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JUNE 6, 1925.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

IT is to be hoped that a very large proportion of the Officers in the Irish Army will take advantage of the arrangements which have been sanctioned, by which, if the ordinary month's leave is spent at an Irish Language College, an extra fortnight's leave will be granted, to be spent wherever the Officer desires. It would be difficult to imagine a more pleasant manner of acquiring a practical knowledge of the language than by spending holidays at one of these colleges. Many of them are beautifully situated, so that students can enjoy all the advantages of an ordinary holiday, amid sea and mountain scenery, while, at the same time, the environment assists them to strengthen their knowledge of the native tongue without conscious effort. In an early issue we hope to publish details of many of the Language Colleges for the benefit of our readers, and we will be very glad indeed to receive notes from those attending such colleges for the information and encouragement of their brother officers.

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WE have frequently to complain of the manner in which the Army Journal has been kept in the dark with regard to forthcoming functions, both sporting and social. Surely it should be possible for those in authority in different parts of the country to arrange for the regular supply of notes and news of interest to their particular battalion, company or corps, and possibly of general interest to the members of the Army. But the Army Journal is not alone in its cause for complaint. The Army Athletic Association is being very badly treated by the secretaries of groups, etc., throughout the country. Things have improved somewhat in the Dublin area within the past few months, but the reports which have reached the A.A.A. from the country districts are "few and far between." Both in Dublin and in the country, but particularly in the latter, there are wholly inefficient and careless secretaries who are supposed to be looking after the interests of athletics in the Army, but who are really doing more to hinder the work of the A.A.A. Plain speaking has become necessary. These men have been tolerated too long in such offices. It is high time a clean sweep was made of them and their places taken by men who have the interest of athletics in the Army really at heart—and who are not too lazy to write reports.

THE NO. 1 ARMY BAND.

It is possible that the No. 1 Army Band, under the conductorship of Colonel Brase, may make another tour of the Irish provinces in the near future. It will be remembered that the first tour was an overwhelming success.

COMMANDANT NICHOLAS NEWPORT.

His comrades in the Army and his many friends outside it have heard with profound regret of the untimely death of Commandant Nicholas Newport, Military Secretary to the Quartermaster-General.

Commandant Newport had been in bad health for a considerable time, and in February last went to the south of France under medical orders. Unhappily the change of climate did not have the effect that his friends had hoped for, and he died at Nice on the 26th May, at the early age of 26.

Throughout his short life the deceased officer had been devoted to the Irish cause. A native of Wexford, he early identified himself with the work of the local branches of the Gaelic League and Sinn Féin, and as one of the chief stewards of the function had a great deal to do with the success of Feis Charmain (revived on Sunday last after a lapse of five years) in its pre-war days.



THE LATE COMMANDANT NICHOLAS NEWPORT

(Photo: Lafayette)

His sincere enthusiasm and unfailing courtesy won for him hosts of friends throughout the country. A strong supporter of the G.A.A. the local teams gained many laurels through his practical help.

Joining the Irish Volunteers at the inception of the movement as one of the rank and file he gained advancement by sheer merit. In the volunteers his powers of organisation were developed and in the Black-and-Tan days he became one of the most reliable officers in the I.R.A. He was a leading figure in many noteworthy incidents of the war for Irish freedom and commanded a column in his native county. He was imprisoned in Cork Jail and in Ballykinlar.

NOTES AND NEWS OF THE G.A.A

(BY A VETERAN GAEL.)

The championships have now got under way in all four provinces, and it is to be hoped that there will be no slackening in their progress to a conclusion, so that competitions for the current year may be concluded before the end of the autumn. There will be no hindrances, such as last year's Tailteann Games.

Already mild surprises have attended a couple of Munster and Leinster ties. Dublin's overwhelming defeat of Offaly in Senior Hurling was one; Waterford's decisive victory over Clare in the first grade of the National pastime, was the other. It was an unexpected debacle for Offaly, and an equally unexpected triumph for Waterford.

The Midland county had lost some half-dozen excellent players through emigration—a lure that is being felt in several other counties. But even this could not explain the feeble exhibition which the Offaly team gave. It was at variance with all their hurling tradition—spiritless, disjointed and futile.

As junior championship holders for three years, they should not lack qualified material. The cause of their retrogression must have a deeper origin than the loss of a few players. It is to be hoped that the dry-rot will not now extend to their junior team, as this would mean a complete set-back to the national pastime in the county and province.

WATERFORD EMERGES.

Waterford's victory was wholly gratifying, as it heralded the emergence of that fine Gaelic county into worthy prominence in the arena. Hurling in Clare has certainly retrograded since that county won the Championship of 1914; and recent conditions there have not helped it. In such circumstances Waterford had a rare chance which they availed of to the full, and all Gaels will hope that it will be long before they look back again.

The Dalcassians had consolation in the junior football tie which they won comfortably enough. It was not a stirring contest, however. Even this meagre solace was denied to Offaly, for Kildare defeated them in the secondary football competition. In the Ulster Championship, Antrim once more asserted an unequivocal superiority over Down, where organisation does not seem to be too effective or practical.

CORK'S DUAL VICTORY.

On Sunday last Munster and Leinster continued their championships and Connacht made a commencement. The big item of the day was the meeting of Cork and Limerick at Thurles. It was expected to be a keen and strenuous struggle, and so it proved. For the first twenty minutes it was as fine a game as one could witness, and then Cork went ahead, and led at the interval by 1-2 to 0-2.

With a lighter team Cork was displaying superior speed and staying power. Yet the Limerick defence was splendid, and rallies and repulses carried the enthusiasm of the onlookers to a high pitch. But training told, and the "Rockies," Cork side, confirmed local appreciation by finishing unquestioned winners by 4-9 to 1-3.

In the Junior Football tie the Desmond team were all through the better side, and enter the second round with the kudos of a 2-2 to 0-0 victory to their credit. Interest in Munster is now focussed on the meeting of Kerry and Tipperary in Senior Football. It is a month ahead yet; but, nevertheless, Tipperary feel confident enough to speak about it with assurance.

LEINSTER TIES.

Dublin Football Juniors had a hard enough struggle with Leix in the first round at Athy on Sunday. The first half favoured the Metropolitans, but the Midland team persisted to the end, and were only beaten by a brace of points. Kildare on the other hand had practically a walk-over against Carlow, winning by 5-8 to 1-0. Carlow's goal was scored well on in the second period.

CONNACHT.

The Senior tie at Boyle between Sligo and Roscommon was a thrilling affair, and looked all over a victory for the former team, until the last two minutes, when Dalton put in a goal for Roscommon to which a fast point followed. In the junior game Sligo played the cleverer football and won just comfortably.

ALL-IRELAND BUSINESS.

The Central Council of the G.A.A. met on Friday. It had a lengthy agenda before it ranging over finance, fixtures, permits, referred motions, and consideration of rules. Its decisions are too late for inclusion in this issue. While, of course, of general interest, none of them can be very important, and chief attention will probably concentrate upon the junior championship dates, and the course taken in regard to proposed mutual inter-county arrangements for challenge games.

FIXTURES.

There are no championship fixtures in Munster to-morrow, the day being devoted to the Thomond Shield, and those in Leinster are not particularly attractive except to the devotees from the counties concerned. Louth are expected to make a big bid for provincial football honours this year, and if their prowess is on a par with this ambition, Leix, who meet them in Croke Park, should give them a valuable preliminary canter. The "Wee County" can scarcely hope to do much against Kilkenny in Junior Hurling. They succumbed to Kildare last year. Tyrone and Cavan meet at Dungannon in the Ulster Football series; but even the inspiration of a home venue will scarcely suffice to enable Tyrone to beat the champions.

MEMORANDA.

So many men from the various Services have been connected with Keating F.C. teams that the announcement of its abrupt disappearance from this year's Senior Football Competitions will be heard with regret. All will hope that a brief period of recuperation will suffice for re-organised activity, for it has been too long and too creditably associated with the National pastimes in the Capital to disappear without causing a regrettable void. No club could have been better served in a secretarial capacity than it has been by Captain Wm. O'Brien.

The much discussed meeting of Civic Guards and Faughs in the belated final of the 1924 Hurling League has been disposed of at last, and has resulted in a victory for the Garda on a decisive score of 8-10 to 2-2. Both teams had been keen on success, as an auspicious prelude to later honours in current competitions, and they gave a first-class display. Pat Barry in the Faughs' forward line was in a scoring mood early, and was responsible for half the Champions score. The later stages of the match were all in favour of Garda—the better trained team.

To-day both the Hurling and Football Finals of the Leinster Colleges Championships are down to be played in Croke Park. In Hurling Blackrock and St. Ciaran's College teams alone remain and this should be a splendid game. Kilkenny beat the holders, and Blackrock are eager to wrest the title from them. Their progress up to this stage has been really brilliant; but they will find in Ciaran's a clever and hefty combination. Roscrea having entered the final, owing to the refusal of Knockbeg to replay, now meet St. Finians, and here a rare tussle is certain between two adept and strong sides.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS TO DATE.

LEINSTER.

Senior Hurling—Kilkenny (1-3) beat Leix (1-2); Dublin (4-7) beat Offaly (Nil).
Junior Hurling—Leix (8-4) beat Kildare (1-1).
Senior Football—Kilkenny (2-4) beat Longford (0-3); Kildare (5-8) beat Carlow (1-0).
Junior Football—Kilkenny (4-5) beat Longford (0-11); Kildare (2-1) beat Offaly (0-4); Dublin (2-4) beat Leix (2-2).

MUNSTER.

Senior Hurling—Waterford (5-3) beat Clare (0-1); Cork (4-9) beat Limerick (1-3).
Junior Football—Clare (0-4) beat Waterford (0-2); Cork (3-4) beat Limerick (Nil).

ULSTER.

Senior Football—Monaghan (1-3) beat Armagh (0-5); Antrim (0-16) beat Down (0-1).

CONNACHT.

Senior Football—Roscommon (2-4) beat Sligo (2-2).
Junior Football—Sligo (2-6) beat Roscommon (1-4).

"VETERAN GAEL."

THE FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

Analysis of the Situation by an Irish Officer.

INTERESTING EVENTS FORESHADOWED

I.

From the point at which the Spanish Directory decided to evacuate the Riff, it was only a question of time until France found herself faced with a full-sized war against Abd-el-Krim. Already—around the beginning of the present year—he was throwing out feelers in the shape of armed bands raiding across the frontier, and seeking to rouse again the populations which had accepted the Sultan's administration through French machinery. These tentative efforts met with a certain degree of success; for it now seems that the Spanish withdrawal was far more expensive than was thought at one time.

The Spanish losses in the withdrawal amounted to 20,000 killed, wounded, and missing, and 7,000 prisoners definitely identified as such. Roughly, then, they were about one-fifth of the total strength—120,000. It is hardly likely that a retreat involving such losses did not involve considerable losses of material as well. So that Abd-el-Krim's forces—quite well equipped already—are in a thoroughly sound situation in respect of armament. It seems probable, also, that he has German instructors; and—while it may be a mere coincidence—it is curious that his new offensive synchronised with the election as German President of Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg.

France last year carried out a limited campaign just south of the Spanish Zone, seeking to gain a certain amount of ground and consolidate it. M. Herriot's ministry—hard up and afraid to offend anybody except the Church—would not vote adequate credits for anything more serious. The operations carried out resulted in establishing a chain of French posts very near, but not quite up to, the frontier. These are the posts at present surrounded by Abd-el-Krim's bands. So far none of them seem to have been captured, and it has been possible to keep them supplied by aeroplane; while a large number have been disengaged by the present French forward movements.

The forward movements in question are only to be regarded as preliminaries—strengthening the forward zone, and disengaging the surrounded posts; the garrisons of which will later, when concentrated, be available as reserves. Meantime reinforcements are being forwarded as they can be found conveniently. For France, despite all the accusations of militarism has been reducing effectives, and many of the men with the colours now are recruits of less than a year's service. But, although numbers will probably be fewer on the French side, recourse will be had to material developments in order to compensate.

Especially may be looked for a development of aircraft employment on a big scale. General Niessel, the air chief, has recently been in Morocco in person, and extra squadrons are being forwarded. Already in French Morocco aircraft have been employed on a large scale—notably for the transport of severely wounded men. This has resulted in saving some thousands of lives by reason of the possibility of proper surgical facilities without delay. Again, we find that water—in the shape of ice-blocks—has been conveyed to detached posts. Another interesting experiment will be the employment of the newer tanks in mountainous country, which is expected.

The front of operations extends east and west for a distance of about 100 miles, at an average distance of a dozen or so miles inside the French frontier. The highest summits of the Riff mountains are well beyond the frontier on the other side, so that Abd-el-Krim will have in rear a succession of positions each dominating the one in front. This advantage will, however, be partly off-set by the fact that this mountain zone in his rear will make supply work difficult. And it is said that the resources of grain in the Riff are running short by reason of the number of the tribesmen in the field.

