitute twelve months' service.

MEDICALLY UNFIT.—P. Toohar (Birr)—Your letter has been passed to the proper quarter for attention.

GRADE PAY.—B.F.C.W. No. 5092 (Westport)—This is a matter you should take up with your O.C.

CONCUBAIR Ó MUMHNEÁDÁIN (Át Cliaé)—Is trua linn an dearmáid a deineáí rotaob san “néiltín” a cur roim t'ainm. ná bíod don buairt ort rotaob do cur faollumne. Tá sí go maí agat. Tabair aire ói anois agus pé meáí míleiré na leas do imteacht uait.



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**PAYMENT ON DISCHARGE.**—Patrick McQuaide (Dublin) and others—If you had read the notice under this heading, which has appeared in recent issues, and is reprinted in this column, you would have avoided unnecessary postage and trouble.

**DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE.**—Michael Hanley—We cannot understand your delay of over twelve months in this matter. To which Battalion were you attached, and what were the circumstances of your discharge?

**BACK PAY.**—"Tipp. No. 2"—We regret to say we cannot act in this matter, but would suggest that you write again to the quarter you name. See notice under this heading elsewhere in "Information Bureau."

**D.B. (Clonakilty)**—Your case is being investigated.

**TRANSFER.**—"Ack, Ack, Ack" (Naas)—You were correctly informed: they ceased as from 3rd November (G.R.O. 54). Communicate, however, with O.C., Signal Corps, Portobello, with a view to the future.

**PAYMENT ON DISCHARGE.**

Payment of twenty-eight days' Pay and Allowances has been authorised for soldiers discharged on and after 22nd June, 1923, subject to the usual conditions in Defence Order No. 20. All claims in this respect should be forwarded, *together with a COPY of the Discharge Certificate*, to the Chief Pay Office, Portobello Barracks, Dublin.

All letters received at AN T-OGLACH Office relating to this question have been forwarded to the Chief Pay Office.

**EMPLOYMENT.**—William McGrane—(1) In view of the circumstances you mention we are afraid that you are not entitled to payment. (2) Write to the Re-settlement Branch, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, enclosing a COPY of your discharge, and setting forth all the facts briefly and plainly.

**T. O'Rourke (Moate)**—See second answer to W. McGrane.

"No. 38"—(1) You will receive 28 days' pay and allowances on discharge (see notice on this page). (2) You will be given a suit. (3) Before discharge fill up Civil Employment Form A.F. 173. (4) Apply to the NEAREST Employment Exchange. (5) No hope of such work as you mention in barracks. We hope you will not have to leave Ireland.

**J. G. (Belfast)**—We understand that this matter has not been settled up yet, and regret that we cannot do anything to expedite a settlement.

**Lawrence Whelan (Dublin)**—Apply to Re-settlement Branch, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin.

**Volunteer P. V.**—The Officer you mention is in charge of the Re-settlement Branch of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin. You should have received a copy of Civil Employment Form A.F. 173 months ago. Apply for copy to nearest Employment Exchange. Write us again if you think we can help.

"EX-REBEL RANGER."—Private William Shallow (Peamount)—We are looking into your case.

**PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR.**—"F. M." (Kilkenny)—We have forwarded your letter to the Honorary Secretary of the Army Athletic Association.

**SOLDIER ENTERTAINERS.**—"One Who Knows"—Where was the "prominent music hall"? We can quite believe that the artists you mention gave a very successful entertainment, but regret we have not space to publish your letter.

**CORRECTION.**

We regret that in the official list of Discharges published in No. 18 a typographical error concealed the fact that Lieut. Cornelius Moynihan was one of those who resigned. Lieut. Moynihan secured 16th place in the Excise and Customs examination.

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TÁ SÚIL AGAMSA SO BPUIL SÉ SO BREAĞ TE.

"MÁS MAIT LEAT BEIT BUAN ÓL PUAR  
AGUS TE." SEAN FOCAL É. IS MINIC  
D'AIRIGEAS É MAR SEAN FOCAL.

AR AIRIGEÓIS AN CEANN SO RIAM ?  
"TÁ SÉ TE AC NÍL SÉ MEIT NÁ SUIRT."

D'AIRIGEAS É SIN. SIN MAR A DUBAIRT  
AN PEAR OIBRE LEIS AN AMIRTE A  
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### PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

Ishtock lath. Id yeeegsha.  
Shkreev tanim sul lour.  
Thaw shay koa mwah ghut manimsha  
dush kree oun lesh. Gum mwah.  
Barra ghoon see thomull own dhuruss ;  
thaw anna horringt oun.  
Feeuck, thaw ghaw koheer fulloo erra  
dhaiv houl. Thaw shay shin neess faar.  
Thurrama' napik keen oodh lit thash,  
maw shay du hull lay.  
Ock, naw thower ain nannirha ghoasa.  
Neel lain dhoola gum oun. Nee mwah  
lyum may. Nee ray teen shay lyum.  
Shah beg annirha gumsa a yilla.  
Thaw soola gumsa guv will shay gub  
braa teh.  
Mauss mwah leath veh boon oal four  
ogguss teh." Shan nukull lay. Iss  
minic dar rees say mor shan nukul.

Err are reesha kyonn sur reeuu ?  
"Thaw shay teh ock neel shay may  
naw gurt."

Dar reess say shin. Shin morra dhoorta  
far ebbra lesh an annirha tugug dhu  
foddh oh.

Turrama napik keen oodh lit lash. Gurra  
mwaha guth.

Meeuss, meeussa, meeusha nanirha.  
Soup, spun noag annirha, leeuq oag.

### ENGLISH.

In you go. After you.  
Write you name in the book.  
Its as well for your name to write it in  
also. Good.  
We had better sit a bit away from the  
door ; there's a great draught.  
Look, there are two empty chairs  
beyond there. That's better.  
Give me the napkin beside you. if you  
please.  
Ah, don't give me any soup.  
I have no desire for it. I don't like it.  
It doesn't agree with me.  
Well, I'll have soup, lad.  
I hope it is fine and hot.

"If you wish to live long drink cold  
and hot (flee)." That's an old  
saying. Often I heard the same  
saying.

Did you ever hear this one ?  
"It is warm but it is neither fat nor  
salty."

I heard that. That's what the workman  
said of the soup that was given to  
him long ago.

Give me that napkin please. Thanks.

A dish; dishes, a soup dish.  
Soup, a soup spoon, soup spoon.

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