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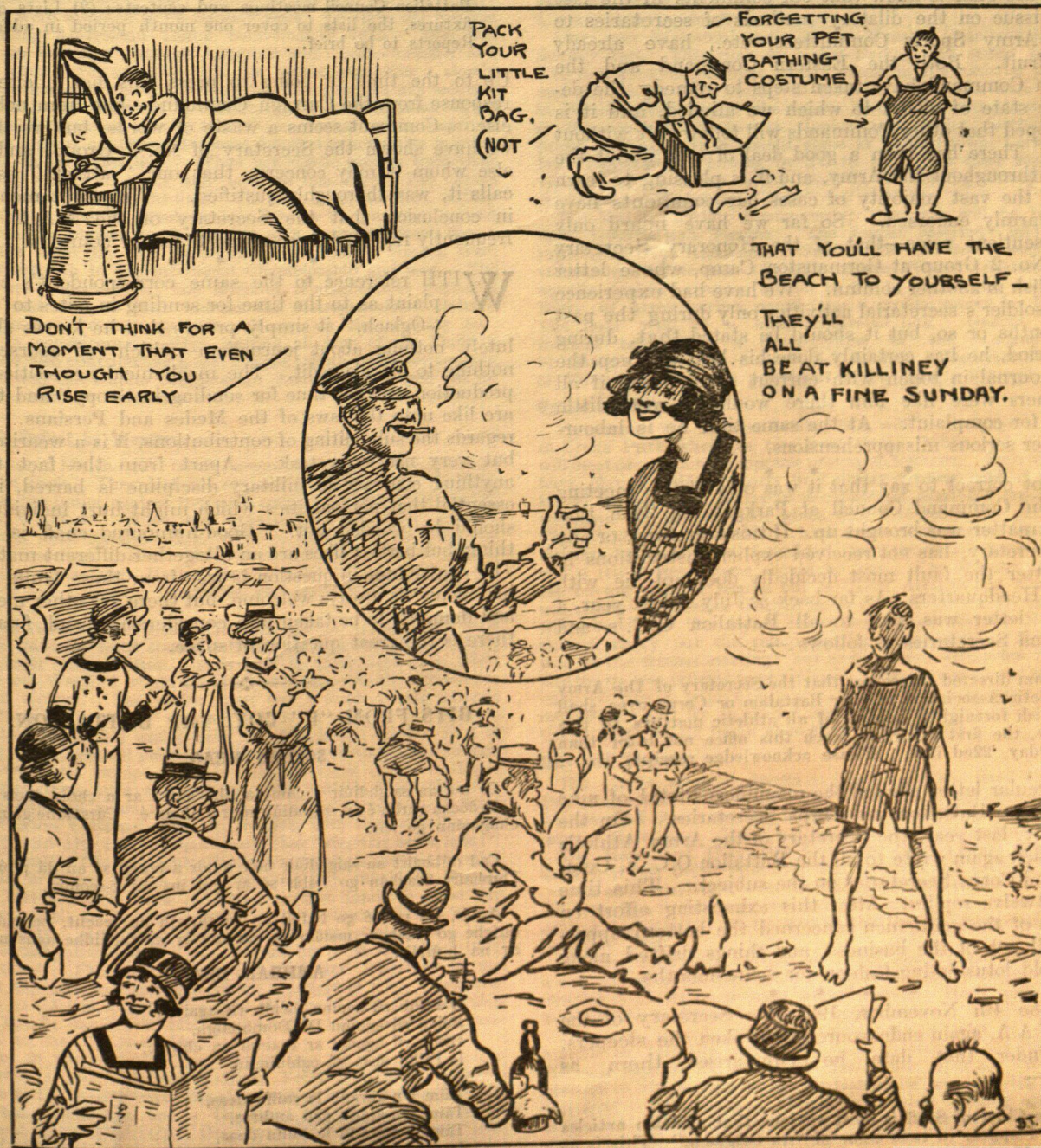


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"SCENES THAT ARE BRIGHTEST" ATTRACT THE "MADDING CROWD."

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE are glad to know that our comments in the last issue on the dilatory methods of secretaries to Army Sports Committees, etc., have already borne fruit. Both the Eastern Command and the Curragh Command have taken steps to remedy the deplorable state of affairs to which we alluded, and it is to be hoped that other Commands will follow suit without delay. There has been a good deal of talk about the matter throughout the Army, and it is pleasing to learn that in the vast majority of cases our comments have been warmly endorsed. So far we have heard only one dissentient voice—that of the Honorary Secretary of the No. 2 Group at Gormanston Camp, whose letter we publish in another column. We have had experience of this soldier's secretarial activities only during the past two months or so, but it should be stated that, during that period, he has certainly done his best to keep the Army journal in touch with current events, and if all the others were like him there would be very little ground for complaint. At the same time he is labouring under serious misapprehensions.

IT is not correct to say that it was only at the meeting of the Command Council at Parkgate on 24th that this matter was brought up. If this secretary, or any other secretary, has not received explicit instructions in the matter the fault most decidedly does not lie with A.A.A. Headquarters. As far back as July 4, last year, a circular letter was sent to all Battalion O.C.'s and Command Secretaries as follows:—

I am directed to request that the Secretary of the Army Athletic Association in your Battalion or Corps area shall furnish fortnightly reports of all athletic matters to this office, the first report to reach this office not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst. Please acknowledge receipt.

That circular letter elicited the magnificent total of nine replies from Battalion and Corps Secretaries. On the 24th July, last year, the Secretary of the Army Athletic Association again wrote to all the Battalion O.C.'s, Command and Corps Secretaries on the subject. This time he got twelve replies. After this exhausting effort on the part of the gentlemen concerned the bottom apparently fell out of the business, and things drifted along in the old lotus-eating fashion for some months.

ON the 4th November, 1924, the Secretary of the A.A.A. again endeavoured to awaken the sleepers. Under that date he circularised them as follows:—

The Chief of Staff is most anxious that athletic articles should appear in each issue of "An t-Oglach." This is at

present being done by this office, but we cannot continue unless we are supplied with material from the Commands. Will you please let me have from time to time, or fortnightly, reports pertaining to athletics in your Command, when I shall write them up for publication.

To General Headquarters belongs the proud distinction of having sent in the *only reply* received to that communication. Time rolled on without disturbing the somnolent ones, and, on the 9th of the current month, the following instruction was sent to the Secretaries:—

I have been directed to instruct you to forward to this office each week (1) Reports of Command, Brigade and Battalion Council meetings and contests; (2) Lists of all fixtures, the lists to cover one month period in advance. Reports to be brief.

Up to the time of going to press this has elicited a response from the Curragh Command—but from nobody else. Comment seems a waste of words, but we think we have shown the Secretary of No. 2 Group, and all else whom it may concern, that our "attack," as he calls it, was thoroughly justified. We might mention in conclusion that the Secretary of the A.A.A. has frequently repeated these requests in our columns.

WITH reference to the same correspondent's complaint as to the time for sending in notes to "An t-Oglach," it simply proves that he knows absolutely nothing about journalism—which, of course, is nothing to his discredit. The mechanical necessities of production rule the time for sending in "copy" and they are like unto the laws of the Medes and Persians. As regards the sub-editing of contributions, it is a wearisome but very necessary task. Apart from the fact that anything contrary to military discipline is barred, it is essential that personalities which might hurt individuals should be weeded out. Good-humoured chaff is one thing, but barbed jibes are an altogether different matter. The contributor in question is free from these faults and his "copy" is always welcome, but there are other merits and demerits to be taken into consideration, and, finally, there is the great question of space.

BITS FROM "B" COY. 14th BATTALION.

SCEILIN BEAG.

Cé h-é an saighdiúir a chuir a dhá stoca ar a chois dheis?
Is dócha gurbh é an saighdiúir mór a dhein é. Cúrsáidhe gáiridhe chúghainn go léir.

Cad dúbhairt an saighdiúir mór nuair a chaill sé an dá phúnt?
Dúbhairt Séaghán go raibh sé ar gol ins an t-seomra.

Anois, ó's rud é go bhfuil an samhradh ag teacht, beimid ag éiríge go moch ar maidin ag cur aol ar na falláidhe agus uisge ar na h-úrláir.

AMHRAN BEAG.

O béidh ríl againn, béidh ríl againn,
Béidh ríl againn Dé Dómhnaigh,
Béidh ríl againn ar thaobh an chnuic,
Is cailín deas dá oghluimhn.

Táim i n-grádh le cailín deas,
Táim i n-grádh gan amhras,
Táim i n-grádh le cailín deas,
Is pósad í Dé Domhnaigh.



NOTES AND NEWS OF THE G.A.A.

(BY A VETERAN GAEL.)

We are now in the thick of Gaelic Athletic activities; and fortunately, at last, are being favoured with real summer. This, of course, has prompted a few faint-spirited devotees to sigh and declare that native pastimes are too strenuous for such weather. No doubt, further copying of cross-channel sporting customs would commend itself under this guise of argument and open the way for pretty pastimes that lend themselves to picturesque grouping.

Gaels, however, are not perturbed by such conditions. Besides local contests in almost every county no less than ten inter-county contests were disposed of on Sunday week. Of these one was the outstanding All-Ireland Junior Semi-final of 1924. This was played at Mullingar between Longford and Cavan—Leinster and Ulster winners respectively—and the former won after a closely contested game in which Cavan at one period looked like securing the verdict. It could not be described as a brilliant game. That ineradicable weakness of most teams—poor forward work—deprived it of the highest quality. The same defect was noticeable in other contests on the same day. When will Gaelic players train their attacking sectors to quick and accurate finishing? The victors will now meet Kerry in the final. The date is not yet fixed, so they have ample time to develop their powers of penetration and accustom the players to the tactics of a successful front line.

On the same day and venue the junior Dublin Hurling team met Westmeath in the provincial Championship and won. The result was expected but the Midland representatives displayed a skill and stamina that worried the Metropolitans. Defence bent attack on most occasions. Roche, on the winning side, proved a conspicuous success, scoring all four of the Dublin's goals and also contributing a few minors. Both teams were wisely selected and the Dublin combination should make a bold bid for Leinster honours this time.

Meath's Defeat by Wexford.

"Royal" Meath was trebly engaged in the Championships at Croke Park. They lost the senior football game to Wexford, but won the junior against the same county and the junior hurling against Wicklow. Much was expected of the senior contest. It proved most disappointing, Wexford controlling the play and scoring from first to last. Neill (now with the Dublin Kickhams as is his compatriot, Martin Howlett) did splendid service for Wexford and proved a dangerous and accurate forward against Meath.

Meath reached the provincial final against Dublin two years ago and gave the same county a hard run for a two points victory in last year's competition. It is hard to understand their latest *debacle* and Wexford would be wise not to over-rate the significance of their victory. The junior game was a much keener struggle and Meath just won in the last couple of seconds. Wicklow's opposition in hurling was puerile and Meath had quite a feast of scoring. The national pastime needs careful cultivation in Cualann. We wonder did anyone of their followers think of the device it is alleged they once successfully tried against Wexford—more than a hundred years ago? An old ballad records it—"They (the Wicklow Colleens) filled up the goal with their mantles and (the Wicklow Colleens) filled up the goal with their mantles and plaid; And with their enchantments they foiled our brave lads!"

The Munster Championships were suspended on the 7th in order that the first ties of the Ulster Hurling Cup should be played. These matches have been promoted to raise funds to assist the Ulster Council in its arduous task of maintaining native games in the North. It is regrettable to learn that they might have been much better patronised and that they did not prove more inspiring exhibitions. The meeting between Cork and Tipperary in the former city was close but of mediocre standard of play. Cork won by 3-4 to 2-3 and so enter the final on July 12 with Limerick who beat Clare by the absurd plurality of 8-2 to 1-31. Surely an anti-climax to the Thomond Shield result.

Away in Strokestown, Roscommon beat Leitrim by 8 points to seven in the Connacht Railway Football Cup competition. Evidently the county of the big sheep is a power in western football this year. Kilkenny had a Tipperary hurling team as visitors and beat them decisively. Good practice for to-morrow's final with Dublin I.

