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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE ARMY.



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[“An t-Oglach.”]

GO mBEANNUIGHIDH DIA DHIBH,

In the Nation's name I salute you—Officers and Men of the National Army. On you, each and all, rests a great responsibility. The Nation looks to its Army for the highest form of discipline, courage, and confidence, and I am certain you will always discharge your duties with honour. For the great services you have rendered to Saorstat Eireann, for the many sacrifices made for freedom by those of your Army who have made the great sacrifice, and by yourselves and your comrades, we are all grateful.

THE PASSING YEAR.

Retrospective Glimpses of the O.T.C.

Strange little scenes are passing before my eyes to-night as I sit at my typewriter here in office, and I am minded to set to words these little pictures.

I see, first of all, a Calendar with the words October, 1923, and the Instructional Staff of the Command in general are strangely brisk. There is a possible explanation in the rumour that R.S.M. Doogan has been instructed to prepare A.S.C. Barracks for Officers to undergo training. Naturally, Instructors will be required, and perhaps this explains the undue smartness, although, in all fairness, one must say that Curragh Instructors in those days had to be smart to train the big number of Volunteer Reserve then passing through the Camp for Active Service.

The Pioneers.

The Calendar and scene change, and a little group of ten Officers are reporting at the Orderly Room, A.S.C. Barracks, as the pioneers of the Officers' Training Corps. No, banish the thought that they are for the work one usually associates with Pioneers, for I mean on this occasion the settlers, as it were. I see that the date is November 9th, 1922, and methinks that if this is a specimen of the Officers to come, everything seems fairly good.

I see a little band of workers accommodating these Officers, and I laugh now. They are four in number, and 'twould be no harm to reveal their names. R.M.S. Doogan is in charge, wondering whether eggs should be fried for Officers' tea or boiled. “Mick” afterwards became Assistant Adjutant, O.T.C. C.S.M. Ward is passing the results of “Mick's” cooking on to plates. Ward is now a B.S.M. of a great sporting Battalion. Sergt. Bob Taylor is serving the Officers with their tea (look carefully for “BOB” in the Dublin Command Officers' Staff), and good old Busty Breen is general bottle-washer. Rare old staff, that!

Down to Kerry.

And here I must leave the O.T.C. for a few months, while I go hunting down in Kerry, to be returned at the end of February as a candidate for that self-same school for Officers that I had seen start in November. Thus, with my next picture, I see ten of us from Kerry being marshalled into the Orderly Room and met with a most efficient staff of clerks, who take our particulars and sent us to our quarters.

It will be perhaps forgiven me if I pause for one minute to reflect on my thoughts as I enter the O.T.C. in February. I find a matter of 200 Officers assembled, drawn from every quarter of the country, all with records of work well done, and all imbued with a keenness to pass the exams. and be sent forth again to take up Gazetted Appointments. I feel mighty proud that I am one of them, and go ahead in this work, feeling at the same time mighty strange to be under the Command of a Sergeant I can well remember in my N.C.O.'s class.

Away on Column.

This picture fades, and the next reveals the plain near the Racecourse on St. Patrick's Day, with a proud Company of O.T.C. leading the March Past the C-in-C. All the time, in this mirror of the mind, I see arrivals and departures, Battalion Adjutants, Company Commanders, sundry others, drifting in and out of the pool of the Training Centre, but always and ever there is a strong number present.

April sees us with the Barracks half empty, for some 150 of us are away on bicycles on column, while another 150 are away on foot column. Then a period of suspense in the Barracks while those who remain behind are awaiting news of the columns. They have been seen down in Kerry and Cork, they have been seen round Enniscorthy, and have been seen in Wicklow. Then, fresh after three weeks' hard work, they come drifting in to Barracks, keen to draw the accumulation of pay and celebrate the campaigning results.

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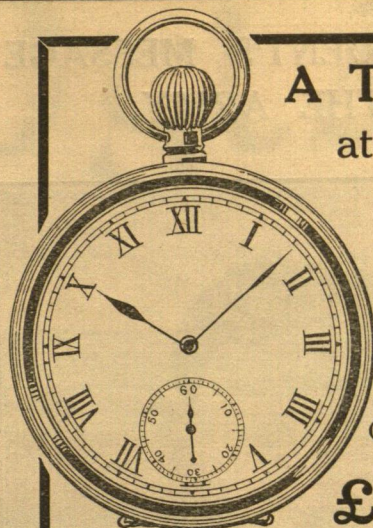
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The Passing Year.—contd.

Comings and Goings.

With May the picture changes, and goodly numbers are called out thrice weekly to be sent away to Officer the newly-forming Customs Department, and the names of some of us start to appear in G.R.O., the Mecca of every one of us. But ever and ever the Commands in the country continue to send in others, for, as conditions become more settled, the need for the smaller posts under an Officer vanishes, and the Officer is sent to Curragh for training. Yes, I know we grumble, for who would not grumble, after the activities of campaigning, to have to stay here? But it is the inevitable, and one must remain here and perfect one's knowledge of the duties of an Officer.

The June picture reveals nothing but the comings and goings of various unlucky and lucky ones, and so to July, when (great joy!) the Powers-that-be suddenly decide that there would be no harm in letting a few of us away on leave. Need I say that this is a great thing? Most of us have not been home since the trouble started, and the fortnight's leave granted is but an appetiser. I challenge the Postmaster-General to deny that in the months of July and August more reply-paid telegrams were transmitted to Curragh than in all the rest of Ireland. Why, everyone wired. It was as much part of the ritual as was the primary application. I know of one Sergeant Major in charge of an Orderly Room that says that, "unlike Mary Queen of Scots with Calais," his post-mortem will reveal the words, "May I have extension" engraved thereon.

So the weeks pass by, and I see a picture of the Bodens-town ceremony, when all the rest of the Army wondered what sort of soldiers they were that wore a White Diamond behind the badge. Let me now inform you all that these were the O.T.C., acting, fittingly, in the capacity of police at the celebrations in the memory of one who showed them the way. It is no mean thought to reflect at this juncture that the O.T.C. were, 98 per cent., "Boys of the Old Brigade."

Grey and Gold.

The last pictures become hurried, possibly because my eyes are a little blurred. Several have commented on my recent "Thoughts on Demobilization," saying that in a sense the article was tragic. I feel the whole thing as seamed in sadness, and everyone now going off adds to it. But, with the Peace has come the inevitable disbandment, and one can but hope our old comrades of the O.T.C. have a prosperous civil career before them, and that they will be finally gazetted in the Commissioned Ranks of the People.

The Corps is splitting rapidly, and our strength becomes smaller and smaller every day. 'Ere we finally split, to go our various ways, some to Kildare and some "out," we think with all sincere good wishes of our C.O., Colonel Joe Byrne, counsellor, friend, and guide of every one of us. We think also of the great little MEN of the Boys' Company, who, no matter where they go, will prove an incentive to others of more mature age to perfect themselves.

THE WANDERER.

SUCCESSFUL MILITARY DANCE IN KILKENNY.

A highly successful invitation dance, organised by the Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s of the 63rd Infantry Battalion, was held in the Desert Hall on Friday, November 23, and the record attendance testified to the popularity in which the military are held in the city. The 63rd Battalion has been in Kilkenny only for a few months, yet they have made many friends during their short acquaintance with the city. The hall was gaily beflagged with parti-coloured bunting, and the cuisine was of the highest excellence. The Committee who were responsible for the success of the dance were:—B.S.M. O'Hara, President; C.S.M. Ryan, M.C.; C.O.M.S. Parselle, Asst. M.C.; B.O.M.S. Sean O'Creavy, S.M. O'Brien, M.C.; C.O.M.S. Stokes, Sergts. Mechanical Transport; S.M. Murphy, C.O.M.S. Brennan, C.O.M.S. Stokes, Sergts. Cole and McNulty, and to these gentlemen and to Mrs. O'Hara, who presided over the supper arrangements, the success of the dance is due. There were over 180 couples present, and the large preponderance of citizens may be gauged from the fact that they formed three-quarters of the company. The music was supplied by Mr. D. A. Morrison's Dance Orchestra, and was faultless to a degree, encores being very numerous. Dancing continued until the early hours of Saturday morning when the proceedings were brought to a happy close.

An Muirinneac Meiríreac, agus A Cúro Caoraic.

pádraic ó conaire do sgríob.

Slán faoi beo leis an am atá imighthe! Agus nac gearr an mair an Muirinneac Meiríreac (mar tugtaoí air i gcomhnaíthe i nIar-Connaect) a bí beo beathúreac agus lán de shult de shós agus d'aoibneas an tsaothail bliathain gearr ó som! Na hainmáin a canaó sé! Na bréaga bréaga a spallaó sé! Na mná a bliathraó sé! Na tighthe faoi fuara a cáiteaó sé i gcomhlúadar fear agus ban! Na leigheas do'n éiríthe cráíthe beir as breacnú air, mar 'sé cuirfeadú gairíú ar do béal agus tú i lár an fíadhras.

Ní raib aithne agat air, an ead? Mara raib, muis, níor éleachtuig tú aonta Connaect a riam: le píce bliathain amuas, is beas aonaic nac mbíod an seadair sona sám le peiceál ann, as ceannacht eallaic agus caoraic agus dá noíol arís eall 's i bpus ar fuo an ceannachtair.

An té leas súil air don uair aithne ní deáirna sé dearmad ariam air; agus ní ar a méio aithne, ná ar a meiríreac aithne, ná ar an masad éleachtuigeaó sé go gcuimheoictá air; ní head, áct ar a éiríthe mór is tóca. Ní raib don ruo dá noéirna gaisceúreac ariam nac raib seisean i n-ann é deáirna, dá mh' fíor tó péim ar éad ar bíe.

Bádoiréact? Ar noíol ní raib a sárú i mbáto ruir an dá ceann léime: nac noeaca sé péim agus—agus éosuis sé péim as innsaect sgeíl do'n comhlúadar faoi gaisce rinne sé amuis ar an doimhinn móir, uair.

"Má's ead" arsa mise leis, "níl ruo is fearr dá noéirna ná an sgata beas caoraic ceannuig tú moir ar an aonaic éur isteaic sa mbáto linn-ne, agus cuirpíó muiro anonn go comhoae an élaír tú péim agus iao péim. An-lá seoltóiréacta beas agaimn."

Doncuigeaó leis sin. Cuirfeadú na caoraic ar búro, érocamar seol agus amac linn ar an doimhinn.

An faoi is bí na caoraic ar an bfairrse, o'fanadair go réir socair gan cor asta: an muir-galra b'éiríor, nó iao beir ag cur aithne ar a céile, mar níor ceannuigeaó ear don trí cinn aithne oíob ó'n tuine céatna; áct ní cúisse ar an sgeib eall iao ná o'eiríis siad com haéraic le sgata peileacáin, agus gan fonn ar don dá éad oíob tui an bealaic céatna, áct a éoil péim as gac ceann aca!

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Muair bíodair istis i gscró agaimn, agus ní gan móran dá tuadú cuirfeadú isteaic iao, fiafruigeaó do'n mhuirinneac, (nac raib don meiríreac ag baint leis faoi seo), fiafruigeaó de cé mar éiríthe an turas fairrse leis.

"Ué!" ar seisean, agus bí uac an báis ar a éadon fós, "ué!" ar seisean, "ar iteas de bíad agus ar ólas de deoc le cúis lá, is san ngalún taosgea sin atá!"

Níor cuirfeadú i gceill do'n fear boct a bí n-a luige le tinneas fairrse ó o'págamar calaó, cé'n maoréam deáirnaó sé as feadbas a cúro maraíreacta!

Cuadamar isteaic i oteaic aoiéacta. Ní mé cé méao pebla éar an Muirinneac Meiríreac; ní mé cé méao deoc o'ól sé; áct éainic sé cúise péim go breas, agus ní faoi go raib a meiríreac agus a éiríthe ag an bpeir boct arís ear éis na fairrse.

Cualamar=== ag an bpeir boct arís ear éis na fairrse Cualamar é ag cur de agus ag deáirna gaisce ar a seannós áluinn péim i seómra eile, le comhlúadar nua nár aithis é.

marac eisean, is as tóim an puill báirte, béad an báo agus a raib inni! ní raib fear mara ó éarn néio go cuan daoi cóim maí leis! Sead, marac eisean, is ar leacraib iprinn béad a gcháma gá róstao anois! Ué! an éad a tóimic an fáirre mór istead éar bóro orra! an éad ar élis an bátoir le eagla na heagla!

Bí ormsa greim maíe coimneál ar an mbátoir amuis, nó béad sé n-a ár istig roir é féim agus muinnead meiréad na mbréas. lean mo thúine dá éuro camnte:

Sead, a thúine, nuair táimic an tonn mór istead céaro a rinne an bátoir aet a greim a sgarleat ve'n halmátoir! Éosaig air as paroreóiread—

"Aet maíoir liomsa," ars an muinnead meiréad maíortead, "rugas ar an halmátoir, bíos i mbearna an baogail ar iompú ro boise, stríocas na seolta, sáiteas ceann an báro istead i n-éadan na gaoite, agus bí linn annsin! Aet an cladaire sin ve bátoir, aet a bpuige mé greim air!"

