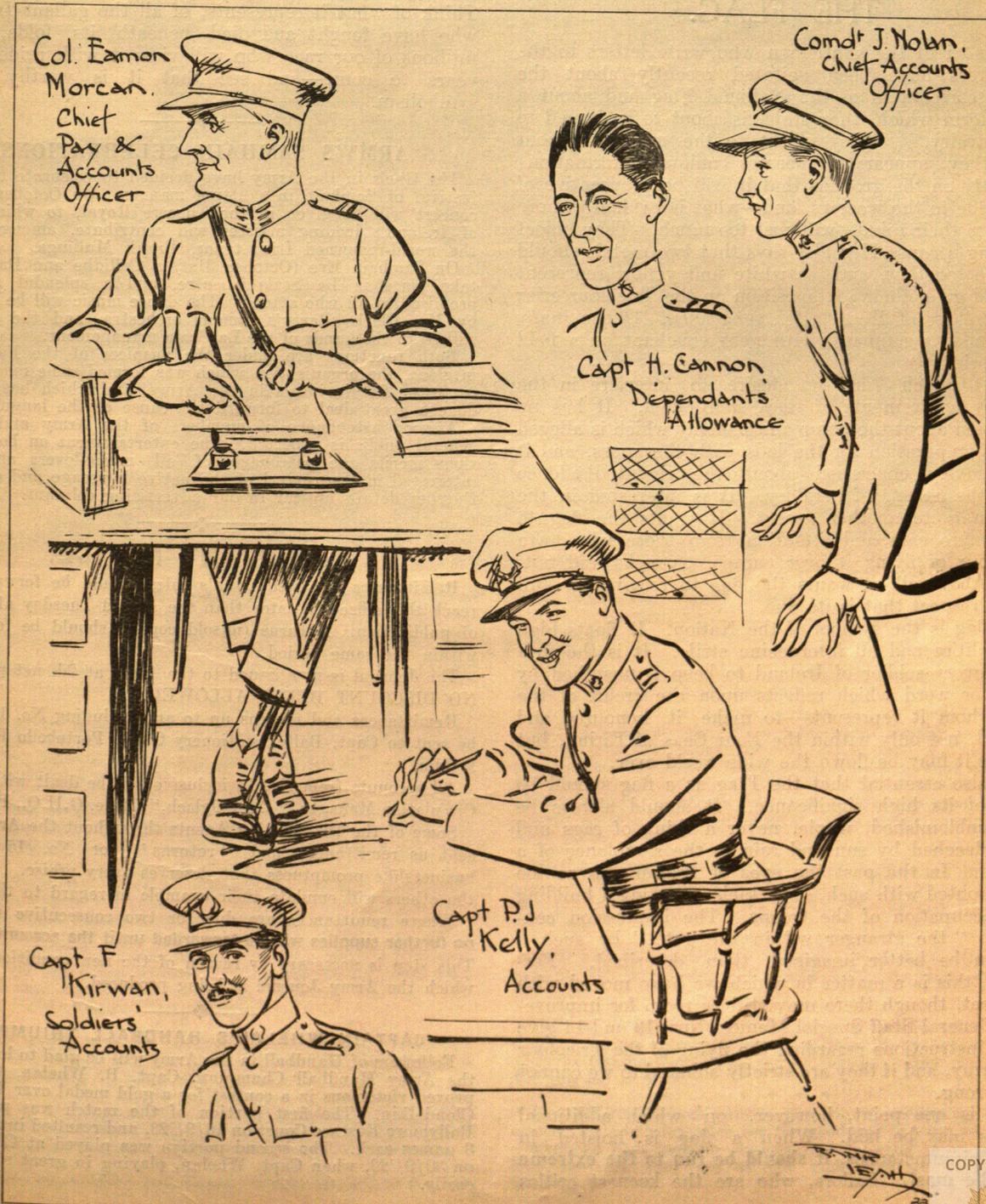


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## THE FLAG.

A number of the gentlemen who write letters to the daily Press have been agitated recently about the heraldic correctness of the National Flag and about a new uniform which, they state, is about to be issued to "the cavalry." They object to the uniform (about which they appear to possess unique information) apparently on the grounds that it will be provocative of sinful pride in the wearers, and—what is evidently more serious, to their mind—will cost too much. They object to the flag because Heraldry says that two metals should not come together, and, as white and yellow represent silver and gold, their juxtaposition on the Tricolour cries to the College of Heralds for vengeance. Hence many correspondents rampant, with pens couchant on a field of newsprint

"An t-Oglach" has no desire to interfere in the epistolary amusements of these gentlemen. It has no information about the pomp and panoply which is alleged to be in preparation for the lads with the spurs, and it is not gravely concerned about the reported offence against the canons of heraldry. It is interested in the flag from quite another aspect. It wants the flag to receive more care and attention from those who have the honour of flying it over camps, barracks and outposts. Above all, it wants the flag to receive the full meed of respect that is its due.