G.H.Q. and Artillery's Remarkable Draw.

A big crowd went down from Dublin to Droichead Nua to witness the hurling test between G.H.Q. and Artillery which ended in a remarkable draw. It was a splendid contest right through, in which stylish hurling, fast and forceful, was a feature.

On the same occasion a 'Dublin' Football team (comprising several of the County Champion team) journeyed down to play a Kildare county pick and beat them by a narrow score (2-4 to 1-2). It was a busy day and with the fixtures already made for the ensuing six weeks will bring the current Championships well towards a conclusion in the Eastern province.

Clare met Waterford again in the Munster Championships on Sunday last. This time in junior hurling and senior football. The juniors avenged their seniors defeat in the national pastime and duplicated their victory in football. The ties were played in Miltown-Malbay and the results leave Clare with three teams in the southern finals—viz. junior and senior football and junior hurling. In a benefit game at Mitchelstown, Cork again beat Tipperary in hurling by 2-5 to 1-6. Are these successive victories really a line to the result in the coming Championship semi-final. Tipperary "fans" say "No."

The Dublin hurling Championship this year will be between Civic Guards and Faughs. The former asserted undoubted superiority over Kickhams on Sunday last and won a sensational victory by 6-7 to 1-5. Faughs defeated Young Irelands in an equally decisive manner by 5-6 to 2-0 in the second semi-final. Barry, of Army hurling repute, was a prolific scorer for Faughs. The final will be a hotly contested one. Guards senior football team had a lively game in the League with St. Mary's. It was a draw 2-3 to 1-6. The veteran Daly of Military Police was prominent in St. Mary's forward line.

Games to Come.

To-morrow the Leinster hurling title will be the gage of battle in Croke Park when the two great rivals, Dublin and Kilkenny will meet once again for supreme provincial honours. Both counties have played brilliant parts in Leinster hurling, and if reports are to be relied on, Kilkenny is capable of making a great effort to regain the pre-eminence which they forfeited a few years ago. The Kickhams—All-Ireland champions—(tho' beaten locally on Sunday last) will not surrender their provincial laurels softly and a really great game should be seen. The Munster counties are having another respite but in Ulster, Armagh and Monaghan will replay their senior football tie at Castleblayney. By the way, the ground for this replay shows how drastically the Northern Council carry out the rule regarding punctuality. Monaghan won on the former meeting; but as both teams were a few minutes late the tie was ordered to be replayed. There is a great and welcome improvement in respect of punctuality since the new rule came into operation; but we think if Ulster's strictness was generally enforced there would be an abundance of re-fixtures.

Bits and Scraps.

The Garda (Dublin) Sports are now definitely fixed for Lady Day (August 15th) at Croke Park, where the annual meeting of the Guards and Army hurling selections is certain to arouse more interest than ever. There will be splendid talent on both sides.

The Mayo and University footballer, Sean Lavan, is running as well, if not better than ever this year and will be hard to beat—even on a handicap—over his championship distance—a quarter. He won the furlong, quarter and half-mile at the Inter Varsity contest and carried off the 440 at the Dublin Championships on Saturday last.

Another footballer, Fitzgerald of the Kerry junior team, made a new record in the high jump at the Inter-Varsity Championships, clearing 5 ft. 9½ in. in easy, graceful style. He is quite young, built for the event and should go much higher.

He may, indeed, yet rival Larry Stanley who is devoting himself to Athletics and is still *facile princeps* in the high leap. He won against all comers at Hull Police Sports. With our prestige in his keeping we cannot blame him for eschewing football just now. His colleague, Geo. Magan, while running splendidly is as keen as ever for the big ball game and seems not a whit the worse for his activities.

And now as we have touched Athletics may we express a hope that the National Championships on 27th and 28th in Croke Park will secure a good Gaelic entry and that Army winners will likewise be fully represented. These Championships are, or ought to be, the full expression of our athletic resources and the one great mustering of our trained manhood.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRESS.

LEINSTER.

SENIOR HURLING.

Kilkenny 1-3 beat Leix 1-2.
Dublin 4-7 beat Offaly Nil.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

Kilkenny 2-4 beat Longford 0-3.
Kildare 5-8 beat Carlow 1-0.
Louth 4-2 beat Leix 3-3.
Wexford 4-9 beat Meath 0-3.

JUNIOR HURLING.

Leix 8-4 beat Kildare 1-1.
Kilkenny-10-6 beat Louth 1-1.
Meath 10-3 beat Wicklow 3-1.
Dublin 4-3 beat Westmeath 2-3.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Kilkenny 4-5 beat Longford 0-11.
Kildare 2-1 beat Offaly 0-4.
Dublin 2-4 beat Leix 2-2.
Meath 1-7 beat Wexford 2-3.

MUNSTER.

SENIOR HURLING.

Waterford 5-3 beat Clare 0-1.
Cork 4-9 beat Limerick 1-3.
Tipperary 9-2 beat Kerry 5-1.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Clare 0-7 beat Waterford 0-2.
Cork 3-4 beat Limerick Nil.
Kerry 1-2 beat Tipperary 0-4.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

Clare 2-2 beat Waterford 0-1.

JUNIOR HURLING.

Clare 7-5 beat Waterford 2-1.

ULSTER.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

Cavan 1-5 beat Tyrone 1-3.
Antrim 0-16 beat Down 0-1.
Monaghan 1-3 beat Armagh (Refixed) 0-5.

CONNACHT.

SENIOR FOOTBALL.

Roscommon 2-4 beat Sligo 2-2.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Sligo 2-6 beat Roscommon 1-4.

ALL-IRELAND (1924) JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FOOTBALL.

Kerry 3-3 beat Mayo 1-1.
Longford 1-5 beat Cavan 1-3.
Winners meet in final.

HURLING.

Offaly play Galway at Limerick on July 5th and winners play Tipperary in final.

INTER-COUNTY FIXTURES.

JUNE 21st—Dublin v. Kilkenny, Leinster Senior Hurling Final, Croke Park. Armagh v. Monaghan, Ulster Senior Football Replay, Castleblaney.

IRISH LANGUAGE COLLEGES.

List of Establishments Where Officers May Profitably Spend Their Leave.

Mr. Proinnsias Ó Fathaigh, T.D., Secretary of the Gaelic League, has kindly supplied us with the following information concerning the courses in the Irish Colleges this year.

The majority of the Colleges are in semi-Irish-speaking districts, that is, in districts where both Irish and English are spoken, but where a purely Irish-speaking area is within easy reach.

Particulars in connection with any of these colleges may be had by writing to the Secretary of the College. The terms in all cases are very reasonable. The following Colleges will be open from 8th July till the end of August, and afford a cheap, pleasant and patriotic way of spending holidays:—

1. Ring College, Ring, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
2. Declan College, Ardmore, Co. Waterford.
3. Ballyvourney College, Co. Cork.
4. Munster College, Ballingearry.
5. Carberry College, Glandore, Co. Cork.
6. Caherciveen College, Co. Kerry.
7. Cahirdaniel College, Co. Kerry.
8. Dingle College, Co. Kerry.
9. O'Curry College, Carrigaholt, Co. Clare.
10. Spiddal College, Co. Galway.
11. Connacht College, Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo.
12. Pearse College, Galway (with branches in Arran and Carna).
13. Carrick College, Co. Donegal.
14. St. Brigid's College, Omeath, Co. Louth.
15. Breffni College, Glengavlin, Co. Cavan.
16. Cloghaneely College, Cloghaneely, Co. Donegal.

Nos. 10, 11, 13 and 16 are in purely Irish-speaking districts.

We have received a copy of the syllabus of the course in the Munster College, at Ballingearry, Co. Cork, in which it is stated that a session is being held in July for teachers alone, but the second session, from the 3rd to the 29th August, will cater for every type of student. The teaching staff in this particular college is excellent, special attention being given to help the student in acquiring the correct pronunciation and "blás." The fee for the latter session is £2. Accommodation can be had in the village or in the vicinity at reasonable rates. A paper containing the names of the guest houses and the rate charged can be had on application from the Secretary, 27 Grand Parade, Cork. Ballingearry may be reached from Cork by rail to Macroom and thence by cycle, or where a party of students are travelling to the College they can travel by motor 'bus from Cork City.

Another very pleasant and healthful holiday is offered by Campa Feinne Ainglidhe, at Knockadoon, near Ballymacoda, County Cork, during the months of July and August. The campers sleep in comfortable tents on trestle beds, and as it is in the heart of an Irish-speaking district, they have an opportunity of improving their Irish amongst the native speakers. Irish classes are held in the camp and a Seanchuidhe attends every evening to tell interesting stories in Irish. The scenery around is beautiful and the amusements include fishing, swimming and boating in the sea. The terms are very moderate—only 21/- per week. Applications should be addressed to the Father Director of the Angelic Warfare, St. Mary's, Cork. After the end of this month they should be addressed to Rev. Father Director at the Camp.

[If any of the Language Colleges care to send us further details of their programmes, tariff, etc., we shall be glad to publish same in "An t-Oglach."]

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Championship Still to be Won.

(Specially Reported for AN T-ÓGLACH.)

The most talked of Hurling Match of the season took place at Newbridge on Sunday, 7th June, between Artillery and G.H.Q. "A" Team. The teams met in a test match to decide who should be Hurling Champions of the G.H.Q. Command. It has already been proved that no greater attraction could be asked for than those keen rivals to contest a final. And so it proved again at Newbridge. Not for over two years has such an attendance been seen at a sporting fixture there. An excursion, organised by Commandant Ennis, G.H.Q., proved a complete success.

The well-equipped grounds at the Dominican College, were placed at the disposal of the Command Council by the Rev. Fr. Murphy, Prior, and sincere thanks is due to him for his generosity. The Army No. 2 Band, under Lieutenant A. K. Duff, Mus.B., played some selections, but owing to another engagement was, unable to remain until the end. The No. 1 Band was billed to appear and disappointment was caused by its non-appearance.

Five minutes after the appointed time Major McGrath lined up the following teams:—

Artillery—Commandant Mackey, Captains Finlay (Captain), Tierney, Lieut. J. Kelly, S.M. Cummins, Gunners Leahy, Keely, Larkin, and Judge, Corporals Murphy and Lynch, Drivers Mitchell, Quinn, Hayes and Kelly.

G.H.Q.—Captains Lennon, McDonnell and Ryan, Lieutenants Doyle and Foley, Corporals O'Neill (Captain) and Henrick, Privates Stapleton, Cooley, Lanigan, Costigan, Lynch, Grimes, Hayes, and Kenneally.

THE GAME.

The game started in a dull heat, and O'Neill for G.H.Q. was first to make headway. Soon Mitchell got possession and set his forwards well ahead. G.H.Q. defence was sound, and after a stiff tussle, Kelly was brought down, and Finlay took the free, but the G.H.Q. goalie saved at the expense of a "70." Following the puck out, G.H.Q. were dangerous, Stapleton, Grimes and O'Neill all missing good chances of scoring. Murphy at back for Artillery was very sound, and prevented a score from close in. Mackey received the ball, and when it looked a certain goal, his shot struck the crossbar and rebounded into play, the G.H.Q. backs clearing. Success soon came, Quinn, after 8 minutes play, received a neat pass from Cummins, and being unmarked, scored a point. Play became exciting now, and a free awarded to G.H.Q. was entrusted to O'Neill, who missed narrowly. At this period the back divisions were well taxed. Finlay and Murphy, Artillery, shared the honours with Foley and Lennon for G.H.Q. Grimes at last for G.H.Q. succeeded in drawing level. Artillery forwards were fast, and Quinn again got through for the lead. Immediately afterwards Cummins, in a struggle with Henrick and O'Neill, was fouled, and Finlay took the free which proved abortive. Both teams now seemed to feel the heat of a broiling sun and play slackened. After neat to a midfield play by G.H.Q., Henrick secured the ball, and with a splendid shot scored a goal, putting the Headquarters men ahead. Before the cheering died down, Quinn went away on his own, and ran through all opposition to score a great goal also. Quinn was soon after hurt, players of both sides owing to over-anxiety engaging in a midfield scrum. A splendid effort by Quinn again, went a-begging. Artillery returned to the attack, and Kelly added another goal. There was plenty of excitement now, and when Ryan, G.H.Q., reduced the lead by a point, the hurling was fast and of a high order. There was little advantage with either team from this on. Lynch caught a well-timed pass from Grimes, landing a first timer past the Artillery keeper for a great goal. This levelled the scores, and exciting exchanges for the interval lead took place. The G.H.Q. forwards were now combining better. Several players on both sides were responsible for stoppages, having a penchant for holding the caman with one hand, and placing the other on their opponents backs. Following one of those incidents, O'Neill obtained a free from 30 yards out, he made no mistake, scoring a point on half time, and giving G.H.Q. the lead on the score

G.H.Q. ... 2 goals 3 points.

