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JULY 11, 1925.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A DJUTANT-GENERAL'S Memorandum No. 66, issued last month with reference to "Precautions During Bathing Parades" was very necessary, and strict attention to its provisions should make these parades absolutely safe for the soldiers. We note that the Rescue Parties will be practised as far as possible in the recognised methods of life-saving—that is to say, taking drowning persons from the water, and artificial respiration. This is a step in the right direction, but there is no reason why the instruction in question should be confined to the Rescue Parties. All Army swimmers should be trained in life-saving methods, but the fact has to be recognised that there is a general reluctance to take up the subject. When tuition in life-saving methods was available last year in connection with the G.H.Q. Swimming Club none of the members seemed desirous of taking it up. The tendency is to concentrate on water polo and training for races, and there seems to be a general idea that life-saving lessons involve a lot of unnecessary drudgery. Properly conducted courses in this subject, however, should prove very interesting, especially if the spirit of competition is engendered amongst the learners. Inter-club life-saving competitions are frequently features of aquatic sports and they should figure in all events organised amongst the Army swimmers.

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THE Amusements Committee, Collins Barracks, desire us to thank on their behalf some unknown person who has presented them with nineteen books for the Men's Library attached to the Recreation Room in that barracks. We gladly do so and would like to express the hope that other donors will be found to augment, anonymously or otherwise, the barrack libraries. Whilst Winter may be regarded as the reading season, there is no close period for books, and additions will be welcome in any library at any time. Number and variety should be the features of a barrack library, and if the many who can spare a book or two, stand not upon the order of their giving, but gave straightway, the soldiers' bookshelves will be better equipped for the long, dark evenings, when the latter are with us again. The Amusements Committee of Collins Barracks highly appreciate the kindness of the unknown donor, whose example, we trust, will be followed speedily by many others.

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THE 6th Brigade Sports Committee are annoyed about something we have published—exactly what it is we do not know—and something we have not published. Under date of June 25th, the Committee's Secretary writes as follows:—

"I have been instructed by my Committee to make complaints as regards certain portion of article as contributed in your issue of 6th inst. by 'Park Ranger,' and would like to know why 6th Brigade Football and Hurling Tables were not published in 'An-toglac' (sic) which had been sent through your barrack correspondent some weeks prior to appearance of article referred to—'When a Final is not a Final.' I am also directed to draw your attention to paragraph (Page 15) in same issue, which states that G.H.Q. readily accepted challenge thrown out by 17th Batt. to

meet in hurling match, whereas it was G.H.Q. that challenged 17th Battalion. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and rectify complaints through your coming issue."

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THE Camp Commandant at G.H.Q. informs us that our report of the hurling match in question quite accurately described it as a challenge by the 17th, which was accepted by General Headquarters. So that's that. With regard to the Tables which were sent to us, we beg to state that it was not possible to include them in the next issue of the journal, although they had actually been put into type and, of course, they were not up-to-date for the succeeding issue. As to the letter (not article) the correct title of which, as printed, was "When is a Final not a Final?" we would be glad if the 6th Brigade Sports Committee would particularise their grievance. Which is the "certain portion" that has aroused their ire? All legitimate complaints can be ventilated in our columns, but complainants must be quite clear as to what they are complaining about. It should also be remembered that the views of correspondents are not necessarily those of the Editor: it would be a rather curious paper that published only those letters with the purport of which it agreed. At the same time we have not yet seen anything to lead us to believe that "Park Ranger" was wrong in his facts. Only this week we have had the referee of a game telling us that it was not a final, and referring us to the Command Secretary who says it was. What is the unfortunate Editor to do?

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SPANISH ARMY RE-ORGANISATION.

According to the reorganisation of the Spanish Army, it now numbers 70,000 men including 2,000 Officers. The strength of the different Corps is as follows:—

Infantry	...	40,000 men.
Cavalry	...	3,500 men.
Artillery	...	10,400 men.
Technical troops	...	7,300 men.
A. S. Corps	...	3,300 men.
Sanitary Corps	...	2,300 men.
Air Force	...	415 men.

The Infantry is divided into 26 Battalions. The 3 Commands are the Mellila, the Centa-Tetuan, and barrasche Commands. Each Command has six Battalions.

The Infantry Regiments and the foreign Legion are stationed in Mellila and Centa-Tetuan.

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ARMED TRAINS ON RUSSIAN BORDERS.

New Defence Treaties.

The following extract is translated from "Militar Wochenblatt" a weekly unofficial Journal published in Berlin and edited by Officers of the German Army.

A Treaty has been signed between Poland and Tsecho-Slovakia. On account of the Russian menace, Poland has armed all her trains on the Russian borders with machine-guns and gunners and erected block houses along the whole border—Poland has placed an order with an east Prussian (?) firm for over 100,000 military riding-boots and Military cloth and Army equipment.

A Defence Treaty has also been concluded between Rumania, Greece and South Slavia.

Another treaty has been arranged between Russia and Persia. According to the treaty, North Persia is to regain her independence and Russia has promised to recall the troops in occupation to hand over the occupied territory together with the railways and to renounce the back payment of the Persian loans.

According to a conference between Turkey and France, Turkey agreed to hand over the control of Alexandrette, Antioch and Aleppo and the Baghdad Railway to France.



NOTES AND NEWS OF THE G.A.A.

(BY A VETERAN GAEL.)

There have been many interesting Inter-County Championship and other games decided during the past two weeks. Of all, however, only one was of a definite nature—the Leinster Hurling Final between Dublin and Kilkenny.

Apart altogether from the fact that these Counties had been old, historic hurling rivals—almost monopolising the premier provincial honours—there was added zest in their meetings on this occasion. Kilkenny had been in the background since 1923, and it was hoped that this final would mark their “come back” to the headship of Lagenian hurling.

Again the Dublin championship was in a transitory stage, the Kickhams (who had piloted the county to All-Ireland honours last year) having lost the semi-final to the Garda team. Moreover two or three of the finest players—Finlay, Kelly and Neill—were held ineligible owing to their Army location, so the holders had to field a new formation, in part at least. This involved the issue and increased general interest.

It was a splendid game—in parts. Kilkenny sparkled in fast, accurate hurling, and led by a 2-5 to a point at the end of 20 minutes. Still Dublin were getting through, but up to that point they could not score. Grace, Tobin, Power (Civic Guard) and Dunphy had been Kilkenny's marksmen. They drove through in every flying attack with unerring accuracy.

But lo! a change came, dramatically. Conroy (Garda) had sent over Dublin's pioneer point. They returned and harassed the Kilkenny backs till Banim fastened upon the ball and beat Burke in the Kilkenny goal. In quick succession Peter Barry (Faughs) drove in another, Regan a third, and the ex-champions' lead of ten points was reduced to one in ten minutes.

The resumption brought no rally to Kilkenny. Steadily Dublin pressed in; Howard and Regan (Garda) had goals, Regan and Aylward points and a goal—3 goals and 3 points in all—and now the Metropolis, not Kilkenny, boasted a ten point advantage with about ten minutes to go. And they were hurling with supreme confidence and combination.

A GREAT RALLY.

It looked hopeless for Kilkenny, and so it was at such an advanced stage; a long spell of listless, disconnected play had left them in a sad plight. But the spirit that had wrested All-Ireland honours from Tipperary a couple of years back awoke, and in a couple of hurricane onsets they drove in two goals. Dunne scored the first; the whole forward division smashed in the second. Grace drove over a point from a free; missed two “70's.” Even had they got points Kilkenny could not win though avid for victory now. Time was up—the champions had retained their laurels by 6-4 to 4-7!

That was on the 14th inst. Interest is now concentrated on the Dublin final between Guards and Faughs on to-morrow week. The Garda are keen on victory, they have a great team, fast and fit. Faughs will present a tougher proposition than when last they met and will have an adept addition to their defence in Martin Hayes, now of military police.

The other Leinster ties on the same day were junior affairs in which Wicklow had a point victory over Westmeath in football, and Offaly easily beat Wexford in hurling. The national pastime has certainly gone retrograde in Loc Garman and does not yet show any tangible signs of following the football in revival. Yet maritime Wexford did once justly boast of its players, who had a proud tradition and for long a distinctive caman too.

There were no championships in Munster, but Cork and Limerick met in the Thomond Hurling Shield Final and a representative Cork team met with a reverse for the first time in many months, losing an undistinguished game by 4-3 to 1-9.

ULSTER.

Monaghan and Armagh replayed their Ulster football tie, and Monaghan again won by the minimum margin of a point (2-2 to 1-4). Armagh who on the same day easily defeated Antrim in the junior grade have better material than many outside the County think.

The Semi-Final of the Connacht Railway Football Cup was decided at Ballaghaderreen where Sligo beat Mayo by 1-4 to 1-1. Roscommon have already beaten Leitrim, so they (Sligo and Galway) remain to fight out the issue.

There were no Leinster ties on Sunday last, but the Munster Senior Football Contest between Tipperary and Kerry (holders) aroused Southern interest, as Tipperary were regarded as formidable challengers for the All-Ireland champions.

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL.

The fateful senior tie in the Munster Football Championship between Tipperary and Kerry was played in Cork on Sunday last and was at no time so critical as anticipated. The All-Ireland champions won by 3-1 to 0-4, and so look good for another provincial title at least. In junior hurling the expected happened, Tipperary winning by 7-3 to 0-3 for Kerry.

Leitrim beat Galway in junior and drew with them in senior football—a splendid day's play for the more northern county. The senior was a thrilling game and was very level throughout. Leitrim led in scoring but the final result was 1-1 each.

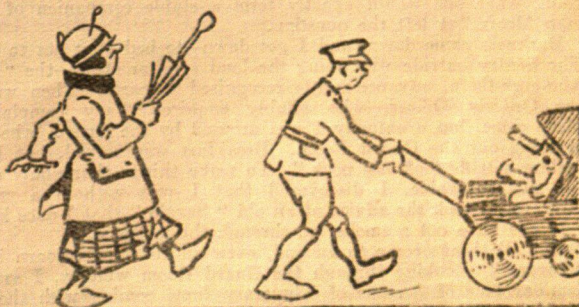
Kickhams and Garda, both fielding Inter-County players of repute, met in the Dublin Senior Football Semi-Final and the former won by 2-3 to 2-0. They now play O'Toole's (champions) or St. Mary's in the decider.

On the “Twelfth” Louth will play Kilkenny in senior football and Carlow in junior at Croke Park. The senior is a semi-final tie and should be a close and vigorous one. Kilkenny beat Longford and Louth defeated Leix—but none too readily, to the astonishment of most. Kilkenny has been strengthened by the inclusion of several military players and, despite Louth's fine football tradition, anything may happen. The junior is an obscure event so far as its probable character and outcome are concerned.

As already mentioned, the Dublin Senior Hurling Final—Civic Guards (Depot) v. Faughs—will be played that evening in Croke Park, and the Munster Final of the Ulster Benefit Tournament, Cork v. Limerick in hurling, will take place in Waterford on Sunday week also. The Leinster Senior Hurling League will be inaugurated at Birr, where Leix and Offaly will play in that new competition. It should be a good send off.

Army competitions, with which our readers are kept “an fait” in another column, have been proceeding merrily and are attracting increased interest amongst lovers of native games in the Metropolis. We can only hope in this section to keep readers of “An t-Oglach” conversant with the principal events in the County and Provincial arenas in which so many of their comrades are now playing so conspicuous a part.

And, to touch momentarily on another arena, let us congratulate Lieut. G. N. Coughlan of the Western Command on his meritorious victory in the National Half-Mile Championship on Sunday—the first open championship that has so far fallen to the Army. His successes in Command sports have been fittingly crowned this year.



“HIS IMMEDIATE O.C.”

"THE DIGGER."

Why it is called the "Digger" I could never find out; perhaps its because you are "Dug-in" and after your "waiting period" you are "dug-out," and after your trial you are probably "dug-in" again!

Your initiation into the "Digger" is highly ceremonious—oh, very much so! With all the courtesies and honour due to your rank, whether you be a Deputy—Acting—unpaid—2nd Class Private or Acting "Locum Tenens" for the Mess Orderly, or even perchance a peppy unpaid two stripes (sans souci). You get a salute of two guns—one at each side of you—and you are thus introduced to the "Sargin" of the Guard, and to the house he dwelleth in!

Your sojourn in the "Digger"—whether you are there for the "water-cure" or for the Court-Martial Massage" depends largely on the "Sergeant" of the Guard.

After being thoroughly inspected and interrogated by the personnel of the guard, you are shown your boudoir—a dainty chamber *withal*—but I may add much better *without*!! The "Sargin" gently and soothingly enquires "Have ye everything ye want, Mac"? Now nature endowed me with a rather keen sense of humour, and when that question was asked, I still had to maintain the humour, and gently murmured "Yes, Sargin, absolutely everything, thanks so much"!!

I sat in my cell, monarch of all I surveyed. The survey revealed four stone walls—Dartmouth stone I should say, judging by their air of "cheerfulness." You know that "cheerful" kind of stone wall. Moisture percolating gently through the walls, a sublime sense of "hilarious" sadness, mingled with a most "mirthful mixture of matured melancholy. Naturally you do not immediately get that "Mother-may-I-go-out-to-play" mood or "here-we-go-gathering-nuts-in-May" humour. Oh, no, not immediately! However, you are considerably soothed by the younger member of the Guard, who gazes at you with the same amount of curiosity and inquisitiveness that some of us look at the "G.R.O. 78."

"What are ye in for Mac," "what happened to ye" etc. These constituted the preliminary questions. It was all very kindly meant, and time passed, not having anything particular to do (and no minutes to write up) I relapsed into a quiet and philosophical mood. After a little deep thinking I decided my course of action. The "sob and regret" stuff was to be at once eliminated. So I fell back on my old consoler—Omar of that ilk.