The Flag is the symbol of the Nation. It floats high above politics and all internecine strife. It is the first duty of every soldier of Ireland to keep it unsullied by any act or word which reflects upon the credit of the people whom it represents—to make it honoured and respected, not only within the Four Seas of Eirinn, but wherever it may be flown the wide world over.

It is also essential that the Flag as a flag should be worthy of its high significance. It should always be bright, unblemished, whole, never a thing of rags and tatters bleached by sun and rain to the semblance of a dishcloth. In the past the eyes of Irishmen were too often affronted with such a spectacle, marking a building in the occupation of the troops. The impression conveyed to "the stranger within the gate" by such a sight can be better imagined than described. Fortunately, this is a matter in which we have moved with good effect, though there may still be room for improvement. General Staff Special Memos, Nos. 13 and 14 give detailed instructions regarding the flying of the Tricolour in the Army, and if they are strictly adhered to we cannot go far wrong.

There is one point, however, on which additional emphasis may be laid. When a flag is hoisted in ordinary circumstances, **it should be run to the extreme top of the mast.** Sailors, who are the keenest critics,

of all that pertains to flags, would describe one of their own fraternity who did not properly masthead a flag as a "dirty sailor." They would be even more contemptuous of a soldier who committed the same offence, though they might, possibly, regard it as only what was to be expected from a landsman.

Let the Army see to it, therefore, that in future the flag is flown in a manner that is worthy of it, and that affords no scope for captious critics. Let us keep it literally bright and unspotted, as well as metaphorically. Think of what it represents, of all the gallant Irishmen who have fought and died beneath its folds, of the millions of our race who will view it with pride in the years to come—and see that it is worthy of its symbolism.

## ARMY'S SAMHAIN CELEBRATIONS.

The Gaels in the Army have decided to celebrate the Irish festival of Samhain in a fitting manner. On October 28th a concert will be given in the Theatre Royal, to which many of Ireland's leading artistes will contribute, amongst them the world-renowned Irish tenor, Frank Mullings.

On Samhain Eve (October 31st) a Ceilidhe and Dance will take place in La Scala Theatre, and a splendid night is promised to all who attend. The dance music will be supplied by Mr. Clarke Barry's famous orchestra, and the catering will be in the hands of the La Scala management.

Both functions are under the auspices of the Fainne na nOglách, the organisation which was formed some months ago to foster Gaelic ideals in the Army, and which has already done a great deal to forward the cause of the language.

A good attendance of members of the Army and of the general public is expected. The entertainment on both occasions merits the patronage of all music-lovers and those interested in the revival of the native language and customs. Further details appear in our advertising columns.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Remittances for each issue's sales should be forwarded to reach this office not later than the second Tuesday after date of publication. Returns (unsold copies) should be forwarded within the same period.

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Some of the Distributing Agents throughout the Army have sent us remittances and "returns" for No. 15 with a businesslike promptness that deserves every praise. We hope the others will emulate their example in regard to this issue.

Where remittances are due for two consecutive numbers, **no further supplies will be forwarded until the account is paid.** This step is necessary by reason of the new conditions under which the Army Journal is being produced.

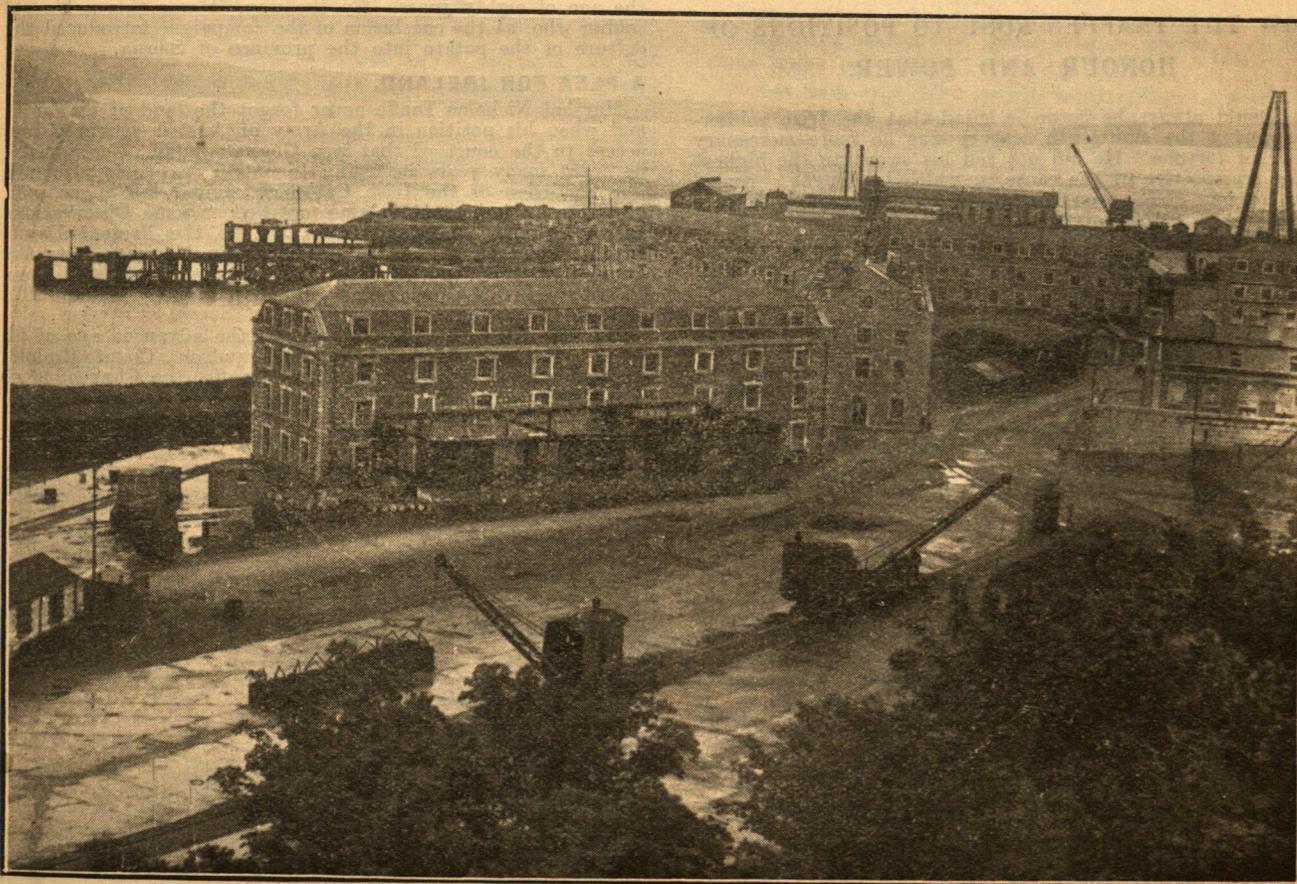
## CAPTAIN WHELAN'S HANDBALL TRIUMPH.