Artillery ... 2 goals 2 points.

The second half opened briskly, Murphy and Finlay for Artillery

being early called upon. Doyle for G.H.Q. had once again hard luck, missing by inches. A "70" yards, for Artillery, taken by Finlay, made no progress for the Gunners. There was a regular bombardment of the Headquarters goal now, and after neat work by Tierney and Judge, the Gunners secured a major. O'Neill and Lanigan were now prominent for G.H.Q., and the former when in a good position was brought down. The free availed nothing. Kelly, Lynch and Larkin were responsible for many raids in G.H.Q. territory, and O'Neill, after being again brought down, took the free himself, placing for Doyle to score a goal, and the lead for G.H.Q. The game was now strenuous, and Henrick paid the penalty of over anxiety. He was tripped up when about to score, and following the free secured the leather and landed nicely past Leahy for a good goal. With a good lead now the Dublin men settled down to augment their score. Kenneally, Lanigan and Grimes put in good work, Murphy and Finlay, Artillery, were sorely pressed by Grimes and Doyle, and ill luck alone kept the G.H.Q. men from increasing the lead. However, after splendid work by Lennon and Foley, McDonnell secured and put G.H.Q. further ahead with a point. Artillery following this had an innings. Hayes, Lennon and Cooley had their work cut out, and after some great play, Artillery added two goals in quick succession. There was no bounds to the excitement exhibited now, and with only ten minutes to go, and a point separating the teams, both sets of forwards were overworked. It was anybody's game, and although fouls were frequent, there was no tendency to roughness in the ordinary sense of the word. It seemed a matter of time as to who would be champions. The fates, however, decided otherwise, for following a free given for a foul on O'Neill, he himself took the free and placing well in front of goal, Lieut. Doyle got possession, and, making no mistake, equalised with a point, and earned the right of a replay. It was a fitting ending to a fine clean game, the result of which was:—

G.H.Q. ... 4 goals 5 points.

Artillery ... 5 goals 2 points.

Major McGrath handled a great game in a very capable manner.

"SECRETARIES WHO SHOULD BE SACKED."

(To the Editor of "An tOglach.")

SIR,—I wish to protest against the attack which you made on the Secretaries of the Army Sports Committees in your issue of the 6th inst. which I consider was uncalled for and unfair to the men concerned.

You complain that the minutes of the meetings held in the various Groups were not being forwarded to the Secretary of the A.A.A. and while admitting this, I at the same time wish to bring to your notice that instructions to the effect that minutes should be forwarded were not received by the Secretaries and that it was only at the meeting of the A.A.A. Command Council held at Parkgate on the 24th May, 1925, that this matter was brought up, and furthermore, that I have not yet received any instructions on this matter save that which is contained in the minutes of the above meeting.

You also state that notes to AN TÓGLACH are not being sent regularly. On this point and I am speaking from experience, I consider that it is your paper which is responsible, as the present arrangements whereby notes must reach you a week before publication are totally inadequate and render it impossible for Secretaries to keep their notes up-to-date and besides this, notes are very often curtailed and printed in such a manner to make the Secretary concerned consider if it were worth while sending notes at all.

There is much more which could be said on this matter, but I will conclude by asking why couldn't the various Secretaries be instructed to attend at Command Council Meetings as delegate for their Committees, if this were done they would be able to give and receive information first hand.—Respectfully Yours,

HON. SEC., No. 12 GROUP.

Gormanston Camp,

County Meath, 10th June, 1925.

(We refer to this letter in our editorial columns.)

Széalta an tsáirsint Rua.

pádraic ó conaire, do sgríobh.

XX.—beagnac fíon.

"Ná aic an ruo é," ars an sáirsint Rua liom lá, "nác b'éadainm túl éar don píosa páipéir a mbéad cló-sgríobhóirí aic gan breit aic, agus é a léigead. Agus dá lagas é an píosa páipéir is amhlaid is mó an ponm a b'íos orm an uile fíocail, agus an uile litir a b'íos aic a sgríobh."

"Ní aic liomsa é, a sáirsint," arsa mise, "mar tá an nós céadna agam féin. Is minic sgéal mór tairbeac ar páipéar beas."

"Lom-lár na pírimne atá agat sa méro, a pádraic," ars an sáirsint Rua, "agus mo chúinne-sa, cuatas ruo ionganac páoi sin moé, má's fíon é."

"Má's fíon bréas é, sgaoil é agam do sgéal," arsa mise.

"Tá sé beagnac fíon ar éaoi ar bit," ars an sáirsint Rua, "mar bí aicne agam féin ar an bpeac dá tóarla sé uó, má's aicne beas féin é," agus cuir sé a sean-fotha sgéalardeacta aic féin.

Sead, (ars an sáirsint Rua), ní raib aic an aicne beas agam ar an bpeac céadna, agus ní uair féin a fuairéas an sgéal aic seo, aic sé an éaoi gur sgríob sé síos é, agus é i b'priosún. Ní head, ar cor ar bit, ní mar gheall ar an bpoilicirdeact, cuiread páoi glás é, aic an iomarca suime beir aise i maoin agus i saróbreas an tsaozail suairc seo, ar nós a lán eile nac luafad. Mo comhairle-sa uib, a feara, gan bacad leis an saróbreas ar cor ar bit, mara mberó sib i n-ann é págail go cneasta. Tá dia láoir, agus beiró a víoltas ar an gceannaire moé nó mall, má eirigean leis imteact ó'n olige féin. Dá tuisgead mo uime an méro sin, ní beiread an dá víoltas, víoltas Dé, agus víoltas na olige aic mar rinne.

Aic ní féin mé fadálac ná seanamóinteac lib. Aic sé an éaoi gur ceap mo uime go mbéad sé saróbir go ué, dá b'éadapad sé roinnt óir a bí n-a leitéro seo u'ait u'págail, agus é éabairt leis. Uéad preism, mar bí meall maic u'e'n ór buró san aic céadna. Agus bí mo uime cliste. Socraic sé sac ruo i gceart. Ní raib lúb-ar-lár dá lagas sa bplan a bí ceapta aise. Dá míle sobarn agus é págail com réro sin!

Agus fuair sé an t-ór com réro is príotad don ór ariam ar an saozal seo. Cus sé leis abailé i a mála mór, mála mór buró leatáir, mar veir sé féin linn n-a sgéal. Agus an éaoi a gcuireann sé síos uimn ar an doibneac croirde éamic aic an mála óir sin beir n-a seilb! An éaoi ar comhairim sé agus gur aiccomhairim sé an uile píosa buró ué! An éaoi ar cumil sé agus gur aiccumil sé na píosaí crumne buró sin! Caitead uime an sgéal féin a léigead, nó ní tuisgead sé an t-aoibneac croirde sin.

Aic i n'oiaró an doibneac éamic an eagla. Bí cóir ar an n'gaoirde: dá gcuirigé a t'eac agus an t-ór u'págail ann, g'eannócarde acar fada príosúnta aic. Agus níorb é sin an éuro ba measa u'e'n sgéal, mar ní hé amáin go b'púigead sé príosúnta, aic bampre an t-ór ué. An taise aic i b'polac, sin é síl sé uéanam. Agus tógaic sé an uóig le mo uime nac b'púigre an t-ór sin, agus an éaoi gur cuir sé páoi i b'pó é i gcuimne ué seanroilic a raib cáil tairi agus tairóis aic, ué síubal oróce, agus gan ann aic é féin amáin.

níor éoinnig sé uó féin u'e'n taise aic cúig sobarn: tuisge sin an ead? Nár uubras lib go mba uime stuama fad-breacnigead a bí ann, agus go mba eagla leis go mbeicé i n-amneac aic dá mbéad cosamatac an tsaróbris aic?

Cóir ráite a bí ar an n'gaoirde, agus lagúigead ar an gcuartaic beagán beas n-a uiairó sin. Ué réir a céile, bí an misneac ag teact cúig mo uime. Uéad a éilí agus a cáil agus a éuro óir aise. Uéad saozal suairc sona saróbir aise. Aic ní mar síltear bítear. Gabad é oróce. Cuiread fuatad an óir n-a leir. Tugad ós comair breiteamhan é. Uéad é. Cúig bliana cuiread aic.

Bí an sgéal uona go leór ag mo uime gan don amneac, aic ní raib sé com uona is u'féadapad sé beir ná b'aozail aic. Bí an meall mór óir i b'polac agus i b'polac go maic aise, agus gan págail aic ag luic an olige, ná ag an té go mba leis é. Dá uonac dá raib an sgéal aise féin, bead ruo maic aise i n'oiaró a príosúnta. Cúig bliana! Uob fada an t-acar é gan amneac, aic is fuiré ná sin saozal an uime. Ar nós a lán eile dá sórt, glac sé le n-a éinneamaint toisg gan don leigead beir aise ar an sgéal, agus ceap sé gan don trioblóro éabairt go luic an príosún i t'reo go mbéad an saozal measardá maic féin aise.

Agus rinne sé sin. Tá sé le peiceál i leabhair an príosún go raib mo uime ar na príosúnagib ba socairé dá raib ann ariam romhe sin.

Tá an-cúir-síos aise sa sgéal sin a sgríob sé sa b'priosún ar na smaointe agus ar na haislingib bíoró aise, agus é páoi glás. Sead, céad a uéanpad sé leis an dá míle sobarn sin tré a sgaoilpíre amac é—sin é an ruo is mó a bíor n-a smaointe. Dainnigéir é istead n-a aigne go mba leis féin an t-ór ué réir sac cirt toisg é beir saotraigte aise le príosúnta. Sead, feilm a éannaic, i gceim b'éoir, bean a pósad, clann a tógail, maic a uéanam dá éir agus dá éinne ar an uile bealac a u'féadapad sé—sin é an smaointe ba coiticiannac a bíor aise agus é leis féin n-a éillim uaigneac.

Agus u'iméig ceitre bliana fada éar ar an uóig sin, agus é ag caiteam an óir ar pead an éacir n-a iminn.

Lá uó ag obair i siopa an tailliúra le meicéil príosúnac go raib an téarma beagnac istig aca, nuair a labair an príosúnac ba goire uó leis i n'gan fíon.

"Tá píosa ué sean-páipéar nuairdeacta páoi'n góta sin éall," ar seisean, "tabair leat é go uéi an éillim."

Cá b'púil an príosúnac nac uéanpad agus an fáil aise? Rinne mo uime é ar éaoi ar bit. Nár breag an ruo sgéala u'págail ó'n saozal mór suairc a bí taob amuig ué g'eata an príosún? Cuir sé an píosa páipéir i b'polac páoi n-a éasóig nuair a fuair sé an éaoi.

Seóló ar ais go uéi a éillim é éar éis an lae. Sgar sé amac an píosa ué sean-páipéar ar an mbóro le n-a léigead ar a suaimneac. Gur buairó Manna an nása mór ag Epsom i Sasana; go raib sé n-a ár sa tSín; gur casad Mussolini agus u'Annunzio ar a céile (pé ar bit cé hiao); sead, bí an méro sin nuairdeacta ar an b'píosa páipéir. annsin, bamead g'eit an tsaozail as an uime boct. An ag clisead aic a bí na síle ué b'arr a príosúnta? Éosaic sé gá gcuimil le n-a uois. Uéac sé ar an gcló aicair, agus seo é an ruo a éannaic sé:—

" . . . píir oibre a bí ag cur balla nua le roilic énoc na n'oruad i gCo. na Saillime moé, agus fuairéad málá briste réabta páoi'n gceapóig. Caitead ar leatad aic é as an mbealac, agus ba mór é a n-iongnad nuair a pléasg an sean-mála, agus nuair a éit suas le dá míle sobarn amac as. Tá na g'aróai síotéana."