"A tigearna!" ars an bátoir agus é as iarraíó uil istead leis an mac bréasac istig éur dá éreoir, "a tigearna!" ar seisean "agus an muir-galra bí air ar fearó an ama!"

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Bí orm féim agus muinnead meiréad na caoraig beaga fiaóaine sléibe ceannais seisean i gConnamara éabairt linn go uí a éad síú nó éuro ve'n bealac ar aon éuma.

Éar énoicib garba boirne bí oraimn a uil leó. Cloca! cloca! cloca! sílpeá ná éreapó coimnín féim greim o'fáigil sna pásaigib fiaóaine sin. An bótar atá as uil éar na maolénocuib seo, tá an oiread lúb agus casaó ann is béad i n-eascom i mboisga. agus ní raib aet an beirt asaimn leis an bpuice caorac sléibe tiomáint gan cú gan gádar gan maora lá buíde brotalla—an misce dom inneaet go raib an muinnead meiréad suas le pice cloc meatócan?

Éuadamar leat-míle slíge: aet cá raib an beirt fear aimsire a bí leis na caoraig tiomáint a baile uó? a mbalac ná a noac ní raib le feiceál. Sead uil ar asaró go gcasparóe linn iao, ní raib le véanam aet é.

Bí an lá as eirge níos brotallaige. Bí na caoraig beaga sléibe as eirge níos mí-shuaimnise agus níos mí-ríalta—cáo éuise go mbéad orra a leitéro sin o' aistear éabairt a leitéro sin ve lá?

Éuair caora beag sgofánta éar cláro uaimn ar a gno féim. síú an mac seo n-a uiaíó. Aet ní túisge mise iméighe, ná léim trí cinn eile éar an sro'tán an taob eile slíge, agus an fear mór i mbárr a anma n-a noiaíó agus gac aon lúig agus mallacé as. Nuair o' eirig leis na caoraig a éasao, éuair cos leis i bpoll móna, agus nuair síl sé i éarraingt aníos, éuair an cos eile i b'ástó go raib sé go glúnaib san mboídar-uise bréan! is annsin éualas an veág-éisteas ar a luét aimsire, ó muinnead meiréad na feóla, ná táimiceat n-a coime! D'ionsantaé an feic annsin é, a éadan mór veary plucaé as cur braonaca móra alluis, buile agus mire air, agus é n-a éasam san uise as inneaet tomsa cé'n báramail a bí aise ar éaraigib sléibe, ar luét a noiolta, agus ar luét aimsire cóim maíe.

An éara beag sgofánta sin o'iméig uaimn i tosaé táimic smaimeat eile n-a ceann. O'péac sí uaiti go truaighealac éar na cloca móra glasa. Bí an áit casamail le n-a tír uíteais féim; as ceapao gur ar a póo féim a bí sí, gá ceapao bí an éara beag, mar síú as léimnig le ácas í, ó éarraig go carraig, ar nós gabair allta. síú na cinn eile n-a uiaíó, agus an puadar céatona púta. síú é an muinnead meiréad n-a noiaíó síú arís, agus é gá mallacéad. . . .

Nuair o'eirig liomsa an éaro a éasao uó, labair sé go uéaracéad:

"A uiaíail! nác ormsa atá an tart!"

"Tá srutlán glan glé annsin," aoeirimse.

Ní uisge a bí uairó, aet ó bí an thúine boet beagnac marb le tart, sín sé féim ar a bolg gur leis sé siar an srutlán bóead, agus a raib o'uisge ann!

Gá slúgao siar a bí an muinnead, nác raib aon meiróir as baint leis faoi seo, nuair clumeat an glóir anoir:

"Dá mbéinnse mo bátoir is veas a snámpaimn an fáirrege anonn. . . ." aoeiread fear.

"Up! up!" aoeiread an fear eile le n-a éapall. Beirt fear aimsire an muinnig meiróir a bí ann; iao ar leat-meisse, trucaill aca agus dá éad an bótar leó!

is beag ná taetao an muinnead meiréad le mire agus le uisge an tsrutlán. Cuiread istead sa trucaill é agus é as bagairt ar a beirt fear aimsire ar fearó an ama. . . .

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Nuair a bí béile maíe caíte asaimn i toig an muinnig meiróir, buail an beirt asaimn amac go gcasparóe an éaro caorac sin ro saotruigeamar go cráirte. Casaó linn iao le pionnpuaracé an trátnóna agus an beirt fear aimsire gá ttreóiread, agus as canao amháin uóib féim gan beann aca ar an saogal. Aet má casaó, ní pice caorac a bí aca aet oet gcinn véas!

Uubraó go bríogmar leó go raib dá éara caillte aca Cuiread i gceill uóib go veas réro cé'n toirigeadé atá roir pice agus oet-veas, mar véanpao oíre sgoile. Aet ní raib aon maíe ann. Éraic thúine aca a éeann. Cumil an fear eile bas dá smig. Bí na caoraig annsin as a máistir oíreac mar éus seisean uóib iao!

"Cé'n maíe beic a' camnt a máistir? nác 'in asao ro éuro caorac annsin, 'c uile éeann aca?"

"Dá éara a éailleat!" ars an fear eile; "preit a thúine! Dá mba tréao feileacán uub beiríre tomsa le tiomáint oíreac toirca, ceann uóib ní éalócaó uaim—uiaíal ceann!"

Bí an oiread buile ar an bpeir mór gur caill sé an camnt ar fao.

"Upuil fíos a'o céaro a éarla, a máistir," ars an éaro fear, "na connacéat beic ró-glic uuit: ceannais tú pice caora ceart go leór, aet níor éus na cneamairib ó connacé aet oet gcinn véas uuit!" buail sé leatóg ar a éeáramain, agus leis sé a éeansaire gáiríó.

Ní leigpao an náire camnt an muinnig meiróir éur síos annseo nuair puairamair an dá éara éuair ar puarream go sásta leataoib na slíge. Aet puair a luét aimsire a gcuir féim ve ar éad ar bié. . . .

Ní cloispeir bréas ná aipéis uair arís ar an saogal seo; go raó sé as véanam ginn agus spóirt imeas na naom!

(A Críoc.)

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Despite that "An t-Oglach" is considerably increased in size this week, we have been obliged to hold over a number of articles for want of space. The final instalment of "The Army Code" and the Information Bureau will appear in our next issue, together with "Shrapnel."

Our next issue will also contain a number of humorous pictures specially drawn for the Army Journal by Officer artists. It will, in effect, be another Christmas issue—but still without any increase in price.

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GLIMPSES OF 1798.

Exclusive Extracts from the Correspondence of Dublin Castle.

NOW FIRST PUBLISHED.

It was wonderfully good binding on these old volumes, but after 125 years kicking about in store cellars, it is beginning to give up the ghost. The stout calf has become brittle and crumbles at a touch.

The vellum pages of the interiors of these books, however, is still toughly maintaining its own, and the writing, though yellowing with age, is amazingly clear and readable. Good writing was little short of a fine art in those far-off days, and the ability to achieve "a round clerkly hand" was a passport to thousands of safe and comfortable, if somewhat dull positions.

Two Thousand Lashes.

In spite of pessimistic utterances to the contrary, humanity has travelled far since the close of the eighteenth century. This is made abundantly clear from the British military correspondence with Dublin Castle in 1798. Some of the sentences in the old courtmartial records are appalling in their stark brutality. Soldiers were sentenced to one thousand lashes for comparatively trivial offences, and in one case, at least, to two thousand lashes. The Lord Lieutenant of the period thought the latter sentence overstepped the mark a trifle, and reduced the number of lashes to the more common figure of one thousand.

Grisly "Clemency."

There would seem to have been a good many deserters from the British forces in Ireland during 1798. If captured, the punishment was not always death; it was sometimes worse, as witness the following example of the Lord Lieutenant's "clemency":—

"Dublin Castle, August, 1798.

"To Lieut. Col. Browne,
5th Dragoons, Laughlinstown.

"Sir,—The Lord Lieutenant having taken into consideration the Proceedings of the Court Martial held upon Peter Kelly, a Private in the King's County Militia, is disposed, in consideration of his having surrendered himself and brought back his arms and ammunition, to mitigate the sentence pronounced upon him, to service for life, wherever his Majesty shall be pleased to order. **And His Excellency desires that such mitigation and the motive may not be known to Peter Kelly until everything shall be prepared for his execution at Laughlinstown Camp and the prisoner conceives himself on the point of suffering.**"

[The black lettering is ours.]

A Delicate Matter.

Immediately preceding this shining illustration of Viceregal humanity, in a volume labelled "Cavalry Letters," is a note from General Lake, whose name will be familiar to all students of the history of 1798. It is addressed to "Colonel Earl of Roden, 1st Fen. Dns., Wexford," is dated 3rd July, 1798, and reads as follows:—

"My Lord,—I have the honor to receive and to communicate to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, your Lordship's letter of the 29th past. Considering that the horses which were captured from the Rebels by Sir Charles Asgill were obtained by *Plunder*, and chiefly the property of loyal subjects, the appropriation of them becomes a subject of delicate consideration, but as they are at present lost to their owners, and that some compensation can be made for such as shall be employed for the use of Government, His Excellency has permitted me to write to Sir Chas. Asgill on the subject, who will report what number of horses are fit for mounting the Cavalry; and it will give me peculiar satisfaction on every occasion depending upon me to meet your Lordship's wishes, and to manifest the respect with which I have the honor to be my Lord,

It is obvious that the redoubtable General Lake dearly loved a Lord, and it is rather aggravating that the gentleman who copied his epistle into the volume of Cavalry Letters omits to state what the General had the honor to be, contenting himself with a laconic if not somewhat disrespectful "&c., &c."

They Needed Horses.

The Cavalry seemed to need a constant supply of horses in that eventful year, as the volume in question contains a large number of claims from Cornets and others for compensation for horses "lost in action." And Dublin Castle was very slow about allowing compensation without full particulars as to how the horses came to be "lost in action."

In fact, the Castle seems to have scanned every claim for compensation very closely. After the "Races of Castlebar" the heroes of that record sprint were continually dunning the Army headquarters for arms and equipment to replace all that they had thrown away in their frantic flight. But the 6th Dragoon Guards, who were the heroes in question, would seem to have lost caste with the powers that were at the Castle, and some very snuffy letters passed on the subject, it being eventually decided to make them pay for everything they had discarded.

"The Races of Castlebar."

The authorities' opinion of the 6th Dragoon Guards is pretty plainly conveyed in the following letter from the Lord Lieutenant's Secretary to Thos. Chapman of that Regiment under date of November 10th, 1798:—

"Sir,—I have had the honor to lay before Lord Cornwallis your letter of the 6th inst., and am directed to acquaint you that as from your own statement you were not with the 6th Regiment of Dragoon Guards at Castlebar, or during the Retreat, His Excellency does not think that there can be any grounds for directing your conduct to be investigated by a General Court Martial.

"With regard to what was stated in my letter to the Secretary at War as to the conduct of the Regiment at Castlebar, and during the subsequent retreat, I am directed to acquaint you that His Excellency's opinion was founded not only in consequence of the reports made to him by Lieut. General Lake, Major Generals Hutchinson and Trench, but also

from personal observations on the march towards Tuam, parties of the Regiment having come into Athlone without orders and spreading alarm, and the roads being covered with stragglers from the Regiment, whose conduct to the inhabitants of the country was represented to His Excellency to have been on many occasions most disgraceful and irregular—unfortunately, however, too late to enable him to ascertain the persons by whom these enormities were committed, or the particular officer under whose command they should have been—one excepted (Lieut. De Payson) who, for reasons which cannot be unknown to you, we permitted to resign rather than abide the sentence of General Court Martial.

"The reasons stated in my letter to the Secretary at War appear to His Excellency such as fully to justify his directing that no allowance shall be made to Regiment for the Baggage and Accoutrements lost at Ballinamuck."

And that finished the affair of the gallant Sixth Dragoons, so far as His Excellency was concerned.

(To be continued.)

BEREAVEMENTS.

The sympathy of the Army goes out to General Mulcahy, the Minister for Defence, and to Col. Mulcahy, O/C Artillery, in the bereavement which they have sustained by the death of their father, Mr. Patrick Mulcahy.

Sympathy is also widespread with Commandant General Piarais Beaslai on the death of his father, for many years Editor of the "Catholic Times."



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dár b'ainm mac an leaíá. Dúbaire sé liom gur ó dhúine
i gcónaí an éalaíó d'fógluim sé péim é.

AN CRAOIBÍN.

A Úrísio a stóir ná glac cóimairle ó éinne,
tar anois liom-sa go tír na n-éalaíó,
nó muna dtéisir rácaó pá éleibíú
a'sus fanfaó ann go mbéiró clúim ar m'éalaíó.

A Úrísio a stóir ná pós, tusa, seanúine,
a't pós fear ós is é is fearra dúit.
Dearfaíó sé pós no uó ar maidin dúit
a'sus ná fad siar a's iarraíó airíó.²

Is truaí a Úrísio nac bás do fuaireas
sul a dtug mé gráó com muar³ dúit,
o'fás tú m'innim claoiríte buaíóearta
mar an crann croíain⁴ 's an fáoí 'sá luasgaó.