Followers of Handball in the Army will be glad to learn that the Army Handball Champion, Capt. B. Whelan, Curragh, proved victorious in a contest for a gold medal over T. Dowd, Clondalkin. The first portion of the match was played at Ballymore Eustace Court on 16/9/'23, and resulted in a draw—3 games each. The second portion was played at Clondalkin on 30/9/'23, when Capt. Whelan, playing right-hand, won easily.



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# Haulbowline as it is To-Day



“ An t-Oglach ” Exclusive Photograph taken from the Signal Tower.

## SHRAPNEL

This week we salute the correspondent who addressed the Editor as “ Dear Sir, or Madam.”

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Second place is awarded to the soldier who rang up to expedite the answer to a query which he had sent in to the Information Bureau, and, when asked for his *nom de plume*, gave his telephone number!

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All the best people are moving to the cellars. “ An t-Oglach ” has now acquired a store there. But, please sir, it wasn't us what chalked on the door of the Dark Room, “ A Black Outlook.”

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The Orderly who, when he was asked if he did it, replied, “ The answer is in the negative,” is now convalescent, according to the latest bulletin from St. Bricin's.

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We do not like that young officer who came into the Editorial sanctum the other day inquiring for a dictionary, and who, when told that we did not possess such a thing, replied, as he went out, “ No; I might have known.”

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We wish to emphatically contradict the rumour that we are about to emulate an evening contemporary and inaugurate a beauty competition for all ranks.

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Nor are we about to start a “ hidden treasure ” hunt. For three reasons: the first is that we haven't got the “ doings ” (Chorus from the audience: “ Never mind the other two.”)

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To ensure combustion two classes of coal are mixed for the

G.H.Q. grates—half and half. This office seems to have been getting the wrong half, somehow.

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Poking amongst the 1798 records of the British in the cellar next to ours the other day, we came upon an impassioned appeal from the officer commanding the forces that established the Marathon record from Castlebar. He was asking for new accoutrements, uniforms, etc., to replace the gear they discarded on the way. Apparently, they saved nothing except their skins.

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And the military authorities at the Castle were quite snuffy about it. They were asking a whole lot of awkward questions. Seemed to as peeved as the people who backed Beckett the other day.

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They had no typewriters in those far-off days. Or Typists. Save for battle, murder and sudden death, the times were quite peaceful.

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Talking of typewriters. People in a certain office tried to effect running repairs without calling in the expert. And when at last he was summoned he asked: “ How many flights did you say it fell?”

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The old-established winter pastime of swopping the dud electric bulb in your office for the good one in your neighbour's—when he isn't looking—is now in full swing in all barracks. But how did they get at the high ones on the roof-landings?

## THE IRISH IN AUSTRIA

### HOW THE TAAFFES ROSE TO POSITIONS OF HONOUR AND POWER.

It should always be borne in mind that the Irish soldier-exile during the eighteenth century was no mere mercenary soldier of fortune. He did not sell his sword to the highest bidder irrespective of the cause in which he fought. Exiled from his own country on account of his Faith, he took care to enter the service of the Catholic nations, and it is an acknowledged fact that the Irish soldier on the Continent was no roystering swashbuckler given to a life of sordid looseness. A high standard of manners and conduct was uniformly maintained by those soldiers which won high honour for their country, and prominence for themselves both on the tented field and in the Courts of France, Spain and Austria.