"WHERE'S THE QUARTER"?

1.
Through the turmoil and the din,
From the Cookhouse to the GYM,
Everybody's hunting Him

But; Where's the Quarter?

2.
From the men's mess to the stores,
Pass the squad that's forming fours,
Strafing the Quarter with encores,

But; Where's the Quarter?

3.
Indents, rations and supplies,
On our Quarter find no flies,
All you'll hear is umpteen cries,

But; Where's the Quarter?

4.
Pens, pencils, candles, fleetwing nibs,
At these demands he always jibs,
But sure our Quarter always cribs,

But; Where's the Quarter?

5.
He'll change your blankets and your socks,
Of buckshee kit sure he has stocks,
He'll requisition bolts and locks,

But; Where's the Quarter?

6.
He'll give you stores of every kind,
If you the Quarter bloke can find,
You'll get your kit—Yes: in your mind,

But; Where's the Quarter?

7.
He's saddled now with football kit,
The Sports Club now will have a fit,
He won't issue togs without a chit,

But; where's the Quarter?

"ME LARKIE."

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO.

Swimming, a Water Polo demonstration, and Life-Saving displays figured at Tara Street Baths on Wednesday last. A number of Irish International players were responsible for the demonstration of Water Polo.

A meeting of the Swimming and Water Polo Sub-Committee will be held at G.H.Q. at 3 o'clock on 23rd inst.

Leis an príosúnac a sheanbóic. A curó óir féin a b' i gceist!

Táinig an gárda isteach nuair a chuala sé an sgréac sin. U'ionnsaigh an príosúnac é go píocmhar. B'éigim ceathran o'fáigil le n-a ceannas. Seachtmáin ó som cuiread go príosún na ngealt é agus ní péiróir aon cáinnit a daint as ó som aet paon'n vá míle sóbann, agus an éaoi a cáitpeas sé a éaisge tráé a ssaolfeair saon é.

[San gCéad uimhir eile:—XXI.—Dáileamair.]

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SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT LIMERICK.

Limerick has always held a certain pre-eminence as a City whose people are devoted to Religious Exercises, and the success of the Retreat held for troops of the 14th Battalion and 4th Brigade H.Q., during the week ending 31st May, was to be expected. The exercises were conducted in St. Joseph's Chapel, under the direction of the Rev. Fr. Barrett, O.P. Mass, followed by a lecture, was celebrated each morning at 10 o'clock, and Rosary and Benediction, followed by a lecture, each evening at 6 o'clock. The Brigade Chaplain, Capt. and Rev. Fr. E. R. MacCarthy, C.F., must have felt proud on Sunday, 31st ult., when so great a number of Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men, received the Blessed Sacrament from the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, who celebrated Mass. His Lordship, addressing the troops, expressed his infinite pleasure in having been able to be with them at the close of their Retreat, and alluded, with joy, to the number of Communicants. He trusted that they would always respond to the call of Holy Church, and hoped that he might again be with them ere long.

ARMY SWIMMING CLUB'S INITIAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON.

The G.H.Q. Command Branch of the Army Swimming Club ran off their initial events at Tara St. Baths on Wednesday, 10th inst. There were over 200 spectators.

Novices (one length) (36 competitors)—6 heats—Final—Pte. Preddy (Engineer Corps, Griffith Barracks), 1; Pte. Fred Scanlon (G.H.Q., Parkgate St.), 2; Pte. Bracken (G.H.Q.), 3.

Seniors (4 lengths) (8 competitors)—Pte. Millar (Transport Corps, Collins Barracks, Limerick), 1; Sgt. Kennedy (Portobello) (5 secs.), 2; Sgt.-Major Flood (Army Champion) (7), 3. Time 76 secs.

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FACILITATING ARMY SWIMMERS.

Free Admission to Tara Street Baths on Recreational Half-Holiday.

WORK OF PORTOBELLO INSTITUTE.

At the fortnightly meeting of the No. 7 Brigade Area Institute Committee on 8th inst., Lieut. Condron presided in the absence of the Reverend Chairman, and there were also present—Captain Daly, Lieutenant Grey, Sergeant Kennedy, Sergeant Dack, Sergeant Quirke, Sergeant Collins, Private Donnellan and the Secretary.

SWIMMING.

The Secretary read a letter from the Acting Brigade Quartermaster regarding payment of entrance fee for Brigade Troops to Tara Street Swimming Baths on Wednesday afternoons. In connection with this Sergeant Kennedy reported that he hoped to be in a position at the next meeting to say that the Baths would be available, free of charge, to soldiers between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

This has been agreed to.—See report of Standing Committee Meeting on page 10.

BILLIARDS AND BAGATELLE.

Sergeant Kennedy reported that he had obtained a grant of £5 from Cumann Sugraid an Airm for a Billiard Handicap, and this he intended to augment by the addition of the entrance fee of 1s. He stated that he had formed a Handicapping Committee, comprising representatives of each Unit in Barracks. The closing date of entry was fixed for the 12th June.

Sergeant Kennedy also stated that he had examined a Bagatelle Table in Tallaght Camp, and had tendered for same.

Lieutenant Condron drew attention to the absence of goal posts in the Gym. Field, and it was decided that he approach the Brigade Quartermaster with a view to the erection of same.

In the absence of Corporal Kelly it was decided that the handball question be held over until the next meeting.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

The Secretary announced that a start had been made in Portobello, and he was informed that the troops generally were interested.

Captain Daly proposed, and Sergeant Quirke seconded, a vote of sympathy at the illness of the Reverend Chairman, and hoped for his speedy recovery.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday 22nd instant, at 11 a.m.

4th INFANTRY BRIGADE SPORTS.

The attention of athletes is focussed upon the Annual Sports of the 4th Infantry Brigade, to be held on July 9 at Markets Field, Limerick, under N.A. and C.A. Rules. Included in the big programme is the 5 Miles Amateur Cycle Championship of Munster. The Hon. Sec., New Barracks, Limerick, informs us that that he is confident of the success of the meeting, from an athletic point of view, and, of course, the popular Army Band Promenade will attract many visitors to Limerick on that day.

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

What Officer (not far from Transport) recently met this Scribe in Mufti and said "Good Night, TANCY." Was it intentional?

The T.D. got into Barracks long before Reveille one morning recently, with Corporal Bill, who had been knocked up by him, a good second. But there is no truth in the rumour that the building which at present shelters "A" Company is to be removed to allow the Barrack Clock to be seen from Arbour Hill Quarters.

The Boys are now hard at it, and look well in blue overalls. One Wag called them the Navy, and another named them the Air Force.

Did the N.C.O. really intend that Big Lock for his Locker, or was it for a Gate?

Sergeant Hennessey added still more laurels to his brow by winning 440 Yards Race at Carlow on 11th inst. Keep it up Steve!

Heard at Brigade Sports meeting. Private X. to Private XX. "That was not a bad jump for an old fellow." It will surprise X. and XX. to learn that the ancient in question has only turned 24.

Our Senior W.O. must have consumed some ICE on the day of Brigade Sports.

Did "Mack" state that he drew "Mascot" on Requisition?

Company Sergeant O'Connor's little girl (aetat 9) is still winning Medals for her Dancing, and up to the present has collected 74 Prizes. It is said that she and her little boy partner will soon appear in one of the local Halls.

Captain J. P. Murphy, of the 6th Brigade, is now back from Hospital looking well—a fact which gives great pleasure to those connected with the 21st Battalion Team.

By the time these notes have appeared the 6th and 7th Brigade will have decided as to who will enter the final of the Command Football Cup.

ARMY HURLERS GARNER SPOILS OF VICTORY.

At the annual re-union of the C. J. Kickham Hurling Club, held on Saturday, 11th June, Mr. P. Walsh, presiding, the following Army Hurlers received medals, as detailed:—

Capt. T. Finlay (Artillery Corps), Cpl. D. O'Neill (P.A. Corps, G.H.Q.), and Pte. T. Kelly (Naas) each received four gold medals, viz.: All-Ireland, 1924; Leinster Final, Co. Dublin Championship, and Saturday League.

Pte. J. Stapleton (G.H.Q.), Co. Dublin, Leinster Final, Saturday League, and Oldtown Tournament Medals.

Pte. Barry and Sgt. Banim (Faughs) received All-Ireland and Leinster Final, 1924, Medals.

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"PORTOBELLO-INGS."

No hotter was the weather than the Inter-Company football match between "C" and H.Q. Coy. of the 22nd the other day.

Pte. Kinch on the winning side ("C" Coy.) was instrumental in making the score a big one and he was well supported by Captain McKenna and C.Q.M.S. O'Connor, both of whom played really brilliant football.

Morrissey and Conyard (H.Q. Coy.) appeared to forget that there was a football there for kicking purposes, and proceeded to expend their energies otherwise.

The advice of the referee (Capt. Murray, 23rd) to retire to the side line and watch how the game *should* be played came none too soon.

The 22nd Battalion at their annual sports (due in a week or so) anticipate fielding some very interesting events such as "Two Mile Flat Race with Full Pack" and "Tilting the bucket."

Now, in the case of the pack race, if you attend at Portobello any evening between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m. you will observe quite a number of men with full packs and set faces, obviously practising for this event.

In the case of tilting the "bucket," of course, efficiency really depends on the contents thereof.

At last the long promised Tennis Racquets have arrived in the 22nd and the mysteries of the game are being slowly but surely elucidated within the seclusion of the Gym. (in camera, so to speak.)

Congrats. to S. M. Phelan on his brilliant achievements in the senior N.C.O.'s Course (of course there was never any question of "failing.")

We would like to know

More about the "ghost" seen by two motor cyclists a few nights ago when putting away their machines

If certain N.C.O.'s who called tennis an "old woman's game" are still of the same opinion?

If "Fergie" Flood (last year's swimming champion) will be able to dispose of the new opposition this year?

If the trials in Tara Street the other evening really exposed the best swimmers?

If J.K.'s pet seal in the "forty foot" is entered for the Army Championships? and if not, why this particular animal or fish or whatever it is, always remains behind "Fergie"?



Base charge against a C.S.M.

SAYS THE SEVENTH.

On the 28th ulto. the Rev. Father Casey, Brigade Chaplain, visited Battalion Headquarters at Naas, for the purpose of inaugurating Company Savings Associations within the Battalion. His lecture on the benefits that would accrue to the State and to the citizen, as well as to the individual who judiciously invested his Savings, was very thought compelling. That it bore good fruit is evidenced by the fact that a healthy rivalry is springing up between the Companies as to which shall head the list on the completion of the first half year's endeavour in this direction.

The 27th ulto. proved an unlucky date for the gallant 27th. On that date No. 5 Ground Phoenix Park re-echoed to the clash of camans wielded by the heroes of that Battalion and representatives of the 7th Inf. The 7th were victorious, thus winning the 7th Brigade Hurling Final.

Some of the providers of provender are so profoundly interested in matters equine that they cannot even forego capturing night-mares. What does Corporal 'Gushin' say anent this tendency?

The inseparables "Frank" and "John" emphatically deny that the rumour that a pact has been entered into, that each shall purchase his own lemonade.

Band Sergeant—to Mess Members (after airing his musical abilities on cornet). Do you know that selection is extremely difficult.

Constant Growler—Difficult! I wish to the Lord it had been impossible.

AN BIORANAC.

"SCRAPS" FROM GORMANSTON.

A very successful Retreat conducted by the Rev. Fr. Aherne C.S.S.R., concluded with General Communion on Saturday morning, 23rd May. It was gratifying to see the large number, of all ranks, who attended the Masses and devotions during the Retreat, and the Chaplain (Fr. Clavin) is to be congratulated on its success.

I hope Pte. X. will take the Missioner's advice to heart and give up his habit of sitting in the MUD.