The French communications are far better, and also far better than any the Spaniards ever disposed. A through line runs laterally in rear of their line at a distance of 30–40 miles, allowing stores to come either from Casablanca and Rabot on the Atlantic Coast, or from Oran on the Mediterranean. From Rabot to Fez is a broad-gauge line, and from Oran to Oudjda at the other end:

the intermediate stretch is narrow-gauge. The whole is paralleled by a motor road suitable for heavy traffic. From this lateral line roads constructed last year go forward as far as the present front. The Infantry supply the manual labour for the road-making. Engineers concentrating on bridges, levelling, surveys, and the expert side generally.

The French forces—under the general command of General Chambrun—consist of three groups of all arms, each of several thousand men; in the west General Colombat, in the centre Colonel Freydenberg, in the east Colonel Cambay. General Colombat is a remarkable figure—at war since he was a boy practically. He enlisted as a private at 19, two years before his time to be called up, and became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Foreign Legion at 24. He was an officer in that famous corps for 22 years, fighting in all the French colonial wars of the time. Then he fought in France in the World War, eventually going back to Morocco to begin again.

The Supreme Command is exercised by Marshal Lyantey, the Resident-General. There is also another direction in which he must look—south into the Atlas Mountains, where there are still some centres of resistance unreduced. It would seem as if any attempt by Abd-el-Krim to secure touch with these elements has not succeeded. The main French forces are effectively interposed as a barrier. In fact, it would seem as if the initiative has already passed to the French. As the weather at this season makes extended operations possible, it should not be long before some interesting events take place.

II.

It can be easily deduced from the recently-published Casualty Return that the fighting in Morocco is on a quite important scale. The French losses to date total some 400 killed and 1,100 wounded. The Riff losses cannot be known with any accuracy; but we do know that at certain points they were distinctly serious, and we may assume that an appreciably smaller proportion of their wounded will again become effective than in the case of the French. Indeed, it seems likely that the morale of Abd-el-Krim's auxiliaries—if not his Regulars—has been definitely influenced by the serious stand-up nature of the fighting.

There is no doubt but that Abd-el-Krim meant to rouse the tribesmen in French territory, and his deepest thrust in the centre brought him within 30–40 miles of tribes which submitted at the end of 1923 and among those which submitted last year. Despite these favourable conditions he met with a mixed welcome, receiving only a limited degree of assistance. The French, on the other hand, have not hesitated to employ not merely Regular Moroccan soldiers, but also tribal levies—mounted men, whose mobility was new to the Riff tribesmen, the latter being natives of a territory suitable only for Infantry.

At the same time the French are taking no chances and have assembled by now really considerable forces. Amongst these are enumerated a certain considerable proportion of Heavy Artillery batteries. These are, of course, not of the heaviest type. They are, in fact, batteries of medium calibres—up to 6-in., and consist largely of howitzers for the high-angle fire essential in a mountainous country. It will be a new experience for Abd-el-Krim to be heavily fired at by the map with aircraft spotting by really first-class artillery. There is a considerable prospect of the French securing important initial successes in this way; before the Riff troops, so to speak, "tumble to it."

From the French point of view this would be ideal. Their aim should be to achieve the complete defeat of Abd-el-Krim without needing to pursue him beyond their own territory. In that way anything in the nature of international complications would be avoided entirely. Conditions are not unfavourable to strategy of this type:

1. The French front is roughly a crescent with the horns—near Ouezzan and Kifane—projecting forward towards enemy territory and the centre withdrawn to the River Duergha.

2. Communications facilitate the forwarding of reinforcements towards the horns of the crescent from Casablanca and Algeria respectively.

3. The roads back into the Riff which are practicable for large columns are few in number and capable of being severed by long-range artillery and aircraft. (It must be remembered that Turkish detachments in Palestine were severely handled by these means in Allenby's final advance).

It would seem possible, then, to carry out a double enveloping movement calculated to cut off considerable bodies of Abd-el-Krim's forces while still inside the French zone, and thus give him at the outset a thorough-going lesson. The re-organisation of the French Command—now that more



are in action—seems to point to some such intention. General Chambrun who originally commanded the entire front has now charge of only the eastern half—consisting of the columns of Colonels Canbay and Freydenberg and reinforcements coming from Algeria. The western sector is now commanded by General Billotte and consists of General Colombat's column and the reinforcements arriving on the other flank. General Dangan has command of the entire front. Whether that is the actual strategy intended or not, the distribution of troops certainly lends itself very suitably to a double enveloping movement. Time will tell.

J. J. O'CONNELL, Colonel.

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

Hail, 21st Infantry Battalion, 6th Brigade Football Champions! H.Q. Battalion Team put up a great show against the Champions at Croke Park on 27th ult. The 21st Battalion are now drawn to meet the Winners of 7th Brigade in the Semi-Final of the Command Championship in the middle of this month (June).

The 17th Battalion and G.H.Q. gave a great display of Hurling at Croke Park on the 27th ult, with the former victorious. They had the encouragement of the crowd of 21st Battalion enthusiasts present.

Sgt. Steve Hennessy and Cpl. Rea added to their laurels by winning some of the events at Baldonnel recently.

How did the Picture Card get in advance of "Big Bill"?

It is rumoured that a special Outfit is to be got for the Orderly who is to have charge of the new Battalion Mascot.

Is "Scully" being mistaken for someone else outside?

The boys can now have their Ice Cream daily in Barracks and many of the old hands can be seen making a rush after Church Parade every Sunday morning.

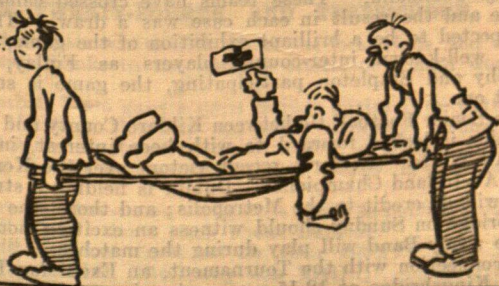
In view of alleged disease (SWINGITIS) breaking out in certain Quarters, sleeping-out passes have had to be altered to allow of earlier fresh air.

Capt. Harkins has his hands full for some time in Athletic Meetings, viz.: 6th Brigade Meeting, May 30th; Carlow Mental Hospital, June 11th; Two Mile House, Naas, July 19th. Entry Forms for the last mentioned two can be had on application to the Secretaries.

Had a certain N.C.O. special dress to act as Interpreter recently?

Capt. O'Beirne is to be congratulated on his fine refereeing in the match between the 24th and the 21st at the Park recently.

The 21st Battalion Sports Committee have to return their best thanks to members of Civic Guard for the numerous occasions on which the latter's ground has been at their disposal.



The man who lost the argument.

PLUCKY SOLDIER MUSICIAN.

Young Piper's Midnight Plunge in Canal to Effect a Rescue.

Yet another gallant deed has to be added to the steadily growing number of those performed by Soldiers of the Irish Army. The soldier in the case is Piper William Hegarty, of the Army School of Music, and the story of his pluck is given below.

Guards Dillon and Foley, while on duty at Portobello Bridge at 11.40 p.m. on the 16th May (says the police account of the occurrence) were notified by Private Hegarty, attached to Beggar's Bush Barracks, and living with his people at 6 Charlemont Mall, that there was a motor car in the Grand Canal.



PIPER WILLIAM HEGARTY.

Guard Foley, immediately divested himself of his coat, tunic and helmet, and jumped into the Canal beside the car. Private Hegarty, and a civilian named Thomas Cullen, also jumped in, and gave every assistance in rescuing a man and a woman, who were driver and passenger, respectively, in the motor car.

In his report on the 17th inst., the Station Sergeant at Rathmines Guard Station, says:—

"The soldier is suffering somewhat from the effects of the immersion, and it is highly creditable on his part for the plucky assistance he rendered on the occasion, and, in my opinion, he is entitled to a day or two to recover from the effects. The combined action of the Guard, Soldier, and Civilian, resulted in saving two lives."

In connection with the incident, the following letter was received by the Officer Commanding, Beggars' Bush Barracks:—

"A Dhuine Uasail,—I am directed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to state that on the night of the 16th inst., a motor car was accidentally driven into the Canal between Portobello Bridge and Charlemont Street Bridge.

"The Police Officers who came on the scene were materially helped in rescuing the occupants by Private Hegarty No. 60809, Beggars' Bush Barracks, and but for his valuable assistance, the accident might have had a fatal termination.

"The Private's action was most praiseworthy, and the Deputy Commissioner desires me to request that you may be good enough to convey to him his appreciation of the assistance rendered to the Police Officers concerned. Mise, le meas, agat.

"(Signed) J. C. CONNOLLY,
a.s. Runaidhe, Caislean, Baile Atha Cliath,
20th May, 1925."

Colonel Brase had the praiseworthy conduct of Private Hegarty brought to the notice of all ranks of the Army School of Music, through the medium of the Daily Routine Orders on the 23rd May, and the matter also was brought to the notice of the Adjutant-General.

Co—"Don't you think Connie looks spirituelle in that gown?"
EDNA—"Well, I'll admit there is not much of the material about her."

Rastus was sporting proudly a new shirt, when a friend asked:
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"PORTOBELLO-INGS."

Summer, last year, we are reminded, fell on a *Wednesday*.

We all "turned out" on Wednesday, 20th ulto., to witness the 23rd Battalion Annual Sports, but apparently the O. i/c weather had already made his own arrangements *re* the allocation of summer. It rained, aye, and *knew how to*!

Despite this fact a very good programme was gone through. The appearance of some visitors in the three miles (open) gave an added interest to the event. In all 17 turned out, and successfully waded through the mud for a mile. Thirteen of them then decided to postpone the remaining two miles until a finer day, and promptly returned to the welcome shelter of the dressing tent. The remaining four, utterly oblivious of time and distance, and apparently immune to all human feelings, continued to jog along.

The retirement of "Rory" shortly afterwards came rather as a surprise to everybody, as the event was considered a "gift" for him. The winner (Private O'Donohue, 27th Battalion) beat the second man (Private Malone of the 7th) by three-quarters of a lap, thereby proving himself a "distance man" of no mean ability, and he should certainly go a very long way in Army events of this kind.

The Inter-Company Tug-of-War was very easy to describe. Ten huge men of "_____ Company," with boots to match, "dug themselves in," and simply laughed at efforts of any other Company to "dig them out."

They were ultimately removed by the Cook-house bugle (tea).

No. 2 Band was there, and from their pitch in the centre of the field, appeared to enjoy the rain as much as everybody else, and incidentally helped the poor besodden spectators to forget.

The children's race—nominations about 75—actual number of competitors doubtful. (*Winner trained by Jones*). No special place betting.

Putting the Shot—(sometimes called "swinging the lead"—Surely nobody in Portobello could possibly qualify for this event.

A Billiard Handicap, open to all units in Portobello, is being formulated; with this view a Handicapping Committee, representing the Units concerned is being formed, and, I understand, the prizes (which will be "worth while") are being presented by Cumann Sugraid an Airm.

Pity the Handicapper, if J.K., and a few more "hot things" I know think of competing. Owing 250 in a 250 up game would about suit some of them.

Father Casey, with the assistance of the ever-active 7th Brigade Institute Committee, will undoubtedly make a huge success of the National Savings Scheme within the 7th Brigade. The scheme is within reach of everybody, and everybody, we are sure, will avail themselves of "SOMETHING FOR NOTHING."

We would like to know:—
If the 22nd Battalion Sergeants' Mess is not one of the best in the Army?

What is the real attitude of the A.A.A. towards Tennis within the Army?

If Army Boxing is not almost a thing of the past?

Why N.C.O.'s while undergoing a course on the Curragh never communicate with their pals?

What a certain Unit in Portobello thinks of the new hat "flashed" by their B.Q.M.S.?

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Notes from Gormanston, 7th Infantry Battalion, etc., received too late for this issue.

All contributions for next number **MUST** reach us **not later than Saturday, June 13th.**

WHEN IS A FINAL NOT A FINAL?

Puzzled Reader Charges Officials with making many Blunders.

REMARKABLE STATE OF CONFUSION EXISTING

To the Editor of AN T-ÓGLACH.

A CHARA.—I would thank you for space in your Journal to draw your attention to a matter which perhaps more timorous scribes pass over. I am greatly interested in the progress of Army Hurling and Football and through your Journal learn of many fixtures in League struggles and moreover like your fair comments on the games. But what puzzles me, is the absolute ignorance of officials as to the exact position of the competing teams in any given League match. I have seen teams struggling for supremacy in Phoenix Park and on enquiry was informed by an official on each occasion that the game was a League Final or a test match. Weeks afterwards I have found the same teams battling in the same League and—according to officials—in the same final, or test match!!!

I give as an instance two series of matches. According to reports G.H.Q. "A" team and Artillery over five weeks ago were to decide by a test match the Hurling League of, I believe, G.H.Q. Command. Mark you, five weeks ago!!! G.H.Q. have since played a match, I believe, with Portobello in the same League; and moreover, Artillery have since then got a walk over from a second Division of G.H.Q. in the same League. The result of these games "happens" to leave a test match next Sunday at Newbridge. But it is a mere chance that such has occurred.