The Kings of Austria were from time to time served by no fewer than six Irish Marshals, besides thousands of officers and soldiers, and in this connection it might be observed that the family of Taaffe gave more famous men to the service of Austria than any one of the great families of that country. Two of the most distinguished members of the Taaffe family were Irish born, and deserve a niche in our gallery of "Irishmen of Action."

#### FROM BALLYMOTE.

Francis, fourth Viscount Taaffe, a native of Ballymote, Co. Sligo, was the first of his family to take service in the Austrian Army. He, in company with the other members of his family, was obliged to leave his native land during the Cromwellian War, and was sent to the University at Olmutz, where he completed his education. After acting in a minor official capacity in the Court of the Austrian Emperor, he obtained a commission in a cavalry regiment, and saw service at the siege of Bonn, and in the engagements at Sanzheim and Mulhasen.

He was next employed by Prince Charles of Lorraine as envoy to the Poles, but his mission proving futile he re-entered the Army, and obtained rapid promotion. During the battles of Goldschener and Altenheim, he repeatedly distinguished himself, and when, in the declining years of the seventeenth century, the Turks made a determined effort to overrun Eastern Europe, General Francis Taaffe proved himself a tower of strength to the Austrian Army. He showed consummate ability when in command of the vanguard at Petronel, and again at the relief of Vienna did this Irish exile prove to the nations of Europe the military genius of his race. To such an extent was Taaffe's abilities as a soldier known that James II. sent the young Duke of Berwick to the Continent for the completion of his military education; he especially counselled him to make the acquaintance and study the methods of Francis Taaffe, the Austrian General.

#### FOR THE HOUSE OF LORRAINE.

When Prince Charles of Lorraine died in the year 1690, he recommended his son to the care of General Taaffe, and nobly did the Irishman fulfil his trust. When the peace of Ryswick was concluded, Francis Taaffe, who represented the Lorraine interest, saw to it that the ancestral dominions of his young charge were restored. As a mark of recognition for his services he was appointed Governor of Nantes, and Prime Minister of Lorraine. In 1697 he was raised to the rank of Field Marshal, and is said to have paid a secret visit to the land of his birth. Francis Taaffe died in extreme old age, and was succeeded in his titles by his nephew, Theobald Taaffe, who, in his turn, became a soldier of Austria.

When Theobald Taaffe answered the last roll-call, he was succeeded by Nicholas Taaffe, of Crean's Castle, Co Sligo. Nicholas rode beside Sarsfield when that incomparable leader smashed William's siege train at Ballyneety, and had sailed from Limerick with his gallant host. The service of Austria offering many inducements to the young Sligo soldier, he journeyed across Europe, and placed his sword at the disposal of the Emperor. Years of hard fighting saw him rise to the rank of Major-General, and eventually to the dignity of Count of the Empire. During the seven years' war he

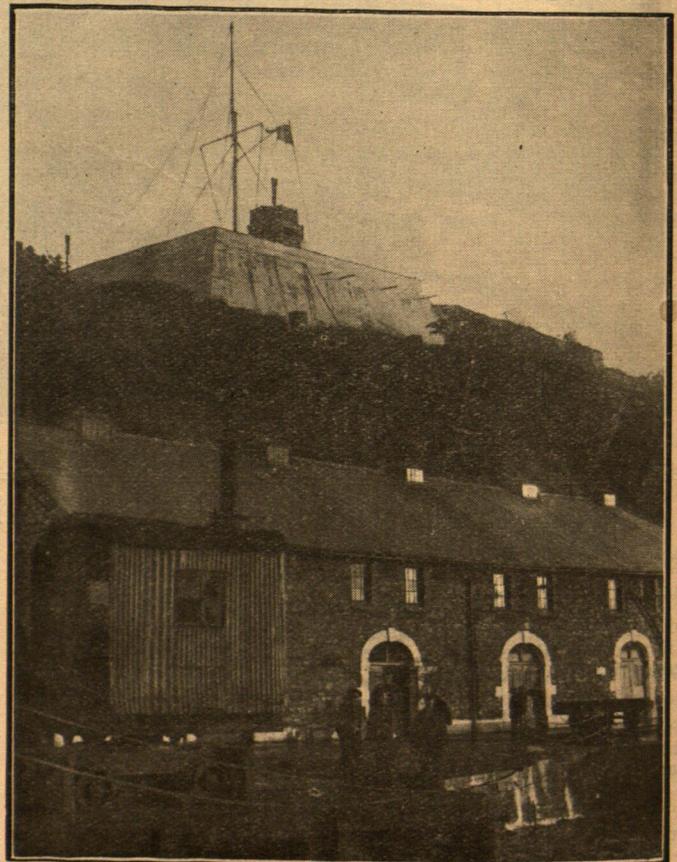
repeatedly distinguished himself, and on the stricken field of Kolin he rallied the cavalry, although he had then attained the age of eighty years. By the way, it was this noble old soldier who, at the conclusion of the campaign, introduced the culture of the potato into the province of Silesia.