"Come, fill the cup and in the fire of Spring
The winter garments of repentance fling."

Yes, that sounded all right, but the "fill the cup" stunt required some doing! What could I fill it with? It was a trifle early for "Cha," and water is all right for flowing under bridges.

My soliloquy was rudely disturbed by the door being opened, and a voice exclaiming "Hi! Mac, here's your tay"! Well, the "tay" was good, and "Cookie" had not overlooked me—even though I did strafe him in "An t-Oglach" with "Its Cookie this and Cookie that"!!

After a surreptitious smoke, I passed the time in deciphering the various hieroglyphics, epitaphs, etc., scribbled on the walls by some of mine honoured predecessors. One "gink," who was evidently possessed of an exuberance of humour, optimistically inscribed on the wall—"Leave me with a smile." He was right, it was about all you could leave the "Digger" with, and it took an optimist to leave it with even that! Another "gink" with obviously a theological turn of mind wrote "where will you be in a hundred years time"? Now that *was* a bit of a puzzler! Not being what one would exactly term a stable companion of "old man Moore," I left the question.

Darkness came down, and I got down—to bed—but not to sleep. The Sentry outside was doing the loud speaker stunt—the "Halt, who-goes-there, advance-and-be-recognised" spasm. Then we had the Orderly Officer, who affably enquired "any complaints." Sleep came, but eventually I was aroused by the Guard, who were cleaning out the Guard Room. Breakfast was served, but I was feeling a trifle "off my peck." To make things thoroughly cheerful and enjoyable, I discovered that I was without a smoke! However, I took the advice of an old "Sargin" that I once knew: "If you have not a smoke, go through the motions"!!

But all things come to an end, even an enforced sojourn in the "Digger." Looking through the Guard Room window, I saw the familiar face of Seamus of Tipperary fame coming with the writ of Habeas Corpus in his hand. Well, with a "Slán leat!" to the Sergeant and the personnel of the Guard, I left the "Digger" not over elated, but a trifle deflated!

"ME LARKIE."

G.H.Q. CALLING.

A notice in the Orderly Room states that the apartment is not to be used as a rendezvous. The notice has our whole-hearted approval.

The Mess still continues to supply its quota of wit. Heard the other day—"Look, Mac, what I found in the stew—a Beetle"! Mess Orderly: "That can't be—Beetles are *extras*"!

Yes, Tennis we play in H.Q.,

Of players we have quite a few;

Of courts we have three,

Yet up in McKee

It's just simply a case of Na Poo!

Who is the "Flying Finn" from the Transport?

It is nearly time that the Melodeon in "B" Block (McKee Bks.) got demobbed. Why not transfer it to "Mac's Light Horse"?

What did really happen to that Rattler that failed to wake us up at Reveille?

No, there is no truth in the rumour that a certain Orderly is going to the Curragh on a "Bee's waxing" course.

Who has the contract for the Racing Dockets for a certain N.C.O., and can a bob bet be made into a repeating decimal?

We are looking forward to our annual excursion, which should prove a great day. It will also be a great day for the whistles—they'll get a day off also!!

What did Sergeant Carr really think of the half mile, and what did Charlie Harris say?

Who was the "Gink" that told the Orderly Sergeant there was an "extra" man "short" on Parade? That's that!

Congratulations to Joe Moyne on his recent victory in the Hand-ball competition. Joe should go far—*very*!!

"Pa" Glennon has his hands pretty full now; between budding Olympic Champions, and doing the Cinderella stunt fitting running shoes, and proving the "Dark Horse" in a recent mile run. He is going some.

Where does "Andy Mac" get all the winners from—after the race!

No, Corporal Reilly is not yet starting a Stud. Clients please note.

Who is "Queeney" in the Sergeant's Mess?

Can Maurice really distinguish a French from a Stoneybatter accent!

We are looking forward to the much-discussed Boxing Match—Freddie Walsh and the Young O'Malley.

Both men have been training hard for some time past, as a good fight is expected.

"TO YOUR DUTIES—DISMISS"!!

ARMY ATHLETIC COMPETITORS.

General Staff Departmental Order No. 11 contains the following:—

In all cases in which application is made by Officers and N.C.O.'s or men for permission to be absent from their Units for the purpose of competing in Army Competitions, a certificate must be obtained from the Secretary of the Command Athletic Council to the effect that the applicants are *bonafide* competitors in the competition specified, and such permission will not be accorded unless a certificate to that effect is given by the Secretary of the Command Athletic Council.

The Turkish Army having advanced as far as khaki and Sam Browne belts, is now about to discard the fez and replace it with a modern military cap as worn by the soldiers of the Irish Army.

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN

The 6th Brigade are now in the Final of the Eastern Command Football Championship, but went under in Semi-Final Hurling to the 7th Brigade. Both Finals will be worth seeing. Sergt. Steve Hennessy of Headquarters Unit succeeded in landing the prize for the 440 at Kilkenny, and Cpl. Ray and Mick McAlinden were well to the fore in other events at same Meeting. H.Q. Team won the Relay Race at this Meeting. Hennessy, Spittle and Company are going ahead in the Athletic line.

Eastern Command Football and Hurling Teams were due to meet the Western Command in the Medical Services Cup Competition at Longford, on 29th June, but their notes have to be written before that date. It is hoped the Eastern Boys have proved their worth.

"Crooky" is still asking if there is any word of the Boxing Team being reorganised?

It is rumoured that "Big Bill" is again taking to the Cycling track, he was at any rate seen on a trial spin one night recently.

A certain Shoemaker has been rather busy recently with horse hair and hook, and has made many captures, but had to relinquish same through the Powers that be.

A burning question—What was meant by stating that a man's appearance resembling that of a well-fried sausage?

"Mack" has once more returned to the fold, and is as fresh as ever with verbal quips.

What W.O. was looking for his headgear recently, only to find eventually that he had been holding it all the time in his hand?

A certain Remington worker was heard recently to say that he had indigestion in the throat. This complaint will require Doctors to work overtime, to locate a remedy.

D. Company query—How did Felix like the half-rasher?

"Davie" would like to know how "D" Company boys like cycling?

The Sergeants are said to have a notion about tennis. Courts are already at their disposal. Rackets, etc., are only a matter of time.

The "Wet" is now a little further away than it used to be.

21st and 23rd Battalions are likely to meet in a Challenge Football match for medals soon.

WITH THE 24th.

The Boys are hard at it these times, and are confident of success when the time comes to compete for competition.

"T" is now well versed in giving words of Command in Irish.

Speedy "D" Company have vacated Clones and diplomatic "A" Company have left Dundalk to take their place.

"Frankie" has now left us on Transfer. All best wishes go out to our high jumper. "Mollie" is going through a course.

The seaside resort in the vicinity of Dundalk is now in full swing, and some of our N.C.O.'s are getting along fine with those there on Holiday.

"Tiny" was pleased to see that "Bright Boy" and Co., of the Ninth had not forgotten him.

Sexton and Bishop were members of the 6th Brigade Football Team that defeated 7th Brigade selected in Dublin recently, as was also Capt. Brannigan. All held up their end well. Some Team the 6th with cream of talent from 24th, 21st, 17th and 13th blended together.

Is it correct that 24th and 21st are to meet in a Challenge Football Match at Dundalk soon for Medals?

SPOTTY.

THE ZUIDER ZEE.

According to the latest reports a proposal to drain and close up the Zuider Zee has been sanctioned by the Dutch Military Council. The dykes will first of all be strengthened so as to be able to resist sea attacks. Long range guns will then be placed along the dykes as soon as the draining operations are completed, the estimated cost is about 12,000,000 guilders or £1,000,000.

SAFE.

Do you remember the morning you were "on the peg" for having a "drink too many" the night before? Do you remember a hundred and one other little items (at the time you considered them as little items), that had a disastrous affect on your Seventeen-and-Six the following pay-day? Now this is not a lecture, not even advice; just the illustration of a few little facts backed up by common sense.

I do not, for a moment, desire to disparage, and if all goes to all, may not be in a position to disparage the man whose pay-book "speaks volumes" of troubles gone by, but I hold myself justified in asking that man if he can honestly look back at that ill-spent few bob without some feeling regret.

After all there are none of us to whom the weekly pay-day and money does not mean something, and where exists the desire for money, must also exist the desire for accumulation of money.

Your natural query is "now, how can a fellow hope to accumulate or save money on 17/6 a week. It's as much as I can do to buy fags."

Before you read this article, you will have seen the advertisements issued in connection with National Saving Certificates and their attendant facilities and privileges as are being extended to the Army. Perhaps, like myself, your first very casual glance satisfied you that the whole scheme, boiled down, meant: "Buy a Certificate for 15/6, leave it there for five years and it becomes £1," and with such a remark as "What do I want with £1 in five years" or "Where will I be in 5 years' time" you pass it on.

That's all very well and sound common sense (on the surface) but did you ever look at it from this point of view:—Take the case of a man who can afford to put by 7/- per week (the price, we'll say, of a very tame evening "down town.") Now, 7/- per week saved will, in the ordinary course of events, become £18 4s. 0d. at the end of one year or £91 0s. 0d. at the end of five years. The same amount per week saved through your Company Officer and invested by him in Savings Certificates will at the end of five years become £101 6s. 10d. representing, from any point of view, a gift of £10 6s. 10d. In other words, if you wish to save 7/- per week, not only will the State give you every assistance, aye, go so far as to do all the saving for you, but at the end of any period she will give you a substantial present.

Why any period? I'll explain:—

Your money, so saved, is recoverable at any time plus the accumulated interest.

You cannot afford 7/- per week? Right!—what's wrong with, say, 2/- per week? 2/- per week is not much, but £28 11s. 6d. would be very acceptable in 5 years time, and, who would dream of saving such a trifling sum per week otherwise?

The scheme, as being operated, or about to be brought into operation throughout the Army goes one better by striking a minimum as low as 6d. per week.

6d. per week! But nevertheless assessed at £7 1s. 6d. in five years:

Your money will at all times be safe, as a matter of fact you are backing a certainty to win you more money.

What have you to do?

Simply tell your Company Officer that you wish to save so much per week, that's all!

Think it over again!

MANNA.

THE POLISH ARMY.

According to a speech of M. Sikoraki, Polish Minister for War in Paris, the following facts have been divulged:—

The present Polish Army consists of 45 divisions which will in 2 years time be raised to 70 divisions. Four million men can be mobilised in Poland to-day, they have 14 Munition Factories, war schools, cadet schools, and a well organised general staff, so that if a square centimetre of Polish land is touched the whole country will raise in arms.

Area of Poland	14,935,909
Population of Poland	182 to the sq. mile.
Total population	27,192,674.

A part of the Polish War Minister's speech reported in the "Petit Parisien" runs as follows:—

"The Army must remain strong, as a defeat in future war would mean the end of our freedom. In case of War Poland can hold back twice as many German troops on the borders as Russia could in 1914. We must not be outdone by any neighbouring country in the matter of developing the Army."

"The Artillery and Air Force must be developed on better lines."

PRECAUTIONS DURING BATHING PARADES.

Adjutant General's Memorandum No. 66 issued under date 27th June contains the following:—

When Bathing Parades are carried out at places other than Public Baths, the following precautions will be observed:—

(a) Commanding Officers of Units and Formations will, by careful enquiry, ascertain the most suitable and safe place where bathing can be carried out and will prescribe such place in Daily Orders for the information of officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

(b) Bathing places will, where possible, be divided into two well defined sections according to depths; one for swimmers and a shallow section for non-swimmers. Commanding Officers will not accept hearsay as to depths, but will where any doubt exists, verify the depths by means of a lead and line. Suitable temporary marks should be put up to define shallow and deep water Sections.

(c) A Rescue Party consisting of one officer or non-commissioned officer and at least four capable swimmers will be detailed for duty during all Bathing Parades and will stand by in bathing dress while bathing is in progress. The Rescue Party will not bathe themselves, until all other swimmers have left the water.

(d) A small boat will be provided and manned during all Bathing Parades and will take up a suitable position in the deep water section while bathing is in progress. The boat will carry at least one Life Buoy or float which might be improvised from empty petrol tins lashed together and about 10 or 12 fathoms of small rope. The Commanding Officer may hire a boat for this purpose where necessary: the cost of hiring to be defrayed from the Amusement Fund.

(e) Bathers will not be allowed to remain in the water for a longer period than 20 minutes. A bugler will always accompany Bathing Parades where possible. The time for entering and leaving the water will be controlled by the Bugle Call. When the Officer Commanding the Parade is satisfied that his Rescue Party are in Bathing dress, and ready for action, that his deep and shallow sections are properly marked and understood by his men, and that his boat is manned and in a suitable position, he will order the "Advance" to be sounded on the bugle and this will be the permissive order to enter the water. When 20 minutes have elapsed he will cause the "Fall in" to be sounded and all bathers will then leave the water. When the water is clear of bathers the Officer Commanding the Parade may give permission for the Rescue Party, the Boats' Crew, and the bugler to bathe; the boat being manned during this time by swimmers who have bathed with the main party.

(f) Rescue Parties will be practised as far as possible in the recognised methods of Life-saving and also in the method of Artificial Respiration. Pamphlets on these subjects will be circulated as soon as possible.

TO RESTORE THE APPARENTLY DROWNED.

Persons completely immersed in water for even ten or fifteen minutes have been restored by artificial means. If, therefore, the body is recovered within a reasonable time, absence of signs of life is not to deter immediate attempts to restore animation.

Drowning persons attempt to breathe whilst submerged, and, in consequence, water is inhaled into their air passages and they become asphyxiated and insensible. The first thing to do when the body is recovered is to get rid of the water and froth obstructing the air passages, and then to artificially restore breathing. This is best accomplished by loosening the clothing and opening the mouth and clearing both it and the back of the throat.