The football team have at last managed to defeat the 13th Battalion team and in a very handsome manner too. I suppose the introduction of new blood had something to do with the result, P. P. was to the fore (please excuse the golfing term, it is the only word which could be used there).

The first match in the inter-billet tournament proved a very exciting affair, according to the "Spectator."

While there was never any doubt as to their willingness to work still it is noted that the N.C.O.'s are more RED-e of late.

In connection with the "Dramatic Society," I hear that there is a WAITER in the camp who is a "STARR" turn. We hope he will dish up something good at the first show.

It is remarkable the way the men of the camp "DOUBLE-OUT" to "DUBL-IN" each Saturday.

Much has been said for and against our Boxers, but there can be no doubt that they use a great deal of "SCIENCE" which puts a polish on their work.

Bert has got the right kind of a companion at last, it lets him do all the talking and only replies with a "Bow-wow."

The preliminary sports which were held here on the 10th inst., were successful in bringing out quite a number of athletes who were previously unknown. The best performers of the day were, McNulty, Tully, Quinlisk, McNally, Hensey, Murphy, and Sergeant Daly.

Some of the men took part in all the events. They were really wonderful. They settled up the high jump marker when it was knocked down, and tied it when it was broken, rolled back the 16 lb. after each throw, measured the distance at the hop, step and jump, and the long jump, and held the tape at each of the running events—truly a record to be proud of.

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ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of Standing Committee—Facilitating Swimmers—Grant of £20—Military Representation on N.A. & C.A.—Question of Greater Publicity.

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on 9th June. Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, Chairman, presiding. Also present:—Major General Cronin, Major McGrath, Comdt. M. A. O'Connor, (on behalf of the Swimming and Water Polo Sub-Committee), Comdt. Colgan and Captain O'Brien.

Swimming.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of a report from the Swimming and Water Polo Sub-Committee re the catering for Swimming within the Army.

Comdt. O'Connor spoke on behalf of the adoption of the report. In answer to a query by the Chairman, he stated it was the intention of the Swimming Club to cater for the Army as a whole.

Arising out of the report, it was decided, on the motion of Major General Cronin, seconded by Major McGrath, that the sum of £20 be voted to the Swimming Sub-Committee for the purpose of paying bath rents, affiliation, printing fees, etc.

On the motion of the same two delegates, the report as a whole was adopted.

Comdt. O'Connor mentioned that it was his desire to have Major General Cronin elected as President of the Swimming Association. Major General Cronin kindly consented to accept the position. Comdt. O'Connor promised to have the matter before the next meeting of his Sub-Committee.

P. T. Instructor.

A communication from Mr. P. Keogh in reference to an appointment as P.T. and Boxing Instructor was read. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Keogh, asking him to attend at the Athletic Office for interview with Secretary.

An application from Mr. Crowley, Dublin, for the position of Athletic Trainer was also read. Father O'Callaghan undertook to interview him on the matter.

Tennis.

A communication from the Secretary, Southern Command, in reference to the erection of a Tennis Court at Collins' Barracks, Cork, was considered. It was decided to communicate further with the Secretary, Southern Command, on the matter.

Handball.

A query from the Secretary of the Western Command Athletic Council re the erection of Handball Courts was considered. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, in reference to the requests from the various Commands for Handball Courts and on receipt of information from that source, to communicate with the Command Secretaries in reference to the sending of estimates.

Tugs-of-War.

A letter from the Secretary, Western Command, asking if it was the intention of the Executive Council to hold the Tug-of-War Championships on a similar basis to the proposed Inter-Company Tug-of-War Championships, was read. The decision of the Standing Committee on the matter was, to recommend the holding of the All-Army Championships on the same basis to the Athletics Sub-Committee.

The Secretary reported that various members of Sub-Committees had raised the question of vouchers for their members attending meetings. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the General Officers Commanding.

On an application from Lieut. Fitzpatrick, A.M.C., Curragh Camp, for £1 expenses in connection with the Chaplains' and Medical Services' Cup match, which he refereed at Dublin on Wednesday, June the 3rd, it was decided to allow the expenses claimed.

Explanation Required.

The Secretary submitted a report as to the arrangements made with Dr. O'Sullivan, Hon. Secretary, National University

Sports Committee, relative to the use of the grounds at Terenure for the Hurling and Football matches on June 3rd. Rev. Father O'Callaghan and Major McGrath were deputed to interview Dr. O'Sullivan in connection with the failure to grant the use of the grounds, as per arrangement.

An account was received from the Southern Command in respect of expenditure in connection with the postponed Medical Services and Chaplains' Cup matches, held at Cork during 1924. It was decided to pay the account for the expenditure incurred in advertising fixtures.

Garda v. Army.

A letter from the Secretary, Garda Síochána Hurling and Football Association, stating it was the intention of his Association to hold the Annual Hurling Match, Garda v. Army, on the 15th of August, was read. The Secretary was directed to inform the Garda Association that All-Army Fixtures had been arranged for that date, and at the moment the Standing Committee are of opinion that it would be impossible for them to sanction the match. Should a further communication be received from the Garda Committee, same would be considered.

Major McGrath made application for permission to hold Hurling Contest for set of Gold Medals between General Headquarters and Eastern Command at the former Command's Sports on July the 4th. Same was granted.

An application from the Curragh Command for the services of No. 2 Army Band for Cork on June 14th was received. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Adjutant-General on the matter.

Representation on N.A. and C.A.

Major Doyle informed the meeting that he had been speaking to the President of the N.A. and C.A., in reference to the granting to the Army of representation on that Association's Executive Council. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Keane, making application, and nominating Major Doyle for the position.

Major McGrath mentioned that the practice of approaching traders for prizes for different Army Sports Meetings was being abused. The Secretary informed the meeting that the Executive Council had in 1924 issued instructions forbidding such action. The Secretary undertook to again communicate with the Command Secretaries.

Golfing Affairs.

A letter from the Secretary of the Golf and Tennis Sub-Committee, addressed to the Rev. Chairman, was through a mistake forwarded to Baldonnel Aerodrome. In view of the fact that the Chairman was aware of many important matters raised in the letter it was decided to give the Chairman and Major McGrath power to deal with the matter.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Hon. Sec., Athletics Sub-Committee, requesting him to have report from Command Secretaries as to the action taken in connection with the carrying out of the Athletic contests, per the A.G. memo No. 60, and on receipt of the information to instruct Captain O'Beirne to call a meeting of his Sub-Committee.

More Publicity.

The Committee considered the question of greater publicity for athletic activities within the Army. It was decided to hold a meeting of the Standing Committee each Friday evening at 3 o'clock, to procure reports and transact any other routine business.

Just as the business of the agenda had been finished, Major Doyle, who had been detained on military duty, attended the meeting.

EASTERN COMMAND COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Eastern Command Committee A.A.A. was held in the Men's Recreation Room, Collins Barracks, Dublin, on the 8th inst. Rev. S. Pigott, presiding.

SAUSAGE'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOUR IN THE DOG DAYS.



J. Kearns, Captain B. O'Byrne, Major T. McNally, Captain B. Harkins, Hon. Secretary, Captain P. Tuíte.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to notify Secretaries of Brigade Committees that all Battalions should affiliate hurling, football and athletic teams with their local county boards.

It was decided also that the Secretaries of Brigade Committees be instructed to forward the names of one representative for each of the following branches of athletics—Swimming and Water Polo, Tennis, Golf, Handball, Rounders.

The following Sports Committee was selected to carry out Command Athletic Championships—Captain D. Harkins, Captain P. Whelan, Captain E. Reilly, Captain P. Tuíte, Hon. Secretary.

G.H.Q. COMMAND COUNCIL.

Meeting held on 8th inst. Present:—Major T. McGrath, Chairman (Presiding). Also present:—Comdt. D. Mackey, V/Chairman; Comdt. P. Ennis, Treasurer; Lieut. C. S. Doyle, Secretary; A/Captain Delamere, Captain J. Fitzgerald, Lieut. S. McKeon, Lieut. McKenna, S.M. Woods, S.M. White, Sergt. Keogh, Sergt. Gahan, Sergt. Farrell, Cpl. Hughes, Cpl. O'Neill, Pte. Walsh.

The Referee's report of the match between Artillery and Portobello in the final of the Command Football League was read and Artillery was declared the winner of the League. Arising out of the Referee's report a Portobello player was suspended, but on the proposal of Comdt. Mackey, seconded by Cpl. O'Neill, the suspension was removed.

COMMAND SPORTS.

The report from the Sub-Committee was read and adopted. The meeting delegated authority to the Treasurer and Secretary to purchase the necessary prizes for the events. It was decided that the Cups, the property of the G.H.Q. Command, be put up for competition in the confined events for which they were originally intended, and be available as Perpetual Annual Challenge Cups. A suggestion put forward by Comdt. Ennis to the effect that a Hurling Match be catered for in conjunction with the Sports was approved of. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Eastern Command A.A.A. with a view to securing the services of their Command Hurling Team against a team from G.H.Q. for this occasion. A set of Gold Medals, kindly presented by Messrs. Elvery, will be given to the winners of the match.

FINAL OF COMMAND HURLING LEAGUE.

The referee informed the meeting of the result of this match, and in view of the fact that both teams were level and that the match ended in a draw, the Council fixed the re-play (provisionally) for Newbridge on the 28th June. Major T. McGrath was nominated a referee. Final arrangements in connection with the holding of the match to be left in the hands of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer gave a brief outline of the financial results of the A.A. Tournament in Newbridge on the 7th June and undertook to have a detailed report available for the next meeting.

GORMANSTON FUNDS.

A complaint from Gormanston was heard to the effect that the system by which the Sports Fund is controlled is detrimental to the best interests of Sports. The Council directed the Secretary to communicate with Major Cotter relative to the complaint, and further directed the Group Secretary to purchase the necessary gear to enable the men to participate in the games catered for.

REPORTS TO THE PRESS.

The Chairman ruled that all reports, relative to A.A.A. affairs within the G.H.Q. Command, emanating from serving officers, N.C.O.'s and men belonging to the Command and intended for publication, must first be submitted to the Command Secretary for approval. The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, paid tribute to the good work rendered to the A.A.A. by the publicity of intended fixtures, results of matches, etc., and complimented Sergt. O'Farrell on the manner in which he discharged his duties in this respect. Comdt. Mackey associated himself with the Chairman's remarks and stated that in order that reports may at all times be authentic, supervision was necessary. Sergt. O'Farrell suitably returned thanks.

BALL ALLEY AT ISLAND BRIDGE.

No. 6 Group delegates complained of the handicap in existence by not having a Handball Court at their disposal at Island Bridge. The matter was left in abeyance pending a decision from the Quartermaster-General on a similar question throughout the Army.

(NOTE.—The question of erecting handball courts in Barracks was referred to the Q.M.G. by the Sub-Committee for Handball. No intimation of any ruling in the matter has so far been received.)

SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The under-mentioned were nominated to act as a Selection Committee for the Command Hurling Team for the forthcoming All-Army Championship:—Major T. McGrath, Capt. Finlay, and Cpl. S. O'Neill. First meeting of this Committee, 5.30 p.m., on 9th June, 1925, at G.H.Q.

COMMAND FUNDS.

The custody of the Command Funds was discussed and, arising out of same, the meeting decided that all moneys, the property of the Council, be lodged in the Land Bank in the joint names of the Treasurer and Secretary.

MINUTES OF GROUP MEETING.

The Secretary complained of the irregular manner in which Minutes of Group Meetings were transmitted and brought to the notice of the delegates the impossibility of being cognisant of the interior working of the Groups in the absence of the Minutes. The Chairman directed that Group Secretaries be circularised with a view to their forwarding Minutes of all Meetings more regularly in future.

TENNIS.

A suggestion from the Tennis Sub-Committee to the effect that the present Tournament be carried out for the purpose of selecting a team for the All-Army Championship, and that the Command Championships be deferred to a later date was adopted. The Council confirmed their previous decision in the allocation of prizes for the forthcoming Tournament.

GOLF.

The team to represent G.H.Q. in the Inter-Command Competition was selected and approved of.

HOURS OF MEETINGS.

It was arranged that the Command Council meet on every alternate Tuesday at 3 p.m. at G.H.Q. until further notice.