#### A PLEA FOR IRELAND.

Marshal Nicholas Taaffe never forgot the land of his birth, and when his position in the Army of Austria procured him access to the court of that wee German laddie, George III., he spent many years in trying to obtain justice for Ireland. The condition of the Irish Catholics excited his anger, and he wrote an important volume, entitled, "Some Observations on the Affairs of Ireland from 1691 to the Present Day." In this book he showed in no uncertain language how the Penal Laws affected the Irish Catholics, and contrasted their severity with the comparative mildness shown by William III. and the Protestant States of Europe.

Marshal Taaffe died in Bohemia at the advanced age of 92 years. He was succeeded by his grandson, Count Rudolf, who was the grandfather of Count Taaffe, the Chancellor of Austria for close on fourteen years.

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Haulbowline Signal Post, photographed from the deck of a Patrol Boat.

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THE GAME OF CHESS  
THAT CAUSED  
THE BATTLE OF CLONTARF.

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## THE OFFICERS' BUREAU.

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

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

### Esprit de Corps.

Last week we dealt with the importance of Tradition to an Army. Next to tradition as an asset and incentive to any Army comes *Esprit de Corps*. Tradition is to be taken, in a general sense, as being the heirloom of the entire Army. Every Corps and department shares alike in the rich inheritance. *Esprit de corps* is to be taken, in a particular sense, as being the heirloom of the individual corps, regiment, unit, and department. It, too, is a rich inheritance. It is, in fact, the very essence and foundation of Tradition. Without it there could be no tradition. Had it not been for the Dublin Guards it might have been possible for the Irish Army to have achieved the unique record of having built up a splendid Tradition without *esprit de corps*. The Guards were the pioneers of this essential quality in the Irish Army.

The Officer imbued with the right spirit will labour at all times, and under all circumstances, to make his Command the crack Corps of the Army. In this way the quality, if I may so term it, of *esprit de corps* will run through the whole Army. The ambition of the Battalion Commander will always be to make his Battalion the crack Battalion of the Line; and each Company Commander will aim to make his Company the premier Company of the Battalion. A Battalion imbued with *esprit de corps* will be healthy, efficient and soldierly. Its Officers need never fear an inspection, a test, or competition. It will be always up to the mark.

Again, as with Tradition, this spirit of the Corps is the peculiar province of the Officer. Its initiation lies with him. Where the Officers of a Corps begin to initiate this great soldierly spirit, the N.C.O.'s and men will quickly and gladly follow. And it is a very striking fact that in matters of this sort the instincts of the men are always right. Given the lead they will always and quickly develop a keen *esprit de corps*. Occasionally the men are the first to initiate, but, generally speaking, it lies with the Officers.

An Officer not imbued with this spirit has missed his vocation; and the sooner he changes it the better for the Service. He is as sorry a spectacle as a man bereft of family honour. He is a stain upon the escutcheon of the Army.

Now that Ireland's Standing Army is about to be organised on a strictly professional footing we may look for an early and rapid development, amongst all ranks, of the spirit to which we have alluded. The formation of the Standing Army upon the basis of Battalions, Regiments, Squadrons, Batteries, etc., lends itself very readily and naturally to the development of this pride of unit. And until it has been intelligently fostered by the Officers the Irish Army will never be a real live, palpitating, red-blooded, national institution.

### A Great Truth.

It must continually be insisted upon in military history, that general actions, however decisive, are but the functions of campaigns; and that campaigns, in their turn, are but the functions of the political energies of the Governments whose Armies are engaged.

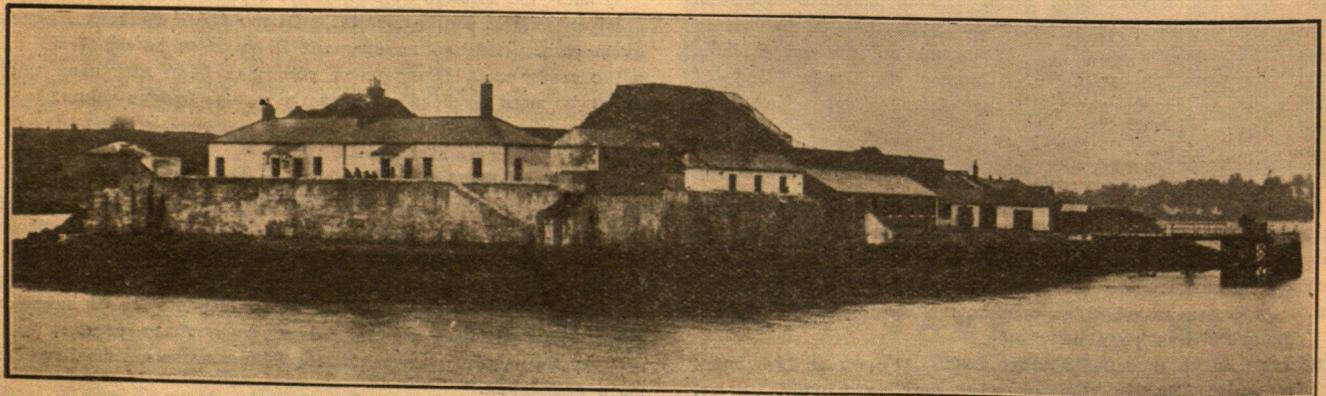
The object of a campaign is invariably a political object, and all its military effort is, or should be, subsidiary to that political object.