Again, I witnessed a Football match between 21st Battalion, Collins Barracks, Dublin, and a team from Dundalk a few weeks ago. On enquiry I was informed by an official that the Collins Barracks team only required a draw to win the Championship (6th Brigade). What do I find? A match played at Croke Park on Wednesday last was the deciding match in the Championship. That match was between 21st Battalion Collins and Headquarters Coy., Collins Barracks.

Who is responsible for this blundering or is it a fact that even officials in games cannot let the public know how League matches stand at a given date?

Whilst on this subject; why does the A.A.A. "hide their light under a bushel" by not letting their fixtures be known to the public before they are actually over?

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you can enlighten me on above points?

Is mise,—PARK RANGER.

EXCURSION TO NEWBRIDGE NOR NEXT SUNDAY'S TOURNAMENT.

What promises to be one of the big events of the year in County Kildare has been arranged for Newbridge on Sunday, the 7th June. The programme will be opened with a hurling contest between G.H.Q. and Artillery for supremacy of the G.H.Q. Command. These teams have crossed camans twice before and the result in each case was a draw. The match is expected to be a brilliant exhibition of the game, and with such well-known inter-county players as Finlay, O'Neill, Murphy and Stapleton participating, the game is sure to be a fast one.

The Senior Football tie between Kildare County and a Dublin selection is looked forward to with keen interest, in view of the All Whites' (Kildare) recent victory over the Kerry team, 1924 All-Ireland Champions. Dublin is fielding a strong pick that will do credit to the Metropolis; and those who travel to Newbridge on Sunday should witness an exciting hour's play.

The Army Band will play during the matches. In connection with the Tournament, an Excursion Train will leave Kingsbridge at 12.15 p.m., returning at 9 p.m. Return Fare, 3/-. Tickets for the Excursion can be had at the Office of the Camp Commandant, G.H.Q.

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NOTES FROM THE SIXTEENTH.

Our worthy C.Q. Commandant Sean Gallagher has proceeded to the A.S.I., Curragh, for a course. Commandant P. Casey has taken over the Battalion during his absence and we trust that he will take the same warm interest in sport as did Commandant Gallagher.

Sport in the Battalion is now in full swing and the Inter-Coy. Football and Hurling Championship matches are being played off. "D" Coy. having whacked "C" Coy. in the semi-final to the tune of 9 goals and 6 points to nil in the Hurling, and 2 goals to 4 points in Football. "C" Coy. are to be congratulated on their plucky display against the best sporting Company in the 3rd Brigade.

Capt. P. Ryan, O.C. "D." Coy. is again skipper of the Southern Command Hurling team and is putting in some stiff training at H.Q.s. at present in preparation for their big match against Blackrock which takes place shortly, and we feel sure the Boys in Green will give a good account of themselves.

Lieut. J. A. Smith is hard in training at present with a trio of dark horses and great things may be expected of them on the track this season. A great deal of credit is due to Lieut. Smith for the all round athletic prowess of "D" Coy. during the absence of Capt. Ryan as almost every N.C.O. and man in the Coy. takes part in some form of sport.

Lieut. Michael Murray has just returned from the A.S.I., Curragh, and is now busy imparting the new Drill to both N.C.O.'s and men which is evidently being appreciated.

Sergt. O'Gara, Weights and Measures Inspector, Macroom, deserves a special note of praise for the lively interest he has taken in Military sport also for his unbiassed decisions as a referee. In all the matches he has refereed he has given entire satisfaction to both sides. Sergt. O'Gara is an all round athlete and a handball player to be reckoned with.

AT 4th BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

The return of the N.C.O.'s from the Curragh caused some excitement recently, and we would like to know who is responsible for the training of the "OPERA CLASS" at the School of Instruction.

Corporal M. returned from Parkgate looking spick and span. It is rumoured that he and Sean still prefer the "SHAMROCK" Society.

There is no truth in the rumour that "TONY" lost weight at the Curragh, but it can safely be said that he gained ground. GREEN TAPE is the order of the day, all on account of G.R.O. 79 appearing.

N.C.O.'s Classes are in full swing, and the 14th Battalion are to be complimented for supplying very efficient Instructors.

Training for the "PREMIER CUP" competition has already begun, and the 12th are hot favourites.

Did "TIPP" enjoy the Hurling Match on the 24th May?

THE SILENT WATCHER.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH AND TERPSICHOIRE.

The annual dance was held in one of the local Halls, and was a great success, thanks to the untiring efforts of a hard working committee.

24th Football Team gave a great display against H.Q. Battalion in League Match at Dundalk, and were victorious. They were rather unlucky in the return match with H.Q. at Dublin. Dreams of defeating the 21st in a return match at Dublin did not come off either.

It is rumoured that a man we know is about to publish a volume entitled: "What I don't know about Dancing."

What will Ted and Steve do for their 290's?

Where was YAH? (And why was YAH?)

"Corney" has left his town residence (Collins Barracks) for his country seat in the Banner County. Evidently to get the "Crusheen" feeling.

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CORPORALS AND MEN'S MESS IN McKEE BARRACKS

The inaugural meeting in connection with the corporals' and men's Mess at McKee Barracks was held in the Orderly Room, G.H.Q., on Saturday, 23rd May, by kind permission of the Camp Commandant. Lieut. G. E. Moore presided and B.S.M. Connolly acted as honorary secretary pro. tem. There were also present:—Private McDonnell and Private Kelly, representing G.H.Q.; Private Nichols and Private F. Kelly, representing the Clerks' Unit; Private J. Keeney, representing the Engineers; Private Kelly, for the Signal Corps, and Corporal Cassidy on behalf of the existing Corporals' Mess.

Lieut. Moore explained the object of the meeting and strongly emphasised the absolute necessity of having the mess run on strictly efficient and businesslike lines. He called upon the Committee to do their best to infuse into the members the imperative need of the whole-hearted co-operation and cohesion of all to achieve the object of making the mess as far as possible more comfortable and more homelike. He assured the Committee that the authorities would do everything within reason to help to make the mess a success.

Sergeant-Major Connolly also spoke and the election of officers was then proceeded with. The following being elected:—President, Corporal Cassidy; Secretary, Pte. F. Kelly.

A FEW QUERIES FROM THE 25th.

Does the paper shortage in a certain quarter correspond with the (apparent) chest measurement of a certain soldier?

What happened to the sentry who saw the "Headless Horse"?

If the soldier who has taken up conjuring is able to get rabbits from a hat, will they be added to the rations? And will he still be allowed to play billiards and join in a game of cards?

Is it a fact that the story of Sir Walter Raleigh and the servant was re-enacted one night recently after "Lights Out,"—a nocturnal cigarette (and the smoker) being extinguished with the contents of a water bottle?

Is there a man in "B" Company who sings at Reveille, and, if so, what should be done to him?



THE SOLDIER-CLERK.

"Me Larkie" Moves from Portobello to G.H.Q. and Bemoans his sad lot.

I am only a Soldier-Clerk—or should I say—I am only a Clerk-Soldier? Anyhow the nomenclature does not matter. "A rose by any other name—"

I am attached to G.H.Q. for discipline and rations. Principally discipline!

The term Soldier-Clerk is misleading. I have tried to interpret it but have not yet succeeded. At any rate this is how you become one:—

You arrive at G.H.Q., Parkgate Street, and having been submitted to the "Third Degree", by the Military Police at the gate, you report at the Orderly Room. Take particular notice of the Orderly Room, for you are bound to become better acquainted with it before very long—oh, yes, very much better acquainted with it! One thing strikes you very forcibly in the Orderly Room and that is the large number of nice young soldiers you find congregated there, equipped with notebooks, pencils, and whistles. They are always quoting a form that they call a "one, one, seven." At this juncture don't worry about "one, one, seven"—you'll have plenty of time to do that later on.

After your name has been logged you are directed to the Clerks' Mess. After a *recherche* repast, daintily served (loud laughter) you hear a whistle—one long blast.

G.H.Q. is, from the Clerk-Soldier's point of view, one long whistle. A whistle wakes you up in the morning, a whistle keeps you awake all day, and a whistle sends you to bed at night. When the whistle blows—and it blows from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.—jump to it!

At first not being thoroughly versed in whistle tactics, I did not "jump to it," but a persuasive voice from a prospective N.C.O. enquired "Hi, you! what do you think you're on? There's a 'Digger' here for chaps like you. Am I talking to myself? You're for Orderly Room in the morning—you're on a "one, one, seven."

With these trite remarks he disappeared and I began to realise what a "one, one, seven" was and what a whistle was and what an embryo N.C.O. was—in G.H.Q.!

After a brief spell of office work—very brief—I again heard my old friend the whistle. I was getting very "ikey" about that whistle, so I dashed on to the Square, hopping gracefully over the cobble stones of G.H.Q. (and they are cobble stones).

Again I backed a loser. I fell in with the Orderlies and out with the Sgt.-Major—another "one, one, seven."

I had just resumed my seat in the Office, or so it seemed to me, when the whistle went again. This time I asked what the whistle meant and learned that it was for the "Clerks' tea." I decided to give it a miss.

After tea our old friend the whistle went again, at this stage I had grown somewhat disgruntled. Between dodging Ford cars in every conceivable stage of decomposition and religiously avoiding budding and blossoming N.C.O.'s—whom I have learned to dread more than Sgt. Majors—I got reckless and I fell in with a bunch on the square. I was numbered off umpteen times, "as you were'd," formed fours and eventually marched off to McKee Barracks. I got a bed and unpacked and "got down" to it having had quantum suff. of Soldier-Clerking for one day. But my slumbers were disturbed and distorted. I still could hear whistles, see budding N.C.O.'s and hear parting instructions about carrying gloves and sticks.

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A CALL TO ARMY ATHLETES.

Important Part Officers should Play.

It is now over two years since the Army Athletic Association was founded, and it is not inopportune to review briefly its working, and by putting forward a few suggestions mayhap be the means of creating a greater interest in the work before us, which is of much importance in the development of a healthy Army.

When the Association was formed, the main object then in view was the provision of some light form of amusement for hard-working troops. Looking back on that period, 1923-24, and considering the state of affairs then existing, all will, I think, agree that the Association played its part with success. Having proved its worth during a troublous period, it is not too much to expect that it will live up to its reputation in times of peace. It is with such a hope and wish this article is penned.

The War time Athletic Organisation should be a thing of the past, and all our energies should be centered on and devoted to the fostering of athletics on a higher basis. Athletics generally are at present on a low ebb in our country. It is but natural that the country should look to the State's Forces to give the necessary impetus to a great athletic revival. In comparison with Civilian Associations and Clubs, the State's Forces have by far the greater opportunities and facilities. The Garda Síochána as a whole have risen to the occasion, especially the Metropolitan section. If then the Garda can do so much, *why not the Army?*

It is not necessary to enumerate in detail the facilities afforded Army Athletes. Suffice to say, they are a comparatively compact body, immune from heavy physical labour as a whole, physically fit, and composed of men mainly between the ages of 18 and 25 years. With such material there is no reason why the Army should not within a space of about two years make such progress as would ensure for Ireland a position of prominence in the Athletic World.

The Army can help Ireland athletically if each and all of its members give solid thought and practical help to our athletes.

In this respect a special word is, I feel, due to our Officers. On the latter depends the success or failure of the athletic life of the Army. Kindly interest, words of encouragement to the rank and file athlete mean much. Presence at athletic meetings and participation in the games are of greater value, but most important are the will to organise competitions and the granting of facilities to the men. I feel it is only necessary to bring to the notice of the Commanding Officers the great benefits obtainable from athleticism, to have immediate attention given to the matter (by participation and organisation).

I would, as an example to our Officers, just mention that our much lamented late Commander-in-Chief (General Michael Collins) did more than one man's part to stimulate interest in athletics. Many of our members, who were interned in Frongoch in 1916, will recollect the important part he played in the organising of the successful athletic meeting held there. Notwithstanding the responsibilities thrown on his shoulders during the period 1918-21, no athletic or sporting fixture with a manful appeal was held in his absence. With such an example it remains to be seen if our members will rise to the occasion and bring to maturity the work which to General Michael Collins was a labour of love.

Within the next couple of months the Army will be given its opportunity, and with the co-operation of all, and the development of a healthy rivalry between the different Units, the foundation for a successful athletic revival can be laid.

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MUSIC IN THE THIRD BRIGADE WITH THE TWELFTH.

Mr. Joseph O'Mara's recent statement that music has been at a standstill in Ireland for twenty-five years, has caused amazement in Cork. I mean military Cork. Apparently that gentleman does not know that if all other roads in life lead from Cork to Dublin, all musical roads (if we may use such a term) lead to Cork. Users of the said roads will agree with me that "musical" is the only term to apply—the sense in which it is applied being entirely a matter of opinion.

In the Third Brigade, Music has made such enormous and vigorous progress that some of us are hoping schemes of harnessing power will not be confined to the Shannon. Take for instance the Orderly in room C.3., Married Quarters, Collins Barracks. He "Sings softly through the night" with variations and feeling, and the feeling extends down to room B.1., where the occupant is fervently praying that he may again be given the option of living in one of the desirable cottages outside the gate.