The patient should then be turned face downwards, with a pad below the chest and with the forehead upon the right forearm. Whilst in this position apply pressure by the hands to the patient's back over the lower ribs, keep the pressure up for three seconds. Turn the patient on the right side, maintaining that position also for three seconds.

Repeat these movements alternately, as long as froth and water issue from the mouth. These operations in themselves tend to promote respiration but it is usual, when the air passages are clear of froth and water, to try the Schafer, Sylvester, or other method of artificial respiration.

While performing these operations send someone to the nearest house to procure blankets and dry clothing, hot-water bottles, etc., and to fetch a doctor.

After natural breathing has been established, observe following instructions:—

Rub the limbs upwards, with firm pressure, using handkerchiefs, flannels, etc. Dry the hands and feet, and as soon as dry clothing can be procured strip the patient and re-clothe or cover with blankets, etc.

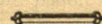
Continue friction over dry clothing or under the blanket.

After respiration has been restored carry the patient to a house.

Continue to promote warmth by the application of hot flannels to the pit of the stomach, and bottles of hot water, heated bricks, etc., to the armpits, thighs and to the soles of the feet.

If the power of swallowing has returned, small quantities of warm water, warm brandy and water, or coffee, should occasionally be administered; the patient kept in bed and sleep encouraged.

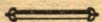
In all cases send for a medical man as soon as possible.



HOLIDAY CAMP AT KNOCKADOON.

The Rev. Father Director of the Holiday Camp at Knockadoon, near Ballymacoda, County Cork, to which reference was made in our last issue, intimates that if he is made acquainted beforehand with the number of Officers likely to spend their leave at the camp he will make special provision for them. Besides the ordinary dining room of the camp there is a fine, large room with a very big bay window overlooking the sea, which, if sufficient Officers were visiting the camp he would allot to them for their Mess. A few priests, who are attending for the purpose of learning Irish, would take their meals with the Officers. There is a fine verandah and the food is guaranteed as good as in a first class hotel, the camp possessing excellent cooks. The Officers will sleep in tents or bungalows and the inclusive charge for them will not be more than six shillings per day.

Those who attend the Irish Classes will be charged a fee of £2 for the month, the same as at Ballingearry.



ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN COMMAND.

Football and Hurling matches between teams representing No. 1 and No. 2 Brigades took place in Longford on Wednesday, 10th June. In Football the honours went to No. 1 Brigade, the score being 3 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 8 points. Captain Whelan and Commandant Luke Smyth were the outstanding players. In the Hurling No. 2 Brigade won easily by a very large score. The General Officer Commanding—Major General Joseph Sweeney—was an interested spectator and acted as Chairman of the Committee which met after the matches to select the Command Teams. Colonel Fitzpatrick, Commandants Mitchell, Hyde and McBrierty were also present.

In the No. 2 Brigade Championship No. 4 Battalion met No. 6 Battalion in Football and Hurling at Castlebar on June 7th. Both matches were well contested and excitement ran high at times. Honours were divided—4th Battalion won Football and 6th Battalion Hurling.

A "G.A.A." Gold Medal Football League has been started in Athlone and 6 teams—three Military and three civilian—have been entered. The first match takes place in Athlone on July 12th.

An Officers Tennis Club has been started in Custume Barracks, Athlone, and a very large number of Officers have joined. An energetic Committee has been appointed and every evening the Courts are crowded. The Secretary, Captain Ryan, who is i/c of the Command Tennis Sub-Committee, is arranging for the holding of Brigade and Command Tennis Championship at an early date.

An N.C.O.'s and Men's Tennis Club is being formed at present.

Before a large number of spectators on Sunday last, 14th inst., a Handball Rubber between Pte. Brennan, 25th Inf. Bttn., and Garda Reid, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford, was played in the Barrack Court, Athlone, resulting in a win for Brennan by 4 games to nil. We are all looking forward to a Meeting between Brennan and Captain Whelan.

FIXTURES.

Sunday, 12th July.—2nd Battalion Sports and Boxing Tournament.

THE MEMORY OF WOLFE TONE.

Military Ceremonial this year Eclipses all preceding Celebrations— Steady Advance of Irish Army Strikingly Exemplified in Brilliant Spectacle.

One thing was emphatically demonstrated by the military ceremonial at Bodinstown on Sunday, June 21st—that the young Army of Ireland is not content to mark time, but marches steadily onward to ever greater efficiency. Even as last year's great display bettered its predecessor, so this year's marked an all-round improvement on that of 1924.

The troops participating were remarkably well turned out. They were well groomed, the uniform looked its best, the equipment was carefully fitted. As on the occasion of the 1924 ceremony, the March Past was truly creditable: all ranks held themselves well, and were both steady and confident: correct alignment and step was maintained in spite of the severe handicap of the uneven ground, the marching was good and the "slope" was uniform.

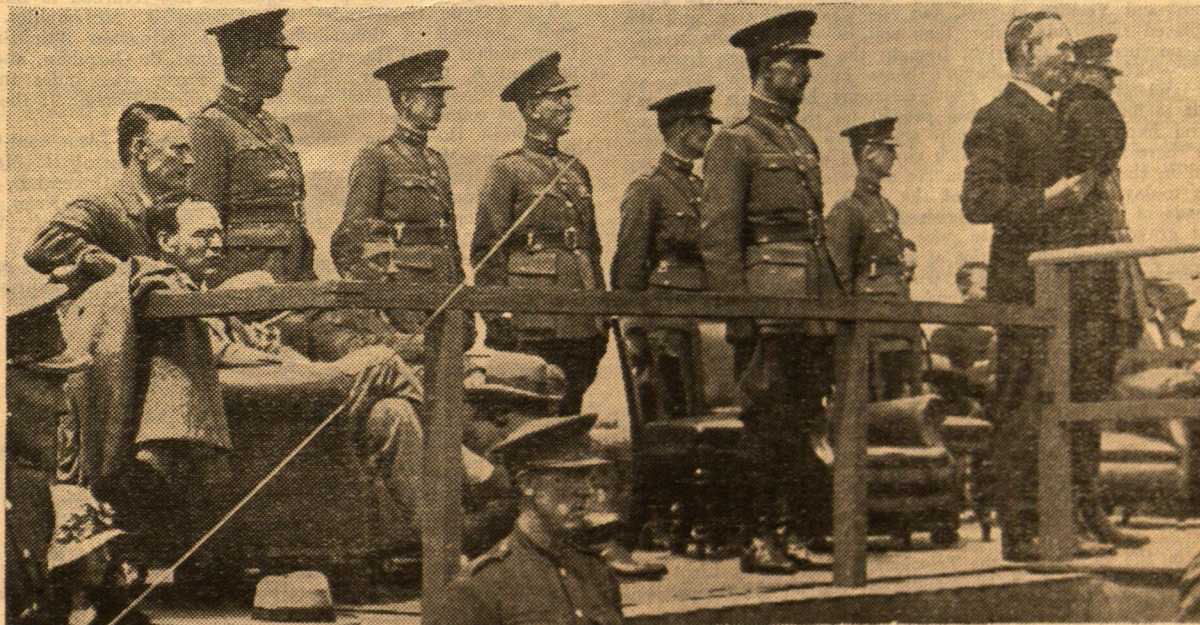
Every soldier on the ground appeared to realise the true, inner significance of the ceremony, and to appreciate his part in it. The words of the General Officer Commanding the Forces twelve months previously recurred to one's mind with peculiar appositeness:—"If the military efficiency evidenced on Sunday last is accompanied by patriotism, self-denial, devotion to duty and a love of outdoor sports, then we may confidently look forward to the Army upholding the best traditions of the Race."

The greatest credit is due to all the officers who were responsible for the elaborate arrangements. Apart from the details of

the actual ceremony, they had to plan out provision for a very large number of distinguished visitors; arrange for the handling of the huge crowds who thronged the parade ground to watch the soldiers of Ireland pay tribute to that other Irish soldier of long ago; see that the troops themselves were properly cared for; direct the parking of innumerable motor cars; facilitate the unwontedly turgid stream of traffic in the narrow country lanes, and, to sum up, see that everything worked smoothly. The triumph of their organisation is shown by the fact that there was not a single hitch from beginning to end of the programme as mapped out.

Few of the thousands who witnessed the brilliant spectacle of the parade realised all the preliminary work that had gone to its successful presentation—the labours of the Curragh Camp Engineer and his men in erecting the Stand, flagstaff, tents, marquees and barriers, and removing obstructions; the work of Captain M. Stacey in connection with the rehearsal parades and other matters and general supervision; the thousand-and-one tasks that fell to the share of the Camp Quartermaster; the onerous duties of the M.O. Commanding the Depot and the Assistant Provost Marshal; the tasks that came the way of Commandant M. Stephenson and Captain G. Redmond as Field Commandant and Field Quartermaster, respectively.

An Armed Guard consisting of a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, Cor-



Irish Independent Photo.

AT BODINSTOWN.—THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE TAKES THE SALUTE.

Left to Right (Standing):—Major-General Sean MacKeon, Major-General Sean MacMahon, Colonel O'Higgins, Major-General D. Hogan, Lieutenant-General Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff, Major-General J. Sweeney, Mr. Hughes, Minister for Defence, Major-General MacNeill, Adjutant-General. Seated:—The Attorney-General, the Minister of Finance, and the Speaker of the Dail.

poral and nine Privates, proceeded from the Curragh to Bodens-town by lorry on the previous Friday morning, accompanied by a Fatigue Party of one Sergeant and 20 men. The main body of the troops participating did not move until the Sunday morning. On that date a Battery of Artillery, under the command of Captain J. McLoughlin, left Kildare Barracks, Curragh, at 05.00 hours, proceeding by road to Bodens-town, and was followed along the same route three hours later by a Troop of Mounted Infantry (A.T.C.) under the command of Instructional Officer T. Clancy. The Infantry formed up on the rehearsal parade ground at the Curragh at 00.90 hours, and marched to the Curragh railway siding, where they entrained. This last body was about half-an-hour late in arriving at Sallins, the only failure to keep strictly to schedule which occurred during the day—and it was due, not to the troops, but to the railway engine.

Headed by the No. 2 Band, the troops speedily covered the distance between Sallins station and the parade ground. Standing by Tone's grave, under the ivy-covered wall of the ruined church, the stirring music first gave warning of their approach. A few minutes later the sun struck flashes from the brass of the instruments and the steel of the bayonets as they glimpsed over the distant hedges—green and gold of pageantry and silver for steadfastness. Like veterans of many years' inexorable drilling they swung into the parade field and took up their allotted places.

The scene was set.

It was a picture that etched itself upon the memory. For background the great field stretching away to its verdant neighbours, the well-wooded countryside drowsing in the fierce sunlight, the distant hills, delicately traced in palest blue, the little white clouds resting high up in the sky. On the rising breast of the great parade field, merging into the shade of the tall trees in the distant hedge, the troops, motionless, awaiting orders. Far down the side of the huge enclosure white bell tents glaring in the sun, wisps of smoke from field kitchens and ordered activity of soldier figures. Nearer at hand the Saluting Base with the Tricolour on its flagstaff over the platform, waiting to be unfurled at the prescribed signal. Behind this, big marquees beckoning invitingly into their cool interiors. And behind it all, overlooking it all—the Tomb of Theobald Wolfe Tone.

What a contrast to the drear November evening in 1798 when two men—and Yeomen at that, but one was a relative, and the other placed friendship higher than politics—with infinite trouble and at no inconsiderable risk, brought the poor corpse from its pitiful "waking" in Dunbavin's house in the High Street of Dublin and placed it with scant ceremony beside its forbears! Difficult to find the little money needed for that journey of long ago, and impossible to find help amongst a frightened people—though there is one family which cherishes a tradition of having assisted in the last stage of the *via dolorosa*.

Here to-day are the heads of the State, the Irish State, and the heads of the Army, the Irish Army, assembled before that humble grave to demonstrate once more their adherence to the principles for which the patriot of '98 and so many others of his race gave up their lives. The Guard of Honour presents arms and the bugler sounds the General Salute as the Ministers of State, Army Council and General Officers pass into the little graveyard, deep shrouded in grass and weeds, hillocky from many ancient burials, littered with fallen, crumbling tombstones.

It is a simple little ceremony that is witnessed here—simple, yet possessing a solemn dignity that leaves its impress on all who are privileged to share in it. On the stroke of one o'clock the Minister for Defence steps through the open gate of the railed enclosure over the grave and reverently lays there a great cross of flowers, on behalf of the Officers and Men of the Army. He steps back; everybody stands to attention; the officer in command of the Firing Party gives his orders and fourteen rifle shots blend as one.

Back on the parade field the Tricolour, broken out by Lieutenant Collins-Powell, floats from the masthead, and all the troops come sharply to the "Present."

High overhead a squadron of aeroplanes circles steadily.

Two more volleys at the graveside—a pause—then the six buglers sound the poignant strains of the "Last Post," while all the Officers stand at the Salute.

That is all—a fittingly simple, dignified tribute from soldiers to a soldier.

Out in the parade field the troops present arms again as the Minister for Defence and his companions step on to the platform at the Saluting Base and the band crashes into the strains of "Let Erin Remember."

Follows the March Past in Column of Companies, picturesque, impressive, winning approval even from a foreign critic of standing, who is good enough to say that it is worthy of the great Continental army to which he was attached. He finds faults, too, before the Parade is over, but they are of a minor quality and only emphasise the importance of his praise.

Advancing again in Review Order the troops come to a halt twenty paces from the Saluting Base and are addressed by the Minister for Defence.

It is a brief speech, occupying but eight minutes of the allotted ten.

"This place to which we come, year after year, is the grave of a soldier," he reminds his listeners, "and it is fitting that such a tribute should come from the soldiers of his race—the Army of that Irish Nation in whose defence his life was spent."