One community desires to impose upon the future a political condition which another community rejects; or each is attempting to impose upon the future conditions irreconcilable one with the other. Until we know what these conditions are, or what is the political objective of each opponent, we cannot decide upon the success of a campaign, or give its true position in history.

Thus, to take the crudest and simplest case, a nation or its Government determines to annex the territory of a neighbour; that is, to subject a neighbouring community to the laws of the conqueror. That neighbouring community and its Government, if they are so old-fashioned as to prefer freedom, will resist by force of arms, and there will follow what is called a "campaign." In this campaign the political object of the attempted conquest on the one hand, and of resistance to it on the other, are the issue. The military aspect is subsidiary to its political objects, and we judge of its success or failure not in military but in political terms.

In a word, it is the business of the serious student in military history—and of necessity every Officer must be a serious student in military history—to reverse the popular and dramatic conception of war, to neglect the brilliance and local interest of a battle for the larger view of the whole operations; and, again, to remember that these operations are not an end in themselves, but are only designed to serve the political plan of the Government which has commanded them.

This is a very simple and easily grasped, but, at the same time, a much misunderstood definition of a great truth. Applying this test to the Irish Army, let us ask ourselves how has it succeeded against (1) the external enemy, and (2) the internal enemy? This is a question that may, with great profit, be debated in the Mess. Working out the answer will give to the Officer a new understanding of and a greater reverence for the wonderful Tradition which the Irish Army has built up in a matter of six or seven years.



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Rocky Island, Cobh, photographed from Haulbowline.

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## ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

### Meeting of Executive Council—Formation of Golfing Association—Boxing Championships—Warning to Members of A.A.A.

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Army Athletic Association was held at Portobello Barracks on Monday, 1st October. Present:—Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, Vice-Chairman; Comdt. Duffy, Kerry; Captains Shore and Cooney, Waterford; Captain Chisholm, Independent Services; Captain Keogh, Cork; Lieut. Cork, Special Infantry Corps; Captain Kiely, Athlone; Colonel Glennon, Donegal; Colonel Brennan, Claremorris; Captain O'Doherty, and Comdt. Colgain.

Reports received from the 14 Athletic Commands. The reports show that great progress has been made in Athletic circles since the formation of the Organisation. Practically all Commands have played off their Inter-Company and Inter-Battalion Championships. All Commands have held their Command Athletic Sports, and the different Committees are now at work organising indoor games and amusements for the winter months.

#### Golfing Association.

A deputation consisting of Major-General O'Daly and Captain Stapleton came before the meeting asking for permission to form a Golfing Association within the Army Athletic Association.

Major-General O'Daly emphasised the necessity for such an Organisation, and pointed to the fact that owing to the little interest taken in the game in the country, no Irishman of outstanding merit had come to the fore in late years.

Captain Stapleton, who played a prominent part in helping to place Kilkenny at the head of the Hurling Counties in Ireland, stated that although he was anxious to foster Golf within the Army, his main endeavours would be to place Hurling on the highest possible plane. Colonels Glennon and Byrne and Captain Chisholm also joined in the debate.

Permission was given by the Executive Council for the formation of such an Organisation, the Secretary of the Golfing Association to present Scheme of Organisation to the Executive Council for their next meeting.

#### Presentation Medals.

Application was made by the G.H.Q. Command Secretary for 6 Gold Medals for presentation to the winning team in the recent Army Golf Championships.

It was decided to present 6 Gold Medals to the G.H.Q. winners of the Championship, and 6 Silver Medals with gold centres to the Curragh, runners-up in the Competition.

#### Boxing Champions.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Secretary of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association, and to invite the Irish Amateur Champions to meet the Army Champions in the near future.

Applications were received from several Boxing Instructors for position as Instructor to the Army. Same were deferred to next meeting.

Permission was given the Cork Command to hold a Boxing Tournament in the month of November.

The Curragh Command informed the Executive Council that it was their intention to hold Boxing Tournaments every second week during the coming season. Any Officers or men anxious to take part in those competitions are requested to communicate with Colonel Byrne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp.

#### The Day of Reckoning.

A communication was received from the Quartermaster-General in reference to old accounts due in respect of requisites for athletes, incurred by a Sports' Committee at Beggar's Bush Barracks early in 1922.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to pay same.

The Secretary was directed to issue instructions to Command Secretaries as follows:—

- (1) Command Secretaries to procure audited Balance Sheets from Battalion Councils.
- (2) Battalion Secretaries to procure audited Balance Sheets from Company Secretaries.
- (3) Immediate steps to be taken by Command Secretaries to ensure that all outstanding accounts are immediately paid.
- (4) A full report to be forwarded to the Secretary, Army Athletic Association, not later than October the 15th, stating the exact financial position of Battalions and Companies.