FOOTBALL AND HURLING SUB-COMMITTEE.

Meeting held at Kildare on June 8th, Lieut. Horgan, Curragh Command representative, in the chair. Also present:—Lieut. O'Brien, Eastern Command; Comdt. Mackey, Hon. Sec., Sub-Committee, represented G.H.Q. Command; Comdt. P. Colgan, representing the Executive Council, A.A.A.; Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan, do. Capt. J. Tynan, representing Southern Command, subsequently attended.

The Hurling Match in connection with the Civic Guard Sports was discussed, and it was decided that no action be taken in the matter until official notification is received from the Guards giving date and venue of the Sports.

A letter was read by the Sec., A.A.A., from the Western Command, asking for a change of venue for the fixture, and it was decided that the matches should be played in Athlone on the date fixed in order to popularise the games in the most populous place. Capt. J. Fitzgerald, G.H.Q. Command was appointed to referee the Football Match and Comdt. Kingston, Curragh Command, the Hurling.

The Hon Secretary stated that, in consequence of shortage of staff, he could not find time to efficiently discharge the duties connected with the position and also that he would be absent, in camp, for a considerable period. Comdt. P. Colgan volunteered to carry on as secretary to the Sub-Committee.



A.A.A. FIXTURES.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMAND SPORTS.

The first annual G.H.Q. Command Sports (under N.A. and C.A. Rules) will take place at Croke Park, Jones's Road, Dublin, on Saturday, 4th July, starting at 1.30 p.m. The following is the programme:—

Open Events (Army and Civilians).—100 Yards, 440 Yards, One Mile, Three Miles Cycle Race.

Confined Events.—100 Yards, 220 Yards, 880 Yards, Three Miles Handicap, 120 Yards Hurdle Race, One Mile Relay Race, Long Jump, High Jump, Hop, Step and Jump; Putting 16lb. Shot.

Hurling Match (for Set of Gold Medals, kindly presented by Messrs. Elvery and Co., the well-known Sports Outfitters, O'Connell Street, Dublin)—G.H.Q. Command v. Eastern Command. Starting at 3.30 p.m.

The famous No. 1 Army Band will attend.

All entries close with the Hon. Sec., Sports Committee, G.H.Q., Parkgate, Dublin, on Saturday, 27th June, 1925.

G.H.Q. COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At the meeting of the G.H.Q. Command Council on 8th June, the draws for Command Championships were made as shown hereunder:

FOOTBALL.

Teams	Time	Date	Venue.
Artillery v. Baldonnel	... 3 p.m.	17.6.'25	Kildare.
Referee—Captain Fitzgerald.			
Gormanston v. Islandbridge	3.30 p.m.	24.6.'25	Gormanston.
Referee—Lieut. S. Kavanagh.			
G.H.Q. v. Portobello	... 3 p.m.	24.6.'25	Phoenix Park.
Referee—Comdt. Mackey.			

HURLING.

Artillery v. Islandbridge	... 4.30 p.m.	17.6.'25	Kildare.
Referee—Capt. Fitzgerald.			
Portobello v. Gormanston	... 3.30 p.m.	1.7.'25	Phoenix Park.
Referee—Captain Ryan.			

G.H.Q.—a Bye.

It was agreed that the Championships be decided on the Knock-out system and that a set of gold medals be purchased and presented to the winners in each case. The Treasurer was instructed to procure two cups as Annual Challenge Cups; same to become the property of the winning teams in this Championship for the period of one year.

EASTERN COMMAND ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At a meeting of the Eastern Command Committee on the 8th inst., Command Athletic Championships and Sports were definitely fixed for the 11th July, 1925, at the Esplanade, Collins Barracks, Dublin.

The following programme was submitted and approved:—

1. 100 Yards.
2. 220 Yards.
3. 440 Yards.
4. 880 Yards.
5. 1 Mile Flat.
6. Inter-Battalion Relay Race, 1 mile (four 440 yards).
7. 16 lbs. Shot.
8. Javelin.
9. High Jump.
10. Long Jump.
11. Hop, Step and Jump.
12. Inter-Battalion Team Race, 2 miles flat (six to start, four to count, team with least number of points to be winners).
13. Pole Jump.
14. Three Mile Cycle (Provisional).

(NOTE.—Inter-Battalion Tug-of-War contest will take place on a later date at a venue to be fixed.)

It was decided also to invite a team from the Faughs Hurling Club to play Eastern Command seven aside match in hurling, and a team from the O'Toole's Football Club to play an Eastern Command team seven aside match in Football.

All entries for the Sports will close with the Hon. Secretary on the 4th July, 1925. Entries should be forwarded through Brigade Secretaries only.

FOOTBALL AND HURLING SUB-COMMITTEE'S FIXTURES.

At a meeting of the above Committee in Kildare on 8th inst. it was decided to play the final, Medical Services and Chaplains Cups, at Newbridge, on July 12th, 1925, the winners of the Eastern v. Western Commands to play the winners of the Curragh v. Southern Commands. The appointment of referees was left over for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The following draws and fixtures were made in connection with the 1925 Army Championships:—

G.H.Q. Command v. Western Command—July 26th at Athlone. Referees—Capt. Tuite (Football), Lieut. Fitzpatrick (Hurling), 3 o'clock and 4.30.

Eastern Command v. Southern Command—August 2nd at Cork. Referees—Comdt. Mackey (Football), and Capt. Finlay (Hurling), 3 and 4.30 p.m.

Curragh Command, a Bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Curragh Command v. Winners of G.H.Q. v. Western matches, on August 16th. Venue to be fixed.

FINAL.

Winners of Eastern Command v. Southern matches v. Winners of Curragh v. Winners of G.H.Q. v. Western Commands on August 30th.

INTER-COMPANY ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

26th Infantry Battalion...	20th June.
8th Infantry Battalion...	26th June.
5th and 8th (Combined) Battalions...	1st July.
A.S.I. Officers and N.C.O.'s...	15th July.

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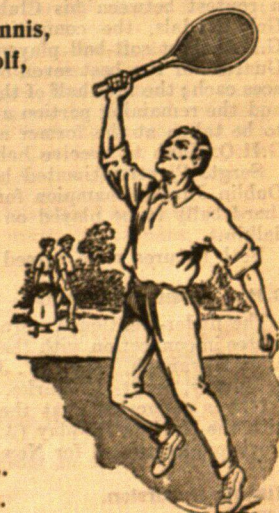
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G.H.Q. COMMAND SPORTS.

At a meeting of No. 5 Group on 29th ult., G.H.Q. Command Sports were definitely fixed for Saturday, July 4th, 1925, at Croke Park. Commandant Ennis (Chairman) detailed the nature of the sports, and requested the representatives present, who were in charge of various sections of sport, to train their men regularly in order that No. 5 Group hold its own in the Sports.

Commandant P. Ennis presented a Chess Shield to Colonel O'Connor to be competed for in his club in any way his Committee might decide. Colonel O'Connor, in thanking him on behalf of his Committee, stated that it would encourage greatly the Committee in their efforts to put chess on a sure footing in the Army.

St. Bricin's representative requested information regarding Cycle Racing in the Army. He was informed that this matter had been considered at a meeting of the Group some months ago, and the Committee at the time decided that all those anxious to take up cycling as a sport provide their own machines.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Secretary G.H.Q. Command Council with a view of obtaining the ground for use of the Command. The Garrison Ground was now in possession of the D.M.P., and as this body was now amalgamated with the Civic Guards, there was no necessity why the police should hold both grounds.

HANDBALL WITH GARDA SIOCHANA.

At the meeting of the Group on the 12th inst., Sergt. P. Carr submitted an explanation regarding his alleged misconduct at Curragh Headquarters Sports, whilst in charge of the Running Team. He pointed out that on the day in question, having made arrangements for the Privates' dinners he proceeded to the Sergeants' Mess with the other Sergeants of the party. This seemed to be the ground on which the complaint had been made. In view of the fact that the Camp Commandant had kindly granted each man in the Team a sum of money for refreshments, he (Sergt. Carr) did not see where the cause for complaint arose. If the men did not wish to have dinner in the Men's Dining Hall they had the option of using the money granted them for incidental expenses and refreshments.

On the motion of Lieut. Doyle, seconded by Lieut. McKeown, Sergt. Carr's explanation was accepted.

Handball with Garda.

Sergt. W. J. Pigott asked permission of the Group to promote a contest between his Club and the Garda Siochana for two Gold Medals, the competition to be with Soft Ball, two of G.H.Q. best soft-ball players to meet two men from the Civic Guards for the best seven out of thirteen games of twenty-one aces each; the first half of the Rubber to be played in Clondalkin and the remaining portion at the Guards' Alley, Depot; a gate to be taken at the former and the entrance price to be fixed; G.H.Q. Club to receive half the gate receipts.

Sergt. Pigott intimated his intention of challenging the Co. Dublin Junior Champion for the best three out of five games (hard ball) to be played on the same date as match at Clondalkin.

Both fixtures were agreed to.

G.H.Q. Annual Excursion.

The under-mentioned were elected to act as Excursion Committee in connection with the G.H.Q. Annual Excursion:—Capt. A. J. Kavanagh, Sergt. W. J. Pigott, Sergt. J. Hughes, Sergt. J. Harvey, Sergt. J. Quirke.

It was suggested that the Excursion be run in conjunction with the Hurling Re-play (Artillery v. G.H.Q.) which had been provisionally refixed for Newbridge on 28th June, 1925.

Hurling Excursion.

The President stated that in connection with the Excursion run to Newbridge for the Command Hurling Final a profit of 9/6, approximately, was made for the Group on railway tickets. There was a further sum which could be claimed from the Command Council amounting to £2 5s. 0d. However, he suggested that the amount be not claimed.

A clear profit of £50, approximately, was made by the Command Council in connection with this fixture on gate.

Inter-Company Contests.

The Inter-Company Contests were the subject of a lengthy discussion. Progress was announced. The President hoped to be able to run off the G.H.Q. Inter-Company Contests before Wednesday, 24th inst.

A Well-Deserved Tribute.

Lieut. C. S. Doyle, in proposing a vote of thanks to Comdt. Ennis for his efforts in making the Newbridge Excursion a huge success, referred to the untiring efforts, support, and co-operation which he had rendered in this connection. He felt sure that the Excursion would not have been so successful were it not for the facilities afforded by Comdt. Ennis.

Cpl. T. Hayes seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Comdt. Ennis, replying, said it gave him pleasure to be able to help such good sports as those of No. 5 Group. He appreciated the general behaviour of all in this group and the sporting spirit which prevailed.

CHAPLAINS' CUP AND MEDICAL SERVICES' CUP.

The Curragh and Cork Commands met at the University College Grounds, Mardyke, on Sunday last in football and hurling contests. The hurling match was in the first round of the Army Chaplains' Cup and the hurling in the first round of the Medical Services' Cup.

Football.—The Cork Command took the lead early, and never afterwards lost it. They led at half-time by 2 goals and 2 points to nil, and increased their advantage towards the close, winning by 4 goals 6 points to 1 goal 2 points.

Hurling.—The Corkmen scored another decisive victory in the hurling. The game was a lively one all through, the Southerners leading at the interval by a goal and 3 points to 1 point. On the resumption Cork pressed a score almost immediately and held the lead well, winning by 5 goals 4 points to 2 goals 1 point.

No. 1 BRIGADE, A.A.A.

At a meeting of the No. 1 Brigade A.A.A. held at Finner Camp on 5th June, 1925, Captain M. Doyle presided in the absence of Colonel Conway, O.C. Brigade. The representatives of each Battalion in the Brigade were present, also Commandant T. Crean.

Teams of Footballers and Hurlers were chosen to meet the pick of No. 2 Brigade at Longford on Wednesday, 10th June, 1925, and it was arranged that a Selection Committee should be present at that ground to choose Teams to meet the Dublin Command in the Chaplains' and Medical Officers' Cups.

Captain Whelan and Captain Cannon were chosen as members of the Selection Committee for Football for this Brigade, and Captain M. Doyle and Lieut. Tierney for Hurling on the same Selection Committee.