Do fceall tú daí-sa 's do rinn tú bréas liom
go mberíóeá liom-sa go veireadó an tsaoíal seo.⁵
Do leig mé fead a'sus míle glaoó ort.
—ní fuaireas róim a't uaim a' méiríú.

Do fad tú éam go dorca veíóeannac,
's do fad tú éam, is solus an laé ann.
Dá dtuicpá isteaó a'sus teacó do m' fíeáicint
beaó leigéas go bráó ar mo fálac péime.⁶

nótaí :—¹ní' mé cinnte cia an focal do bí aise annso. ²mise
do cuir an líne seo isteaó. ³muar=mór. ⁴crann croíain
=an aspen tree. ⁵éalaíó mé an líne a's uime eile mar so "go
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OUR CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.

The Successful Essays—Standard of Entries for N.C.O.'s and Men the Higher— Adjudicator's Report.

With reference to the recent competitions in "An t-Oglach," the three Officers who acted as Adjudicating Committee send in the following report:—

1. The standard of entries for "MY IDEAL SOLDIER" competition was higher than that of "MY IDEAL OFFICER." All the essays were good, but many were marred by a tendency to sermonise or by unnecessary elaboration. The two essays selected for prizes were characterised by their simplicity, directness and realism.

2. The standard of the essays on "MY IDEAL OFFICER" was poor, and left much to be desired. That selected for the first prize was the outstanding essay. Owing to the level standard of the others, we found it difficult to decide on which to confer the second prize.

Note by Editor—If it is decided to award a second prize in the officer competition, the successful article will appear in our next issue. Private A. Devlin, 4th Battn., Military Customs Brigade, Pettigo, is awarded 2nd Prize for his essay on "My Ideal Soldier."

"MY IDEAL OFFICER."

1st Prize—Commandant Coughlan, O/C Army School of Music-Beggar's Bush Barracks, Dublin.

The first duty of an officer in the Irish Army is to fit himself to become a capable leader in war. But it is of almost equal importance that he should be an efficient instructor in peace, for it is on the training given by him to his subordinates in peace that the war efficiency of his unit depends.

Many of the qualities required to fit an officer to be a good leader of his men in war are the same as those required to fit him to be their instructor in peace. To fill either rôle with success he requires a clear mind and a strong character which commands the respect of his subordinates, with whom he should be in close touch and sympathy. He must have sound military knowledge, which can only be gained in peace by a study of how military situations have been dealt with in the past, and practice in thinking out and deciding how best to meet definite military problems with which he is likely to be confronted in war. He needs imagination in order to have the power of anticipating probable future requirements and developments, and organising ability in order to make the necessary provision to meet them. He must have a good eye for the use of ground, a capacity for promptly grasping a situation in all its bearings, and for coming at once to a correct decision, which he must be able to translate forthwith into clear and concise orders. To fit him for his duties as a leader in war he must, in addition, have practice in handling troops in the field. He also needs a healthy body, capable of long continued exertion, a capacity for overcoming difficulties, and for always appearing confident and cheerful, and finally a cultivated will-power and determination strong enough to impress itself on his men in the stress of battle.

He should be an efficient instructor, inasmuch as not only having knowledge of all the subjects which have to be taught, but he must know how to impart that knowledge in a form that will interest those to whom he is imparting same.

Since the facilities and capacity for study and the individuality of each officer varies in each case, it is impossible to fix any definite standard of military knowledge necessary for our officers; but an officer first of all should have a thorough knowledge of all the details of his own unit, and then of his own branch or department of the Army; and also have a fair knowledge of the functions and methods of action of the other branches or departments, so that he may realise the co-operation that is necessary between all branches of the Army in peace and in war.

The standard of discipline required of an officer should be very high, inasmuch as the discipline of his Unit depends largely on his example in that respect. He should give ready and unquestioning obedience to his superior officers, and render such obedience from a sense of duty rather than through the fear of punishment, or by habit made instinctive from constant practice, though the latter is a very important factor in producing discipline.

In the enforcement of the discipline of his Unit, he should endeavour to create the spirit of cheery and willing obedience, not the slavish servile compliance with orders. He should only give orders that are absolutely necessary, and those should not, if possible, be either objectionable in matter or in manner. He should not take pleasure in giving orders through a desire to magnify his own importance, for he will develop a domineering habit which will lead to tyranny and incite insubordination.

The personal influence and example of officers are most valuable factors of character-training, as well as of discipline and efficiency. It is necessary, therefore, for an officer to so influence his men, and retain their confidence, that he himself be of good character.

He should have such a spirit of pride in his Corps or Department as would forbid him to bring discredit upon it or his comrades either by neglect of duty, or by lapses from good conduct when off duty.

He should deem it an honour to wear the uniform of an officer of the Army, and carry himself at all times, even in private life, in a manner which will gain the admiration and respect of not only his comrades, but of the general public. In connection with the latter, an officer should remember that it is necessary to retain the confidence of the people. He should, therefore, be clean, smart, and tidy as a matter of habit at all times; respectful and obedient to those in positions of civil as well as military authority; and considerate and courteous not only to his comrades, but to all with whom he may come in contact. He should be unselfish, and morally as well as physically fearless, not only as a soldier, but under all circumstances. He should be punctual, conscientious, and exact in the performance of his personal obligations, however small, as well as in the performance of his military duties.

He should know the history of his country, speak or learn to speak the National language, encourage the regular practice of athletic games, and maintain, despite all political controversies, the proper national outlook, as a soldier serving his country.

He should, in short, be a soldier and a man, worthy of the traditions of the Irish race.

"MY IDEAL SOLDIER."

1st Prize—2130 Vol. William MacSweeney, No. 4 Ward, St. Bricin's Hospital (46th Infantry Battalion, Donegal Command).

Training.

My ideal soldier would, in the first case, have enlisted with the best motives—a high sense of patriotism and duty. Therefore, he would take a keen interest in his training, paying earnest attention to his instructors. He would be anxious to learn for his own sake, his object being to get over the elementary stages in order to reach the more interesting work. He would keep himself fit by participating in all sports, having a natural liking for handball, Gaelic football, etc. He would not be averse to practising in the Barrack

Room, choosing for his chum a decent fellow with tastes like his own.

They would work together at rifle exercise, drill, etc., one performing and one correcting faults. This example would be followed by their brother soldiers, who are taking an interest in their work. Good reading, particularly history, would pass some of the soldier's spare hours.

Discipline.

My ideal soldier would look upon discipline as a restraint imposed on him by a superior authority for his own benefit, and would realise that, without it, an army is little better than an unorganised rabble. As a point of honour, he would restrain many impulses, which in civilian life he might give way to. His motto would be punctuality and unhesitating obedience.

Discipline has no terrors for the trier. My soldier will have no dread of it, rather will he appreciate the respect it inculcates. Respecting his superior officers he, in turn, will be respected. This feeling in a unit makes things very pleasant for everyone in it.

Discipline spells disaster and ends in detention only for the careless and slovenly fellow. He will read and make himself acquainted with orders and conversant with the duties for which he may be detailed. Being an Irishman, his sense of humour will enable him to make light of many little things which worry the "grouser." Attaining a good standard of discipline will pave the way to many little privileges denied to the slacker.

Efficiency.

Of what use is the inefficient soldier to the Irish Army? My ideal soldier will answer, "None whatever." Rather is he a drag on an otherwise smooth-running machine.

What must I do to become efficient?

To this question there is only one answer: Study, practise, persevere.

The good soldier will pay careful attention to his instructors and ask questions on anything of which he has doubts. The instructor will be only too pleased to help anyone whom he sees really anxious to learn. My soldier will want to be the best and smartest in his squad or company, and will spare no pains to become a useful and valued member of his unit, besides qualifying for promotion.

General Conduct.

This is a most important thing, since an Army is invariably judged by the outside behaviour of its members by a critical and interested public. The soldier must be clean and neatly dressed on all occasions. A man who takes an interest in his appearance will make a point of being well groomed, more so when he realises that uniform always attracts attention. Nothing looks better than a smart soldier in "green," and nothing looks worse than a slovenly soldier in "grime." The general public will always apply to a soldier for information as to this train or that train in preference to asking a civilian.

So my soldier must exercise that which with most Irishmen is a gift, namely, a courteous manner. It gives one a pleasant feeling to know that people rely on one to set them right and is a tribute to one's intelligence. He will have no part in rowdy meetings or street brawls. He should remember that the honour of "Óglaigh na hÉireann" rests with him, and that he is going to uphold it, that by good example and gentlemanly bearing he will do much to make himself "An Ideal Soldier."

The funeral of Sergt. H. McCrory, Military Police, native of Dungannon, stationed at North Dublin Union, took place on Monday last, 10th December, from St. Bricin's Hospital. The remains were interred in Glasnevin Cemetery with full Military Honours. Amongst those present were Col. F. Henry, A.A.G. (3), and Comdt. M. Duffy. Provost Marshal, G.H.Q.

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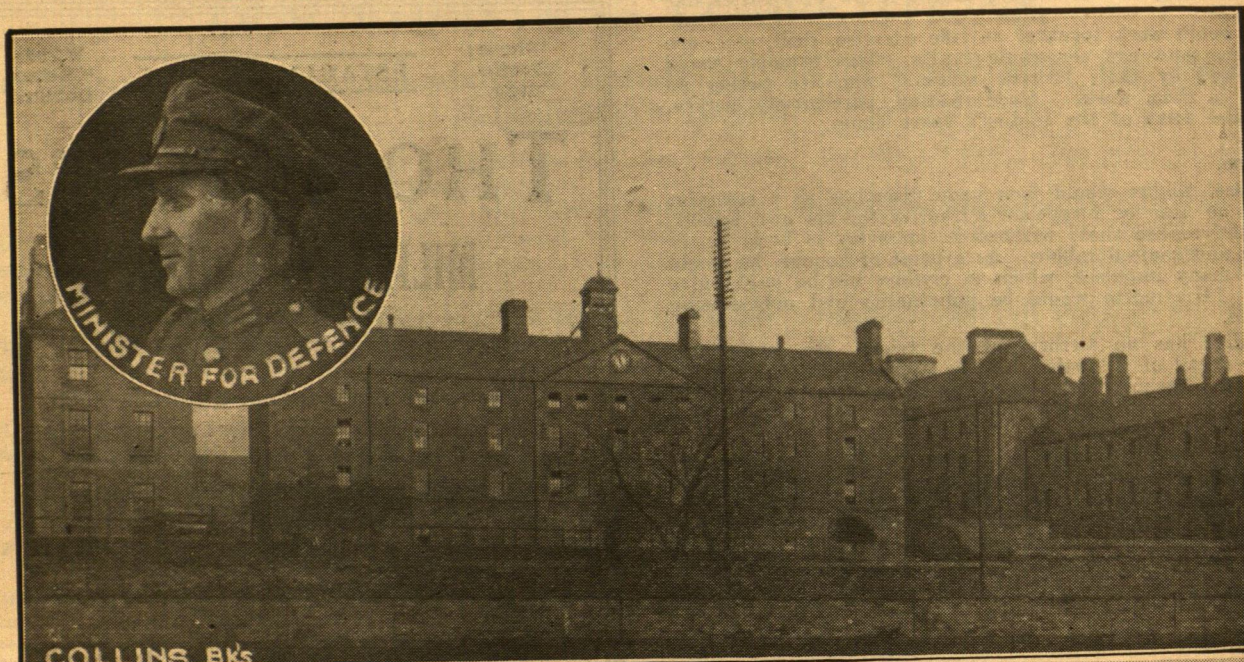
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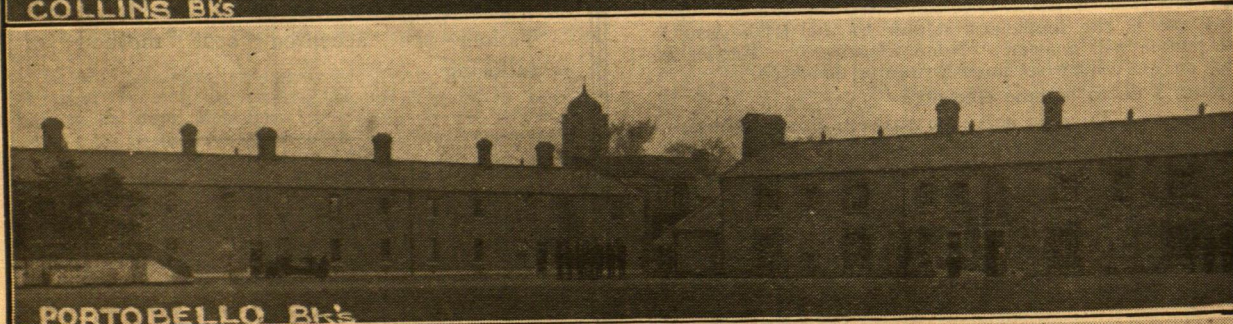
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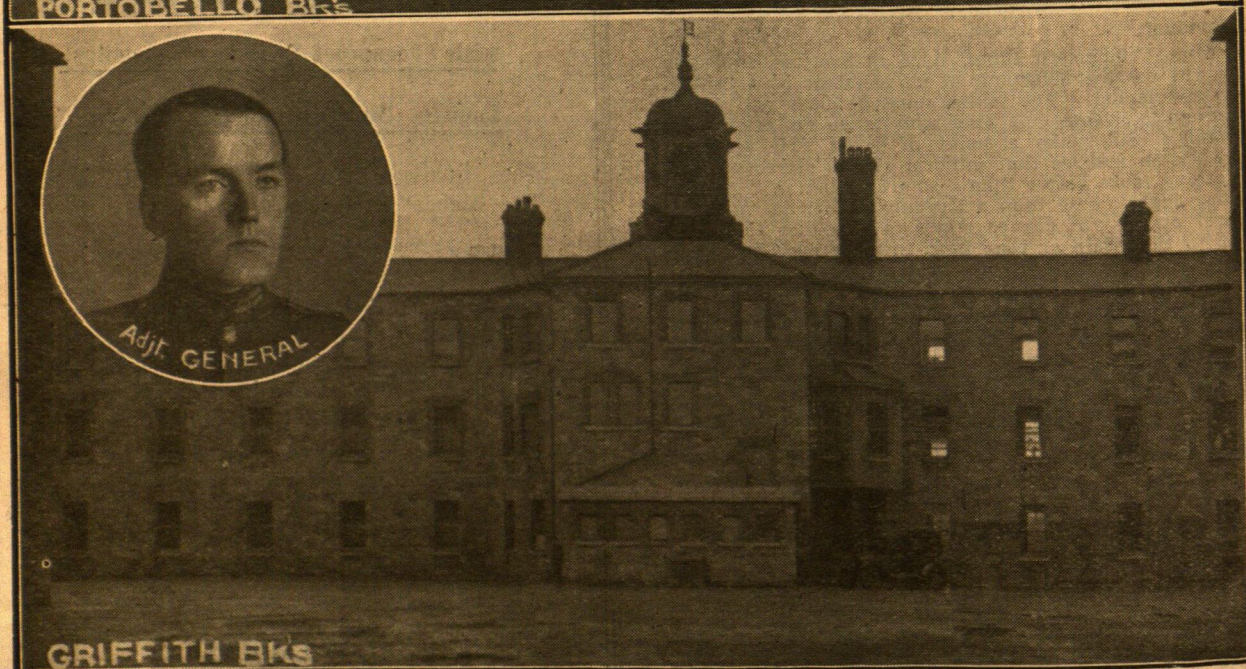