Again we have the Sergeant who continually "Wants to go back to the Tumble Down Shack" in B. flat. He introduces such feeling in his hearers that arrangements have been made to send him there, by fair means or otherwise. Can you imagine anything more touching in an age when Music is particularly noted for its touching qualities?

To realize the amount of courage and expression that go to the making of a Caruso, one has only to listen to a garrison cook rendering "Till the Sands of the Desert grow cold," to a roomful of shivering soldiers after they have been issued with their fourteen pounds of coal (*vide* D.O. 29) on regulation day of Spring as we know it.

I had almost forgotten the violinist in room B.2. (here again I had almost forgotten myself and spelled it violent-ist). There is nothing in the world to equal old Irish Airs played on the violin—as you were—violin, particularly when the Airs and the Violin are so old as to be almost threadbare. Instead of enjoying the rest due to an honourable old age, they are always with us, like the poor to remind us of our better natures, which is just as well—perhaps.

Yes, I am convinced that Mr. O'Mara is wrong. Music is very much on the move—but I don't think it should wear regulation boots.

M.

THRIFT IN THE ARMY.

During the past week, we are glad to note that a "big push" has been on foot to establish Savings Associations in the 7th Brigade Area. Through the efforts of Mr. McNeive, Organiser on behalf of the Saorstát Éireann Savings Certificate Association and Father Casey, C.F., Brigade Chaplain, it is hoped that Thrift Associations will be in full working order throughout the whole Area in a few weeks.

The various Units stationed in Portobello Barracks including 23rd Battalion, Records Staff, Signals and Q.M.G.'s Department evinced much interest in the address given in the Gym. on Tuesday, May 25th, and as a result many Savings Associations have been established. The Army Corps of Engineers have also established a Savings Association. In the Hibernian School, the 27th Battalion was addressed, and the 7th Battalion, stationed in Naas, have already begun to save.

Full particulars may be obtained from Saorstát Éireann Central Savings Committee, 63 Dawson Street, Dublin.

Corporal X. of the "D" Company says the continued wet weather is due to the blasting operations at Lisduff.

We have a very promising tug-of-war team as other Battalions will know in the near future.

Our tennis players amongst the N.C.O.'s and men also have a good opinion of themselves, and are anxious to meet the pick of any Battalion in the Southern Command—preferably Command Headquarters.

A Corporal of ours, whose fancy ran as a sort of rearguard in the Derby, says that if the horses had been ordered "about turn" during the race, the steed he backed would have had a great chance of winning at 20 to 1.

Our bugler has just returned from a course of instruction at the Army School of Music, and gives a glowing account of his experiences in Beggar's Bush. He was told "This is your first Irish Army for eight hundred years, and your forefathers will be listening to the bugle calls, so see that you sound them properly."

On Sunday, 24th May, the Battalion Football Team met the local civilian team in a friendly contest, and were defeated by one goal.

Story received from another Battalion:—

Orderly Officer—Did you wash your hands to-day?

Recruit—No, Sir.

Orderly Officer—Did you wash your face?

Recruit—Oh, yes, Sir.

Orderly Officer left pondering on the problem of how one can wash one's face without washing one's hands.

ROS CAIRBRE.

G.H.Q. v. CELBRIDGE SELECTED.

G.H.Q. Football team travelled on Sunday, 31st May, to Celbridge, and after a most enjoyable game defeated the local selected by the score—G.H.Q.—3 Goals 4 Points—Selected 2 Goals 4 Points.

The defeated team had the assistance of several players (including Buckley and Tuíte) who assisted Kildare to defeat Kerry on the 24th May.



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SECRETARIES WHO SHOULD BE SACKED.

Members of the "Hush! Hush!" Society—Reports Never Forwarded to A.A.A. Headquarters—Extraordinary Attitude Demands Drastic Treatment—Hindering instead of Helping Athletics in the Army.

In another page we refer editorially to the amazing slackness of a number of the honorary secretaries attached to Sports Committees, A.A.A. Groups, etc., throughout the Army. In the notes below, which are supplied by A.A.A. headquarters, the matter is also referred to, and we would specially direct the attention of delinquents to the paragraph in black type.

It is quite clear that the present state of affairs cannot continue if the Army Athletic Association is to be of benefit to the soldiers in general. No organisation can thrive if it is badly served by its members and the secretaries in question are rendering a singular disservice to the cause of athletics in the Army. If these individuals cannot be improved they should be removed—and without delay.

Lieutenant Coghlan, 26th Infantry Battalion, Athlone, Army Half Mile Champion, added to his honours by winning the Half Mile Championship of Connaught at Sligo.

Rumour has it that Lieutenant Coghlan set up an Irish record for this distance.

A Cross-channel Sporting paper, writing of Coghlan, says he is the most finished runner in Ireland.

We venture to predict that the Lieutenant will win the Irish Championship in July.

The 17th Battalion Hurling Team journeyed to Dublin on Wednesday, 27th May, and gained a well-merited victory over General Headquarters "A" Team.

21st Infantry Battalion Football Team defeated Command Headquarters at Croke Park on the same date.

Sergeant Higgins, Private Goff and Private Brennan were Headquarters' outstanding players.

Sergeant Doyle showed great form for the 21st.

Rumours Received by A.A.A.

It is rumoured the A.A.A. has had no official intimation so far: That the 5th Brigade Hurling Team played a selection from the 6th and 7th Brigades at Portlaoighise recently.

That the 23rd Battalion held their annual sports at Portobello Barracks.

That the 6th Brigade Sports are being decided somewhere in Dublin sometime in the near future.

That a certain Dublin Junior Football team is composed mainly of Army men.

That Army players generally are content to have their Military ranks omitted from lists published.

And a Sprinkling of Facts The A.A.A. DOES know officially:—

That the Final of the General Headquarters Hurling League is down for decision at Newbridge on Sunday, June 7th.

That arrangements have been made for a Football contest between Dublin and Kildare.

That No. 1 Army Band will also be in attendance.

That the 5th Brigade Sports Committee are holding a meeting at St. James's Park, Kilkenny, on June 14th.

That many events at this meeting are confined to Army Athletes. And a goodly number are open to Army and Civilian athletes

That a special train leaves Kingsbridge on the morning of the Sports. Return Fare, 6s.

Other Fixtures Ahead.

That the 4th Brigade Sports are being decided at the Markets Fields, Limerick, on July 9th.

That a monster Boxing Tourney is being held at Kilkenny Theatre on Wednesday.

That the Tournament is All-Army in character, embracing boxers from General Headquarters, Eastern, Western, Southern and Curragh Commands.

That the Army Golfing Championships will be held at Hermitage Course on the 18th and 19th of June. Entries to be forwarded to Captain Delamere, Aerodrome, Baldonnell.

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

Last sentence, Paragraph 3, Minutes of Athletics and Cycling Sub-Committee, published in our last issue, should read:—"Not less than four competitors to be entered by the Company for each event."

We would like to know what steps have been taken by the Battalion Sports Committees *re* the selecting of Athletic teams for the Inter-Battalion Athletic Contests, to be held in the near future.

Sins of Omission.

What objection have Command, Brigade, and Battalion Secretaries to the orders issued relative to the forwarding of reports in respect of athletic activities.

The Secretary of the A.A.A. desires to state:— That in spite of repeated requests, Secretaries still fail to furnish reports.

That only the Secretary of the General Headquarters Command supplies the necessary data.

That Athletics are recognised as part of the Training and Operations Branch.

THAT UNLESS REPORTS AND LISTS OF FIXTURES ARE SUPPLIED IN DUE COURSE, DELINQUENTS MAY HAVE AN EARLY, BUT BY NO MEANS WELCOME,

REMINDER.

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PRIVATE MURPHY IS MIXED UP IN A FISHY AFFAIR.



MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held at General Headquarters, Parkgate, on Friday, 22nd May, Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, Chairman, presiding. Also present:—Major-Generals MacNeill and Cronin, Major Doyle, Vice-Chairman; Major McGrath, Hon. Treasurer; Commandant Colgan, Secretary. A message was received from Major-General Hogan regretting inability to attend.

TANCY LEE.

Arising out of the minutes of the former meeting, it was decided to offer the Boxing Instructor the position as Company Sergeant; a similar offer to be made to Mr. Laverty, applicant for the position of Athletic Trainer.

On the question of Athletic Training on two days in each month, Major-General MacNeill undertook to have the instruction issued through Command Orders.

The minutes were then adopted.

The meeting then considered the recommendations of the various Sub-Committees:—

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING.

It was pointed out that the last portion of Paragraph 3 of the Sub-Committees minutes was incorrect, the last sentence to read: "Not less than four competitors to be entered by the Company for each event."

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Command Secretaries with a view to having the various Championships, as set out by the Sub-Committee, given effect to.

The minutes were adopted.

HORSEMANSHIP.

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee were adopted.

BOXING.

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee were adopted.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, the following Boxing Instructors were appointed:—

Sergeant Dwyer, Privates Kidley, Murphy and Doyle.

MOTOR CYCLING.

Arising out of these Minutes, it was decided to provide three Cups and Championship Medals for the events. It was also decided to purchase two stop watches, which are to be retained by the Executive Council and loaned as required.

GOLF AND TENNIS.

Arising out of the minutes, it was pointed out that Tennis Court Returns were incomplete. The Secretary undertook to communicate with Command Quartermasters on the matter.

The minutes were adopted.

GOLF.

The minutes were adopted.

Further suggestions, not embodied in the previous minutes, were put forward by the Golfing Sub-Committee. Arising out of the suggestions, it was decided to present 6 Gold Medals for the Team Championship, 1 Gold and 1 Silver and Gold Centre Medal for the Individual Championship. Special Prize, first and second, for the best Handicap.

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO.

The minutes were adopted.

HURLING, GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HANDBALL.

The minutes were adopted.

Arising out of the minutes, the Secretary informed the meeting that so far he had not received the names of the hurlers from the Eastern or Southern Commands for the proposed game v. the Civic Guards, July the 4th. The Secretary was directed to again communicate with the Command Secretaries concerned.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Hon. Secretaries of the Sub-Committees that entries for the various Championships and Competitions should be received by the Hon. Secretary, Sub-Committee. Lists of all entries to be forwarded to the Secretary, Executive Council.

With reference to Army representation on the N.A. and C.A., Major Doyle undertook to interview the President of the Association.

Hon. Secretaries, Sub-Committees, are to be instructed to notify members of the Standing Committee of the place and date of their meetings.

The Rev. Chairman undertook to communicate with the General Officers Commanding, Eastern, Western, Southern, and Curragh Commands, with a view to having weekly reports forwarded to Athletic Office on the working of the Association within the various Commands.

The Secretary was instructed to ensure that correction in respect of the entries for the Inter-Company Athletic Competitions be inserted in the next issue of AN t-ÓGLACH.

G.H.Q. COMMAND COUNCIL.

Barriers to Swimming—Tennis Tournament—Handball Championship.

A meeting of the G.H.Q. Command Council A.A.A. was held on 24th May, Major T. McGrath (Chairman) presiding and the following were also in attendance:—Comdt. D. Mackey, V.P., Comdt. P. Ennis, Comdt. O'Connor, Capt. O'Beirne, Capt. Delamere, Lieut. C. S. Doyle (Secretary), Lieut. Kavanagh, Lieut. McKeown, Capt. Fitzgerald, Capt. Lennon, Lieut. McKenna, Sgt.-Major Woods, Sgt.-Major White, Sgts. Keogh, Gahan and Kennedy, Cpls. O'Neill and Hughes, Ptes. Twohig, Harman and Moanes.

Command Sports.

The question of holding the Command Sports in view of the many inter-Company contests to take place, was discussed. Comdt. Ennis was of the opinion that owing to the many prior fixtures to be brought off it would be advisable to drop the Command Sports altogether or at least postpone them. It was eventually decided to hold the Sports at Croke Park on 4th July.

The Chairman informed the meeting that four of the cups had been recovered for Command Competition. The others outstanding would be secured in due course.

Players who did not turn up.

Following the recent match in the Gold Medal Tournament with the Garda Síochána team Comdt. Ennis raised the question of players selected for that game not turning up. It was, he said, a matter of respect to the Council that in such cases an explanation be given and he was glad to see that in one of the cases concerned the defaulter came to the meeting and explained that his absence was due to a misunderstanding. In the other case he proposed suspension. It was a matter of utter disrespect to the Council not to be there and give an excuse.

With reference to the latter case the player in question will, through his Commanding Officer, be given an opportunity of appearing before the Council to explain his absence from the match.

Hurling Test Match.

The matter of the much discussed test match between Artillery and G.H.Q. "A" Team was next brought forward and Comdt. Ennis applied for and was granted permission to run a special excursion train on that date (7th June). No. 5 Group, it was stated, were quite willing to pay the expense, and the Comdt. said he had been in touch with the Adjutant-General who had very kindly consented to allow the No. 1 Band to travel (hear hear).

Capt. Fitzgerald said that he had seen the Dominican Fathers with reference to the use of their grounds and they had met him in every way. They were giving the grounds free and were most anxious to see the day a success.

The Secretary suggested that to add to the day's attraction, a Dublin selection meet a Kildare selection that day.