In a few words he sketches the salient episodes in the life of the dead patriot; his hopes and fears for his country; his pleadings with the French for aid; his anguish on the storm-tossed ships of France when finally they turned back from the Irish coast.

"Learn from his perseverance and bravery that it is for you to defend your country's liberty and to stick to your posts until the ship strikes. Wise counsels and daring schemes are often frustrated by indecision and cowardice, and there is nothing so fatal to success as delay. Above all learn the paramount importance of strenuous work and diligent application."

"Your manoeuvres and your bearing," he declares in conclusion, "would delight the soul of the soldier around whose grave we are assembled—the man who, in the midst of his poverty and privations, consoled himself with the reflection, 'It is idle for soldiers to complain.'"

The Minister having finished speaking, sharp orders crackle along the line, the troops present arms, and the band plays "The Soldiers' Song."

The ceremony is over.

The troops taking part move off independently, stack their arms, and fall out for dinner. They comprise:—5th, 8th, 15th and 26th Infantry Battalions; one Battery of Artillery; one Company Army Medical Services; one Company Military Police Corps; one Troop Mounted Infantry (A.T.C.), and the No. 2 Army Band. The Aeroplane Squadron has returned to Baldonnel.

The Parade Commander was Colonel J. McLoughlin, whose Staff consisted of Commandant J. J. Kingston (9th Brigade), Commandant L. O'Hegarty, Commandant B. Garrahan, and Commandant S. Gallagher. The Firing Party was under the command of Captain White, and the Guard of Honour at the graveside was commanded by Captain Fulham.

Amongst the Senior Officers present were Lieutenant-General Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff; Major-General H. MacNeill, Adjutant-General; General Eoin O'Duffy; Major-General D. Hogan, G.O.C. Eastern Command; Major-General Sean MacKeon, G.O.C. Curragh Command; Major-General J. Sweeney, G.O.C. Western Command; Major-General Sean MacMahon.

The Editor of "An t-Oglach" has been asked by the representatives of the Press present on the occasion to express their thanks to Colonel Dunphy, Administrative Officer, Curragh Camp, for the courtesy which he extended to them.

ISSUE OF RAILWAY VOUCHERS.

Adjutant-General's Memo, No. 61, contains the following under date 9th inst. :—

As a temporary measure, the following procedure with regard to the issue of Railway Vouchers will be adopted :—

- The number of vouchers which may be issued to any officer, non-commissioned officer or man will still be governed by the terms of General Routine Order No. 8, paragraph 26, dated 16th December, 1922.
- Vouchers to home addresses outside "An Saorstát" will only be issued to officers, non-commissioned officers and men whose home addresses were outside "An Saorstát" on March 1st, 1925, and who have not changed their addresses since.
- Officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have changed their home addresses from within to without "An Saorstát" since March 1st, 1925, shall be granted vouchers only to the nearest Station in "An Saorstát" to their new addresses.

PORTOBELLO-INGS.

The No. 4 Group Tennis Tournament, which attracted 20 competitors, proved very interesting. Little Dan Thompson (Records) successfully slashed his way through into the semi-final, and is now faced with a rather "big" proposition in the form of Commandant M. A. O'Connor.

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Captain Stafford met Commandant O'Connor in the 1st Round, and then proceeded on leave.

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What promised to be a very tough match between Milne (Records) and Nugent (Records) fizzled out into a very easy victory for the latter.

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Certain athletic aspirants of the 23rd are very busy lately searching battalion sports programmes for open events. They found four such items at the 27th Sports and duly won them ("Cyril" had a really good "take off.")

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"Rory" found another open event on the open road between Navan and Dublin and succeeded in running second. (Hard luck, Rory. Perhaps if you had been struck off duty for a week or so before, you would have gone one better).

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At the 22nd Sports "Tiny" Grogan won the children's race, and S.M. Jones was called before the Stewards to explain the running of his eldest son.

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S.M. Phelan gave some choice selections on the megaphone.

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Lieut. Barry went "up the pole."

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"Jim" Purcell won the tug-of-war (he "lagged" his opponents all over the field).

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"Barney" McKenna (of Fire Brigade fame) introduced "tilting the bucket," thereby providing shower baths for all the competitors and a good percentage of the poor innocent spectators.

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We would like to know:—

If "Me Larkie" has yet found the "Quarter"? (Where Art thou?)

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Why the 3 Miles (Open) at the 22nd Sports was a handicap?

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How a certain S.M. "wangled" a sleeping-out pass from the S. of I.?

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If "Jim" Morgan will be "on his feet" in time for the G.H.Q. Command Sports?

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If that "Ghost" ever re-appeared in the "Bello," and if a "little more water" would not be a good means of "laying" it?

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When Captain Murray and S.M. Lawlor are going to play that challenge match (tennis)?



In our last issue the name of Pte. Costigan, R. A. Corps, was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who received medals at the annual meeting of the C. J. Kickham Club. Pte. Costigan received a medal for his part in the Oldtown Tournament.

GALLANT RESCUE FROM DROWNING BY ONE OF THE "TENTH."

A gallant deed performed by one of the soldiers stationed in Ballymullen Barracks, Tralee, has increased the steadily growing popularity of the Army in Kerry. How 58827, Private Matthew Thompson, "C" Company, 10th Infantry Battalion, brought honour to his battalion is told as follows by the local newspaper, "The Liberator," of 13th ult. :—



PTE. M. THOMPSON.

"Leo Comerford, Moyderwell, Tralee, aged 21, had a narrow escape from drowning at the 'Point,' Tralee, last evening, and would certainly have lost his life were it not for his plucky rescue by Private Matt. Thompson, No. 58827 of the 4th Brigade, 10th Battalion, National Army, Tralee. Comerford was bathing at the right side of the 'Point' at half-past eight o'clock when he was swept by the current to the deep water at the opposite side. Not being a strong swimmer he was seen to sink.

"Seeing the young man in difficulties the soldier quickly divested himself of his clothing, but before he jumped in the young man had sunk for the third time. Thompson dived at the spot where he was seen to sink, but failed to find him. He dived again and again,

and ultimately succeeded in bringing Comerford to the bank in an unconscious condition.

"Maurice Shea, Brogue Lane, cycled at top speed to Tralee and was lucky in finding Dr. Coffey at home. The Doctor got into his motor and went to the scene, where he attended to the unconscious youth, and after some time succeeded in restoring respiration and consciousness. He then had him placed in the motor car and drove him to his home at Moyderwell, where he administered further treatment and brought about his complete recovery.

"The plucky conduct of Private Thompson, who is a native of Cork, is worthy of the highest commendation, and should be brought under the notice of the Royal Humane Society."

The parents of the rescued man have expressed their sincere gratitude to Private Thompson, and his Commanding Officer has taken the necessary steps to bring the matter to the notice of the Army Authorities.



SCRAPS FROM 15th BATTALION.

With Cpl. Hegarty out of hospital, Headquarters Coy. fully expect to come out on top in the Hurling Competition.

On Sunday, 21st inst., four young soldiers of Headquarters Coy. proceeded to Dublin on bicycles. On the return journey they were induced to take a short cut. The "short cut" made them three hours behind time. Who was their guide?

Who was the man in "D" Coy. who asked permission to be absent from parade for five minutes and was later found in bed?

When is the 15th to go on Foreign Service? When the clouds roll by.

How does our friend like his new job in the Q.M.'s Office?

The advent of Summer weather has induced many of our young soldiers to sleep out with the sheep, "under the wide and starry sky."

Many young soldiers are looking forward to another excursion to Cork. When is it coming off?

Our famous "Sleeves" has grown out of another tunic, and since the appearance of G.R.O. 79, he has been heard to sing to himself daily "I love you."

BERT.

ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

**Successful Sports Meetings—Promising Material Revealed—
Soldiers Prominent in National Championships—Lieutenant
Coughlan carries off the Ardilaun Cup.**

G.H.Q. COMMAND FIRST ANNUAL SPORTS.

G.H.Q. Command Council were very unfortunate to have their first Sports Meeting clash with other important local fixtures on Saturday last. Nevertheless the importance of the occasion, from an athletic point of view, merited a much better measure of support. Having threatened from noon-day, the weather broke before the programme was completed, with the result that the 3 Mile Cycle Race (Open) had to be postponed. The Army No. 1 Band, under Lieut. A. K. Duff, Mus.B., played a choice selection of musical items during the day, which were highly appreciated by those present.

As to the performances of the day nothing new has been made known of those competing save Eustace, who won the sprint off 10 yds., in 9 2/5 secs. The champion, D. Cussen, went out in the semi-finals and robbed the final of much of its interest. A splendid finish was witnessed, however. Sean Lavan, off scratch, was given credit for 50 secs. in the "quarter," and this form reproduced on Saturday next should do. Lieut. Coughlan, the half-mile champion, did well for this distance in the mile open. He contented himself at that. In the open events, as expected, the visitors took all, but the Army representatives did well. The confined events showed that, in the Command, G.H.Q. have good material, and will hold its own against any of the commands.

Wherever possible, Army athletes should pay a visit to Croke Park on Saturday next, when the International contests take place.

The regularity with which events were dispatched during the day was commendable, and Capt. D. Harkins, who acted as Starter and Handicapper, is to be congratulated. The attendance included Maj.-Gen. P. McMahon, Chief of Staff; Maj.-Gen. Felix Cronin, Q.M.G., and Maj.-Gen. Hugo McNeill, Adjt.-General, who distributed the prizes in the unavoidable absence of the Chief of Staff, who was called away earlier in the evening.

The following were the officials for the day:—

PRESIDENT.—Major T. McGrath.

HON. TREASURER.—Comdt. P. Ennis.

HON. SECRETARY.—Lt. C. S. Doyle.

COMMITTEE.—Comdt. D. Mackey, Capt. W. Delamere, Capt. J. Fitzgerald, Capt. P. O'Donoghue, Lieut. Murray, Lieut. S. Kavanagh, Lieut. Flynn, C.-Sgt. J. Coffey, Sgt. W. J. Pigott, Sgt. P. Glennon, Sgt. E. McCracken, Cpl. T. Hayes.

JUDGES.—Capt. P. McKenna, Capt. S. O'Beirne, Capt. J. Fitzgerald, Lieut. F. J. Tully.

CALL STEWARDS.—Lieut. G. Moore, Sgt.-Major J. Cork, Sgt. Whelan, Pte. Buckley.

RESULT STEWARDS.—Qr.-Mr. Sgt. Heckett, Sgt. J. Harte.

TIMEKEEPERS.—Capt. J. Hawe, Capt. A. J. Kavanagh.

HANDICAPPER AND STARTER.—Capt. D. Harkins.

CATERING.—Sgt. J. Quirke was in charge of catering. Refreshment Stalls were in charge of the following ladies, assisted by their staffs:—Mrs. P. Ennis, Mrs. P. O'Connor, Mrs. A. J. Kavanagh.

DETAILS:

CONFINED EVENTS.

Long Jump—Capt. P. J. O'Sullivan (G.H.Q.), 19 ft. 9 ins., 1st; Pte. McNulty (M.T.C., Gormanston), 18 ft. 9 in., 2nd. Ten competed.

100 Yards—Heat 1—Pte. J. Price (G.H.Q.), 1st; Pte. P. Cole (G.H.Q.), 2nd. Five ran. Won by 1 yard.

Heat 2—Capt. J. Gleeson (Griffith), 1st; Pte. B. Higgins (Portobello), 2nd. Half-yard. Five ran.

Heat 3—Pte. O. Murphy (G.H.Q.), 1st; Sergt. O'Grady (Island-bridge), 2nd. Two yards. Three ran.

Heat 4—Pte. F. McAllister (Baldonnel), 1st; Pte. W. Boggans (do.), 2nd. One yard. Five ran.

Heat 5—Pte. T. Brennan (Baldonnel), 1st; Pte. Preddy (Griffith), 2nd. Three yards. Seven ran.

1st Semi-final—Cole, 1st; Gleeson, 2nd. Won by inches. Time, 11 secs.

2nd Semi-final—Murphy, 1st; O'Grady, 2nd. Four yards. Time, 10 4/5 secs.

Final—Murphy, 1st; O'Grady, 2nd; Cole, 3rd. Won by 1 1/2 yds. Two yards. Time, 10 4/5 secs.

Putting 16 lb. Shot—Coy.-Sergt. O'Donoghue (G.H.Q.), 32 ft. 4 ins., 1st; Pte. B. Higgins (Portobello), 31 ft. 1 1/2 ins., 2nd; Sergt. Harvey (G.H.Q.), 30 ft. 11 ins., 3rd. Ten competed.

High Jump—Pte. Roche, 5 ft., 1st; Pte. Crowley, 4 ft. 11 ins., 2nd; eleven competed.

Hop, Step and Jump (running)—Pte. Coates (Baldonnel), 38 ft., 1st; Sergt. Morgan (Portobello), 37 ft. 6 1/2 ins., 2nd; Capt. Delamere (Baldonnel), 37 ft. 3 1/2 ins., 3rd. Nine competed.

880 Yards—Lt. O'Doherty (G.H.Q.), 1st; Pte. Wylie (Island-bridge), 2nd; Pte. Behan (Baldonnel), 3rd. Of the seventeen starters only four finished. The winner went ahead from the start and won easily by 15 yards, with 20 yards between the next pair. Time, 2 mins. 6 4/5 secs.

220 Yards—1st Heat—Pte. Cole (G.H.Q.), 1st; Sergt. O'Grady (Islandbridge), 2nd; Pte. Price (G.H.Q.), 3rd. Six ran. Time, 24 4/5 secs.

2nd Heat—Pte. Murphy (G.H.Q.), 1st; Capt. Delamere (Baldonnel), 2nd; Pte. Boggan (Baldonnel), 3rd. Five ran. Time, 24 4/5 secs.