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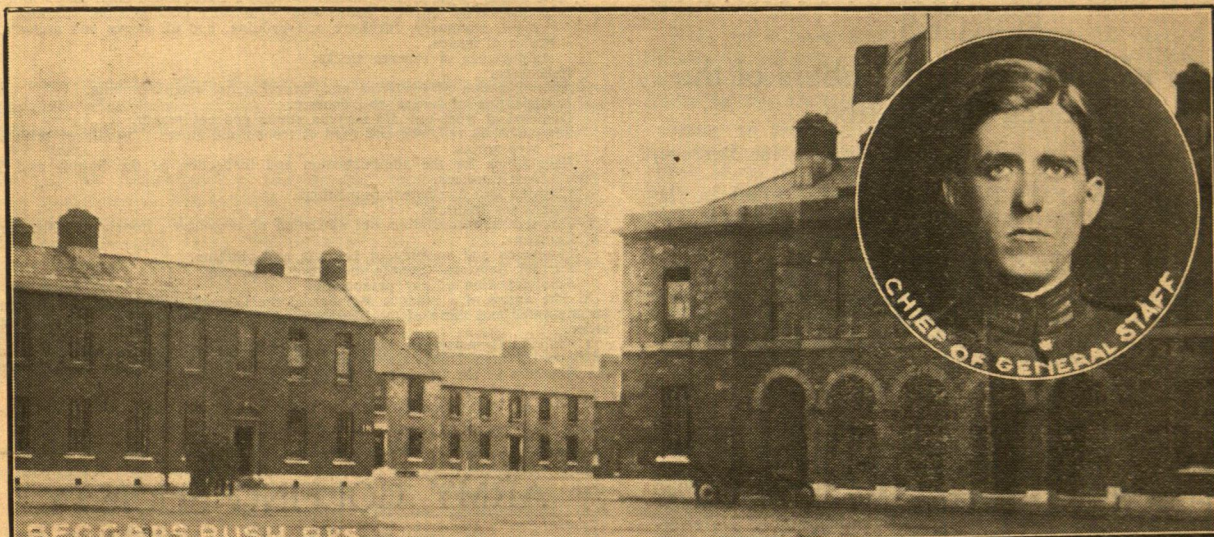


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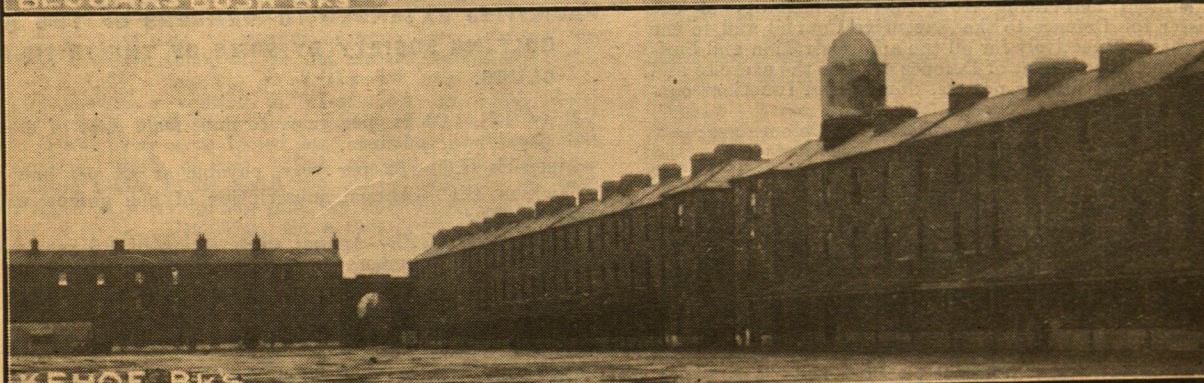


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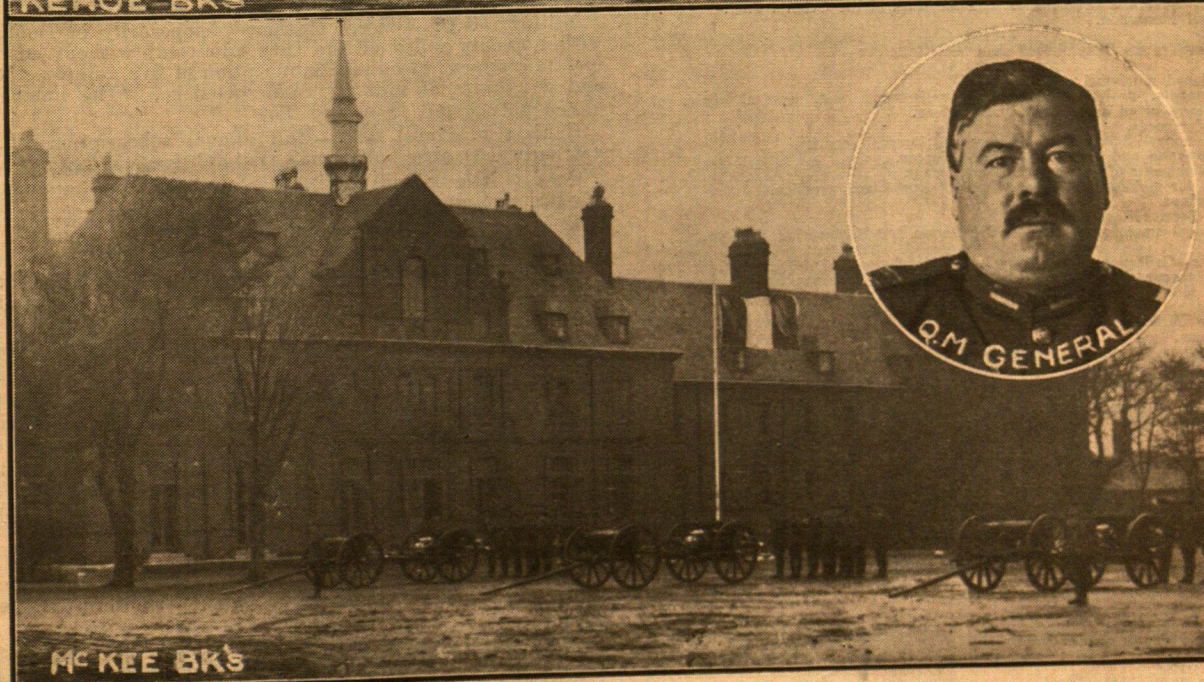
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DEFENCE FORCES IRELAND

COMMAND OF THE NATIONAL FORCES.

Duties of the Military Members of the Council of Defence.

Defence Order No. 38, issued by the Minister for Defence, under date 1st December, 1923, is as follows:—

1. The Command of the National Forces is vested in the Executive Council and exercised through the Minister for Defence in accordance with the following Section 236 of the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923:—

“The Command-in-chief of and all executive and administrative powers in relation to the National Forces (including the power to delegate authority to such persons as may be thought fit) shall be vested in the Executive Council and exercised through and in the name of the Minister.”

2. A Council of Defence has been created for the purpose of assisting the Minister for Defence, in accordance with the following paragraph 2 of Executive Council Order, No. 11, of 1923:—

“There shall be and there is hereby constituted a Council of Defence to assist the Minister for Defence in the administration of the business of the Department of Defence but without derogating from the responsibility of the Minister for Defence to the Executive Council and to the Oireachtas respectively for all the administration and business of the Department of Defence and for the exercise and performance of all the powers, duties, and functions connected therewith.”

3. The Military Members of the Council of Defence are:—
The Chief of Staff.
The Adjutant General.
The Quartermaster General.

They are the heads of Departments for the proper administration of which they are respectively responsible direct to the Minister for Defence. Their Departments collectively constitute the General Headquarters of the Army and are at the same time branches of the Ministry of Defence.

4. The Chief of Staff, in addition to being responsible for the due performance of the duties assigned below to the General Staff, is also responsible to the Minister for:—

- (i) The proper co-ordination of the work of the Adjutant General's and Quartermaster General's Departments with the work of the General Staff.
- (ii) General Inspection.

5. The duties of the General Staff shall be as follows:—

Commissioned personnel:

Appointments, promotions, transfers, retirements and personal affairs of Officers of all departments and services.

Officers' records.

Military policy—Schemes for defence and internal security.

Organisation and distribution of the Forces.

Establishments of personnel and equipment.

Plans for mobilisation. Movements of troops and supplies.

Operations.

Field Service Regulations.

Uses and employments of the Air, Marine and Engineering Services.

Intelligence—Collection, compilation and distribution of intelligence, including topographical information and mapping. Censorship. Reports on the Military situation.

Training—Military education of Officers and the military efficiency of the Forces.

Supervision of military schools and courses of instructions.

Preparation of training books and notes.

Military Libraries.

Intercommunication.

Bands.

6. The duties of the Adjutant General's Department shall be as follows:—

Non-commissioned personnel:—

Recruiting for all branches of the Forces, fraudulent enlistment, promotions, transfers, desertions and discharges. Casualties, Funerals and Burials.

Distinctions and Badges.

Records and Statistics. Personal services. Education. Training of clerks.

Discipline—Administration of military and martial law.

Detention of prisoners.

Supervision of military detention barracks.

Military police measures.

Interior economy, routine in camps and barracks, except barrack services.

Scrutiny of unit routine orders.

Medical services (except premises and medical stores). Invaliding and Sanitation.

Spiritual Welfare—Chaplains.

Ceremonial. Dress Regulations.

7. The duties of the Quartermaster General's Department shall be as follows:—
Supplies—Food, forage, fuel, light, water and disinfectants, clothing, equipment, stationery, furniture and bedding, and all stores and animals.
Scales of issues.
Maintenance of reserve stocks.
Purchases.
Administration of Factories and Experimental establishments.
Investigation of losses and damage.
Disposal of worn-out and surplus stores and equipment.
Transport by rail, sea and road of troops and stores. Supply of vehicles and accessories.
Regulations for the administration and inspection of the Supply and Transport Services.
Clothing and equipment regulations.
Veterinary matters.
Quarters—appropriation and allocation of premises. Repair and Maintenance.
Canteens.
Laundries and washing of bedding and clothing.
Barrack Services—Supply and Store accounting.
Administration of pay personnel.
8. The duties of a Finance Member of the Council of Defence who will in time be appointed and those of the Secretary of the Ministry will be indicated in a later order.
9. Officers Commanding Units, Corps and Services will be responsible for the efficiency of their Units, Corps and Services respectively to the Minister through the Members of the Council of Defence.

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A BALLYKINLAR MEMORY.

One wise man in the Ballykinlar internment camp made the sapient observation: "In order to keep yourself sane in a place of this sort, you have to go insane in some way." And we had.

Some of us developed a mania for inventing incredible stories; some went Chess-mad; and the rest of us adopted various other forms of mental aberration. A strange psychological fact emerged from the consideration of the different kinds of insanity that afflicted us; and that was the prevalence of what I may call the "feminine" type in fads.

It must have been due to our having to live in a womanless world; but undoubtedly the hobbies that were most favoured in the Camp were those that we are especially accustomed to associate with the Superior Sex.