Capt. Fitzgerald stated that he was sure as Kildare were now again in the limelight they would be pleased to play. The sanction of the Leinster Council would of course be necessary. As far as he was concerned he would do his utmost at the Kildare end.

The proposal met with general approval and the final arrangements were left in the hands of the Secretary.

Swimming Club to be formed.

Sgt. Kennedy reported that the attendance at the swimming baths was not satisfactory.

Comdt. O'Connor stated that the question of swimming would have to be tackled in a manner suitable to the Army as a whole. He suggested the formation of an Army



headquarters in Dublin. Every member of the Army would be entitled to membership at say a nominal subscription of 1s. Frequent fixtures could be held and the Club affiliated to the Leinster Branch of the I.S.A. This would entitle members to take part in outside competitions under the I.S.A. Laws. It was useless to try to make swimming the success it should be by confining their activities to groups and commands. What was wanted was a central organisation such as he suggested. In outside units there was plenty of paper talk which brought them no further because facilities were not available, and where men were keen to take part an arrangement should be made to allow them to avail of the opportunities afforded in Dublin.

After further discussion it was decided to form a sub-committee for swimming and water polo with Comdnt. O'Connor as president.

In connection with this subject it was mentioned that the Tara St. Baths were available for all troops every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 4d. per head.

Tennis.

Capt. Delamere submitted a scheme for a Lawn Tennis Tournament to be held on a Championship basis and completed before the end of June on the group system within the Command. He proposed the following be the Committee in charge of the Tournament:—Col. Mac Enri, Comdt O'Connor, Capt. Stapleton, Capt. Brennan, Capt. Tuite, Capt. Delamere, Sergt. Kennedy.

The following are the principal items of the scheme as laid down.

Four players to represent each group; Prizes for group winners to be purchased from group funds; Prizes for Command Championship to be borne by Command Fund. Fee of 2s. 6d. to be paid by entrants to defray expenses incidental to trials. This goes to Command Funds.

Command Council shall supply the balls.

Singles only shall be played, no handicaps in this Championship. Courts shall be optional.

On the completion of this Tournament the championships proper, Singles and Doubles with handicaps will commence with a view to the all-Army Championships.

The scheme was unanimously adopted.

Handball.

In connection with the Handball Championships within the Command the following draws were made.

1st Round, G.H.Q. v. Island Bridge, May 27th. (G.H.Q., Lieut. McKeown and Sergt. Pigott won 21-15-21-16) in hard ball.

They also got a win in soft ball.

Gormanston v. Baldonnell. Civic Guard Alley, 4.6.25, 3.30 p.m. Portobello v. Artillery at Kildare, 18.6.25, 3.30.

Games to be 21 aces and best two out of three games.

The following referees were appointed for the Command—Hurling—Major McGrath, Capt. Ryan, Capt. Finlay and Corp. Hayes.

Football—Comdt. Mackey, Comdt. Ennis, Capt. FitzGerald and Liam Kavanagh.

NO. 2 BATTALION A.A.A.

The Battalion has again found that sporting energy which distinguished them of yore. A Battalion meeting was held on May 22nd and a Committee formed to deal with all Sport and Entertainments. Commandant P. P. Hyde was again elected Chairman, and will be supported by Captain M. Doyle (Adjutant), Captain B. Whelan, Lieut. A. Swan, C.Q.M.S. Donegan, Sergts. J. Wilson and P. Dempsey, Corpls. Warnock and Barlow.

Arrangements are being made to hold the Battalion Sports in the early part of July, on the Finner playing grounds.

Although we have lost some fine sportsmen during the last six months, the Battalion will be able to field some fine teams in Football and Hurling. Our "Recruits" are very keen on Sport, and Handball is in great favour, but the need of a "Ball Alley" is keenly felt.

Training for all athletics is proceeding rapidly, and a good season is anticipated.

6th BRIGADE SPORTS.

Annual Fixture on Collins Barracks Esplanade Proves Big Success.

The Esplanade, Collins Barracks, presented a pleasant appearance on Saturday last when the 6th Brigade held their Annual Sports. Despite the threatening weather a good number of spectators was present.

The Committee in charge have every reason to feel proud of the day's work. It is very gratifying to all concerned that there was not a hitch in the entire day's proceedings. Capt. Harkins saw to it that no time was lost and as M.C. he is to be congratulated on the expeditious way the events were brought off. The ground too was in perfect order, and the Army No. 2 Band under the baton of Lieut. A. K. Duff, Mus.B., enlivened the proceedings.

As championships go there was nothing exceptional in the performances, but all were good. A matter that should have attention however is the number of prizes offered at Championship Sports. There is little competition in having, say in the High Jump or Long Jump only two prizes and two men only qualifying for the final. There was very little difference in the Jumping of the first three in any of the Jumping events. Again in the running section there was no competition for third places. Competitors who were unable to reach either of the first two berths dropped out early in the races and a third prize would have made a much better finish all round.

A notable feature of the programme was the very small number of defections from the original entries. This would suggest that care has been taken in the accepting of entries—a very welcome feature indeed. It was pleasing to note that with few exceptions (unavoidable in every case), competitors as they appeared on the programme responded to their names on being called.

Sgt. Hennessey and Cpl. Rea maintained their reputations in the Flat events, winning their races with consummate ease. Pte. Gallagher took all three weight events and in no case did it seem as if he were extended.

Amongst those present were: Col. McCurley, Col. McGowan, Major McCauley, Major King, Comdt. Daly, Comd. McGannell, O.C., 24th Battalion, Comd. Sean Cunningham, O.C. 21st Battalion, Capt. Brannigan, 24th Battalion.

Officials—Starter and M.C., Capt. Harkins.

Judges—Lieut. McLoughlin, Lieut. McCall, Capt. Reilly, Capt. Kavanagh and Lieut. M. O'Brien, who was largely responsible for the splendid field arrangements.

Timekeeper—Pte. John McMurrough.

DETAILS.

100 Yds.—1ST HEAT. Sergt. Hennessey, Command H.Q. (Collins) 1, Pte. Bracken, T., 24th Battalion (Dundalk), 2; Pte. Coughlan, 17th Battalion, Mullingar, 3. 5 competed. Following a good start Hennessey against a strong wind led throughout and won easily by 5 yds. 2ND HEAT—Pte. McAlinden (C.H.Q.) 1; Cpl. Roache, 24th Battalion, 2; Pte. Nagle, 17th Battalion, 3. Five competed. McAlinden took matters easy until at half the distance when Roache came to the fore, the former, however, had plenty in hand and won by 2 yds. FINAL—Hennessey, 1; McAlinden, 2; Bracken, 3; Roache 4. Both Headquarters men after a splendid start raced to the front. Bracken overtook McAlinden after 75 yds. had been covered. Hennessey was not troubled by either and running a great race won as he liked, his club mate McAlinden obtaining 2nd place from Bracken by 2 yds. The winner's time of 11 seconds against a strong wind was a creditable performance.

56lbs. Weight without Follow.—Pte. Gallagher (G.H.Q.) 21 ft., 1; Pte. Mullins (Do.) 19 ft. 7 ins., 2; Lieut. O'Driscoll, 17th Batt., 19 ft. 6½ ins. Gallagher's best performances were 21 ft., 20 ft. 5½ ins. and 20 ft. Mullins, 19 ft. 7 ins. (twice) and 19 ft. 6½ ins. O'Driscoll fouled twice. There were eight competitors.

High Jump.—Pte. Washington, 24th Battalion, 4 ft. 10 ins., 1; Pte. Goff (G.H.Q.), 4 ft. 9 ins., 2. Four other competitors failed at 4 ft. 8 ins. Washington was a popular winner and in an exhibition jump cleared 5 ft. at ease. More should be heard of him. Cpl. Conlon of the 13th Battalion (Gormanston) had not the best of luck in his final efforts and has a nice style of jumping.

220 Yards.—HEAT 1—Sgt. Hennessey, 1; Cpl. Toner (24th Battalion), 2; C-Sgt. Blackmore, 17th Battalion, 3. Won by 10 yards. Two yards between 2nd and 3rd. Four ran. HEAT 2—



Pte. McAlinden, C.H.Q., 1; Pte. Coughlan, 17th Battalion, 2; Pte. Brown, R., 21st Battalion, 3. Three ran. FINAL—Hennessy 1; McAlinden, 2; Blackmore, 3. Hennessy led all the way and won by five yards. The same distance between the placed men.

Hop, Step and Jump.—Lieut. O'Driscoll, 17th Battalion, 39 ft. 5 ins., 1; Pte. Washington, 24th Battalion, 37 ft. 10 ins., 2; There were five competitors. In the first jump Pte. Washington was best at 36 ft. 11 ins., and Pte. Flynn, 24th Battalion, next at 36 ft. 2 ins. The second round was better. Washington doing 37 ft. 10 ins., O'Driscoll, 39 ft. 5 ins. and Conlon, 37 ft. 1 in. In the concluding round the best jumps were: O'Driscoll, 39 ft. 4 ins. Washington, 37 ft. 1 in. In the final after a foul each by Washington and O'Driscoll the latter won.

Boot Race.—This was an amusing affair. Cpl. Keogh of C.H.Q. Coy. being an easy first, but was promptly disqualified for not having his own boots. Pte. Maher, 21st, was placed first and C-Sgt. Blackmore 2nd. There were eight competitors.

440 Yards.—(Run off in one Heat). Sgt. Hennessy, 1st; Pte. Bracken, 2; Pte. Hayde, 24th Battalion, 3. Seven ran. Hayde led the field until the last 100 yds. when Hennessy who was close at hand moved up followed by Bracken. The latter threatened Hennessy with fifty yards to go but his effort was useless and Hennessy shot to the front and won by twenty yards, thus completing his hat trick for the evening.

Long Jump.—Pte. Washington, 17 ft. 2 ins., 1; Pte. Conway, 24th Battalion, 2. There were seven competitors. In the first round the best jumps were Washington, 17 ft. 2 ins.; Conway, 15 ft. 8 ins. and Cpl. O'Donnell, 21st Battalion, 15 ft. 5 ins. The second round resulted—Washington, 16 ft. 8 ins.; Conway, 16 ft. 5 ins.; Conlon, 13th Battalion, 16 ft. 1 in.

In the final Washington and Conway tied at 17 ft. 2 ins. and the former again repeated his jump, Conway failing at 16 ft. 9 ins.

Relay Race (220, 220, 440, 880.) Command H.Q. (Hennessy, McAlinden, Spittle and Rea) 1; 17th Battalion (Coughlan, Nagle, O'Driscoll, McCormack) 2. Also competed, 21st Battalion (Pte. Brown, C-Sgt. McCamley, Pte. McAleavey and Pte. King), 24th Battalion, (Cpl. Toner, Pte. Newton, Cpl. Roache and Pte. Hayde). Hennessy got well away in the first 220 and was never caught, leaving McAlinden to take up the next. He in turn showed a clean pair of heels leaving Spittle a good start for the 440 position. The latter ran a very strong "quarter" and when Rea took the flag for the final he was closely followed by McCormack and Newton. The latter challenged at half way and the race assumed an interesting aspect. Rea, however, used good judgment and timing himself well, passed on to win by twenty yards, McCormack beating Newton by a yard for 2nd place. It was the best race of the afternoon and Rea received a great ovation.

56 lbs. Over Bar.—Pte. Gallagher, Command H.Q.s. Coy, 10 ft. ins., 1; Pte. Mullins, C.H.Q., 10 ft. 3 ins., 2. Seven competed.

Half-mile Flat.—Cpl. Rea, 1; Pte. Spittle, 2; Pte. McCarthy, 21st Battalion, 3. Seven competed. Both Headquarters men kept abreast with McCarthy in close attendance for half the journey. Rea then had the race well in hand and gradually increasing his lead won by thirty yards. Spittle came with a good burst for 2nd place beating McCarthy by ten yards.

Throwing 16lb. Shot.—Pte. Gallagher, C.H.Q., 29 ft. 2 ins., 1; Cpl. Fitzpatrick, 24th Battalion, 28 ft. 7 ins., 2. There were six competitors. In the first round the best throws were Capt. Connolly, Command H.Q., 27 ft. 9 ins.; Pte. Gallagher, 27 ft. 9 ins., and Cpl. Fitzpatrick, 24th Battalion, 27 ft. 9 ins.

In the next round Fitzpatrick threw 28 ft. 4 ins. and Capt. Connolly, 28 ft. Gallagher fouled. The third round saw Gallagher best, at 29 ft. 2 ins., followed by Fitzpatrick, 28 ft. and Sgt. Picking, 21st Battalion, 27 ft. 4 ins.

The final round read—Gallagher, 28 ft. 6 ins., 28 ft. 10 ins., Foul. Fitzpatrick, 27 ft. 11 ins., 28 ft. 4 ins., 28 ft. 7 ins.

Obstacle Race.—Pte. Walsh, H.Q.s. Coy., 1; Pte. Maher, 21st Battalion, 2; Pte. Austin, 13th Battalion, 3.

Tilting the Bucket.—The downpour of rain which was now continuous did not bring out many competitors for this amusing competition and after many "Spills" Sgt. Diamond and Coy-Sgt. McCamley won.