Final—Murphy, 1st; Cole, 2nd; O'Grady, 3rd. Won by 8 yds.; same. Time, 24 4/5 secs.

3 Miles Flat—Pte. Dooley (G.H.Q.), 1st; Pte. Maguire (Baldonnel), 2nd; Pte. Hendy (Portobello), 3rd. Twelve started. Four finished. Dooley, after a mile had been covered, soon thinned out the opposition and obtained a lead which he increased as the race went on. He eventually had plenty in hands when winning by 200 yards. The other placed men ran well throughout but never threatened the winner.

One Mile Relay—G.H.Q. A Team (Lt. O'Doherty, Pte. Price, Pte. Cole and Pte. Murphy), 1st; G.H.Q. B Team, 2nd. Also competed—Islandbridge and Baldonnel. As predicted early in the season, G.H.Q. A Team have come on rapidly. They are all an earnest and reliable "quartette." They won this race easily, each man in turn showing clean heels to the opposition.

120 Yards Hurdles—1st Heat—Pte. Crowley (Baldonnel). Two ran.

2nd Heat—Coy.-Sergt. O'Donoghue (G.H.Q.), 1st; Cpl. Canavan (Baldonnel), 2nd.

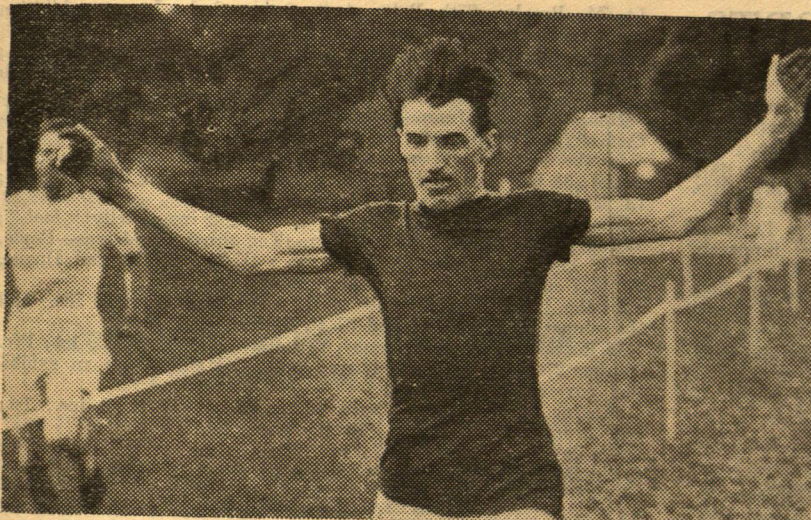
Final—Crowley, 1st; O'Donoghue, 2nd. Crowley got over with ease, to be followed by O'Donoghue, who took matters easily after fouling a hurdle.

OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards—1st Heat—B. McCormack (Dunlaoghaire), 8 yds., 1st; P. Connolly (D.C.H.), 5 1/2 yds., 2nd.

2nd Heat—M. Gegan (D.U.H.), 2 yds., 1st; Pte. Price (G.H.Q.), 10 yds., 2nd.

3rd Heat—Sergt. Hennessy (Eastern Command), 6 yds., 1st; H. Delaney (Croke A.C.), 8 yds., 2nd.



Independent Photo.

Lieut. PHELAN, winner of the 100 yards at the 27th Batt. Annual Sports.

The second half witnessed one of the best hurling games seen at Croke Park this season. The play was vigorous, but at the same time free from fouls. Seldom have either selections given such a display. The game was thoroughly enjoyable and excitement high when, with only 5 minutes to go, Eastern had a lead of 3 points. G.H.Q. forwards kept up a constant attack in the closing stages, and when they drew level, with a minute to go, the result was a proper reflex of the display given. The final scores read:—

G.H.Q. Command ... 6 goals 4 points.

Eastern Command ... 5 goals 7 points.

The replay, together with the 3 Mile Cycle event, will take place at Croke Park probably on Wednesday, 15th inst.

LIGHTER BRITISH RIFLE AND BAYONET.

Lord Onslow, British Under Secretary for War, in presenting the prizes at the British Army Rifle Association meeting at Bisley on July 3rd, stated that while the barrel of the new rifle in process of development would be heavier than the present barrel, there would be a saving of weight in other directions, and the new rifle would weigh, approximately, eight pounds nine ounces instead of nine pounds. The new bayonet would weigh six and three-quarter ounces instead of one pound and half an ounce. The present rifle and bayonet weighed together ten pounds and half an ounce, whereas the new rifle and bayonet would weigh eight pounds fifteen and three-quarter ounces, a saving, roughly, of one pound in weight.

SEMI-FINALS.

Heat 1—Price, 1st; Gregan, 2nd. Time, 10 secs.

Heat 2—Eustace, 1st; Harold, 2nd.

Heat 3—Gasteen, 1st; Glynn and Gardiner dead-heated for second place.

Final—Eustace, Harold, Gasteen. Won by 3 yds.; inches. Time, 9 3/5 secs.

440 Yards—Heat 1—H. Delaney (Crokes), 24 yds., 1st; Cpl. Ray (Eastern C.), 23 yds., 2nd; Sergt. Hennessy (do.), 16 yds., 3rd. Six ran. Time, 52 2/5 secs.

Heat 2—R. Harold (D.C.H.), 1st; Pte. McAlinden (Eastern Command), 2nd; Sean Lavan (D.U.H.), 3rd.

Final—Delaney, Lavan, Harold. Time, 49 2/5 secs.

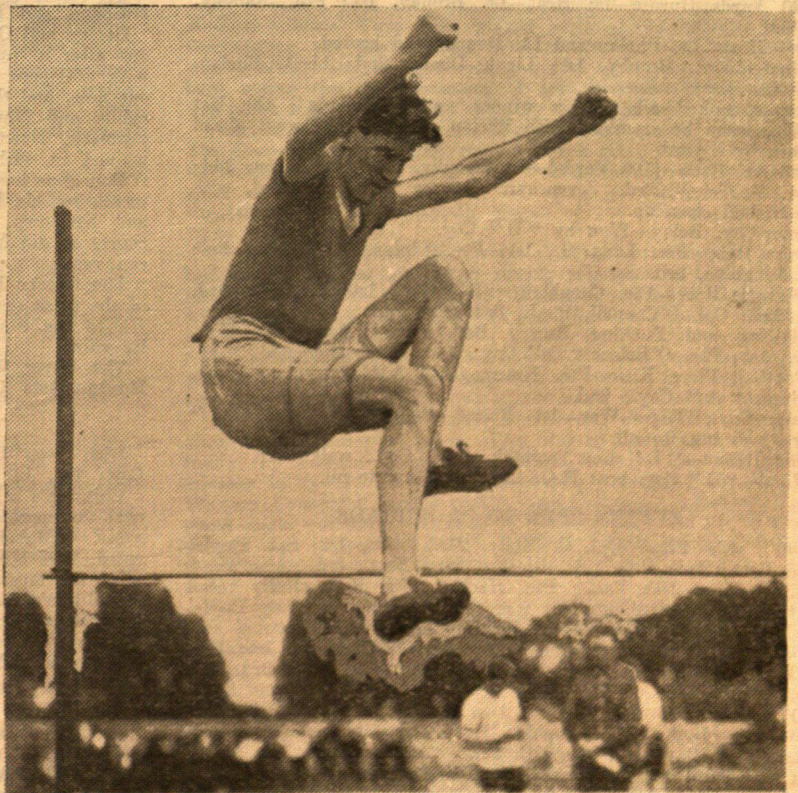
Lavan completed the distance from scratch in 50 secs.

One Mile Flat—D. Ward (Donore H.), 1st; D. O'Brien (Harps), 2nd; G. Magan (D.M.P.), 3rd. Nineteen ran. Won easily. Time, 4 min. 22 3/5 secs.

EASTERN COMMAND v. G.H.Q. COMMAND. HURLING.

At Croke Park on Saturday, in connection with the Sports, above teams met in hurling in a Gold Medal match. The medals presented by Messrs. Elvery & Co., are well worth winning. G.H.Q. were first to score, but held the lead for a brief period only. The Eastern team played a great game during the first half, and although a stubborn defence kept down the score for G.H.Q., they were little behind at the interval, when the score stood:—

Eastern Command ... 3 goals 3 points.
G.H.Q. Command ... 2 goals 4 points.



Independent Photo.

Sergt. M. FENNERAL (23rd Batt.) winning the high jump (4ft. 11ins.) at the 27th Batt. Sports.

27th BATT. ANNUAL SPORTS.

At the Hibernian School grounds on Thursday, 25th June, 27th Batt. held their annual sports meeting. The Committee are to be congratulated on the splendid and varied programme. No pains were spared to cater for all and the following ladies gave invaluable assistance to the Committee:—Mrs. P. Ennis, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Walsh and Miss Rigney.

The following were the officials:—Capt. J. T. Daly, Lt. Sean V. O'Hara, Capt. Rory McNicholl, T. J. O'Shea, P. Finnegan, Lieuts. H. Moore and M. J. Gray, B.S.M. Lawler, Coy.-Sergts. Hegarty and Moclair, C.Q.M.S. Buckley, Sergt. Horrigan and Brophy and Cpl. Caulfield.

Capt. Connolly acted as Handicapper and Starter.

The No. 2 Army Band under the baton of Lt. A. K. Duff, Mus.B., played selections throughout the day.

DETAILS (CONFINED EVENTS).

100 Yards—1st Heat—Lieut. D. Phelan, H.Q. Coy., 1st; Pte. Dempsey, 2nd; Pte. O'Sullivan, "C" Coy., 3rd.

2nd Heat—Sgt. Furlong, H.Q. Coy., 1st; Pte. Purtell, "D" Coy., 2nd; Pte. Broderick, E., 3rd.

3rd Heat—Pte. W. Tynan, "C" Coy., 1st; Pte. Maloney, 2nd; Pte. Mahoney, 3rd.

Final—Phelan and Furlong dead heated for first place; Tynan third. In a great finish Furlong caught Phelan in the last stride to make a dead heat, with Tynan close up. Phelan got the race on a toss up.

220 Yards—Sgt. Furlong, 1st; Lt. Phelan, 2nd; Pte. Tynan, 3rd. Eight ran. After a capital start Phelan raced away but was overtaken by Furlong who, running strongly, won by three yards; two yards between the second and third.

880 Yards—Sgt. Furlong, H.Q. Coy., 1st; Pte. Harte, J., "O" Coy., 2nd; Pte. Barry, 3rd. This was a splendid race. Furlong judged his distance well, and having plenty in hand shot out near home to win by 20 yards.

120 Yards Hurdle—1st Heat—Lt. Brophy, 1st; Pte. Mahony, J., 2nd.

2nd Heat—Lt. Phelan and Lt. Duane dead heated.

Final—Lieut. Brophy, 1st; Lieut. Duane, 2nd; Lieut. Phelan, 3rd.

Duane looked all over a winner until "topping" the last hurdle, when he stumbled with Phelan, Brophy then went ahead to win by a yard.

Officers' Race—(100 Yards)—Lt. Brophy, 1st; Lt. Phelan, 2nd; Capt. McNicholl, 3rd. Seven ran. Brophy won by a yard, with W. Nicholl close up.

Inter-Coy. Relay—Won by "C" Coy.

Sack Race—Pte. Lang, J., 1st; Pte. Kinlan, H.Q. Coy., 2nd; Lt. Coughlan, 3rd.

Obstacle Race—Pte. Coughlan, "B" Coy., 1st; Pte. Stankard, M., 2nd; Cpl. O'Connell, P. J., 3rd. Ten ran.

Raising and Pucking Hurley Ball—Pte. O'Donoghue, H.Q. Coy., 1st; Pte. O'Brien, "D" Coy., 2nd. Nine competed.

Football Place Kick—Pte. Kavanagh, "A" Coy., 1st; Lieut. Staines, "A" Coy., 2nd.

Inter-Coy., Tug-o'-War—1st Round—"C" Coy. beat "A" Coy., two tugs to nil.

2nd Round—"B" Coy., scratch; H.Q. Coy., walk over.

Final—"C" Coy. beat H.Q. Coy., two tugs to nil.

EVENTS OPEN TO 7th BRIGADE.

440 Yards—Final—Cpl. C. Kelly, 23rd Batt., 1st; Sgt. Doyle, 23rd Batt., 2nd; B.Q.M.S. Munster, 22nd Batt., 3rd. Also ran—Sgt. Furlong, 27th Batt.; Pte. Hackett, 7th Batt. Kelly raced to the front immediately but was challenged half way by Doyle. Shaking off the opposition the Clonliffe man won easily.

One Mile—Pte. O'Donoghue, H.Q. Coy., 27th Batt., 1st; Cpl. O'Connor, 23rd Batt., 2nd; Pte. Coughlan, 27th Batt., 3rd. Six ran.

O'Connor made the pace for two laps, when O'Donoghue assumed the lead, with Coughlan third. The latter was closely followed by Baxter of the 27th Batt. After running the fourth and fifth laps in this order O'Donoghue went off to win easily by 50 yards.

Slow Cycle Race—Pte. Hennessy, "C" Coy., 27th Batt., 1st; Pte. Murray, "C" Coy., 2nd.

High Jump—Sergt. M. Fennel (23rd Batt.), 5 ft. 1 in., 1st;

Lt. M. Brophy, 27th Batt., 4 ft. 8 in., 2nd. In an exhibition jump Sergt. Fennel jumped 5 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump—Cpl. Cyril Kelly (23rd Batt.), 18 ft. 11½ ins., 1st; Sergt. Doyle (23rd Batt.), 18 ft. 2 ins., 2nd; Lt. Duane (27th Batt.), 17 ft. 8½ ins., 3rd. Five competed.