Perhaps it was the working of the eternal Law of Balances that persists all through Nature. For, no matter what the cynics said, we did miss the women. My fellow hutsman, John Bonner, was responsible for the cruel aphorism that "All the married men in this camp were released the day that they were arrested, and they will be re-arrested the day they are released." But that was only the jaundiced sarcasm of an incipient old bachelor! True, it was pleasant to feel that there was no danger of your being abused for not having a clean collar, or for not wearing a collar at all, and that a rigid censorship stood between you and the indignity of getting a talking to for the way in which poor, innocent, simple man that you are known to be in the domestic circle, you were fooled by the factor that sold you your winter's supply of coal. But you would have put up with a lot of abuse to be saved the weary scrubbing of your woollen shirt on washing day and the long-drawn-out rinsing of a pair of socks. Decidedly, there is a great deal of truth in my favourite quotation from Seumas MacManus that "a woman is an uncommonly handy thing about a house."

In Ballykinlar, however, the species did not exist, except in the form of the ghost of an Ulster Division "W.A.A.C." that used to be seen sometimes meandering about in the middle of the night. On the 5th January, 1921, I heard the sound of a woman's voice from the rosy lips of the barmaid at the County Down Railway Station at Belfast. As Mangan would say, "I heard it once a little while, and then no more,"—to the 9th of May following. On that day, when I was finally escorted outside the wires of our cage, I called at a house to ask the road to Dundrum. A woman came to the door, and for a moment I stood thrilled by the dulcet tones of her voice. It was as if I had been born on a desert island, and had never heard music until the

full rich notes of a great organ broke on my enraptured ears. Yet she spoke but the harsh Doric accent of my own Ulster!

Well, as I have said, we made up for the absence of the women by adopting their conceits. So the prisoners took to making vanity bags and rings and other knick-knacks beloved by the female of the species.

Many of these pursuits were fairly harmless; but one feminine craze that became prevalent was a sore affliction to those of us whom it had not affected. This was the cultivation of Autograph Books. I had been accustomed to associate Autograph Books with Convent School girls in the Middle Grade of the Intermediate and with pretty little "J.A.M.'s" in National Schools. So my astonishment can be guessed when, for the first time, a bearded desperado in Ballykinlar handed me one of these inventions of the Evil One "to write a few lines in, if you please!"

I soon found that the case was not an isolated one; and in a few weeks the disease appeared to have spread all over the Camp. The most unexpected sort of people seemed to have sent home for dainty little books, and they went round the "compound" seizing on their fellows, and making them write "something" in them. I have seen, with my own eyes, Autograph Books in the possession of gunmen from Clare and County Councillors from Westmeath, poets from Dublin, and captains of Industry from Lanesboro'. Even that home of all the Virtues and abode of all Wisdom and Knowledge—Hut 14—did not escape the foul contagion. Dick Davis certainly had an Autograph Book; and though Henry Dixon never had the courage to produce his in my presence, I have no doubt that he had one concealed in his mattress.

What a terror these books must have been for the really important people in the Camp can hardly be guessed. Even such a humble person as myself—a little, pettifogging, humdrum country attorney that I was—could hardly walk round the "compound" without being held up and having one of these books thrust into my hands. How much greater must have been the peril from them to which were exposed distinguished people like our Commandant, Joe McGrath, and the other T.D.'s and such. Sometimes I struck back at my tormentors. Thus, one prisoner handed me a book, and seeing on the front page of it the inscription "To dear Joe with love from Grace," I wrote in it:

TO GRACE

(Whoe'er she be who has added to our torments in this "cage" by sending in another Autograph Book).

1.

Fair thou mays't be and beauteous to behold,
Endowed with every charm and every grace;
With eyes that gleam like children's when they're told
Some wondrous legend of that fairy race,
That dwelt in Erin once and may come back,
When bad old Johnnie Bull has "got the sack."

2.

I never saw thee, but I'd fain allow
Thy beauty, goodness and all the rest.
Still it seems strange—not easy to see how—
One good and fair should seek to mar the rest
Of me and other folk's on Hamar's books,
Whose lives are tortured by these Auto' Books.

But it was all no good. Sarcasm, vituperation, indignation, oburgation, appeals and prayers alike failed to save me from my pursuers, and so I had to continue during my whole stay in the Camp writing doggerel and signing my name. The next time I go to jail, when "the other fellow" comes on top and District Justices are being retired without pensions, I shall make a special appeal to the proper authority (under Document No. 2) that I may be sent to some penitentiary where Autograph Books are strictly contraband.

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Facilities from other clubs will be published in due course.

Army Golfing Society.—Tralee Cup won by Lieut. Walters,

St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin.



OUR CHESS COLUMN.

In a previous issue I promised to give a few notes on Consultation play. The big advantage of this type of game is that it trains you to give the whys and wherefores of your suggested moves—to give of your best subsequent to your advice being refused. To refrain from the irritating "I told you so" when some reverse takes place.

Suppose there are twelve players in the Club and six boards. Two of the best players pick a team each, and take three boards each. Each team leader then fixes up a board for the match, and forms his team into a general staff. One man (No. 1) is told off to record the moves—to notify the opposition of moves decided on on his own side, as well as advising. The team leader is responsible for a final look over after move is decided to see that it is not obviously foolish or dangerous. He then communicates the decision to No. 1. No. 1 calls the move clearly to the opposition, who are at the other end of a big room, and gets it repeated for verification. Once the move is called it cannot be recalled, or taken back.

At the second move the general preliminaries have to be considered, and once this is done it is simply a routine matter for a few moves, the team leader being the only one really on the qui vive. Once the opening stages are passed, the team has to decide its general strategy to get down to specialised effort. No. 2 looks out specially for loss or advantages in exchanges; No. 3 for weakness in opponent's position or his own, and for any possible sacrifice which might affect such weakness; No. 4 keeps a watchful eye on the general trend of the game, and advises the moment any formation or threatened position nullifies the whole strategy of the attack; No. 5 acts a Liaison Officer between all others. He hears what all have to say, and suggests a move. All vote on it, and majority carries decision. If equal votes, No. 5 gets a casting vote, but he **must** take the cautious move, and cannot launch off into gambits. Not more than an average of five minutes should be allowed per move.

It is an enthralling game, but should be only played once in a while. You can easily while away two or three hours on the one game. The rapidity of the moves early in the game gives you a bigger margin of time later on when the game becomes difficult, and you have to spend time on the spare boards working out variations.

The same plan can be followed in a Correspondence game between two teams. Of course, it is not essential to divide up special activities in the manner described. It is useful to do so, and, if in the end defeat is your portion, you will learn a lot from studying the game and deciding where the fatal mistake was made, and you will, of course, for the next game, sack the leader for not seeing it, and possibly move the man in whose department the mistake was made to another job, except he is able to show that No. 4 should have warned him long since that you were attempting the impossible. When you have "suitably dealt with" the delinquents (by way of six hot coffees or such like) you re-cast the team for the next game.

CHESS NEWS.

G.H.Q. Club meets on Friday night for all members, and on Tuesday for learners and beginners.

It is proposed to apply for affiliation with A.A.A., and an Army Chess League in the National corollary.

G.H.Q. fancies it can turn out a good team. Any Command or Unit that feels like lowering its colours in a five or six-board match should notify the Editor, who will fix up preliminaries.

If the Army is to make any showing at the Tailteann Competition we should be up and doing and getting all the experience we can of playing with various different styles of opponents.

J.P.M.C.

A CHESS COMEDY.

Sean brought his friend, Micheal, home for short leave at Christmas. They were engrossed in a game of Chess near the kitchen stove. Sean's mother was bustling about her duties, and his sisters were looking after the Christmas decorations, and forbade the boys the use of the sitting-room until they were finished. They were keen Chess players and the best of friends. Sean's habit of soliloquising led to the following extraordinary conversation:—

Sean: I'm in a bad mess, Micheal.

Sean's Mother: I thought ye were in the same Mess. What's wrong with the Mess?

Sean: I'll stick it out. I might get Stalemate.

Sean's Mother: Stale mate, indeed! Do you mean bad meat? Even though they only allow you 14/-, they might give ye the little of it good at any rate.

Sean (petulantly): Oh, mother, keep quiet. We'll be finished in a minute, and we'll talk for further orders then.

Sean's Mother: All right, son. I'll not worry you, but what you see in them little wooden horses beats me, and you grown up, too. By the way, what kind of a tie did you bring for Cathal?

Micheal (exuberantly): Check!

Sean's Mother: Glory be! Is it mad the pair of ye are? A check tie, and him going for the Church. I'm afraid ye had more to get in town than the few messages I got Peg to write you about.

Sean: Ah, mother, **do** be quiet. It's hard to be trying to think of two things at once. I don't know what you're talking about, but you've made me lose my Queen.

Sean's Mother: Your Quee, indeed! Do you mean that long, yellow skinny thing that you do be round to dances with. Faith, then, 'tis the good job you've lost her. Was it down a grating by any chance?

Sean: What a fool I am! If I refused the pawn I could get in at the castle with the Knight.

Micheal: You're forgetting the Bishop. He'd stop that little game.

Sean's Mother: What sort of talk is this to be having in the holy Christmas season. I'm glad to see Micheal will be said by the Bishops. 'Tis the big fool you are then, Sean, talking of breaking into Castles by night, like them other people. Be said by Micheal, Sean, and pay attention to the Bishop's word—and, Sean, if you're ever short, write to me. I don't like to see you going into those dirty, rotten pawnshops.

Micheal (softly): Check!

Sean's Mother: Tare and ounds! Burgling castles! and pawnshops! and now cheques! Is it robbing banks you've been? I mean to know this very night all about this business. There's none of my family going to be in the papers for a hold-up. Not if I know it, and you writing home about the fine man the Chaplain was. Fat lot of good he did you. The two of yez'll go over to Father Tom in my presence to-morrow, and make a good General Confession. But before I leave this room to-night I mean to know what it's all about. I wouldn't be surprised if that yellow, scrawny thing was at the bottom of it. She's "modern, and up-to-date," but there's not enough of the new woman about her to pay her own whack, if I know anything, and you with only your soldier's pay. Oh, me poor boy! to let your head be turned by that hussy. Tell me all about it, Sean, and promise me you'll never see her again.

Micheal (soberly): If I know anything about it, Sean, your number's up. It can't be long now before it's a case of mate.

Sean (gloomily): I suppose there's no getting out of it.

Sean's Mother (astonishment, horror, doubt, rage and maternal affection struggling for expression): Is it **marry** that one? (Collapses, to the astonishment and consternation of the boys. She is brought round. There are tears, denials, and explanations. It's the joke of the season for Sean and Micheal, and Sean's mother, for all she takes the inevitable chaffing in good part, has a lurking suspicion that Sean is a bit of a "lad.")

ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Notes from A.A.A. Headquarters—Inter-District Hurling League—Organising of Cross-Country Teams—Photographs of Army Boxing Champions—Boxing Programmes.

A meeting of the Command Athletic Council was held at Command Headquarters on December 4th, the Rev. Father Pigott, C.F., in the chair. Also present:—Colonel Hugh MacNeill, D.A.A.G.; Captain J. Whelan, Hon. Secretary; Captain B. Barry, Hon. Treasurer; and representatives from the following Battalions:—1st, 13th, 33rd, 37th, 45th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 55th, 58th, and Command Headquarters.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts adopted, it was announced that the 49th Infantry Battalion had won the Command Football Championship and Command Headquarters the Hurling Championship.

It was decided to organise an Inter-District Hurling League. The following fixtures in this League were arranged:—

FIRST ROUND.

Naas District v. Dublin District.

At Naas on 9/1/24. Referee, Colonel McGauran, Officer Commanding Mullingar District.

Dundalk v. Command Headquarters.

At Dundalk on 10/1/24. Referee, Comdt. McNally, Quarter-master, Mullingar District.

Mullingar District—a bye.

The question of organising cross-country teams was discussed at length, and it was decided to hold district rallies at Mullingar, Dublin, and Naas on Wednesday, 12th December, with a view to getting the sport well on its feet, before arranging the Command Cross-Country Championships.

Provisional arrangements were made with regard to the Command Boxing Championships. It was decided to hold district tournaments in all districts before Christmas, the winners of such tournaments to meet in the semi-finals in Dublin early in January.

Pte. MacManus, 16th Infantry Battalion, was selected to represent the Command in the contest for the Light-weight Championship of the Army to be held at Portobello Barracks on December 14th.

SPORT IN THE DUBLIN COMMAND.

The Command Council.

The meeting of the Command Athletic Council held on December 4th was in many respects the most satisfactory and encouraging one held for some time past. Reports from the Battalions, and the whole tone of the meeting, went to show that the period of temporary stalemate which set in after the whirlwind enthusiasm of last summer and the All-Army Championships, has terminated at last. Three very important decisions were arrived at by the meeting, which should ensure that those branches of sport which have been hitherto more or less neglected in this Command will now get the "place in the sun" that they deserve.

The Inter-District Hurling League.