Owing to the fact that Battalions were busy preparing their men for the coming Army Cup, it was decided that the players selected to play in the Command match, should do their training with their own Battalions as far as possible.

The meeting then proceeded with the draw for the first round of the Brigade Championship (Hurling and Football). No. 3 Battalion and No. 9 Battalion were drawn to meet each other on Sunday, June 21st. Ballyshannon was the place decided upon, with the Rev. Father O'Harte, C.F. as Referee, for Football, and Captain M. Doyle for Hurling.

The Committee are preparing to make good a show when the Brigade Sports take place in the near future. Each Battalion is very keen to put up a good fight for the honours this Season.

Her Horrible Dream.—Their life had been very happy. Not a cloud had marred it. Then one morning the wife came down to breakfast morose and wretched.

She was snappish with her husband. She would hardly speak to him. And for a long time she refused to explain her unwonted conduct. Finally, though, the young man insisted that he be told why his wife was treating him so badly. She looked up with tears in her eyes, and said:

"John Smith, if I dream again that you kissed another woman I won't speak to you again as long as I live."



G.H.Q. CALLING.

Hearty congratulations to the G.H.Q. Relay Team on their splendid victory at the Curragh Sports. "Jeff" and the boys deserve great credit for everything—including catching the last train home!!

Yes, we had hard lines at Newbridge on Sunday, but it was a great day. The boys are not likely to forget Newbridge in a hurry—nor Newbridge to forget the boys!

The casualties were, **everything** considered, comparatively small. Tommy Hendrick got a few bad knocks, but we were glad to see him "O.K." on Monday. Worst of all, Sammy Ward's melodeon went wallop!

Who was the Mess Committee man who when "Windy" asked "What **extras** am I getting for my tanner a week's subscription?" replied "An **extra** wait for your breakfast and an **extra** walk for your dinner!"

In our G.H.Q. Station

We heard with elation

That neatly-pressed slacks could be worn;

But we surely would cheer,

If the news we could hear,

That of gloves and of sticks we'd be shorn!

No, the Sergeant who does the round of the Park every morning in running togs is not "working his ticket."

What is the attraction that brings Andy and Mac out on those walks round Castleknock?

Who is the Pride of McKee?

Yes, our Tug-o'-War Team is hard at work training, and great things are to be expected. If some of the Sergeants can pull the rope as well as they can pull other people's legs it should be a big success.

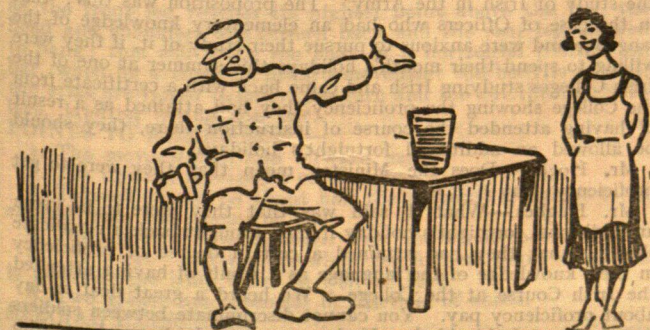
Where **do** the Sergeants get their "Killarney Violet" Powder from?

What does "Tiggley" Payne think of the "ould tenth" now?

Great training is in progress for our forthcoming Sports. Corporal Perry, who is training hard for his Boxing contest, has a bunch of the best on hands, and several dark horses have been discovered (I give as Double Nap, Johnny Toye for the High Jump and the 100 Yards Sprint!).

Who is the young N.C.O. who makes a hobby of collecting Cabra snails?

Sleeping out on the balcony is on the increase in McKee. Why, we even had a "Corpolar" out the other night—we are coming on!



"Is Private Murphy here?" asks the General. "Present, sir," says I. "Then let the battle begin," says he.

THE LOST MOUSTACHE.

"It is reported that a dark, close-cropped moustache, aged about eight months, has mysteriously disappeared from its accustomed place in _____ Barracks, Dublin. The Police are making enquiries into the matter."—Daily Scream.

Fair it was to look upon;
Oh! to think that now 'tis gone,
The noblest growth that ever shone
Upon a soldier's face.

Thick it was, but not too long,
Well he wore it hale and strong;
Not a pig-tail in Hong-Kong
With it could compare.

What befell it who can tell;
Perhaps some one with intent fell
Stole it while the Sentinel
Watched at the wrong gate.

Yes, mayhap, some envious soul
Softly to his billet stole,
And with razor, soap and bowl
Shaved it right away.

Now his face is clean and bare,
Not a single bristling hair
Adorns his lip, when on the square
His men he drills.

Mournful we in barracks are,
For tho' we sought it near and far,
Searched the Mess and searched the bar
We could not find it.

So we must in sorrow wait,
Trusting that a kindly fate
Will once again our hearts elate
When he grows another.

THE LARO.

RUSSIA GATHERING HUGE MILITARY SUPPLIES.

American and Canadian newspapers state that military supplies are being manufactured for Russia in four countries outside that country. A Russian commissar is travelling through Europe, arranging for the purchase of war material for Moscow. A German factory in Sweden has received orders for 350 planes for scout and bombing purposes as well as 500 field guns.

In the meantime France is recruiting troops in her African possessions for service in Poland or Rumania in case of attack from the East. French feelings toward Russia have not been softened by President Rykoff's recent speech in Moscow, referring to Russia's debts to France in which he took the ground that the French did not lend their money to the Czar because of any love for Russia, but to protect themselves against Germany, and to safeguard the interests of the entire bourgeois world.

A cablegram announces that Moscow has placed orders in various European countries for £20,000,000 worth of cannons, tanks, planes and chemicals.

Cross-Words as Enunciated.—It is claimed that the Cross-Word craze will improve our vocabularies. "The Cross-Word Puzzle Book, Third Series," goes so far as to give a sample conversation between two addicts, as follows:

Mrs. W.—By the way, didn't I hear that your little Junior met with an accident?

Mrs. F.—Yes. The little orf fell from an apse and fractured his artus.

Mrs. W.—Egad!

Mrs. F.—And to make matters worse, Dr. Bloop botched it so we had to trek into town for a specialist.

Mrs. W.—The zany!

Mrs. F.—Joe's ire was so aroused that he told Dr. Bloop right to his visage that he was a dolt and an ort.

Query by us: Where did Joe get his "ort" definition?—*Boston Transcript.*

ECHOES FROM NEWBRIDGE.

The Spectators wanted to know who the "wasp" was that persisted in buzzing about the Artillery Capt. The genial "Tom" wanted the same information himself when half-time arrived.

Leahy in the Gunners' goal was the first to feel the effects of the "wasp's" sting, when the latter placed the ball in the net early in the game.

Can any of the G.H.Q. forwards remember when they met a stiffer defence, and did some of them mistake the black and white point posts for church steeples?

Did some of the excursionists mistake a G.H.Q. Sergt. for a Railway official on the return journey; and what did the guard think when the same Sergt. told him to "go ahead all's well"?

Why did all the "big guns" of the Artillery emit a sigh of relief when the final whistle went?

How many specials will it take to convey the next crowd to Newbridge when the replay takes place?

Who is the amateur "bookie" who laid 6 to 4 against Artillery but didn't mention a draw?

What did the G.H.Q. Defence think of Quinn and Cummins?

Was it Dinny O'Neill or Lieut. Doyle that "drew" the match?

One of the busiest men in the field was Costigan in goal for G.H.Q. Despite the fact that his injured arm was not quite well again.

What do you think of the lad at the station who asked the Scribe "who were married quarters playing, Sir"?

Is this a record? Capt. Johnny McDonnell on last Sunday week played for O'Tooles at Croke Park in the morning, travelled to Newbridge immediately afterwards and arrived in time to take his place on the G.H.Q. team against Artillery. To wind up a hard day's work he gave a great exhibition of goalkeeping between the Dublin Sticks against Kildare.

WITH THE TWELFTH.

A week's retreat in the local church concluded last Sunday. All available officers, N.C.O.'s, and men paraded each morning for Mass, 07.00 hrs., and in the evenings all readily abandoned their hurling, football, and other pastimes to be present at Devotions.

A soldier of the Attached Services recently entered a shop in Templemore to purchase tobacco and matches. The tobacco bore the Irish Trade-mark, but the shopkeeper had no Irish-made matches. The soldier, therefore, refused to take the tobacco. He has set a headline for his comrades.

When the No. 1 Band last toured the country recently, most towns with garrisons were visited. It is to be regretted that although the Band visited Limerick on that occasion, (not its first visit to Limerick), no arrangements were made to visit Templemore, which is less than thirty miles from Limerick. We hope that such will not be the case next time.

Many names were given on last Saturday and Sunday, by the personnel of the Garrison, who are to join the Confraternity of the Holy Family, a branch of which will be formed here soon.

The advent of Summer weather has enticed many of our N.C.O.'s and men to the swimming ponds. Our Battalion can boast of some first-class divers and swimmers.

Our Orderly Room runner is getting such an amount of work to do lately, that he would like if his title could be changed to Orderly Room "sprinter."

The informative article about "The Fighting in Morocco," in the last issue of AN T-OGLACH, was read with interest in the Twelfth.

The hurling and football contests brought off at Thurles on Thursday, 11th inst., were interesting from start to finish. The hurling was full of brilliant passages throughout, as can be judged by the final scores, which were—Thurles (Civilian team)—3 goals. Templemore (Military)—4 points. All our scores were registered by Private Maher, playing centre forward, and our custodian, Private Lynch ("Corkie"), defended in great style. Others who were outstanding for brilliant play on our side were—C.Q.M.S. McKenna, Sergeant Manning, and Private O'Dwyer.

The scores in the football match were:—Thurles—1 point. Templemore—3 points. Private Scanlan played in his usual fine style.

Since the bright nights have now made their appearance, the necessity for an extension of the "dry" canteen hours, is felt. Perhaps those in authority will realize the demand and take steps to meet it.

All company O.C.'s have been allotted a certain portion of the Barrack grounds, for the sanitation and cleanliness of which they will be responsible. Fatigue parties are consequently busy every day brightening up the area of the respective Company's. In this connection "D" Company is an easy first.

Some of our men who were on C.B. during the Mission in Town, were discussing the possibility of being allowed to attend devotions. One expressed the opinion that "there was no chance of getting out," whereupon his comrade in difficulties remarked—"Man alive isn't the Mission for defaulters!"

ROS CAIRBRE.

OFFICERS AND THE IRISH TONGUE.

Fortnight's Additional Leave if Month Spent at Language College.

Replying to Deputy Hogan (Clare) during the Army Debate in Dail Eireann.

Mr. Hughes, Minister for Defence, said:—There cannot be any inducement held out to men to go from one Battalion to another. They are all soldiers, and as soldiers they must go where they are sent. If a man is an Irish Speaker in any particular Battalion and expresses a wish to go into the Irish-speaking Battalion I am sure there will be no difficulty in arranging for his transfer because the Irish-speaking Battalion is not yet up to full strength. If a man who is able to speak Irish wishes to transfer into that Battalion and if he applies to the Commanding Officer, I am sure he will have no difficulty in getting the transfer. Deputy Hogan asked if any special inducements were held out to men in the Army to take up the study of the National language. It is only a few weeks since the Chief of Staff put a proposition before me as regards the study of Irish in the Army. The proposition was this: that in the case of Officers who had an elementary knowledge of the language and were anxious to pursue their study of it, if they were willing to spend their month's holidays this summer at one of the Irish Colleges studying Irish and came back with a certificate from the College showing the proficiency they had attained as a result of having attended the course of instruction there, they should be allowed an additional fortnight's holidays.

Mr. Hogan.—Does the Minister mean that they were to get proficiency pay?

Mr. Hughes.—What I said was that they were to be given an additional fortnight's holiday if they brought back a certificate showing that they had attained a certain degree of proficiency in their knowledge of the language as a result of having attended the Irish Course at the College. We heard a great deal to-day about proficiency pay. You cannot discriminate between soldiers in a matter of this kind. If there are any Irish speakers who wish to get into the Irish-speaking Battalion, I am sure they will not have any difficulty about it, as it is not up to strength at present.