Hop, Step and Jump—Lieut. Duane, 37 ft. 7½ ins., 1st; Cpl. C. Kelly, 37 ft. 5½ ins., 2nd.

In the first round the performances were—Sergt. Doyle (23rd Batt.), 33 ft.; Cpl. Kelly, 34½ ft.; Pte. Webb (27th Batt.), 33 ft.; Lt. Duane, 34 ft. 10 ins.

The second round resulted—Doyle, 36 ft. 3 ins.; Kelly "foul"; Webb, 32 ft.; Duane, 36 ft. 10 in. The third round was—Doyle, 36 ft. 11½ ins.; Kelly, 37 ft. 5½ ins.; Webb, 32 ft., and Duane, 37 ft. 7 ins.

In the jump off Kelly did 36 ft. 8 ins. and 37 ft. 2 ins., and the winner 37 ft. 4½ ins. and 37 ft. 7½ ins.

16 lb. Shot—Pte. J. Mahoney, 27th Batt., 30 ft. 9 ins., 1st; Pte. Quirke, 27th Batt., 28 ft. 4 ins., 2nd. O'Mahoney on an exhibition covered 32 ft. 10 ins.

Slinging 56 lbs.—Pte. Magill (27th Batt.), 17 ft. 8 ins., 1st; Cpl. Murphy (27th Batt.), 15 ft. 1 in., 2nd.

3 Mile Cycle—Pte. W. Mullins (23rd Batt.), 1st; Pte. J. Edge (27th Batt.), 2nd; only two competed.

EVENTS OPEN TO A.A.A.

One Mile Relay (220, 220, 440, 880)—Eastern Command (Sergt. Hennessy, Cpl. Rea, Pte. Spittle and Pte. Keogh) 1st; G.H.Q. (Lt. O'Doherty, Ptes. Price, Cole and Murphy) 2nd. Also competed—23rd Batt. and 27th Batt.

In the first 220, Price, for G.H.Q., ran a great race, and Cole taking up the baton, left Murphy a good start for the "quarter." This he ran well. The final G.H.Q. man had a good lead, but Rea, for the Eastern team, wore his opponent down to win by 20 yards. (Rea should in future retain his baton until the finish).

3 Mile (Handicap). The following were the starters—Pte. Haligan (22nd Batt.), Cpl. O'Connor (23rd Batt.), Pte. O'Donoghue (27th Batt.), Sergt. Furlong (27th Batt.), Pte. Walsh (H.Q. Coy., Eastern Command), Sergt. Magee (G.H.Q.), Pte. McCormack (do.), Pte. Dooley (do.), Pte. Moorehouse (Eastern), Pte. Husband and Pte. Newton (Eastern).

Dooley and O'Donoghue were the scratch men. Dooley dropped out after a quarter of a mile, when O'Donoghue forged ahead with O'Connor in attendance. Moorehouse passed the pair after one mile, and the order for the next mile was Moorehouse, O'Donoghue and Newton. O'Donoghue soon took the lead and McCormack, Newton, O'Connor and Moorehouse were all that remained in with a mile to go. McCormack was tailed off and O'Donoghue had now a clear lead. He ran a remarkable race, and increasing his lead, won by 200 yards, with Moorehouse second and Newtown, 50 yards away, third. O'Connor completed the course as did McCormack, but both were exhausted after a hard-run race.

The Greasy Pole. There were various rumours as to the value of the prize secreted at the top of this pole for the lucky winner. Up to the time of going to press no competitor has discovered its value.

The Silver Cup for the best all-round Company was won by Headquarters Company.

DANCING COMPETITIONS.

Irish Step Dancing (Jig and Hornpipe)—Pte. Reilly, "B" Coy., 1st; Lt. Brophy, 2nd. Five competed.

Children's Irish Step Dancing—Miss Rosie O'Neill won (a very neat and perfect dancer).

Mr. O'Mahoney—well known in Irish dancing circles—adjudicated, and Miss Murray, 1st Prize Feis Winner (violinist), supplied the music.

Children's Race (Girls) 75 Yards. A tiny tot—Miss O'Connor—daughter of Col. O'Connor, had an easy victory here.

Boys' Race.—Master Anthony Ennis (son of Comdt. Ennis) had a struggle with Master D. Stokes before winning this.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Rev. Fr. Casey, C.F., Brigade Chaplain, in distributing the prizes, said that those present had every right to congratulate Capt. Daly, the officers and men of the 27th for their splendid efforts to make that day such a great success. Everyone there had been entertained and made happy, and no pains spared to have the day a benefit for all. The results proved that there were many "dark horses" not only in the 27th but in the other

Battalions whose representatives competed, and fixtures like that brought out the best material, and he was sure that by such meetings the Army would produce not only the best athletes in the country but the best in the world (cheers). They had in the Irish Army to-day men who could prove their mettle in any opposition. That day even the little children had been catered for and it was from their ranks in the future that our athletes would spring.

Capt. J. T. Daly, in returning thanks, said that he was very pleased with the conduct of all that day. His Committee did all they could to make the day a success, and in this matter he wished especially to couple the name of Lt. Sean O'Hara—the Secretary.

22nd INFANTRY BATTALION ATHLETIC MEETING.

The 22nd Infantry Battalion brought off their annual Athletic Sports on Saturday, the 27th June, at Portobello Barracks. Good form was shown by Capt. P. Tuíte, Capt. L. Booth, Lieut. P. Condon, Pte. P. Corcoran, B.Q.M.S. Munster, Pte. H. Halligan, Pte. O'Donoghue, Cpl. Morrissey and Pte. T. Barry.

Details.

100 Yards (Confined).—Heats—1. B.Q.M.S. Munster, 1st; Pte. J. McGuinness, 2nd; two ran. 2. Cpl. V. Morrissey (w.o.). 3. Pte. Cummins, 1st; Pte. O'Shea, 2nd; Cpl. Byrne, 3rd; six ran. 4. Pte. Corcoran, 1st; Pte. Halligan, 2nd; Pte. Caffrey, 3rd; four ran. 5. Pte. Barry, 1st; Pte. P. Keogh, 2nd; Pte. Lennan, 3rd; six ran. 6. Pte. Roche, 1st; Pte. Timoney, 2nd; Cpl. Reilly, 3rd; 5 ran.

Final.—Pte. Corcoran, "D" Coy., 1st; Pte. Barry, "B" Coy., 2nd; B.Q.M.S. Munster, H.Q. Coy., 3rd. Also ran Cpl. Morrissey, H.Q. Coy., Pte. Roche, "B" Coy., Pte. Cummins, "D" Coy.

Long Jump (Confined).—C.-Sgt. P. Husband, "D" Coy., 18 ft. 1 in., 1st; Cpl. V. Morrissey, H.Q. Coy., 17 ft. 1 in., 2nd; Cpl. E. Byrne, "D" Coy., 16 ft. 9 in., 3rd. Eleven competed.

220 Yards (Confined).—Heats—1. B.Q.M.S. Munster (w.o.). 2. Pte. Fantry (w.o.). 3. Pte. Barry, 1st; Pte. Campion, 2nd; Pte. Thornton, 3rd. Six ran. 4. C.-S. Husband, 1st; Cpl. Byrne, 2nd; Sgt. Tobin, 3rd. Six ran. 5. Pte. Corcoran, 1st; Pte. Halligan, 2nd; Pte. P. Keogh, 3rd. Six ran. 6. Cpl. Morrissey, 1st; Pte. Timoney, 2nd; Cpl. Reilly, 3rd. Six ran.

Final.—B.Q.M.S. Munster, H.Q. Coy., 1st; C.-S. Husband, "D" Coy., 2nd; Pte. Barry, "B" Coy., 3rd. Also ran, Cpl. Morrissey, H.Q. Coy., Pte. Corcoran, "D" Coy., Pte. Fantry, "A" Coy.

High Jump (Confined).—Pte. Thornton, H.Q. Coy., 5 ft. 2 in., 1st; Pte. O'Shea, "D" Coy., 4 ft. 10 in., 2nd; Cpl. Byrne, "D" Coy., 4 ft. 4 in., 3rd. Eight competed.

One Mile Flat (Confined).—Pte. Halligan, "C" Coy., 1st; Sgt. Tobin, "D" Coy., 2nd; Cpl. Byrne, "D" Coy., 3rd. Also ran—Ptes. Rogers, H.Q. Coy., Costello, H.Q. Coy., Caffrey, B. Coy., Corcoran, "D" Coy., Cummins, "D" Coy., McGuinness, "A" Coy., Rohue, "B" Coy., Ryan, "C" Coy., Keogh, "C" Coy., Kavanagh, "C" Coy., and Cpl. Reilly, "B" Coy.

Putting the 16-lb. Shot (Confined).—Capt. L. Booth, "D" Coy., 34 ft. 2 in., 1st; Pte. P. Longwell, "B" Coy., 29 ft. 10 in., 2nd; Cpl. V. Morrissey, H.Q. Coy., 26 ft. 8 in., 3rd. Twelve competed.

56 lb. between legs without follow (Confined).—Capt. L. Booth, "D" Coy., 19 ft. 1 in., 1st; Pte. P. Russell, "B" Coy., 18 ft. 6 in., 2nd; Pte. H. Halligan, "C" Coy., 17 ft. 1 in., 3rd. Sixteen competed.

440 Yards Flat (Confined).—B.Q.M.S. Munster H.Q. Coy., 1st. C.-S. Husband, "D" Coy., 2nd; Pte. Corcoran, "D" Coy., 3rd. Also ran Ptes. Campion, H.Q. Coy., Costello, H.Q. Coy., McGuinness, "A" Coy., Thornton, H.Q. Coy., Sullivan, "D" Coy., Cummins, "D" Coy., Halligan, "C" Coy., Keogh, P., "C" Coy., Ryan, "C" Coy., Timoney, H.Q. Coy., Lennan, "C" Coy.

Inter-Company Tug-o'-War Championship (Confined).—H.Q. Coy. beat "C" Coy. by 2 pulls to 1.

Inter-Company Relay Race—One Mile Flat (Confined).—H.Q. Coy.—Cpl. Morrissey, Pte. Brophy, B.Q.M.S. Munster, Lieut. Lanigan, 1st. "C" Coy.—Pte. Lennan, Pte. Keogh, Pte. Halligan, Pte. Furlong, 2nd. "D" Coy.—C.-S. Husband, Pte. O'Shea, Cpl. Byrne, Sgt. Tobin, 3rd. Also ran—"B" Coy. and "A" Coy.

880 Yards—(Open to the 7th Brigade).—Cpl. C. Kelly, 23rd Batt., 1st; Cpl. K. Phelan, 23rd Batt., 2nd; Pte. P. Corcoran, 22nd Batt., 3rd. Also ran—Pte. Costello, 22nd Batt., Sgt. Tobin, 22nd Batt., C.-S. Husband, 22nd Batt., Pte. Rogers, 22nd Batt., Cpl. Byrne, 22nd Batt., Pte. Timoney, 22nd Batt.

Pole Jump (Confined).—Capt. P. Tuíte, H.Q. Coy., 8 ft. 10 in., 1st; Cpl. V. Morrissey, H.Q. Coy., 7 ft. 9 in., 2nd; Pte. T. Brophy, H.Q. Coy., 7 ft., 3rd. Nine competed.

Three Miles Flat (Handicap)—Open to the 7th Brigade.—Cpl. O'Connor, 23rd Batt., 150 yds., 1st; Pte. O'Donoghue, 27th Batt., ser., 2nd; Pte. Kavanagh, 22nd Batt., 200 yds., 3rd. Also ran—Pte. Rogers, 22nd Batt., Pte. Benan, 22nd Batt., C.-S. Husband, 22nd Batt., Pte. Rohue, 22nd Batt., Pte. O'Leary, 22nd Batt., Sgt. Tobin, 22nd Batt., Pte. Thomas, 22nd Batt., Pte. McGuire, 22nd Batt.

100 Yards (confined to Officers of the 7th Brigade).—Lieut. P. Condon, 22nd Batt., 1st; Capt. P. Tuíte, 22nd Batt., 2nd; Lieut. J. Lanigan, 22nd Batt., 3rd. Six ran.

Obstacle Race (Confined).—Pte. J. Keogh, "C" Coy., 1st; Sgt. Tobin, "D" Coy., 2nd; Pte. T. Barry, "B" Coy., 3rd. Twenty-two competed.

Tilting the Bucket (Confined).—Cpl. Fleming and Pte. McGuinness, "A" Coy., 1st; Sgt. Hamill and Cpl. Lawlor, "D" Coy., 2nd; Pte. Corcoran and Pte. Harte, "D" Coy., 3rd. 16 couples competed.

Children's Race (100 Yards).—T. Grogan, 1st; B. McDougall, 2nd; A. Jones, 3rd. Twenty ran.

FOOTBALL AND HURLING AT LONGFORD.

Semi-Finals of the Chaplains' and Medical Officers' Cups.

On Monday, 29th ult., the semi-finals of the Chaplains' and Medical Officers' Cups were played at Longford between teams representing the Eastern and Western Commands. The weather was excellent, and a slight cooling breeze sprang up about a half hour before the commencement of the matches. Great interest was taken in the matches by the very large number of spectators.

Punctually at 3 p.m. Commandant Kingston started the hurling. The Eastern Command took control of the play, and by a wonderful combination game easily were victorious by the score of 9 goals and 8 points to 1 goal. A feature of the game was the wonderful defence of Captain Hogan of the Western Command team.

At 4.30 p.m. Captain Fitzgerald, G.H.Q., commenced the football match, and Captain Lohan getting possession of the ball from the throw-in drove to O'Hagan, O'Hagan centred beautifully to Lt. McGrath, who scored the first point for the Western Command inside the first minute. Western Command per Dillon and Hanley added three more points, and Eastern Command equalised with a goal and a point. Play was fast, and enthusiasm ran high, and at half time the teams were level on the score of 4 points each.