The first of these decisions has resulted in the formation of the above League. This should supply a long-felt want to our budding hurlers. Although it is true that our Command Team fought their way victoriously into the All-Army Hurling Final last season, and then only went down after a gallant struggle before those redoubtable wielders of the camán, the lads from Thomond, yet it is quite apparent that the team was not exactly representative of the whole Command. The reason for this is easy to find. While every Battalion was "football-mad," only a few boasted of hurling teams. Many a Battalion had promising young individual hurlers in its ranks, but had not enough to organise a team to play in the Command Championships, with the result that these lads

never got a chance to show their worth. With the formation of the new League everyone should get a fair show, the worst Battalion can easily put up two or three players for a district team, with the result that we will have a much wider selection to choose from for the Command Team. It was this fact that won us the Football Championship last season, and the lack of it that lost us the Hurling honours. Let us hope it will enable us to win them back.

The Boxing Championships.

We are very glad to see that the Command Council have taken up this branch of sport earnestly. It is none too soon. There is no doubt that a feeling prevails—and rightly, we believe—that the best of our boxers were not entered for the All-Army Championships at all. This is not to be wondered at, as we never held any Command Championships, or any sort of eliminating contests in the Command. However, these long-promised Championships have now been arranged, so it behoves all Units to get their "White Hopes" ready. We hope, when the Championships have been fought and won in January, to be in a position to talk on something like even terms to our fistic friends from the Curragh, Athlone, and the other Commands, not excluding even that happy hunting-ground for Army boxers—the Cork Command.

Cross-Country Running.

The position as regards cross-country running is not so bad—at least we are in the same position as the other Commands and Corps, inasmuch as none of us have yet had a chance of showing what we can do in this line. However, the All-Army Championships will be on us very soon, so it is up to us to get busy. The Dublin Command will look pretty sick if we let the Cross-country Championships go without a fight, after running away with the track events last September. This branch of sport is one in which every soldier can take part, and, if properly encouraged, its good effects will soon be felt in every direction. We hear the 33rd Battalion have adopted a weekly run as an alternative to a route march. That's the sort of thing we want. Let us hope every other Battalion will follow the lead of the lads from Naas.

By the time these lines appear in print our first three big rallies will have been held, and we hope to be able to record huge strings of "flyers" at all three meets. By the way, Dundalk District will have to get moving. Dublin, Naas and Mullingar have promised to start this week, but we don't want to see the boys on the "Border" left behind.

A Word to Officers.

Before we conclude, we want to have a few "soft" words with Battalion Officers, particularly the Commanding Officers. All the work of the A.A.A. will go for nothing unless we have the whole-hearted co-operation of Commanding and other officers. The delegates who come up to the Command Council from Battalions are, for the most part, Subalterns or N.C.O.'s, with little or no authority. Certain decisions are arrived at, which these delegates promise to put into effect in their Units, but these promises are so much waste of time and words unless the men who make them have the earnest support of their Superior Officers.

If every Commanding Officer takes a lively interest in the sporting activities of his Battalion, and sees that his Officers do the same, the men will be only too glad to follow.

We want every Officer, N.C.O. and man to determine that his Battalion is going to be the premier one in the Command in the Sports Field, as well as in discipline and efficiency.

By this means we will be able to create a feeling of keen, healthy rivalry between Units, which will make the Army what it should be—the greatest sporting organisation in the country.

And—more important still—it will enable us to achieve that much-desired object, the development of a proper spirit of *esprit-de-corps*.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held at Portobello Barracks on Monday, the 26th November, delegates present being:—Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, Rev. S. Pigott, Captains McIntyre and O'Brien, and Comdt. Colgan.

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An appeal from Salvage Corps against a decision given against their football team by G.H.Q. Command was considered.

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After hearing evidence on behalf of Salvage team, it was decided to adjourn the further hearing of the case until Friday, the 30th inst., Hoban, Gormanstown, the player objected to, to be brought before the meeting.

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A report from Captain Liam O'Brien as to the state of the organisation in the Cork Command was read and considered satisfactory.

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An application from the Aerial Forces for grant to pay off debts was deferred. The Secretary was directed to communicate with Lieut. Robinson, Baldonnell, on the matter.

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A report dealing with the organisation of boxing tournaments and championships was read. Same was considered satisfactory.

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On Friday, 30th November, the Standing Committee met to consider the appeal—Salvage v. G.H.Q. Captain Wilson represented Salvage Corps, and Sergt. Major Duffy, Gormanstown.

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Mr. Harris, giving evidence, stated that he was present at an Association match played on September the 29th between Richmond Asylum and Bohemians (B), and he identified Hoban of the Gormanstown team as being a playing member of the Richmond Asylum team on that day. Sergt. Major Duffy stated that Hoban was at Gormanstown on that date, and consequently could not have taken part in the match as alleged by Mr. Harris.

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Hoban made a statement to the effect that formerly he was a member of the Richmond Asylum Association Club, but that since the formation of the Army Athletic Association he had not taken part in any games not catered for by the Army Athletic Association. He contradicted the statement by Mr. Harris that he played. Mr. Harris, in answer to Father O'Callaghan, stated that he spoke to Hoban on the date in question, and he had no doubt that Hoban of Gormanstown and Hoban of Richmond Asylum were one and the same man.

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After a lengthy discussion the representatives of Salvage and Gormanstown withdrew to allow the Committee to consider the matter. On being re-called to the meeting, the Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan informed the respective representatives that the Standing Committee had unanimously come to a decision. He suggested to both teams the advisability of having the match replayed. The teams decided to accept the suggestion, and the match will be re-fixed by General Headquarters Command.

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The Standing Committee censured the G.H.Q. Command on account of the absence of their representative from the Standing Committee meeting.

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In our last issue we suggested to Major General Prout the advisability of infusing new blood into his Command Council.

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We learn that the Major General, prior to our publication, had taken the necessary steps.

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A big athletic push is about to take place in the Waterford Command.

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With Comdt. D. J. Lawlor as Secretary, success is assured.

We commend to the other Commands the action taken by the Waterford Command Athletic Association:—"We now have appointed a Standing Committee whose duties it will be to meet each week, make fixtures, organise tournaments, and carry out the general routine work. We shall hold Command Council meetings each month, to which the Secretary shall tender reports."

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This idea of the Waterford Command is worth copying, especially in Commands where Battalions are very far apart.

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It is not generally known that Major General Prout, President of the Waterford Command Council, has been connected with G.A.A. affairs all his life. He was formerly Secretary to the Tipperary team.

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He also played a prominent part in the organising of Gaelic games in the U.S.A.

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Waterford's President and Secretary are real enthusiasts.

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Waterford Command's Boxing Championships are being held early next month.

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Athlone Command is at present carrying out a big re-organising campaign.

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Captain Peter Cowan, Custume Barracks, has been appointed Secretary in room of Captain Kiely. Peter is an enthusiast for handball and football. We remember having him for a next-door neighbour in Belfast Jail, 1921-22. No footballs being allowed, he kept himself in practice by kicking his cell door.

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Contrary to the general rule, the Senior Battalion Officers in Athlone are keenly interested in Athletics. Commandants Garrahan, Smith, Mitchel and Gantly and Captain Gray are earnest members of the Command Council.

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The Athlone Command Chaplain, Rev. Father Feehily, notwithstanding his arduous duties, is President of the Command Council.

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Harrier Clubs have been organised in each Battalion area.

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At present Inter-Company runs are being held.

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Handball is the most popular game in Athlone.

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Captain O'Doherty, Organiser, spent a week in the Athlone Command. His reports on the state of Athletics there are very satisfactory.

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General Headquarters have lost the services of Captain Chisholm, he having been transferred to the Army School, Kildare.

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We wonder will the School have an Athletic team. They have in Captain Chisholm one of the best Athletic Organisers in the Army.

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Boxing is the sole topic in Army Athletic circles at the present time.

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The big Tournament at Portobello Gymnasium on the 14th December promises to be the greatest fistic project launched in Ireland within the past 20 years.

There are 20 contests.

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Owing to the demobilisation of Bugler Keogh, the Lightweight Championship has been declared vacant, and will be fought for on the 14th.

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Cork are depending on Kelleher to bring home the laurels; whilst the Curragh are confident McCarthy is the future champion.

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Rumour has it Dublin may upset all the high hopes entertained by the boxing judges of both Commands.

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We all are anxious to see Boy Murphy crowned champion.

The fight of the night should be the meeting of Joynt and McDonald. These boys met recently in Cork, Joynt getting the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

McDonald says he will reverse the decision on the 14th.

Dwyer and Darragh renew acquaintanceship also. These men met at the Rotunda in the Army Championships. Dwyer won after an extra round. Darragh has been looking forward to a return since then.

Young Traynor, Kerry, meets Collins, Cork. Both boys love a scrap. This should be a contest worth seeing.

The contestants report to Portobello Barracks at 11 o'clock on the 14th; weigh in at 3 o'clock. First contest at 7.15 p.m.

Tancy Lee will referee. Major General Morrin and W. McDonald will act as Judges, with Comdt. Corrigan as Timekeeper.

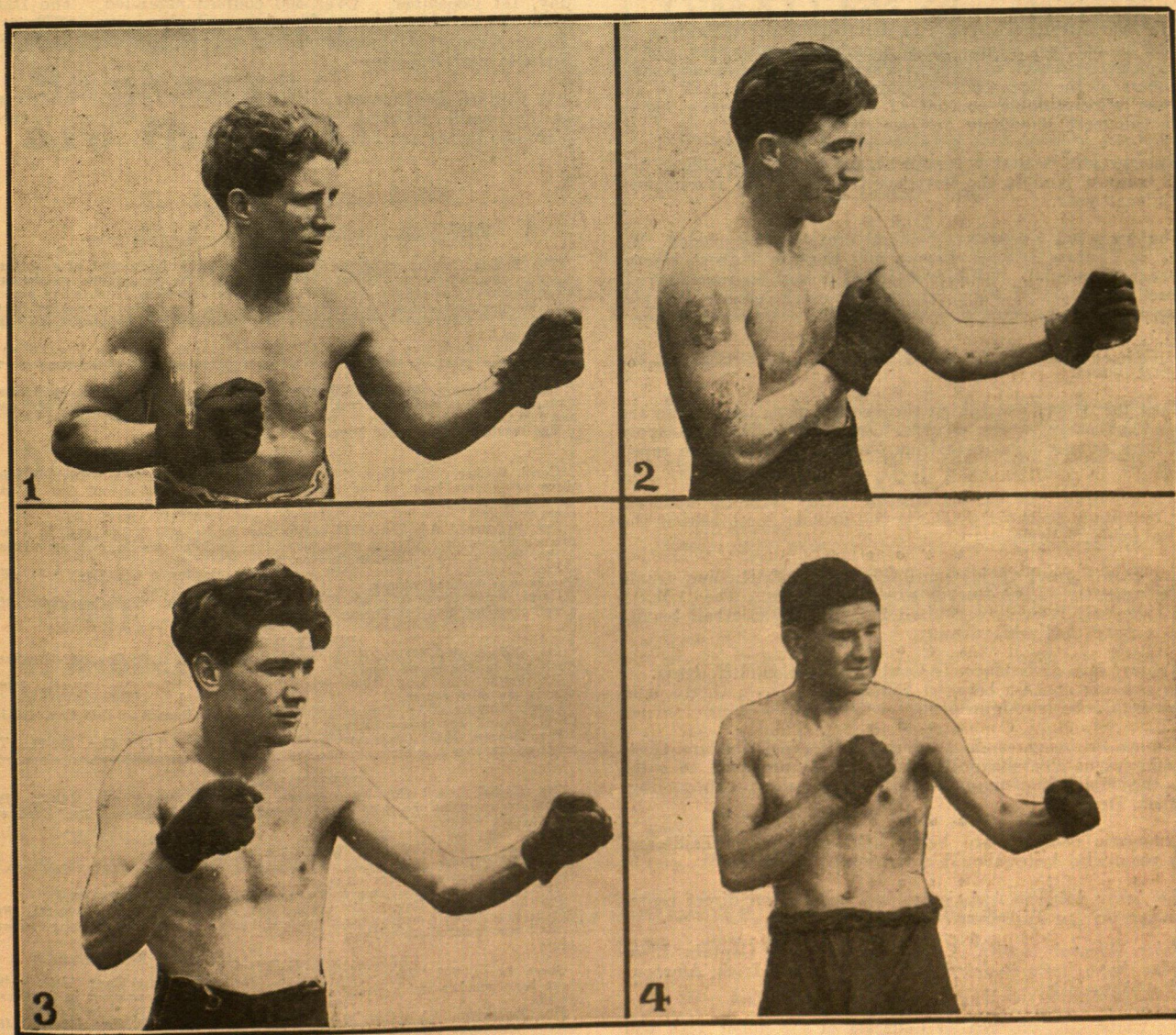
Tancy Lee will spar an exhibition three rounds with Bradley, The Curragh.

Three Army Novices will oppose three Civic Guards.

To those people who always claim to be trainers, guides, guardians, and general managers of our boxers on Tourney nights, the announcement that Official Seconds and Assistants have been appointed will come as a shock.

We met twelve persons at the Army Championship Contests at the Rotunda who wished to be present at the Ringside to

CORK COMMAND BOXING CHAMPIONS.



- (1) Vol. Doyle, Feather-weight Champion.
(3) Vol. Joynt, Fly-weight Champion.

- (2) Vol. Kelleher, Light-weight Champion.
(4) Despatch Rider Boy Murphy, Middle-weight, who meets Constable Somers, D.M.P. Champion.

impart inside knowledge to our boxers. We suspect a comfortable gratis Ringside seat was the cause of moving their kindly feelings.