HINTS ON TRAINING.

LONG JUMP.

To train for this event, you must train on sound lines. The essentials are:—(1) An accurate run up, (2) True balance at the take-off, and (3) Control of the body in mid-air for landing. The run-up is the most important factor. It must contain:—(a) Speed and (b) Spring, which are the chief aids to the distance and the height of the jump. The most useful run is about 20 to 30 yards, which is divided by three marks—Starting Mark, Speeding Mark, and Final Effort Mark.

The take-off board must be taken with the most natural foot for jumping off.

Practice Methods.

TAKE-OFF PRACTICE.

1. Mark a piece of ground 30 yards with 3 flags at the following distances:—(a) 30 yards, (b) 20 yards, (c) 10 yards. Starting run at (a), increase speed at (b), and make final effort by shortening strides at (c).

2. Practise above at the actual run for jump, but do not jump. This should enable you to get the take-off board accurately; then practise without looking at board.

3. The take off with jump, must be a vigorous straightening of the take-off knee and the throwing forward of the head, body and arms in a forward and upward direction.

PRACTICE FOR HEIGHT.

1. Standing High Jump, bringing the knees well up, starting at about 3 feet and increasing height as position is attained.

2. Practise above at the actual jump.

3. This is one of the reasons for shortening the strides in the 10 yards; it enables you to gain the necessary height. The take-off then must be an intense muscular effort.

PRACTICE JUMP.

1. By combining Take-off and Practice for Height.

2. Spring up and forward, throwing the arms and body well up to get the maximum height, being conscious of a lift after the spring. As full height is attained from these actions, force the arms downward and backwards and the knees up. This will give the body an extra and forward lift. As the body descends, bring the legs together and extend them as far as possible to increase the length of the jump, bringing the arms over and forward to keep the balance.

HINTS.

Turn out three times a week for practice, as for sprinting, concentrating on short bursts.

Walking practice about once a week, distance between 4 to 6 miles.

Do Table of Exercises as for Sprinting.

HIGH JUMPING.

High Jumping is a natural ability, which requires a natural spring, as several distinct movements comprise a Jump.

The essentials are as follows:—Run straight from about 15 to 18 feet distance from the bar and jump. A control mark will be necessary to enable the take-off foot to gain its natural spring to clear a set height.

JUMP AND TURN FACING TAKE-OFF.

This is termed the twist jump. To obtain this, as soon as the front leg reaches its highest point above the bar, the head and shoulders are thrown back and the rear leg allowed to hang; this will bring the body in a horizontal position on bar, when by a vigorous inward movement the body is turned, the arms are raised to assist the turn and the cut through with legs, landing facing the bar.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:—

1. The movement of the forward leg.
2. The upward movement of the arms.
3. Take-off should be about half the distance of height to be cleared from the centre of bar.
4. The spring should be taken from the whole foot.
5. The "cut" takes place when the highest point of spring is reached (the body must be well at bar).
6. Two spikes are essential in the heel of shoes.

SPECIAL EXERCISES.

1. Ankle and Instep exercises (as for sprinting).
2. Upward Jumping with turn facing take-off.
3. Forward Jumping with turn facing take-off.

4. High kicking with leading leg (kicking hand extended in front of body).

5. Skipping.

6. On the back. Legs raising.

7. Walking exercises (from 4 to 6 miles).

8. Sprinting ((50 yards bursts).

9. Breathing exercises.

ARMY ATHLETIC TRIALS.

In preparation for the Army Championships, No. 5 Group, G.H.Q. Command, ran off some interesting preliminary trials in the Phoenix Park on Wednesday, 17th, June, 1925, with the following results:—

100 Yards (run off in 8 heats of 5)—Pte. Harris (G.H.Q.), 1; Pte. Cole (G.H.Q.), 2; Pte. Wylie (Island Bridge), 3.

880 Yards—Pte. O'Hanlon (G.H.Q.), 1; Pte. Wylie, 2; Sgt. Magee (G.H.Q.), 3. 15 competed.

220 Yards—Sgt. Thompson (G.H.Q.), 1; Sgt. O'Grady (Island Bridge), 2; Pte. Hyde (do.), 3. 10 competed.

1 Mile—Sgt. Thompson, 1; Cpl. Lynch (Island Bridge), 2; Pte. Boyle (G.H.Q.), 3. 9 competed.

NOTES FROM THE ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Beggar's Bush has undergone a pleasing transformation within the past few months. On either side of the North Square are two beautiful green plots, bordered with trees and shrubs; while above this floats the National Flag on a splendid new mast.

The sporting predilection is much to the fore in the Bush at present. A good manifestation of this is provided by the "early birds" in full running array before reveille.

It is hard luck that the Bush tailor cannot compete in these sports. Those sudden attacks of "stitches" are very inopportune. But still somebody benefits, as Pte. Cullen has at last rescued his slacks, nicely creased, after their long period of hibernation.

Who said the Bush shoemaker was dead? He has just triumphantly emerged from among a congregation of "bad soles." And, after setting so many of the men on their feet again, he, truly, deserves an ever-"lasting" leather medal.

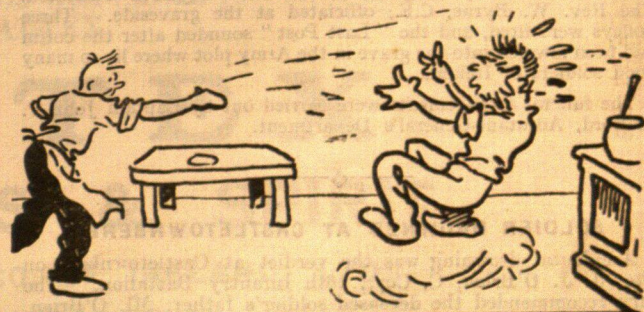
The Bush bathman, in his somewhat lukewarm capacity, is not half going it in the boxing line lately. His three most famous punches are "torridus," "tepidus," and "frigidus."

Cpl. Ward, of the Stores, has not the slightest intention of sending his chin-strap to the museum.

No. 1 Pipers' Band, under Sgt. Duggan, has left the School for the Southern Command.

The only discordant feature at present in the Bush, which is, indeed, a real discord, is a certain obstreperous motor cycle.

ADSUM.



The Cinema Evil.—Devastating effect of custard comedies on the Cookhouse Staff.

FUNERAL OF COMMANDANT NEWPORT.

The funeral of Commandant Nicholas Newport, of the Quartermaster General's personal staff, who died at Nice, after a long illness, took place on Tuesday morning, 9th inst., from the Garrison Church, Arbour Hill, Dublin, to Glasnevin Cemetery. The body which had arrived in Ireland the previous day had lain overnight on a catafalque in front of the High Altar, a Guard of Honour being provided.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in the church at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, the officiating clergymen being—Celebrant—Rev. W. Byrne, C.F.; Deacon—Rev. John Byrne, C.C., Rathmines; Sub-Deacon—Rev. S. Clune, Clondalkin; Master of Ceremonies—Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, C.F.; In the Choir—Rev. John Pigott, C.F.; Rev. F. J. Jones, C.C., Aughrim Street Church; Rev. J. Young, C.C., do.; Rev. W. O'Riordan, C.C., Chapelizod; Rev. W. Murphy, Clonliffe College. Lieutenant-General MacMahon, Chief of Staff, Major-General Cronin, Q.M.G., Major-General MacNeill, A.G., and Major-General D. Hogan, G.O.C., Eastern Command, were among the large attendance of Officers at the Mass.

After the Mass the coffin was placed on a gun carriage, the pall bearers being Major McGrath, Commandant Ennis, Commandant Carberry, Commandant Leo O'Brien, Captain Synnott, Captain Ryan, and Lieutenant O'Doherty and Lieutenant Phelan.

A large number of beautiful wreaths included floral tributes from the following:—Quartermaster-General, Colonel Shiels, Captains Synnott and Ryan, and Lieut. O'Doherty, of the Q.M.G.'s Department G.H.Q.; the non-commissioned Officers and men of the Q.M.G.'s Department; the typists of the Q.M.G.'s Department; Mrs. O'Connor and family, Wexford; Mr. C. B. Barclay; a wreath of palms bound with purple silk ribbon from the medical staff of the Villa Molda, where he died, and a smaller wreath of palms bearing a card, "Bon Voyage," from Nurse Constantine.

To the strains of Chopin's "Marche Funebre" the funeral moved off, the coffin on the gun carriage being covered with a large Tricolour, on which rested the dead Officer's cap and belt. Behind this came a motor tender draped in black and bearing the wreaths, Behind the No. 2 Army Band, which led the funeral, marched a company of the 21st Infantry Battalion, including the firing party. Then came a number of motor cars containing relatives, Major-General Cronin, Q.M.G.; Major-General D. Hogan, G.O.C., Eastern Command; Colonel O'Higgins, Deputy Q.M.G.; Colonel Guilfoyle and Commandant O'Reilly, representing the Governor-General; Captain S. J. O'Reilly, Armoured Car Corps, representing the Western Command, and a large number of the deceased Commandant's brother Officers.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. Patrick Newport (Father); James Newport and Patsy Newport (Brothers); Nicholas Browne (Uncle); Miss McCall, Messrs. James Browne, Philip, John, Michael Peter and Thomas Newport, and John Harper (cousins).

Large numbers of people witnessed the progress of the funeral through the city, the route being via the North Quays, O'Connell Street, North Frederick Street, Berkeley Road, N.C. Road, Phibsboro' Road, and Finglas Road.

At the Mortuary Chapel Rev. Father Fitzgibbon officiated. The Rev. W. Byrne, C.F., officiated at the graveside. Three volleys were fired, and the "Last Post" sounded after the coffin had been lowered into the grave in the Army plot where lie so many good soldiers of Ireland.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Captain John P. Stafford, Adjutant-General's Department.

SOLDIER DROWNED AT CASTLETOWNBERE.

Accidental drowning was the verdict at Castletownbere on Pte. J. O'Brien, C. Coy., 16th Infantry Battalion. The jury recommended the deceased soldier's father, Ml. O'Brien, Dromore, Ahaveel, Bantry, to the consideration of the Minister for Defence, commended Pte. Faulkner for his plucky action in recovering the body, and voted sympathy to the relatives.

LIEUT. J. PLUNKETT DROWNED WHILST BATHING.

We regret to announce the death of Lieutenant Joseph Plunkett, Assistant Adjutant, 25th Infantry Battalion, Athlone, who was drowned whilst bathing in the Shannon on Wednesday, 10th inst. The body was recovered soon afterwards, and was conveyed from Athlone to Dublin, on 12th inst., accompanied by a Guard of Honour, composed of Officers of his own Battalion.

The funeral took place after ten o'clock Mass on Saturday, from St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, to the Army Plot, Glasnevin Cemetery. Military honours were accorded, a company of the 22nd Battalion marching in the procession, whilst the funeral music was played by the No. 2 Band. The Company was under the command of Lieutenant Booth, and the firing party, which was supplied by the same Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant George Malone. A draped Crossley tender covered with wreaths from his brother Officers and many civilian friends, followed the hearse.

The following Officers from the Western Command were present:—25th Infantry Battalion—Commandant McHugh, Captain Harrington, Captains Collins, Kelly, O'Shannon, Cribben, Lieutenant O'Neill. Western Command:—Captain O'Reilly, A.C.C., and Captain McDermott. 27th Infantry Battalion—Captains Daly and McMonagle; Lieutenants Coghlan and Moore. 6th Brigade Staff—Lieutenant Murphy, A.P.M. Staff—Captain T. Duff and Lieutenant P. Mitchell. General Headquarters—Captain O'Beirne.

The principal mourners were Messrs. Charles and Michael Plunkett, brothers, and Mr. R. McEnaney, cousin.

At the graveside the prayers were recited by Rev. Father Fitzgibbon. Three volleys were fired, and the "Last Post" was sounded by buglers of the 25th Battalion. Captain Stafford, Adjutant-General's Department, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The late Lieutenant Plunkett, who was only twenty-six years of age, was an old member of "D" Company, 2nd Battalion, Dublin Brigade, I.R.A., and was in the Saorstát Army since its formation.

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