On resumption Western again broke away and Dillon put them ahead with a beautiful point. Play was up and down, and eventually the Eastern Command equalised from a free. With five minutes to go, Lt. McGrath scored the winning point for the Western Command from a centre from O'Hagan. Eastern Command made wonderful efforts to at least equalise, but the Western defence was impregnable, and the final whistle sounded leaving the Western Command Winners on the score of 6 points to 1 goal and 2 points.

The spectators were unanimous in their opinion that seldom, if ever before, was such a fine exhibition of football seen in the Midlands. The catching on both sides was marvellous, and the kicking was perfect. Fouls were few and far between, and it would be impossible to single out any individual for special praise.

Captain Fitzgerald was an impartial Referee, and never once was his decision questioned.

A controversy has raged recently in the Dublin Daily Press as to whether or not the Nelson Pillar in O'Connell Street should be removed. Some correspondents suggest that the Pillar should be allowed to remain, but that a statue of General Michael Collins should be substituted for that of Nelson.

INTER-COMPANY SPORTS AT FINNER CAMP.

The 2nd Infantry Battalion stationed at Finner Camp held the first part of the Inter-Company Athletic Contests on Wednesday afternoon, 17th June. "C" and "D" Companies were the opponents, and a fine show was put up by both. The number of Competitors was rather small, but this was made up for by the keenness which was shown. "C" Company got the better of "D" by a margin of 32 points, for the events which were decided. The points were obtained as follows:—

"C" COMPANY.

100 yards. ... 15 points.	220 yards ... 11 points.
440 yards ... 6 "	880 yards ... 11 "
Mile ... 8 "	Mile (Relay) ... 6 "
High Jump ... 4 "	56 lb. Weight (w.f.) 17 "
Long Jump ... 8 "	56 lb. Weight (height) 7 pts.

Total—93.

"D" COMPANY.

100 yards ... 3 points.	Long Jump ... 12 points.
440 yards ... 5 "	220 yards ... 7 "
Mile ... 10 "	880 yards ... 9 "
High Jump ... 11 "	56 lb. Weight (w.f.) 4 "

Total—61.

In the Mile Pte. Magaharan showed fine form. He led from the 440 mark, and increased his lead to the finish. This runner should make a mark in Army Athletics.

Sergeant T. Sheeran is getting his form back, and with a little more training he will give a good account of himself at the Battalion and Brigade Sports.

Pte. Beatty ran an excellent 440 race.

Pte. Corcoran was not given a severe test when he won the high jump. He can do better.

Pte. Kinsella with the weight (for height) did not exert himself when he reached 8 ft. 10½ inches.

We know now that there is "some stuff" in these two Companies. Keep it up, "C" and "D."

Captain J. McCole, Lieuts. M. Higgins and J. O'Neill, C. S. Rowan, Serjts. Rooney and Farrell worked hard to make the afternoon a success, and succeeded admirably.

G.H.Q. COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

The G.H.Q. football team, by their victory over Portobello, on the 24th June, at the hurling ground, Phoenix Park, enter the second round of the championship. Portobello were first to attack, and only the fine defence work of Captain Sullivan and Hodgins, kept their forwards from scoring. At the end of ten minutes O'Beirne and Cannon, for G.H.Q., let Mulally away, to put over for a point, and the latter soon afterwards scored again, and this was followed by another point for G.H.Q. per McGinley. Portobello improved, and Muldoon, eluding Sullivan, got in to reduce the lead. G.H.Q. forwards were the more dangerous, and after several attacks, secured a goal and a point in quick succession. Half-time:—

G.H.Q.—1 goal 4 points. Portobello—1 point.

Price, in the G.H.Q. goal, brought off a few clever saves in the second half. Following a point obtained by Mulrooney for G.H.Q., Portobello got going, and registered a major. Kavanagh (T.) and Kavanagh (J.) both added to the Headquarters' score. The teams were feeling the effects of the terrific heat, and play slackened, but G.H.Q. held the upper hand to the end, and added to their lead. Score:—

G.H.Q.—2 goals 10 points. Portobello—2 goals 1 point.

ISLANDBRIDGE v. GORMANSTON.

Islandbridge, the new group in the G.H.Q. Command, gained a surprising victory over the Gormanston team on the 24th June at the latter's ground. The homesters were first to make headway, and after five minutes gained a point. They quickly added another, when the visitors, playing against a strong wind, scored two points in quick succession and levelled matters. Islandbridge kept up the pressure, and after a stubborn defence by the home-

sters the latter gave way, and Islandbridge got a major. Gormanston improved considerably and had very hard luck at goal on several occasions. At last their forwards got through and equalised before half time.

On resuming, Gormanston pressed, but a stiff defence held their forwards well. The defence on both sides was playing well. The home team went ahead with a point, but their success was temporary. The visitors soon drew level, and immediately afterwards took the lead again. From this to the end the Dublin men gave a fine exhibition, and, adding three more points, gained a deserved victory on the score:—

Islandbridge—1 goal 6 points. Gormanston—1 goal 3 points.

EASTERN COMMAND FINALS AT CROKE PARK.

On Wednesday, 1st inst., at Croke Park, 5th Brigade (Kilkenny) were doubly engaged, meeting 7th Brigade in hurling and 6th Brigade in football in the finals of the Eastern Command Championships. The 7th Brigade had the assistance of Lanigan and Barry, of the Faughs, and Kelly, of Kickhams.

Winning the toss in the hurling match, the 5th elected to play against a slight breeze. They missed a good chance at goal at the start. After five minutes of good hurling they opened the score with a goal from close in. Following this, 7th forwards kept up a constant attack, which resulted in T. Kelly reducing the lead by a point. After stopping several shots, the 7th goalie was beaten again for another major. The 5th were playing the better, and a mistake by the 7th keeper allowed the ball to roll into the net for the 3rd goal. This was quickly followed by a point from Kelly (7th). The 7th further reduced the lead by 2 points in quick succession. This had the effect of livening up the game, and returning to the attack, the 7th secured another minor. The play was exciting, and the 5th went further ahead with a goal. Half-time:—

5th Brigade—4 goals. 7th Brigade—5 points.

After five minutes' play the 5th added two goals in quick succession. They were much the better hurlers, and increased their lead with a major. Kelly, for the 7th, had hard luck on a few occasions at goal. A "70" relieved the pressure on the 5th goal, but the free went wide. Once again the 5th went ahead with a minor, and after a period of slackness the 7th obtained a major, to which the 5th replied with a similar score from close in. Result:—

5th Brigade—8 goals 2 points. 7th Brigade—2 goals 5 points.

FOOTBALL.

Playing against the wind in the football match, Doyle and Robertson were early prominent for the 6th, and Ebbs scored for the 6th after five minutes' play. The 6th kept play in their opponents' half. A free for the 5th close in proved abortive, and the 6th returned to the attack, and Hudson added another minor. The 5th forwards played a more open game from this to the end of the half, but were unable to make headway. Half-time:—

6th Brigade—2 points. 5th Brigade—Nil.

Sexton soon increased the lead for the 6th, and following one of several "frees" Doyle put them further ahead. Hudson added to the score almost immediately, and again soon afterwards. The 5th then showed better form, and play was interesting. The 6th were the better footballers, and Hudson and Sexton added scores. Result:—

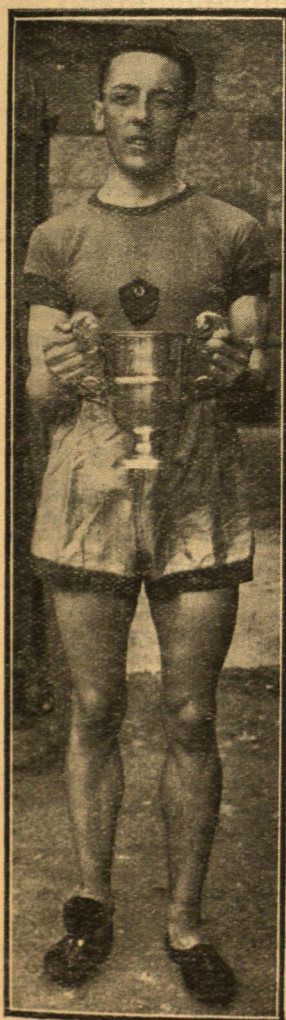
6th Brigade—9 points. 5th Brigade—Nil.



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AN ARMY CHAMPION.



LT. G. N. COUGHLAN.

The Army entrants for the National Championships at Croke Park this year were few, but the performances of those who did compete were most creditable, and in one instance—the Half-mile—were secured a Championship. To Lieutenant G. N. Coughlan, 25th Infy. Batt., Custume Barracks, Athlone, belongs the honour of being the first Irish Army man to win a National Athletic Championship, and his victory is all the more noteworthy in view of the talent which he found opposed to him. Although MacEachern, who won the event last year, was an absentee there remained strong opposition in the persons of Clarke of Antrim (the 1923 winner), and Quinn of Beechfield Harriers. The heartiest congratulations of his comrades in the Army are extended to Lieutenant Coughlan on his acquisition of the Ardilaun Cup.

In the Marathon Race Corporal C. T. O'Connor, 23rd Infantry Battalion, Portobello, came second, and Lieutenant H. T. Barry, 22nd Infantry Battalion, secured 6th place. Private J. J. Manning, Army Medical Corps, Curragh Camp, was second in the 120 yards hurdle race. There is little doubt that before the end of the season Army athletes will have to be seriously reckoned with in the open events.

A writer in the "Irish Independent," discussing the meeting, says:—Another gratifying factor of this year's championships was the success of the Army entrant, Lieut G. N. Coughlan, who won the half-mile title in easy fashion. Moulded on fine lines, this young runner should be making a big noise in athletic circles soon. His only complaint, a worthy one, was this:—"I wish Clarke and Ashe had sustained their challenge; had they done so I would have made better time."

If that is the spirit of athleticism in the Army now, Army athletes will be prominent features of next year's championships. Let's hope that this national asset sustains the challenge; there must be talent lying dormant in it somewhere. Find it—that is the country's need.



HIS FRIEND, THE ENEMY.

Uncle Dick was paying a visit to his brother's house, and was greatly charmed with his little five-year-old nephew.

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"And who would shoot me?" asked the boy.

"The enemy," said uncle.

"Then," replied Johnny, with conviction, "I'll be the enemy."

ARMY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Individual Championship won by Major P. Carroll.

Scores:—

Major Carroll	...	...	81 + 79 = 160
Comdt. Byrne	...	...	83 + 83 = 166
Capt. Stapleton	...	...	85 + 81 = 166
Lt. Whelan	...	...	87 + 81 = 168
Lt. O'Flaherty	...	...	89 + 83 = 172
Lt. Walters	...	...	86 + 91 = 177

The Prizes for the best nett scores were won by:—

0	Lt. O'Flaherty	Tied	89 + 83 = 172	— 20 = 152
0	Capt. O'Connell		86 + 92 = 178	— 26 = 152
3rd	Lt. Walters		86 + 91 = 177	— 24 = 153

Prizes:—Cigarette Box, Gold Cuff Links, Box of Golf Balls.

INTER-COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

G.H.Q.

Major Carroll	77 + 89 = 166
Capt. Stapleton	84 + 87 = 171
Comdt. Feely	83 + 85 = 168
Lt. Crawley	94 + 93 = 187
Capt. Martin	85 + 91 = 176
Capt. Delamere	96 + 92 = 188

CURRACH.

Comdt. Byrne	83 + 78 = 161
Fr. Mahon	98 + 89 = 187
Lt. O'Flaherty	83 + 92 = 175
Comdt. O'Connor	88 + 88 = 176
Capt. O'Connell	91 + 94 = 185
Major Bishop	94 + 100 = 194

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G.H.Q. retained the Championship by 22 strokes.

The Eastern and Western Commands also competed.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE.

The Captain's Prize was won by Major S. Doyle, G.H.Q. Score:—

1st—Major Doyle	...	92 + 97 + 89 + 85 = 299
2nd—Col. Higgins	...	98 + 106 + 92 + 100 = 306
3rd—Lt. O'Flaherty	...	89 + 83 + 83 + 92 = 307

SPECIAL PRIZE.

The Special Prize for the best performance presented by Col. O'Higgins, D.M.S., was won by Col. Woods, G.H.Q.

SWEEPSTAKE.

The Sweepstake winners were:—

Capt. Feely	...	...	Curragh
Col. Woods	...	...	G.H.Q.
Major Doyle	...	...	G.H.Q.

The meeting was an outstanding success; Fifty players took out cards on the first day, and about forty-five on the second day. These numbers are records for the Army Championships. A considerable number of new players made their appearance, and the results were very satisfactory.

On the evening of the second day the prizes were presented to the winners by the Captain, Major Carroll.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee and members of the Hermitage Club for their kindness in allowing the Army golfers to hold their Championship over their course.

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G.H.Q. COMMAND COUNCIL.

Championships and other Fixtures for the Current Month.

General Headquarters Command Council held their usual fortnightly meeting on 7th inst., Major McGrath presiding.

Committees were appointed for the selection of hurling and football teams to represent G.H.Q. Command against the Western Command on the 26th instant. As nothing definite transpired from the last meeting of the Standing Committee, with regard to the expenses to be incurred in connection with the fixture, the Chairman was requested to raise the matter at the meeting on Friday, the 10th instant.

Command Sports.

A financial statement was submitted by the Treasurer with reference to the Command Sports. Same was considered very satisfactory, and the Sports Committee complimented thereon.

The re-play of the Hurling Match, G.H.Q. versus Eastern Command, and the 3 Mile Cycle event were fixed for Croke Park on Wednesday, the 15th July. Hurling Match to start 3.30 p.m., Cycle Race 5 p.m.

Command Championship Matches Awarded.