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Such self-appointed philanthropists are requested to purchase admission tickets for the 14th December.

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Smoking will not be allowed in the Gymnasium during the contests.

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Seating accommodation is provided for close on 2,000 spectators.

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The prices of admission are extremely low—1/- to Balcony; 2/6, Front Seats; 5/- Ringside. Tickets may be had at Messrs. Elvery and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Whelan and Son, Ormond Quay, and from Battalion Commandants.

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The aim of the Executive Council is to popularise the sport.

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We often pay double the price to see pictures of a fight.

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We hear Dublin Command is not resting on its laurels, as stated in our last issue. Many members of the Staff are to be seen on horseback at Phoenix Park each morning, and some members of the Horseback Brigade aver that the task of retaining a respectable posture in the saddle is more trying than the most strenuous Athletic contest.

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Rumour has it that a certain Army Pay Corps Officer has high hopes of landing the Governor General's Cup at Punchestown next year.

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The Army has a couple of brilliant cross-country riders. We refer to Captain O'Brien-Twohig and Captain Hubert Harty, Curragh Command. Captain Twohig, it will be remembered, steered to victory at Punchestown that crack 'chaser, Templemore, some years ago.

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Whilst Captain Harty is a constant performer at the lepping meets.

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The Civic Guard are taking the Boxing game up. There are some fine boxers in the Guards. In a short time the Army will have worthy opponents from their force within the roped arena.

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Colonel Broy, one of the earliest Army Athletic workers, now Secretary to the D.M.P., is the driving force behind the Police Athletic team.

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The D.M.P. and Civic Guard Football and Hurling teams played recently. The Guards won both games. The D.M.P., who have only recently organised Hurling and Football teams, gave a very creditable display.

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Stanley, late of Kildare, is Captain of the D.M.P. team. An athletic contest between the D.M.P., Civic Guard, and Army would be a unique event.

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A move is being made to form a Physical Culture Class for Officers at Portobello Barracks. It is proposed to cater for the following sports:—Boxing, Rowing, Swimming, Swedish Drill.

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Gymnastic contests are being held at Aonach Tailteann next year. The Army should enter several teams.

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The Army Athletic Association has been given direct representation on the Tailteann General Council.

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Major General Morrin, Colonel Byrne, and Captain Liam O'Brien have been co-opted members of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association.

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The winners of the Boxing Contests of December 14th will represent the Army v. the Irish Amateurs at Portobello on January the 19th, 1924. Ten contests will be held.

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The Boxing Sub-Committee hope to arrange matches with Cross-Channel clubs early next year.

Lieut. Brooks, Army Pay Corps Athletic Club, formerly of the Bohemian F.C., is making great headway at the Gaelic games. He played with G.H.Q. Command v. Donegal, and was a distinct success.

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Salvage Corps lost their appeal v. General Headquarters Command. The match has been re-fixed, Gormanstown raising no objection.

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Seven Army Hurlers played in the Dublin League Final on Sunday last—Finlay, Aylward, Barry, Muldowney, Kelly, O'Neill and Lanigan—and were the outstanding players. Finlay and Aylward never showed to better advantage.

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Claremorris Command Dance was held at Salt Hill on Wednesday, 28th November. The dance was a huge success.

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Colonel Austin Brennan was the organiser. Austin never does things by half.

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A successful dance was held at Keogh Barracks on Saturday, 1st December. Over 300 couples attended. The Dance Hall was lavishly decorated. Amongst those present were:—Major General Hogan, Colonels Cronin, MacNeill, Higgins, Costello and Neligan.

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A Billiard Tournament for Officers is at present under way at Portobello Billiard Saloon. Over fifty Officers entered. Valuable prizes are being offered.

BOXING.

54TH BATTALION'S MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

The Boxing Committee of the 54th Battalion held the second of a series of monthly competitions on Friday, November 16th, the programme consisting of Open Novices' Competition for all weights. The eagerness displayed in preparation for the Competition is an indication of the popularity of Boxing in this Battalion. The Garrison Gymnasium, with its spacious accommodation, was again the venue.

The Cup, which was won by "A" Company at the previous Competition by securing the most points, had to be surrendered to "D" Company at this Competition.

Capt. Harrington, Battalion Adjutant, acted as Timekeeper; Capt. McMenamin, Curragh, acted as Referee; Sergt. Major Delaney acted Judge, and B.S.M. Lawlor acted M.C.

The results of the various bouts were as follows:—

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Corpl. Walker, "D" Coy. (9-9) versus Pte. O'Donnell, "A" Coy. (9-7) in a three two-minute bout, at the end of which the Judge declared that an extra round was necessary. Pte. O'Donnell was declared the winner at the end of the extra round.

Pte. McEntee, "A" Coy. (9-9) versus Pte. Burke, "D" Coy. (9-2) in a three two minute rounds. After an extra round Pte. McEntee was declared the winner.

Pte. Bowers, "A" Coy., walk over.

Pte. Crummy, "A" Coy. (9-9) versus Pte. Pender, "C" Coy. (9-5). Pte. Pender was declared winner.

Corpl. McGlinchey, "A" Coy. (9-9) versus Pte. Smyth, "D" Coy. (9-6). After a well contested bout Pte. Smyth won on points.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Pte. O'Brien, "A" Coy. (11-5) versus Sergt. Pugh, H.Q. Coy. (11-1). Sergt. Pugh k.o. in the second round.

Pte. Patton, H.Q. Coy. (10-9) versus Pte. Geraty, "D" Coy. (10-11). Patton won in the third round.

Corpl. Kinsella, "A" Coy. (10-9) versus Corpl. Russell, "D" Coy. (10-11). Corpl. Russell was declared winner.

Pte. Brogan, H.Q. (10-1) versus Pte. Moorehouse, "C" Coy. (10-1). The towel was thrown in at the end of second round in favour of Brogan.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

Pte. Cashel, "A" Coy. (9-0) versus Pte. Uzell, "C" Coy. (8-12). Pte. Cashel, on resuming the third round, shewed signs of weakness. Pte. Uzell was declared the winner.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS—SEMI-FINALS.

Pte. McCutcheon, "C" Coy. (10-3) versus Pte. Brogan, H.Q. Coy. (10-1). Pte. Brogan declared winner on points.

Pte. Smith, "D" Coy., gets walk over from Pte. Pender, "C" Coy.

Pte. Brogan, H.Q. Coy. (10-1) versus Corpl. Russell, "D" Coy. (10-11). Pte. Brogan hurt himself against the ropes and had to retire from the ring. Corpl. Russell was declared the winner.

SPECIAL SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

Sergt. Barry, "C" Coy. (12-1) versus Pte. Flynn, "D" Coy. (12-4). After some hard punches and a gruelling course Barry k.o. his opponent in the fourth round.

Pte. McGeehan, "A" Coy. (9-10) versus Pte. Joyce, H.Q. Coy. (11-5). After a hard fight Joyce was declared winner in the sixth round.

At the conclusion of the final bouts, Comdt. O'Hearty, Officer Commanding 54th Battalion, called all prize winners into the ring, and in a brief but spirited address referred to the advantages taken by the competitors since the last competition. He promised every assistance and urged the men to keep up their training.

The evening's sport terminated with the distribution of a prize to each bout, and the presentation of the Cup to the winning Company.

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OFFICIAL NEWS.

Appointments, Resignations and Discharges.

General Staff—Staff Duties—Appointments and Discharges Memo No. 7, dated 30th November, 1923, contains the following:—

APPOINTMENTS.

CHIEF OF STAFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieut. Michael Collins to be Lieutenant, General Staff.
 Lieut. Denis Hampton to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Michael Hayes to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. J. F. Foley to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. John Bonham to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. A. Tracy to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Michael Columb to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Kiernan Donnelly to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. Patrick J. O'Brien Malone to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Comdt. John J. Kavanagh to be Commandant, A.C.E.
 Comdt. William Downes to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Comdt. Patrick J. Murtagh to be Colonel, A.C.E., as from 1st May.
 Col. William J. Stapleton to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. John J. Noonan to be Captain, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. Michael McManus to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Joseph F. Gantly to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. John A. Goulding to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. John Garrahan, to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Edward O'Reilly to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. James J. Flynn to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Louis Ryan to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. John F. Sherry to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Michael J. Brennan to be Captain, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. Thomas W. Callaghy to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Comdt. William McCloskey to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Patrick McCallion to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Comdt. Tim Hannon to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. James Collins to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Jer. Coghlan to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. Jerh. O'Dwyer to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Thomas Hartly to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. Richard P. Devlin to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Robert Noonan to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Patrick O'Malley to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. Morris Dalton to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Andrew Killeen to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Ignatius Finnegan to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Thomas St. John to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. John F. Kinneen to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. James Smyth to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. John McDavitt to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. James J. Comerford to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Lieut. John J. Murphy to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. John F. Prendergast to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 2nd Lieut. J. G. Keenan to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Matthew Kelly to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Michael Higgins to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Thomas Whelan to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. John J. Phelan to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. Joseph Murphy to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Lieut. James J. Heaney to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. James Wynne to be 2nd Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Joseph Doyle to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. John O'Sullivan to be Lieutenant, A.C.E.
 Capt. Peter Conlan to be Captain, A.C.E.
 Capt. Michael Allman to be Captain, A.C.E.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Comdt. General Sean Boylan to be Colonel Adjutant General's Staff.
 Capt. Patrick Dunne, to be Captain, Adjutant General's Staff.
 Comdt. Sean O'Keane to be Captain, Adjutant General's Staff.

DISCHARGES.

Save where otherwise stated the following Officers are demobilised as from 11th December.

An asterisk (*) before the Officer's name indicates that he has resigned.
 Lieut. Bernard Anderson, "C" Company, 19th Battalion, Kerry Command.
 Lieut. Michael Behan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. John Francis Boland, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Desmond Bolster, Curragh Command.
 Lieut. Michael Bradley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Capt. John Patrick Brennan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Murtagh Brennan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Henry Brophy, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. David Francis Bulman, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Brigadier Edward Byrne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Patrick Byrne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Comdt. Thomas Byrne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Michael Cahill, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain Thomas Carty, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain George Patrick Carville, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. Thomas Cashel Assistant Q.M., 31st Bn., Limerick Command.
 Lieut. Thomas Cassidy, "C" Company, 53rd Battalion, Dublin Command.
 2nd Lieut. Denis Clancy, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. William Joseph Clifford, Armoured Cars Corps, Claremorris Command.
 *2nd Lieut. Patrick Collins, Assistant Q.M., 36th Bn., Waterford Command.
 Captain John Connaghton, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Patrick Crawford, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. John Delaney, "A" Company, 16th Bn., Dublin Command.
 *Comdt. Owen Devine, Claremorris Command.
 Lieut. John Dillon, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain Andrew Dolan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Joseph F. J. Doyle, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Michael Doyle, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Patrick Doyle, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Thomas Doyle, "B" Company, 48th Battalion, Dublin Command.
 Lieut. James Durkan, Special Infantry Corps.
 Capt. Thomas Fagan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Joseph Fallon, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Patrick Fallon, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Timothy Farley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
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 Lieut. Joseph Fitzpatrick, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Thomas Fitzpatrick, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Comdt. Francis Flanagan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. John Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Capt. Thomas Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Lieut. Gerard Peter Fogarty, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain Thomas Folan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Thomas Foley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Patrick Forde, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Capt. Edward Geoghegan, Special Infantry Corps.
 Comdt. Patrick J. Gibbons, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. John Gillespie, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Patrick Goonan, "C" Company, 26th Bn., Claremorris Command.
 Comdt. Martin Gorham, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. James Guy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Patrick Halley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Capt. Denis C. Harkin, (Attached) Command Staff, Dublin Command.
 2nd Lieut. Nicholas Patrick Healy, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Thomas Healy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Michael Higgins, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Walter Holland, Special Infantry Corps.
 *Lieut. Charles Holmes, "B" Company, 60th Bn., Limerick Command.
 *Capt. William Holmes, "C" Company, 3rd Bn., Donegal Command.
 Lieut. William J. Holohan, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain William Hopkins, "C" Company, 26th Bn., Claremorris Command.
 Capt. Peter Jourdan, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Joseph P. Kavanagh, M.G. Company, 54th Bn., Curragh Command.
 Lieut. Patrick Kealy, "C" Company, 2nd Bn., Border Unit.
 Comdt. Michael F. Kelly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. David Kennelly, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Austin Kenny, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Hugh Patrick Kenny, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Francis Kiely, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. James J. Kirley, "A" Company, 54th Bn., Curragh Command.
 2nd Lieut. John David La Touche, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Joseph Lawlor, "B" Company, 4th Bn., Claremorris Command.
 2nd Lieut. Joseph John Leahy, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Peter Leavy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Lieut. John Leahy, Waterford Command.
 Lieut. John Leonard, Special Infantry Corps.
 Comdt. Hugh Denis Little, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain Edward Lynch, Special Infantry Corps.
 Capt. Patrick Joseph Lyne, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Henry McAllister, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. William McAuliffe, "B" Company, 60th Bn., Limerick Command.
 2nd Lieut. James Joseph McCabe, Assistant Adjutant, 33rd Bn., Dublin Command.
 Lieut. Michael McCannon, M.G. Company, 26th Bn., Claremorris Command.
 Captain Henry McCarthy, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Michael McCarthy, Army Corps of Engineers.
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 A/Capt. Herbert D. McClenaghan, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Joseph McCormack, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
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 2nd Lieut. James F. McFaul, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Andrew McGarry, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Capt. Edward McGee, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Patrick McGinley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Francis McGuillan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Lieut. Cornelius McGrath, Special Infantry Corps.
 Capt. Michael Leo McGuinne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. James McHugh, "B" Company, 26th Bn., Claremorris Command.
 Lieut. Patrick McKiernan, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Felix McMullen, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. Martin McNamara, "C" Company, 18th Bn., Limerick Command.
 Lieut. Michael McNamara, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Lieut. Michael McNicholas, Special Infantry Customs.
 2nd Lieut. Richard McPhillips, "C" Company, 58th Bn., Dublin Command.
 Capt. Michael McTiernan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Capt. Andrew McTigue, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Charles Magee, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Comdt. Michael Maguire, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
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 Capt. John Mangan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
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 2nd Lieut. Bernard Meade, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. John T. Meade, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Joseph Meagher, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Owen Patrick Mellon (Attached) 60th Bn., Dublin Command.
 Comdt. John J. Merry, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Stephen Minogue, "C" Company, 12th Bn., Limerick Command.
 Lieut. Thomas Mitchell, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Daniel Molloy, Mechanical Transport Corps.
 Captain Capel Molyneux Moloney, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Captain Martin Moran, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Sean Moran, Mechanical Transport Corps.
 Captain William Mulcahy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 2nd Lieut. Myles Anthony Muldowney, Assistant Adjutant, 54th Bn., Curragh Command.