One Mile Flat.—Cpl. Rea, 1; Pte. Newton, 2; Pte. Spittle, 3. Spittle led for the first quarter followed by Rea, Newton, Doyle and King. Toner and Keating seemed to take matters easy. The second lap saw little change except that Moore and Keating

of the 17th were slowly moving up and Rea took the lead in the next lap followed by Spittle, Doyle, and Newton. The bell for the last lap was the signal for a complete change of positions. Rea continued to increase his lead and Newton in the last 100 yards tried to overhaul him. It was a ding-dong finish, Rea winning by 5 yards with Newton contesting every yard to the tape. Spittle was a good third and this latter runner should have tried his luck in the 440 yards race earlier in the evening.

Silver Cup Best Battalion.—Won by H.Q. Coy. Silver Cup for best **All-round Athlete**—Won by Sgt. Hennessy, who, with Pte. Gallagher, performed the hat trick. Sgt. Hennessy gained the extra points in the Relay race and this entitled him to the Cup.

6th BRIGADE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

21st BATTALION, COLLINS BARRACKS, CHAMPIONS.

The final match in above League was played at Croke Park on Wednesday, 27th May, the contestants being 21st Battalion Collins Barracks, Dublin, and their neighbours, Headquarters Company, Dublin. Although the 21st had nothing to lose by the match, as they had already secured the Championship, the game was, as expected, a "needle" affair throughout. A welcome innovation—although scarcely necessary in Army matches so far—was the fact that before starting the Referee cautioned both teams. A special word of praise is due to Portobello Pipers' Band for their fine selection of music at the Park.

The teams started 5 minutes after time, and the 21st Battalion winning the toss had a slight advantage in the wind. The Headquarters men possessed a stubborn defence, and their goalkeeper saved a hot shot, close in, from Paul Doyle in the first minute, at the expense of a 50. Doyle following the free, got possession, and opened the scoring with a point. Following this, the splendid defence of the H.Q. men saved them, as time and again the 21st forwards sought to increase their early lead. At the other end Daly and Brennan understood each other well, and it was hard luck on several occasions that they did not draw level.

Play was fairly even at this stage, and over anxiety by both sets of forwards spoiled many chances. Both defences were given plenty to do, and Brennan for H.Q. Company got through a group of opponents and made a great effort at goal which the 21st keeper saved miraculously. This incident put plenty of life into the game, and fine tussles between Friary and Doyle were frequent. Headquarters men made progress, but Daly, giving away a foul, spoiled a good chance. There was little between the teams, and the low scoring was due to the splendid defence of both teams. Lieutenant O'Brien looked like scoring when he was brought down heavily almost at the goalmouth. Doyle took the free, and the H.Q. goalie had difficulty in saving. The expected soon happened, however, as after a fine bout of passing between O'Brien and Doyle, the latter registered No. 2 for the 21st.

Following the kick out, 21st again attacked, and in a scramble around goal the ball crossed the goal line, and 21st claimed a score. No score, however, was allowed. Both teams attacked in turn, but no further scoring took place, and at half time the situation was as follows:—

21st Battalion	...	2 Points.
H.Q. Company	...	Nil.

On resuming it was expected that with the advantage of the wind the Headquarters men would soon wipe off the arrears, but Paul Doyle dispelled such hopes, when from a free close in he scored a point for the 21st Battalion. From the kick out, Daly got away on his own and narrowly missed a goal, 21st Battalion goalkeeper conceding a "50." Following this Brennan for Headquarters Company secured possession, and, disposing of the opposition, had a great try at goal, the goalkeeper tipping over the bar for Headquarters' first score.

Headquarters were now the better team, and Brennan missed an open goal before being fouled. Play was fast improving, both teams giving of their best. Another point by the Headquarters men livened up matters. Nothing daunted, however, the 21st were out to keep their unbeaten record, and they gave no quarter. Hudson, O'Brien and Doyle had a perfect understanding, and made several bursts into Headquarters territory. They met, however, with a stubborn defence, and although they increased their lead there was very little between the teams.



With only fifteen minutes to go it was anybody's game, and due to over anxiety, fouls became frequent. Nearing the end, after both sides had missed many chances of scoring, 21st Battalion obtained a goal amidst great excitement. The concluding stages were fought out sternly, and the result of a fine exhibition left 21st Battalion winners with the score:—

21st Battalion	1 Goal 3 Points.
Headquarters Company	...	2 Points.

The following were the teams:—

21st Battalion—Lieut. O'Brien, Com. S. Doyle, Sergeants Conlon, Pickings, Hudson, Johnston, Corporal Devine, Privates Mulhall, Igoe, Quinn, Mullaly, Mooney, Brown, Robertson, and McDermott.

Headquarters Company—Captain Duffy, Lieutenants Maguire and McAllister, Sergeants Daly, Doyle and Higgins, Privates Brennan, Byrne, Donohoe, Friary, Goff, Haughney, McGrath, Rock and Berney.

HURLING.

The challenge thrown out by 17th Battalion, Mullingar, was readily accepted by G.H.Q. "A" team, and played after the Football Match at Croke Park on 27th May. Both combinations had something to be proud of. The 17th Battalion are champions of the 6th Brigade, and have the distinction of being unbeaten since the Battalion was formed. G.H.Q. were, therefore, tackling "big game." But they too are a consistent lot, and on Sunday, 31st May, all roads led to Newbridge, when they met Artillery in the test match for the G.H.Q. Command League Championship.

The Mullingar team are a young and well trained team, and it will take a very experienced team, indeed, to inflict upon them their first defeat.

Owing to similarity of colours, Mullingar donned the 21st Battalion jerseys. Right from the start G.H.Q. realised what they were up against. Play became fast, and a good turn of speed by Lieutenant Doyle set G.H.Q. men well away. It was a temporary affair, however, and the 17th backs were sound. They fielded well, and after two minutes play, registered a goal. Nothing daunted, G.H.Q. returned to the attack. Hawe, Doyle and O'Neill put in some good work. The youth and stamina of the visitors was evident, and they played a fast passing game, which resulted in another good goal. The Hurling was now exceptionally good, and many spectators admitted that it was some time since such a fine exhibition had been seen at the Park. G.H.Q. next had an innings, and from a neat pass by O'Neill, Phil Sullivan obtained possession, and in a fine single-handed effort, scored a goal. Although Grimes and Foley were working hard nothing came from their efforts. The Mullingar keeper was ready for all demands, and their backs were steady. An easily obtained point put the 17th further ahead, and at half time the score stood:—

17th Battalion	...	2 Goals 1 Point.
G.H.Q. "A"	...	1 Goal.

On resumption feeling ran high, and over anxiety caused many fouls. The 17th Battalion soon settled down, and ere this moiety was two minutes old, 17th added another goal. Encouraged by this early success, the Mullingar team gave no quarter, and never slackened in their efforts. Occasional bursts by the G.H.Q. forwards were readily baulked by a good defence. Doyle accepting a neat pass from Hawe, reduced the lead by a point for G.H.Q. This was quickly followed by another minor. G.H.Q. were now at their best, and although still in arrears were playing better than their opponents. Their hopes of victory were, however, soon dispelled, as in a scramble around goal the ball crossed the G.H.Q. goal line, and, after consultation, a goal was awarded. The goal was hotly disputed. At this stage one of the players attempted to strike a goal umpire, but the intervention of the referee closed the incident. G.H.Q. now improved towards the end, and following neat play they registered another goal. Their efforts were too late, and the result of a fine clean exhibition leaves the Mullingar men still unbeaten. The Final Score read:—

17th Battalion	...	5 Goals 4 Points.
G.H.Q. "A"	...	2 Goals 2 Points.

G.H.Q. played a plucky game, and in giving their opponents such a close run justified them in accepting the challenge. Their team, however, requires overhauling, especially in the forward line.

SPORTS AT THE CURRAGH.

Annual Meeting at Beresford Barracks Crowned with Success.

The Annual Sports of Headquarters Unit, Beresford Barracks, Curragh, were held on the 27th May on the Barracks Sports Field, by kind permission of the G.O.C., Major-General McKeon. About two thousand people (including Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men and their families) were present and were admirably catered for by the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Barracks.

The Officials were:—President—Comdt. H. C. Byrne; Hon. Sec.—Capt. J. P. Harpur, Q.M.; Treasurer—Capt. P. J. McKenna; Committee—Capt. J. I. Clinton, Capt. C. B. Harty, Capt. P. F. McDonald, Lieut. S. Sherlock, Coy. Sgt. Cunningham, Sgt. E. Nolan, B.S.M. Barker Jacob; Judges—Major J. P. Hunt, Capt. Mark Wilson, Capt. M. Stacey, Lieut. D. J. Begley; Recorder—S.M. M. J. Doogan; Starter—Mr. Charles Harriss (Elvery & Co., Dublin); Stewards—Sgt. O'Farrell, B.S.M. Barker Jacob, Coy. Sgt. O'Hara, Sgt. Murray, Sgt. Fitzgerald; Field Events—Cpl. Francis J. O'Neill.

In the Obstacle Race much amusement was caused by the water jump, after which the competitors had to crawl under a tarpaulin, eat a bun as it dangled on the end of a string from a pole, and then get under an obstacle in a miniature lake. The wrestling on horseback proved a great attraction and so did the display by the Artillery Corps.

In the Relay Race (Open) the G.H.Q. Team put up a great show and won by about thirty lengths. In the Blind Squad Drill the points awarded were even, so the instructors tossed for places, first place being won by the Military Police.

The success of the Sports was a great credit to the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and Quartermaster. Cpl. O'Neill performed miracles in getting the field laid out and all the tents, etc., up in time for the Sports.

Among those present were:—Col. and Mrs. Dunphy, Col. McLaughlin, Comdt. O'Connor, A.M.C.; Comdt. and Mrs. Dunne, Capt. and Mrs. Harpur, Capt. and Mrs. Feeley, A.S.I.; Lieut. and Mrs. Sherlock, Comdt. and Mrs. Noonan, A.C.E.; Mr. and Mrs. Reveille, Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan, N.T.; Mr. and Mrs. Coombs, Trainers; Rev. Mr. Madden, C.F., and Mrs. Madden, Rev. Fathers Donnelly, Hughes, and McMahon, C.F.; Senator Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Mallick, Major and Mrs. Mulcahy, Kildare; Capt. Knox and Capt. Kelly, Store Accountancy, G.H.Q.

Col. M. Dunphy, Administrative Officer, presented the prizes and in a short speech apologised for the absence of the G.O.C., who, he said, had been called away on urgent business. Col. Dunphy also remarked that he was glad to see the spirit of sportmanship that existed among the Troops of the Curragh Training Camp, and emphasised the great interest the Army authorities had in seeing that the soldiers received adequate facilities for sport. He congratulated the winners and sympathised with the losers, declaring that the latter had shown great courage and had taken the results manfully.

DETAILS:

100 Yards (Confined).—1, Sgt. Smith, C.C. Staff; 2, Cpl. Dempsey, C.M.P.; 3, Pte. Mallon, C.M.P.

Officers 100 Yards Race.—1, Lt. Woodlock, C.Q.M. Staff; 2, Lt. Murray, C.Q.M. Staff; 3, Comdt. Byrne, O.C. Beresford.

Half Mile (Open).—1, Cpl. Sunderland, 15th Batt.; 2, Pte. Brophy, A.M.C. Dept.; 3, Pte. McCormick, G.H.Q.

Putting the Shot (16lbs.).—1, Sgt. Fitzgerald, C.Q.M. Staff, 31ft. 3½ins.; 2, Capt. McKenna, A.P.M., 30ft. 7ins.; 3, Pte. O'Brien, 28ft. 10½ins.

Long Jump.—1, Pte. Manning, C.M.P., 18ft. 10ins.; 2, Pte. Thornton, A.T.C., 18ft. 6ins.; 3, Pte. O'Neill, A.C.C., 18ft. 5ins.

220 Yards Flat (Confined).—1, Sgt. Mallon, C.M.P.; 2, Cpl. Dempsey, C.M.P.; 3, Lt. Woodlock, C.Q.M. Staff.

Tug of War.—1, Corps of Military Police; 2, Beresford Barracks. (2 entries.)

High Jump.—Pte. Manning, C.M.P., and Pte. Thornton, A.T.C., tied at 4 feet 8 inches.

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Széaltá an tsáirsint Rua.

pádraic ó conaire, do sgríob.

XIX.—“seath nó ní heath?”

“Cé hé an fear áro dorrró sin a bíos as teacht ar cuairt asat ó am go ham annseo?” arsa mise leis an sáirsint Rua lá.

“Cé aca fear?” ar seisean, “is iomrha fear a bíos as teacht ar cuairt asamsa, mar tá cáil agus cliú orm anois, toisg a bfuil ve széaltá ríomha asam.”

“Ní minic tuit beir comh rúnóac sin faoi do cáirte, a sáirsint,” arsa mise, “agus cuir tú an uile tuine aca i n-aithne dom. Ait eisean amháin.”

“Cuir,” ar seisean, “agus maíoir leis siú.”