Referees' reports were read, and arising from same, Artillery were declared the winners of the matches (Artillery v. Baldonnell—Football, and Artillery v. Island Bridge—Hurling).

G.H.Q. secured the honours in the Football match against Portobello.

Island Bridge v. Gormanston—Football: Island Bridge declared the winners.

Portobello v. Gormanston: Portobello declared the winners.

Command Championship Fixtures.

The following Championship fixtures were made:—

FOOTBALL (Semi-Final).—G.H.Q. v. Island Bridge—Civic Guard Ground, Phoenix Park, 2.30 p.m., July 22nd—Referee, Lieut. S. Kavanagh. Winners meet Artillery in the Final.

HURLING (Semi-Final).—G.H.Q. v. Portobello, July 22nd, 4 p.m., Civic Guard Ground, Phoenix Park—Referee, Captain Stapleton. Winners meet Artillery in the Final.

Final of Command Hurling League.

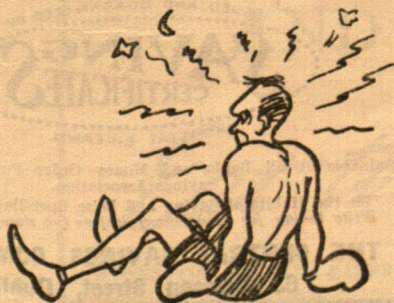
Owing to the transfer of Artillery to the Glen of Imaal this fixture had to be indefinitely postponed.

Handball Competition.

Points were awarded to the successful competitors and a match between G.H.Q. and Portobello was fixed for the Civic Guard Alley on the 15th inst., at 3 p.m.

Inter-Company Competitions.

Progress was reported in all Groups, and the Final of the Command was fixed for Baldonnell on the 5th August, the permission of the Officer Commanding this Post to be obtained in the meantime. Names of all competitors to be furnished to the Command Secretary on or before the 26th instant. The registered colours of the Group to be worn by Competitors.



LISTENING IN

16th INFANTRY BATT. SPORTS.

Held in Camp Field on Wednesday, 1st inst. All events were keenly contested and were very exciting. Keen interest existed as to which was the best athletic Company in the Battalion, but the performance of competitors representing "C" Company, put all minds at rest on this matter. "B" Company brought off a good second. The performances of Lieutenant J. J. O'Driscoll and Sergeant P. Collins will give the Southern Command cracks something to worry about in the coming Command Sports. Details:—

100 Yards (Final)—Lieut. J. J. O'Driscoll, 1st; Sergt. P. Collins, 2nd. Time, 11 4/5 seconds.

440 Yards—Sergt. P. Collins, "B" Coy., 1st; Pte. Joyce, "C" Coy., 2nd; Sergt. Finnegan, "C" Coy., 3rd.

2 Miles Flat—Pte. J. Whelan, "B" Coy., 1st; Pte. D. Mahony, "D" Coy. and Pte. J. Tracey, "C" Coy., dead heat.

Long Jump—Pte. Banks, "D" Coy., 19 1/2 ft., 1st; Lieut. J. J. O'Driscoll, "C" Coy., 2nd.

Weight-throwing (56 lbs.)—Lt. W. Fennessy, "C" Coy., 19 1/2 ft., 1st; Pte. Madden, "C" Coy., 2nd.

Relay Race—"B" Company, 1st; "C" Company, 2nd.

Tug-o'-War—"C" Company winners.

Sack Race—Pte. J. White, "B" Coy., 1st; Cpl. P. Power, H.Q. Coy., 2nd.

High Jump—Lieut. J. J. O'Driscoll, "C" Coy., 4 ft. 10 1/2 ins., 1st; Pte. J. O'Sullivan, "B" Coy., 4 ft. 8 ins., 2nd.

No. 5 GROUP A.A.A.

Commandant P. Ennis presided at a meeting of No. 5 Group, G.H.Q., on 19th ult. Also present—Lt. H. Cannon, C-Sgt. J. Coffey, Q.M.S. Hodgins, P-Sgt. P. Carr, Sgt. J. Quirke, Sgt. E. McCracken, Sgt. J. Harvey, Cpl. Sherrif, Cpl. Keating and Sgt. W. J. Pigott (A.-Sec.).

Sgt. P. Glennon wishing to be relieved from the work of Hon. Secretary, as he is to represent the Group on the N. A. & C. A., Sgt. P. Carr proposed and Lt. H. Cannon seconded that his resignation be accepted. Adopted. Sgt. Pigott was elected Secretary.

Lieut. S. McKeown being temporarily on duty with the Southern Command, Q.M.S. Hodgins proposed and Cpl. Keating seconded that Sgt. Pigott be delegated to represent No. 5 Group on the Command Council. Agreed.

Sgt. Pigott reported progress in handball, mentioning that his Club had now been drawn against outside Clubs under G.A.A. He also reported re the abortive match between Portobello and Artillery, the former getting a w.o. at Kildare on Wednesday, 17th inst.

In the previous minutes the President was, through an error, shown as stating that the profits from the Hurling Excursion to Newbridge amounted to 9s. 6d.—this should have read as £1 8s. 6d.

A German girl at Wiesbaden has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a French courtmartial for disseminating Communist anti-military propaganda amongst the troops.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT THE CURRAGH.

On Wednesday, July 1st, an interesting Tennis Tournament took place at the Curragh Training Camp as the result of a challenge by the Curragh Command to G.H.Q. The game between Comdt. O'Connor and Capt. Delamere was a particularly brilliant exposition of the game. The visitors were the guests of the challengers after the tournament, which resulted in favour of G.H.Q. Details:—

SINGLES.

Captain King v. Lieutenant Fitzpatrick. Captain King, G.H.Q., 6-4, 9-7.
Colonel Henry v. Captain Hayes. Captain Hayes, Curragh, 7-5, 6-3.
Lieutenant Carroll v. Mr. Dunn. Lieut. Carroll, G.H.Q., 6-3, 8-6.
Comdt. M. A. O'Connor v. Lieut. J. Delaney. Comdt. M. A. O'Connor, G.H.Q., 6-4, 6-4.
Comdt. M. O'Connor v. Captain Delamere. Capt. Delamere, G.H.Q., 6-4, 6-2.
Major Doyle v. Captain McGinn. Capt. McGinn, Curragh, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Result:—G.H.Q., 4 games. Curragh, 2 games.

DOUBLES.

Lt. O'Doherty and Lt. McWeeney v. Capt. O'Donovan and Capt. McNamara. O'Donovan and MacNamara, Curragh, 7-5, 6-2.
Lt. Carroll and Capt. Delamere v. Comdt. O'Connor and Capt. Hayes. Carroll and Delamere, G.H.Q., 6-3, 8-6.
Comdt. Stuart and Lt. Rasdale v. Comdt. Kingston and O'Malley. Stuart and Rasdale, G.H.Q., 6-4, 5-7, 5-7.
Col. Henry and Comdt. M. A. O'Connor v. Lt. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Dunn. Henry and O'Connor, G.H.Q., 1-6, 9-7, 6-4.
Major Doyle and Capt. King v. Lt. Delaney and Capt. McGinn. Delaney and McGinn, Curragh, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Lt. G. O'Doherty and Capt. Ryan v. Major Hannon and Capt. Devine. Doherty and Ryan, G.H.Q., 6-4, 8-6.
Result:—G.H.Q., 4 games. Curragh, 2 games.



G.H.Q. COMMAND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Colonel F. MacEnri (Chairman) presided at a meeting of the G.H.Q. Command Tennis Committee, at which it was recommended that the prizes furnished by the Command Council should be £3 and £1 10s. 0d. G.H.Q. was selected as the venue for the championships, the hard courts to be used throughout. Each group nominated four players for the Command Championships as follows:—

G.H.Q.—Col. F. MacEnri, Capt. King, Capt. L. MacCarthy, Commdt. Bourke.
Portobello—Commdt. M. O'Connor, Lt. Quane, Cy.-Sgt. Nugent, Cy.-Sgt. Kennedy.
Baldonnell—Capt. Delamere, Lt. Carroll, Lt. Russell, Sgt. Tracey.
Islandbridge—Commdt. Murphy, Capt. Stapleton, Lt. Grant, Lt. Murray.

At a meeting of the Committee on the 7th inst. the draws resulted as follows:—

Lt. Carroll v. Lt. Russell.
Lt. Grant v. Commdt. Murphy.
Commdt. O'Connor v. Sgt. Nugent.
Capt. McCarthy v. Col. MacEnri.
Capt. King v. Capt. Stapleton.
Coy.-Sgt. Kennedy v. Lt. Quane.
Commdt. Burke v. Lt. Murray.
Sgt. Tracey v. Delamere.

The first round must be played on or before 16th July, and the second must be finished by the 23rd inst. The semi-final and final to be played on Wednesday, 29th inst., at G.H.Q., starting at 2.30 p.m.

In the other cases the question of umpire and venue are left to the discretion of the players. Results of all matches must be sent to Colonel MacEnri, G.H.Q.

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"Athlonian" (Dublin).—The matter is at present under consideration.

GERMAN MILITARY VIEW OF HINDENBURG'S ELECTION.

Writing in the "Militar Wochenblatt," an unofficial weekly conducted by the Officers of the German Army, Infantry General A. D. Berthold Von Deimling, Officer of the Imperial German Army, says:—

The greatest political mistake that Germany could have made was the electing of General von Hindenburg to the Presidency of the German Empire. As he himself often remarked he does not feel fit, on account of his years, for the position, and he does not understand much about present politics.

A greater evil still is, that he allows himself to be guided by his deputies—to his own shame and the detriment of the German people.

The election of General von Hindenburg to the Presidency gives the French leave to occupy the Rhur and Rhine longer than they would have otherwise done. Hindenburg is in the eyes of the world the advanced symbol of the German National Revenge Party. Already his election has produced the same effect on the Allied Powers as a red cloth does on the bull, it will draw the iron ring still tighter around us. Farewell to the Franco-German Alliance: farewell to a safety pact: farewell to European peace. The silver linings on the horizon will be lost behind dark clouds out of which the lightning flashes of a future war will come, the battlefield of which will be our beloved fatherland.



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Scraps from Gormanston.

The football match between Islandbridge and Gormanston which took place at Gormanston on the 24th June, provided a very interesting and keen game. The Transport men made a very good beginning but failed to continue on the same lines, and Islandbridge, who won by 4 points, managed to keep them in their own half during the latter portion of the game. Alas! for our hopes in the Command Championships.

Our handball representatives are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which they defeated Ba'donnel, winning seven games out of a possible nine in the doubles competition. May their good luck continue.

The departure of "Barney" for Athlone is deeply regretted, particularly so by the men of the Technical Stores, who were never at a loss for small change while he was with them. We wish to state that it was not a desire to study the Shannon Scheme first hand which brought him to Athlone.

When all others had failed, Sergt. Flood succeeded in obtaining a mowing machine, but then he is well known in Stamullen, and he is considered an eggs-tra good customer there.

Sergt. Lynch has brought his (t)rusty steed to the Camp and will be a dark horse for the next cycle race. What odds?

The men's Mess is said to be the best in the Camp, I expect this is due to them having a Grant.

"I am a plain-spoken man," said the S.M. "I call a spade a spade." What he called the lawn-mower is not recorded.

There are a lot of musical merchants making notes in the camp. We have a cornetist, a flautist and a pianist. We also have some pessimists, and a popular note with the latter is "low dough."

The caterer of the Sergeants' Mess has managed to capture the sausage which escaped from the Curragh. That's why they didn't draw their allowance of Jeyes' fluid last week.

Photographs which some of our athletes had taken recently were spoiled owing to the men moving. It will be understood that the pictures were not snapshots of them at work.

We wish to dispute the rumour that Sgt. K. is about to start a marine business.

OBSERVER.

Gunner Henry Weir, British soldier, who had been hiding in a cave for the past six months in Corradreenan district, Co. Fermanagh, was charged at Enniskillen with deserting from his regiment, stationed in England. Sergt. Donohue said on searching the house of Robert Weir, Corradreenan West, father of the defendant, he found the deserter hiding underneath a bed. Defendant was sent to Derry jail to await a military escort from England.

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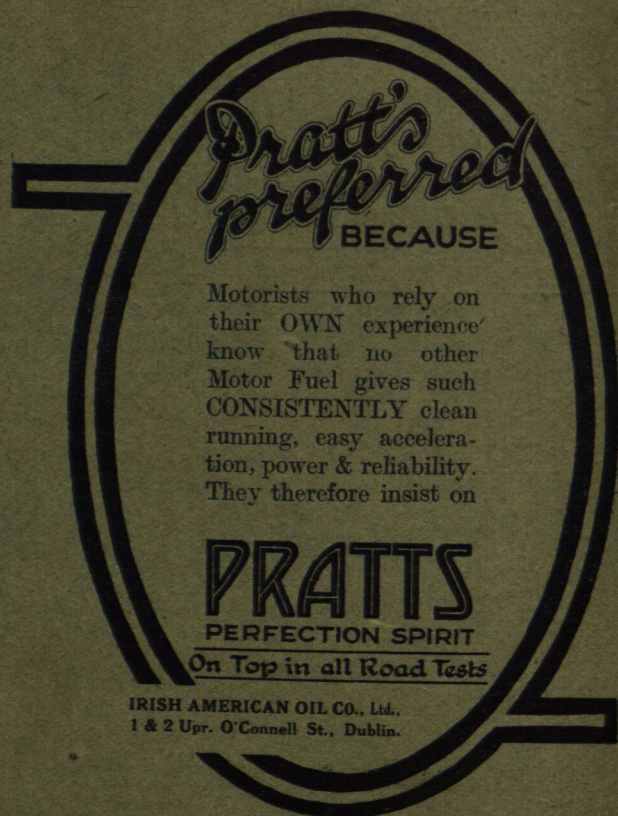
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