Captain Patrick Mulleady, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. (30th November, 1923.)
 Lieut. Angelo Murphy, Adjutant General's Department.
 Captain Garrett Murphy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Gerald Murphy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Joseph Murphy, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Patrick Murphy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. George Murray, "C" Company, 54th Bttn., Curragh Command.
 Lieut. Thomas Murray, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Patrick Nalty, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Joseph Noonan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Robert Nugent, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Sean O'Callaghan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Brian O'Connor, Special Infantry Corps.
 2nd Lieut. James P. O'Connor, "B" Company, 50th Bttn., Dublin Command.
 Captain Patrick O'Connor, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Thomas O'Connor, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Michael O'Doherty, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Comdt. William O'Farrell, Waterford Command.
 Captain Gerald O'Grady, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Bernard O'Halloran, Staff, 64th Bttn., Waterford Command.
 2nd Lieut. William O'Hara, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. J. J. O'Hare, Barrack Services, Department of Quartermaster General.
 2nd Lieut. Denis O'Leary, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Thomas O'Neill, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Bryan Myles O'Reilly, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Brigadier Seamus O'Reilly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Thomas O'Reilly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 A/Captain Richard J. O'Rourke, Army Corps of Engineers.
 2nd Lieut. Alphonsus O'Shaughnessy, "A" Company, 18th Bttn., Limerick Command.
 2nd Lieut. Michael Francis O'Shea, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Patrick O'Shea, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Brian F. O'Sullivan, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut.-Comdt. Sean T. O'Sullivan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Patrick Punch, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Patrick Quinlan, "C" Company, 39th Bttn., Limerick Command.
 Captain Gerard Patrick Quinn, Special Infantry Corps.
 Captain Myles Redmond, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
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 Comdt. John Rhatigan, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Richard Roe, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Gerard Ryan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. James Ryan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Patrick Ryan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain John Scannell, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. William Scott, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. John Scullion, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. John James Scullion, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain P. Shannon, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. James Shaw, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Andrew Sheehy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 2nd Lieut. Francis Smyth, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain John Smyth, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Patrick John Spittle, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Edward Staines, M.G. Company, 20th Bttn., Dublin Command.
 2nd Lieut. Michael Andrew Thunder, Army Corps of Engineers.
 Lieut. Edward Tierney, Special Infantry Corps.
 Lieut. Henry Toal, R.T.O., Cork Command.
 Captain Robert Toland, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut.-Comdt. Owen Travnor, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Michael Tully, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Henry Tuohy, M.G. Company, 29th Bttn., Curragh Command.
 Captain Thomas Tuohy, M.G. Company, 28th Bttn., Limerick Command.
 Captain Michael White, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Cornelius Whooley, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. John Wynne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

DELETIONS.

Notice of Demobilisation of the following Officers is withdrawn:
 Lieut. Thomas Patterson, 33rd Battalion, Dublin Command. (Appointments and Discharges Memo. No. 5.)
 Captain James O'Connell, 57th Battalion, Dublin Command. (Appointments and Discharges Memo. No. 6.)

SUSPENSIONS REMOVED.

The notice of suspension of demobilisation of the following Officers, published in Appointments and Discharges Memo. No. 6, is withdrawn, and demobilisation takes effect as from dates shown opposite their names in the foregoing list of Discharges:—

2nd Lieut. John Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Thomas Flynn, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Peter Leavy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Francis McGuillan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Lieut. Michael McNamara, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain James McTiernan, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain William Mulcahy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.
 Captain Patrick Mulleady, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

ERRATUM—APPOINTMENTS AND DISCHARGES MEMO. No. 6.

Captain Patrick Collins, Michael Barracks, Cork Command, should read "Resigned."

RE-ATTESTATION OF TIME-EXPIRED MEN.

General Routine Order No. 56, issued by General Headquarters, Parkgate, under date 24th November, contains the following:—

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

1. In the case of each N.C.O. or man to be re-attested, A.F. 52a will be completed in every respect and returned to the Officer in Charge Records. The form A.F. 52 will be prepared, but the oath will not be administered until a date to be fixed later. In all cases the A.F. 52 will be handed to the Company Officer or Officer Commanding Unit, with instructions to retain same until he receives instructions to have it completed.

2. All men re-attested will be granted 14 days' leave with pay and ration allowance at their present rate. On return after 14 days' leave they will come under the new rates of pay as set forth in DEFENCE ORDER No. 30, and contained in the pamphlet, "Conditions of Service for Re-attested Men," of which a sufficient

number of copies will be distributed among all troops. Attestation Forms in all cases will be dated as from date of expiration of the 14 days' leave.

3. New pay books showing new rates of pay will be issued in respect of all men immediately they re-attest, and these pay books will not be handed to the soldier until he reports back off his 14 days' leave.

4. The instructions in G.R.O. 54, paragraph 274, sub-paragraph 3—"Non-commissioned Officers and soldiers accepted for re-attestation will be transferred by the Officer re-attesting them to the Curragh on draft, and will be supplied with the new pay books, etc."—are cancelled.

QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Pay on Attestation of Time-expired Men.

Re-attested men will be paid at the rate of 2/6 per day (the rate for a second-class Private). Each N.C.O. re-attested will receive the new rate in respect of his N.C.O. rank, but this rate of pay will be continued only on receipt of a certification that he has satisfied the conditions, and pass such tests as may be later imposed by the Chief of Staff. On no account will the new rate of pay be issued for any N.C.O. whose promotion has not already been published in Part II. Command Routine Orders.

Care will be taken that each N.C.O. and man who has re-attested will be in possession of full kit, and any deficiency will be made good by the Command Quartermaster.

Claims Against the Army.

1. The Minister for Defence has placed the whole responsibility in connection with claims against the Army upon the Army Finance Officer. The term "Claims" does not include bills under contract or under a regulated system of special purchase. Every organisation at present dealing with claims will, as from the date of this Order, come under the control of that Officer.

2. The preliminary arrangements necessary to consolidate the duties relating to claims will be as follows:—

(A) Captain J. C. Hehir has been appointed to take control, under the Army Finance Officer, of the unified organization for dealing with claims. This central organization will be located in Portobello Barracks, Dublin. Captain Hehir's title in the new organization will be "Chief Claims Officer."

(B) From the date of this Order every claim arising against the Army will be forwarded to the Chief Claims Officer.

3. In connection with claims against the Army which have been rendered but have not yet been dealt with, the immediate action to be taken will be as follows:

(A) All claims now in Commands, whether with Claims Officers, Transport Officers, or other Officers, will at once be forwarded to the Chief Claims Officer, who will arrange for the procedure for the investigation of such claims.

(B) Claims in G.H.Q. Office, other than the present Claims Office will be dealt with as follows:—

(a) In regard to claims in respect of personal injuries, traffic accidents, etc., in the Adjutant General's Office for investigation, a schedule of such claims should be forwarded to the Chief Claims Officer.

(b) Uncertified claims and accounts in the Accounts Office, Portobello, will be forwarded forthwith to the Chief Claims Officer for completion.

(c) Any claims, or any files or documents relating to claims, in other G.H.Q. Offices should be forwarded at once to the Chief Claims Officer.

4. Action as above is to be completed by the 1st prox. A survey of the whole position in regard to claims will then be made, and fresh machinery will be established in Commands for investigations, the details of which will be communicated to G.O.C.'s at an early date.

SALUTING THE CENOTAPH.

General Routine Order No. 56 states:—

The Cenotaph erected in Leinster Lawn, Dublin, in commemoration of the late Commander-in-Chief, General Collins, and President Griffith, will be saluted by all Officers, N.C.O.'s and men when passing. Members of the Army in civilian attire will raise their hats.

DISBANDMENT OF MARINE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Defence Order No. 36 contains the following:—

The Service known as the Marine Investigation Department will be disbanded on the 1st December, 1923.

The General Officer Commanding Coastal and Marine Services, will arrange for the demobilisation of Officers and men of the Department.

SHOOTING OF GAME.

General Routine Order No. 58, dated 3rd December, contains the following notice from the Adjutant General's Office, under the heading, "Discipline: Shooting Game":—

A number of complaints by Land Owners have recently been made against Military Officers for shooting on lands without the Owner's authority. In future any Officer who shoots on lands without first obtaining the Owner's consent to so doing will be considered guilty of a serious offence and will be dealt with accordingly.

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Gaelic.

Sa biaólan (ar leant.) an tinnéar.
 feól, maire feoil, caoir feoil.
 muic feoil, bagún, stéis, griscín.
 iasc, bradóan, leatós, turbaro.
 Sáiríní, macraol, tross.
 prátaí, cabáiste, piseanna.
 pónaireí, glásra, glásraí.
 meacain, turnaipí, mnúiní.
 uíall, uíla, óráiste, óráistí.
 péirín, péiríní, toraó.
 soóluistí, mislean, misleáin.
 rís, ságu, toraó stánuite.
 piobar, salann, mustáro.
 pínéagra, annlan, crúscá.
 An caoir feoil rósta nó muic feoil
 rósta a beir ásat?
 Uíuile stéis fíuicta ásat?
 Tá stéis gríoscá ásam.
 Ar maire leat é?
 Cía áca bpearr leat iasc nó feoil?
 Lá troscaró.

ḡo tucáiró dia nollais maire úit (óib).
 ḡuraó amlaíó úit.
 ḡo tucáiró dia bliain nua maire úit (óib).

nollais suaire.
 nollais séannmar cúgaib.
 mí na nollas, tuhartas nollas.

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

Suv vee lunn. Ad din nair.
 Fyole, mort yole, keer role.
 Mwik yole, bog goon, shtayg, greesh keen.
 Eeussk, brodhawn, lahhoag, thurbud.
 Saurdeenee, mo-ck-rail, thrussg.
 Prawth-hee, kobawshda, pishinna.
 Poanirree, glossurra, glossuree.
 Mackin, thurnupee, inyoonee.
 Ooll, oola, oar rawshda, oar rawshdee.
 Pair reen, pair reenee, thurra.
 Soalishtee, meeshlawn.
 Reesh, sawgo, thurra sthawnaha.
 Pibbur, sollun, mussthaurdh.
 Feen naigra, oonlun, krooska.
 Un keer yole roastha noo mwick yole
 roastha te vegga guth.
 Will shtayg fyuktha guth.
 Thaw stayg greesska gum.
 Err wah lath tay.
 Hayku bar lath eessk noo fyole?
 Law thrussga.

wudhdugga Deea Nullig wah ghut (yeev).
 Gura boula ghut
 Gudh dugga Deea bleen noe wah ghut
 (yeev).
 Nullig, hoork.
 Nullig hainvur koov.
 Mee nun Nullug, thowerthuss Nullug.

ENGLISH.

In the mess (Continued). The Dinner.
 Meat, beef, mutton.
 Pork bacon, steak, chop.
 Fish, salmon, plaice, turbot.
 Sardines, mackerel, cod.
 Potatoes, cabbage, peas.
 Beans, vegetables, vegetables.
 Parsnip, turnips, onions.
 An apple, apples, an orange, oranges.
 A pear, pears, fruit.
 Delicacies, a sweet, sweets.
 Rice, sago, tinned fruit.
 Pepper, salt, mustard.
 Vinegar, sauce, a cruet.
 Is it roast mutton or roast pork you'll
 have?
 Have you stewed steak?
 I have grilled steak.
 Would you care for it?
 Which would you rather, fish or meat?
 A fast day.

May God give a good Xmas to you (to ye)
 The same to you.
 May God give a good new year to you
 (to ye).
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