#### Warning to Boxers.

The attention of the Executive Council was drawn to report of the Boxing Tournament, held at Dundalk, appearing in the daily Press. The Executive Council desire it to be known that their permission was not given for the holding of such Tournament, and again desire to repeat a former warning that any members of the Army Athletic Association taking part in Professional Boxing Tournaments are debarred from participating in any of the Competitions organised by the Army Athletic Association.

### HOISTING THE FLAG.

Special attention is directed to the fact that all flags must be hoisted fully to the top of the mast.

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# A FALL AT THE FIRST FENCE

## Custom and Excise Examination Sketch.

By a Candidate.

It was the morning of the 14th of August, an eventful day. As well as being the opening day of the great Horse Show, it was the day of the Customs and Excise Examination, when a number of Army candidates were to attend at the University, Earlsfort Terrace, to try conclusions with the pen. Success meant a good job for fifty of the candidates.

Never before was I so proud and confident as when wending my way to the University. Yes, University. No wonder I was proud. I was full of knowledge on that morning. From Einstein's "Theory" to Joyce's "Concise History of Ireland," I had on my finger tips. I could quote Shakespeare, Bacon, Byron, and the bould Phelim Brady, the Bard of Armagh. In fact, I was prepared to sit for my B.A. It was going to be a sure ninety, let alone fifty, per cent. marks for me and a good job. What more did I want. It was to be the beginning of a great career for me. I began making plans for the future. I was going to make a name for myself.

At 9.30 a.m. I arrived at the University. I think I was one of the last to arrive, for everywhere I looked I saw squads of candidates. I found them in quiet possession of the building, which, I learned, they took without an attack. Excepting a small attacking party of women who were engaged making a desperate and combined onslaught on the unoffensive brasses of the doors, there was nothing in the nature of an attack to report.

### A Pleasant Meeting.

Close on two hundred candidates—all in multi—were assembled there on that morning. They presented a striking appearance, no doubt. A cheerful body of well-groomed, well-set-up young men, who did credit to our Army. If appearance counted in that examination, nobody failed. It was a pleasant meeting. Pals met, and there was much handshaking. Old times and deeds were discussed and inquiries made.

Eventually the examination became the general topic. Speculation was rife, excitement high, and rumour was busy. I could see that all were bent on business. And be it known, so was I. I was a sound trier. One individual endeavoured to discourage me with the remark that the fifty vacancies were already filled. Another came along with his belief that the examination was all "eyewash," and that we had lost our money (five shillings entrance fee).

With my usual display of intelligence, I soon killed these rumours and relieved their minds. I reminded them that this was not a Corporation examination, but an examination arranged at the instance of the Army Authorities, and that as it was the first of its kind, there was no proof in support of such rumours. I further argued that the Army Authorities were quite satisfied with what the forfeitures and the fines were bringing them in without wishing to hit our pockets in this manner. No. It was all piffle. Nothing was going to shake my optimism.

### The First Blunder.

It was now close on ten, the time the examination was to commence. The Superintendent appeared and beckoned us into the examination room. Everyone had to sign the register as he entered. I whipped out my pen to do so. It spat and made a splash over my signature. This was the first blunder. I took my seat and awaited my paper, and, like the rest around me, I endured that eagerness and suspense that grip you as you await the "Stop Press" to come along with the racing result. The Superintendent was slow with the papers—the newsboy would give him tons. When he did reach me he let my paper fall on the ground. More delay and suspense, thought I, as I stooped and picked it up. He didn't apologize.

Having got my paper I settled down to business. I saw by it that I had to write two essays—one of a descriptive nature, and that I got two hours to do so. On looking down the subjects my eyes fastened on the bogey—Prohibition. I thought for a moment, and remembered seeing the same

subject on another Army examination paper. I immediately became suspicious of the Government's intentions. It was feeling our pulses, I thought, on the Prohibition question with a view to introducing legislation, and thereby depriving me of my favourite beverage. I saw the move, and began to lose my good opinion of the Government. I became careless, grasped my pen and denounced Prohibition and the Government in strong and copious terms. I recognised my pen here could do more good than my vote elsewhere. My Refresher was at stake, and I was out in its defence. I was doing splendidly. My arguments were convincing. My logic was perfect. And my denunciation was fierce. The Government was bound to desist. A few more minutes and my conclusion was added, and my essay finished. My object was attained. The Government was enlightened. Prohibition was dead. I killed it.

### Tricked by Time.

With an air as if I had written a masterpiece, I lifted my paper to look over my good work. I had scarcely scanned the introduction when the Superintendent announced that we had only twenty minutes more to go. I threw down my paper. Looked at the clock. It was the first time I did so. What a neglect! I was now to pay for it. Only twenty minutes more to go, and another essay to be written. Could I do it? I must, else I was ruined. Time had played a nasty trick on me.