“Maíe dom m’fiosraic,” aoirimse, “ait is doca go bfuil páe maíe asat faoi nár cuir tú i n-aithne dom é.”

“Mo briaéar-sa tuit nac bfuil,” ar seisean, “agus mar uéimne air tig leat teacht i n-aonóe liom agus cuairt éabairt air moiu, ó tá lá saoire asamsa, agus saoire asatsa gac uile lá.”

“Déantar ann,” aoirimse.

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Soir linn beir go dtí an cáitair, áit a raib comhnaíre ar áraio an tsáirsint Rua. Cuireas féin suim móir sa bpeas áro dorrró, a bíos ar cuairt as an sáirsint ó am go céile, ó leasas súil air i otosac; ait táas ná tuairisg faoi ní bfuiginn ó’n mac rua ait amháin “go mba tuine ait é.”

Agus uob píos uob mar éála. Mara n-aithneóeá é sin ar a cosamhálaic, tuigtea go soiléir é ó’n áit a raib comhnaíre air, agus ó’n moú beata a cleaéatig sé. I seómra beas, tuas i mbárr tige áro, i n-aice leis na tugaínaib, a bí sé. Seómra cuimang íseal, nac raib air ait don fúinneós amáin faoi n’ slinn a bí ann, ait go raib amáre éro an bfuinneós sin ar an ábainn agus ar a raib ve luingsis as teacht agus as imteaé ann; agus an tráé a mbéat an lá glan, o’feictea curo maíe ve’n cáitair móir éios fút, páisoe beas ve’n fáirge amuis éoir uait as béal na haibne, agus íogar na gnoch ó uas uait, ear mullaé na tige. Bí an áit lom faoi érossán—gan ann ait leabair beas ve’n tsórt a cleaétuigear i gcampaib mileata, bóro a bí go las lúbaé, agus as uol ó maíe le sean-aois, cúpla caéaoir nó trí nac raib ar don uéanam, agus a bí sean ve réir cosamhálaic sul má rugat don tuine oá bfuil beo ar an saogal moiu—seath, sin a raib le peiceál san áit ait mórcuro leabar maíe a bí caíte éall is i bpus ar an urlár gan ríagal gan easar, agus beart ve páipéar sgríobnóir-eaéa ar an mbóro.

Deannuigear isteaé. Cuireat mise agus an fear áro dorrró i n-aithne oá céile. Os ruo é go raib mo tuine as sgríobat go uiceallaé as an mbóro lúbaé ar uol isteaé uúinn, toubairt an sáirsint:

“Má’s as cur isteaé ar do éuro oibre atámaoro, a eogain,” ar an sáirsint Rua “imteaéat muro láitreaé agus fillpró muro aris faoi éann cúpla uair eile.”

“Ná uéantar e,” arsa eogain faoa—sin é an leasainn a bí as gac tuine air—“ná uéantar é,” ar seisean, “mar tá mé críochuigtea leis an sgríobnóir-eaéat moiu.”

Strac-féacaint oá tucas féin ar na páipéir a bí ar an mbóro, agus tucas faoi uéara gur piosa fillroeaéa a bí gá éapao aige. Síneas lámh amac i otoreo na bpáipéar as ráo—

“Cineál file mé féin agus ba maíe liom saocár mo com-file a léigat má’s breáig leis é.”

“Ní breáig liom é,” ar seisean, ait go toubairt sé go uéag-múnte é “agus ní leasparó tuine ná uéoraíre súil air go uéo go léigíre máiréat i otosac é.”

“Máiréat? Cé’n máiréat?” arsa mise ait gur liom féin amáin toubas é, agus fuairas preasra ar an gceist sin nár cuireat ós áro gan móran ácáir.

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B’ait liom féin go raib caipín ar mo tuine anuas ear a éuasair, agus é ar a suaimneas n-a seómra féin, agus nár bain sé ué é an fáro is bíomar féin san áit. Ait tuigear go rí-maíe ar a ioméur nac le uroo-múineat é. Bí tabairt-suas maíe air, agus póglium ear an gcoitciantaé, agus síleas i otosac go raib sé as caíteam an éapín sa teac toisg slašoan beir air. Ait ba léir oo uall nac raib. Curo beas oá aistigil an nós sin, éapas aris. Ní faoa go bfuairas amac go raib aistigil eile as baint le mo tuine. Pota móir a bí ar an teime aige, agus ruo éigin ar fiucát istig ann. Ear éis tamaill, o’eirig mo tuine, bain sé an pota sin ve’n teime agus éosais ar pébrí measán a bí ann a sgaat. Annsin érom sé air é cur isteaé i mbuioéil móra a bí i otaisge aige faoi’n leabair gan smíro a ráo ar feat an ácáir. Bí an lá an-uoréa agus gan ait píos-beasán ve’n tsolus as teacht isteaé sa seómra i otoreo go gceapá, oá mbéat buair na hionhaigeaéa asat, go mba tórai ve’n tsean-aimsir mo tuine go n-a fálaing íolaéat go tórig, go n-a éapín oá beann, go n-a áaró faoa tanarúe biorrac go n-a súilb beófa faoi malaib tuga agus lasraéa ó’n teime as uéallram air—seath, tórai ve’n tsean-tsaoagal agus nim i gcomair a namíre gá ullmú aige!

Ait marar tuig mise mo tuine, ná a raib ar siubal aige, tuig an sáirsint Rua é.

“Ceann nua é sin asat is doca?” ar seisean.

“Seath, ceann nua ar fao,” arsa eogain faoa, “sean-bean ó conamara a u’innis dom cé’n éaoi le n-a uéanam—agus tá leigear ar gac galair ghuaisge ann: trí ué uéas ó don éirc báin amáin agus aois ráitae beir as gac uib aca; neanntóga bóora a u’pás ar uais tuine nár baistigeat ariam; seilmeroi as roilic gan cill; fuil bruic a taétuigat le cnáib a éáinic míle míle ear lear—.”

Béat leigear gac galair ghuaisge asam marac gur cuir an sáirsint Rua isteaé ar a áraio.

“Is doca,” ar seisean, “go mbéoir as súil le ‘seath, nó ní heath’ ó máiréat má leigearann an measán tóaróeaéa sin t’folt,” agus síltea go raib sé i lom-oá-ríre. Uéanpáinn féin gáiríro ait comaréa a rinne an sáirsint liom. “A éuigse is béas mé leigeara,” ar seisean, “an sár-uán uéanta asam oí gá mólaó, caítepró sí ‘seath nó ní heath’ a ráo liom.”

O’fágamar slán aige beasán n-a uiaíro sin agus mé as síleat go raib an fear boét ba áraio leis an sáirsint Rua beasán beas éatrom n-a éann, agus an rua féin beasnac com uona leis agus beir as comneál camíne leis ar an oóig sin.

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Ní oo’n uún a éuamar i n-éis sin. Go roilic atá ar an taob éas ve’n cáitair tús an sáirsint Rua mé, ait focal faoi n-a áraio éasta níor féatas baint as go raib an beir agáinn n-ár seasáin le taob uaisge.

“Connaic tú fear moiu, a pádraic,” ar seisean o’fúlaing níos mó ná an fear eile oá bfuil an aithne asamsa ná asatsa. Cuireat an oireat ve’n luair isteaé n-a corp siúro sa gcoag is oá mba ór é agus págáil air nac bpeiceat an té a mbéat sé aige lá boét aris coróce. Ait ní hiat na píleir sin atá as uéanam buatra oo’n fear boét, ait an éaoi go uéáinic



éinn de bárr aicíoe. Lá dá raib sé le máiréao, (b'sin í a b'í luaithe leis) agus sise faoi veara go raib a curu ghuaise as eirge tamaroe agus rinne sí magao mór faoi. Foill sé sin go mór ar an bpearr boct, agus agus sé a móro nac otiubrao sé cuairt arís uirre go mbéao sé leigheasta. B'éitir go leigheasóao an measán sin a maiole, aet ní éiubrao sé cuairt arís éoríoe ar máiréao, mar is faoi 'n b'pó sin aet a csháma, uatcreannta, eirigheann sé éaoctrom sa gceann de bárr ar fúlaim sé sa gcoao, agus iméigheann an éumíne uat, agus is oóig leis annsin go b'pail a g'ráo geal ar an saogal seo pós, an fear boct."

Chait an beirt asáinn ar ár nglúnaib ós cionn uaiqe na mná sin dá otus an sean-saigtiúir a o'fúlaim a lán g'ráo ó éoríoe.

XX.—an céao uimír eile : beaghae p'ior.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION.

Irish is one of the Celtic languages. The other existing Celtic languages are: Welsh, Manx, Armoric, and Scotch Gaelic. The Celts, before the time of Christ, conquered Western Europe. France, Spain, Portugal, Great Britain, and Ireland were Celtic-speaking countries prior to the time of Christ.

About sixty years before the Birth of Christ, the great Roman General, Julius Caesar, conquered Gaul (modern France) and Spain, and landed in Britain in the year 55 B.C. From that time the Celtic languages began to wane, and were eventually supplanted by the language of their conquerors, the Romans.

The Romans never conquered Ireland, and our ancient Celtic civilization flourished until the coming of the Normans in the year 1170 A.D. Irish civilization reached its zenith from the sixth to the eighth century, and Ireland was the one bright spot in a Europe devastated by the onslaughts of the Northern barbarians, called the Goths. It was during this period that Ireland sent forth her illustrious hosts of missionaries to keep the light of Christianity burning in Europe, and to stem the flood of paganism that threatened to destroy for ever its Christian civilization. The language those missionaries spoke was the language of the Gael, and the great schools in which they were educated were permeated with the atmosphere of Celtic culture and civilization.

The decay of our Celtic civilization in Ireland dates roughly from the coming of the Danes, about the beginning of the eighth century. Those barbarians destroyed many of the great schools, and burned many priceless books. But our civilization was powerful even in its decay, for the Danes, and later on, the Normans who settled within our shores, became so attracted by our civilization that they became, in the words of Geraldus Cambrensis, the Welsh writer, "Hiberniores Hibernis ipsis"—"more Irish than the Irish themselves."

Our ancient civilization was based on the language and traditions of the Gael, supplemented and strengthened by the introduction of Christianity. It withstood the Danish attack, but was somewhat altered. It absorbed the Danes who remained after their overthrow at Clontarf. The same is true of the Norman attack; our language and civilization survived notwithstanding the legislation against them contained in Poyning's Law and the Statute of Kilkenny.

During the grinding agony of the Penal Laws the language still survived, and at the time of the Emancipation in 1829, Ireland was still sixty per cent. Irish-speaking.

The three causes which contrived to destroy the language were, the Famine, the National Schools, and Emigration. The first dread catastrophe which reduced the population of Ireland by two million souls, gave the language a blow from which it never recovered. What the Famine left undone, was completed by the National Schools, with their English outlook and English system of education. Emigration, too, helped to destroy the language in so far as the youth denied the opportunity of earning a livelihood at home, were forced to learn English so as to earn that livelihood in America and other English-speaking countries.

DANIEL J. SHERIDAN, Captain A.C.F.

7.5.25.

SPORTS AT THE CURRAGH.

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Sergeants' Race, 100 Yards.—1, Sgt. O'Toole, A.C.C.; 2, Sgt. Rogers, C.Q.M. Staff; 3, Cpl. Dowling, C.Q.M. Staff.

Half Mile Flat (Confined).—1, Pte. Kelly, C.M.P.; 2, Pte. Goddard, A.C.C.; 3, Pte. Groves, A.C.C.

Open Relay Race.—1, G.H.Q. Team; 2, 26th Battalion Team; 3, Army School of Instruction.

Tug of War on Horseback.—1, Artillery Corps, Kildare; 2, Horse Transport Corps. (2 entries).

One Mile Flat (Confined).—1, Pte. McGowan, C.C. Staff; 2, Pte. Denniss, A.C.C.; 3, Pte. Kincella, C.M.P.

Wrestling on Horseback.—1, Artillery Corps, Kildare; 2, Horse Transport, Curragh. (2 entries).

Tilting the Bucket.—1, Pte. Kelly, C.M.P.; 2, Pte. Keegan, C.C. Staff.

120 Yards Hurdle (Final).—1, Pte. Manning, C.M.P.; 2, Pte. Dennis.

Girls' Race.—1, Eileen Kellegher; 2, Peggy Duffy.

Boys' Race.—1, James O'Hanlon; 2, Christie Kane.

Obstacle Race.—1, Pte. O'Neill, A.C.C.; 2, Pte. McGowan, C.C.S.

Place Kick (Football).—1, Lieut. Sherlock, C.Q.M. Staff; 2, Pte. Ennis; 3, Sgt. Rogers, C.Q.M. Staff.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Pte. Thornton, M.T.C.; 2, Pte. Manning, C.M.P.; 3, Pte. Mallon, C.M.P.

Golf Putting Competition.—1, Capt. Thos. Feeley, A.S.I.; 2, Comdt. H. C. Byrne, Beresford (9 holes, 21 puts each). Capt. Feeley won toss.

Putting 56lbs. Weight.—1, Sgt. Fitzgerald, C.Q.M. Staff; 2, Pte. Fayne, C.M.P.

240 Yards (Confined).—1, Pte. Mallon, C.M.P.; 2, Sgt. Smith, C.C. Staff; 3, Lieut. Woodlock, C.Q.M. Staff.

Blind Squad Drill.—1, Corps of Military Police; 2, Beresford Barracks. (Marks even. Police won toss.)

Relay Race (Confined).—Corps Military Police, w.o.

23rd BATTALION SPORTS.

By kind permission of Colonel J. H. McGuinness, O.C. 7th Bde., the 23rd Infy. Battn., Portobello Barracks, held their annual Sports, under the N.A.C.A. rules, on 20th May. Although the weather was not very favourable, a good evening's sport was enjoyed, and most of the programme was gone through. The attendance was good, No. 2 Army Band, under the conductorship of Lieutenant A. Duff, rendered suitable selections, as did also the Portobello Barracks Pipers' Band. The catering, under the supervision of Cumann Sugraídh an Airm, was all that could be desired. The events were very keenly contested, and the results were as follows:—

100 Yards (Confined to Battalion).—1, Sergeant Doyle ("C" Company); 2, Corporal McGarr (H.Q. Company); 3, Corporal Connell (H.Q. Company).

220 Yards (Confined).—1, Corporal McGarr (H.Q. Company); 2, Sergeant Doyle ("C" Company); 3, Private Burke ("C" Company).

440 Yards (Open to 7th Brigade).—1, Corporal Kelly (23rd Battalion); 2, Private Behan (23rd Battalion); 3, Private Tinon (27th Battalion).

440 Yards (Officers).—1, Lieutenant Tummon, 23rd; 2, Lieutenant McCarvill, 23rd; 3, Lieutenant Maguire, 23rd.

880 Yards (Confined to Battalion).—1, Corporal Phelan ("C" Company); 2, Private Kelly (H.Q. Company); 3, Private Behan, ("B" Company).

1 Mile (Confined to Battalion).—1, Corporal O'Connor ("D" Company); 2, Private Corroway (H.Q.); 3, Private Behan ("B" Company).

3 Miles (Open to 7th Brigade).—1, Private Donoghue (27th Battalion); 2, Private Malone (7th Battalion); 3, Private O'Brien (7th Battalion).

Putting 16 lb. Shot (Open).—1, Private Mahoney (27th); 2, Corporal Malley (27th); 3, Private Gannon (23rd).

Inter Company Tug-of-War.—"A" Company; runners up "B" Company.

The prizes were distributed after the Sports by Commandant M. J. Wedick, O.C. 23rd Battalion. Mr. C. Harris acted in the capacity of official starter. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the following events were postponed to a future date. Hop, Step and Jump; Long Jump; High Jump; 56 lbs. throwing; Inter-Company Relay.



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"Volunteer" (Dublin)—No additional pay is issuable save in respect of N.C.O.'s and men engaged at the trades specifically covered in the pay regulations.

RESULT OF CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 8.

Only one competitor sent in the correct solution of the above puzzle. The prize of half-a-guinea goes to

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who also won a half-a-guinea in competition No. 7. There are a few other competitors who will probably think that they sent in correct solutions, but, as a matter of fact, they tripped up on the reversed words. If they had filled up the design instead of writing down the answers they would have seen their errors immediately.

The correct solution of Puzzle No. 8 is as follows:—

DOWN—1. Scabbard. 2. Bayonets. 4. Roc. 5. Ol. 6. N.C.O. 7. Philtres. 8. Halyards. 11. Hboc. 12. S.S. 13. Ism 15. Foe. 16. Fe. 17. Coin. 19. Hate. 21. Sic. 23. Or. 24. T.O. 26. Cot. 28. Disable. 30. Attains. 32. I.O. 34. Euguf. 35. Aarau. 37. Og. 39. Irk. 41. Yen. 47. Templars. 48. B.L. 50. Aeronaut. 52. Re-Enacts. 53. I.A. 54. Trinodal. 56. Yak. 58. Pipe. 60. Art. 62. Case. 63. As. 64. Me. 66. Aire. 68. Ape. 69. Nor. 72. It. 74. Ma. 76. Doe. 77. Tea. 79. R.D.

ACROSS—1. Scrub. 3. Irony. 7. Pouch. 9. Olc. 10. Physic. 14. Office. 18. Boss. 20. Oelo. 21. Son. 22. Moate. 25. Tic. 27. Iced. 29. P.T.O. 30. Arno. 31. R.I.C. 33. Tie. 35. Ate. 36. Tod. 38. Do. 39. Issue. 40. Patsy. 42. G.S. 43. Tr. 44. A.G. 45. Ra. 46. Ed. 47. T.B. 49. Kabul. 51. Cairn. 53. It. 55. Ely. 57. Elf. 59. Une. 60. Aar. 61. Acre. 63. Aim. 65. Sear. 67. Kao. 68. Aspen. 70. Nit. 71. Snip. 73. Omar. 75. Heated. 77. Tracer. 78. Ore. 80. Spent. 81. Redoubt.

GERMAN ARMY ORGANISATION OF TO-DAY.

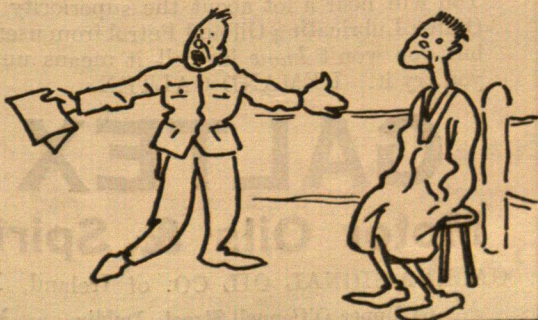
The German army organisation is unique in that each division has an Infantry leader with a staff composed of two general staff officers, a staff officer and thirty non-commissioned officers and men as his assistants. In time of peace, the Infantry leader is charged, under the division commanded, with all matters concerning the Infantry of the division. This is, perhaps, more necessary in the German organisation, as the division commanders are also area or district commanders with the many additional duties the latter position demands. Another factor which may have influenced the establishment of an Infantry leader and staff in the division is that there are only three regiments of Infantry in the division instead of four, as in our service (says the United States Military Intelligence Division G.S.). This condition prevents the organisation of two Infantry brigades with their commanders..

In examining a translation of recent tactical problems of the German army, it is disclosed that the Infantry leader also issues combat orders to the Infantry and attached arms. In the problems in question, the division was arriving by rail at hourly intervals. The enemy was advancing toward the detraining area. The Infantry leader was notified by the division commander, already in the detraining area, of the sector assigned, the troops already available, and was given the mission of covering the detraining of the rest of the division and opposing the enemy's crossing the frontier. In carrying out his mission, the Infantry leader issued the necessary orders and manoeuvred the troops between 5.20 p.m., October 2, when he received the division order, until 8.00 a.m., October 3, when a new division order was issued. During this time the front line was twice attacked and the Infantry leader manoeuvred his covering troops without reference to the division commander, whose headquarters were about fifteen miles to the rear in the detraining area.

In general, the problems show the simplicity insisted upon in issuing orders and the wide latitude and initiative afforded subordinates.

The location of the tactical problems is of interest. The area selected is that just south-west of Hanover, covering the line between the Ruhr, now occupied by the Allies, and the large commercial coast cities of Bremen and Hamburg. This may have had some significance, as it was rumoured that the Allies, in plans for taking additional sanctions under the Versailles Treaty (before the Dawes Plan), contemplated an advance towards these two cities.

Another new feature in the organisation of a German division (theoretical) is the presence of a reconnaissance detachment consisting of a headquarters, two squadrons of cavalry, a bicycle company and an armoured car train. A fixed organisation of this kind offers the advantage of special unified training in reconnaissance and the best conditions for ensuring efficient information work. It should possess a decided advantage over units temporarily banded together to perform this function.



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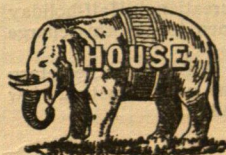
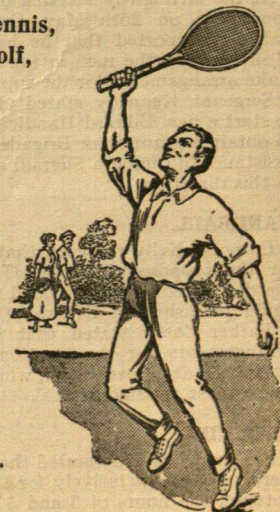
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VICTUALLING OF ENGLISH TROOPS IN IRELAND IN THE 16th CENTURY.

Here are some details of the food and wages of English Soldiers in Ireland in Carew's time:—

1. VICTUALS.

"A Proportion for One Man his Victuals for a Week" (1599).

"1 lb. biscuit or 1½ lb. loaf bread each day of the week. On Sunday, 2 lbs. salt or 2½ lbs. fresh meat. Monday, 1 lb. Holland cheese. Tuesday, ½ lb. butter. Wednesday, 1 quart of great oatmeal called "cleas." Thursday, 1 lb. English cheese. Friday, the third part of a large dried cod. Saturday, ½ lb. butter. Mem.—The like proportion shall be served every second week; only in lieu of 2 lb. beef on the Sunday, 1 lb. of bacon, or 1 lb. of salt pork is to be delivered, with one pint of pease."

2. WAGES.

"For a captain, 4s. sterling a day; petty captain, 2s.; ensign, 1s. 6d.; two sergeants, one drummer, and a surgeon, at 12d. each, and 100 footmen, at 8d. Total for a year, £1,426 10s. 10d.; i.e., in 'lendings,' £971 3s. 2½d.; in apparel, £455 7s. 7½d."

The sergeants, the drummer, and the surgeon apparently were all on a level for pay purposes, and each received one shilling per day!

PORTOBELLO INSTITUTE.

Proposed Formation of Savings Associations within the Army.

At the fortnightly meeting of the No. 7 Brigade Area Institute Committee on 25th May, Captain Daly, representing the 27th Battalion, reported that he had been unaware of the institution of suppers for the men in Portobello Barracks, and that he would make arrangements for the supply of same in the Hibernian School.

Sergeant Kennedy stated that he had been again approached to start a new Billiard Handicap, and being unable at the moment to obtain a grant from Brigade Funds he had decided to solicit the assistance of Cumann Sugraid an Airm. He was hopeful of success in this direction.

HANDBALL.

Corporal Kelly reported that he had received only three entries for the proposed Handball Tournament. It was decided that the date of entry be extended to the 8.6.25 and that the event be again published in Orders.

Father Casey stated that the Board of Works was making arrangements for the erection of a suitable Handball Court in Portobello at an early date, which was considered by the Committee to be most satisfactory.

SWIMMING.

Sergeant Kennedy stated that the 2nd Class Baths in Tara Street were reserved exclusively for the Army on Wednesday afternoons, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. The cost of admission is 4d. per head, and as it forms one of the Recreational Half-holiday Parades he considers it unfair to ask the men to pay this charge themselves.

The Committee after a lengthy discussion directed the Secretary to write to the Brigade Quartermaster on the subject, with a view to having the expense met by Brigade Funds.

ROUNDERS.

Lieut. Condron agreed to arrange a Rounders Match between Portobello and Griffith Barracks for the afternoon of Wednesday 27th instant. Commandant Reddick kindly offered to supply the necessary bat and ball.

SPORTS FIELDS.

The Secretary stated he had been approached by Corporal Morrissey, the Secretary of the 22nd Battalion Sports Committee, directing his attention to the deplorable state of the Goal Posts on the playing fields, and asking him to bring the matter to the notice of the Committee. It was decided to solicit the assistance of the Acting Officer Commanding 7th Brigade to remedy the grievance.

ARMY SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

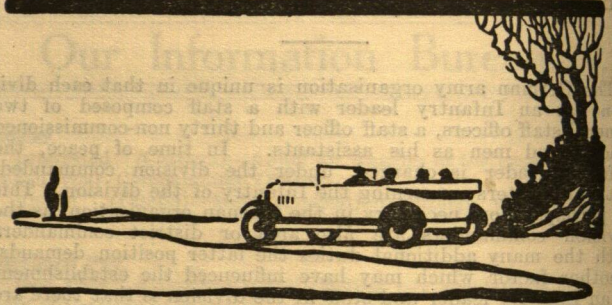
The Secretary of the Central Savings Committee, Mr. McNeife, was then introduced by Father Casey, C.F. (Chairman).

In a brief speech Mr. McNeife outlined a scheme for the introduction of Savings Associations within the Army, and pointed out the incalculable benefits which would accrue. He stated that amounts from 6d. per week upwards could be invested, and asked for the assistance of the Committee in furthering his scheme.

Commandant Weddick in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, promised on behalf of the Committee the whole-hearted co-operation of all concerned, and invited Mr. McNeife to address the troops in Portobello Barracks on the subject the following morning at 10 a.m.

Captain O'Brien seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Historical Bird.—"There are many legends connected with this old inn. Yonder tankard, for instance—" "I am not interested in tankards," said the guest. "Tell me the legend connected with this antique fowl you have served me."



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