I became reckless, snatched my pen, flashed my eyes down the subjects, selected one, and in a few minutes my pen was breaking all records in speed. Time was flying, and so was my pen. It was a great race. I was going great guns, when smash went my nib. Time again took the lead, but, my nib renewed, I set out after it. I was gaining and gaining until I caught up on it. Got my head—pen I mean—in front. Kept it there. And won. My essay was finished. The hour struck. It was a famous victory.

The excitement now over, I gave a hasty glance over that twenty minutes' essay. What an essay! I was excited when writing it. I was calm now when reading it. My hopes began to fade. I saw everything but the punctuation—it wasn't there. The spelling resembled printers' "pie." The writing was like a lot of parallelograms with tails sticking out. And for the grammar—I'd be checked for it in Ringsend. Can you imagine what that piece of composition was like? Despair crept into me. I saw my downfall. Two hours previously I was so confident. I laughed at failure. Now, in the first subject of the examination, I came down. Yes, I fell at the first fence.

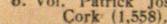
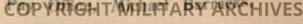
What unlucky omen had crossed my path that morning and brought this calamity over me? There was something. For, first of all, there was that splash over my signature. Then, my pen breaking. Next, my unusual forgetfulness to look at the clock. And now—worse than all—my complete failure. Yes, there must be something. I tried to think. Couldn't. I gave it up.

Resigned to my ill-luck, I folded my paper, sealed it in the envelope provided, and wrote my number on it. I paused. Fixed my eyes on the envelope. Like a flash, I realised the cause of my misfortune. It never dawned on me before. I cursed. Looked at my number again. It contained the unlucky 13.

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE EXAM.

### OFFICIAL LIST OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

The following is a list of the successful candidates in the recent Customs and Excise Examination confined to members of the Army. The figures in brackets represent the total marks gained out of a possible 2,100:—

1. Ex-Lieut.-Com. Leo Murphy, No. 1 Brigade, 3rd Northern Division (1,666).
2. Vol. John Francis Doody, "A" Coy., 11th Inf. Batt., Nenagh (1,644).
3. O.R. Sergt. John Michael O'Connell, H.Q., 11th Inf. Batt., Nenagh (1,625).
4. Sergt. Charles Patrick Fennessy, Emmer Barracks, Clonmel (1,591).
5. Sergt. Michael John Gill, Chief Transport Office, Gormanstown Camp (1,582).
6. Vol. Patrick Joseph Costello, Sub-District,  

## TALLAGHT POINTS THE WAY Good Work Done by Joint Games and Amusements' Committee.

In Tallaght Camp, the Training Depot of the Army Corps of Engineers, are also quartered details of the Chemical and Salvage Corps. A joint Games' and Amusements' Committee, composed of representatives of the three Units in the Depot, was recently formed. As well as working hard to foster and organise outdoor games, the Committee has made great steps towards making the life of the soldier in camp more pleasant and comfortable. A Recreation Room is being fitted with various indoor games—it is hoped that a billiard table will soon be available. A Library is also being established where newspapers and instructive books can be procured free of charge. Weekly concerts are being arranged, and, judging from the quality of the talent available in the Camp, the Committee will have no difficulty in arranging excellent musical programmes. The Committee are very fortunate in having at their disposal the services of Father O'Callaghan, the Depot Chaplain, who has done such great work in many spheres for our soldiers.

How well the Committee has done its work was reflected in the first-class programme arranged for Wednesday, 4th October.

In the afternoon was staged a very keenly-contested and sporting hurling match between teams representing the Army Corps of Engineers and the Artillery Corps. Play reached a very high standard, and evident on both teams were a few stalwarts who have more than one All-Ireland medal to their credit. The scores were fairly equal until the concluding stages, when the "Gunnery" effective bombardment of the Engineers' positions resulted in their winning by 3 goals 5 points to 3 goals 1 point.

In the evening a Boxing Tournament was held, and, for an initial venture, was highly successful. The bouts were carried through in a very efficient manner, and in almost every case the quality of the boxing was extraordinarily good, especially in view of the fact that most of the competitors had only been training for a few days.

Major-General C. F. Russell, Officer Commanding the Corps of Engineers, was present; also Col. W. J. Stapleton, O.C. Training Depot. Comdt. S. Irwin officiated as M.C.; Lieut. Berney was referee, and Capt. H. Kenny and S.M. Flood were the judges; S.M. Maher was timekeeper. There was a large attendance, both military and civilian. The results of the various bouts are appended:—

Vol. Ryan (No. 5 Company) beat Vol. Fitzgerald (No. 2 Company) on points; Vol. Doherty (No. 5 Company) beat Cpl. Venter (Fatigues Company) on points; Cpl. Byrne (Maintenance Company) k.o. Vol. McGeown (No. 3 Company) 2nd round; Vol. McMullan (No. 3 Company) beat Vol. Masterson (No. 4 Company) on points; Vol. Morrissey (No. 3 Company), and Vol. Condon (Employment Company) fought a draw. This was a hotly-contested bout, and a draw was a fair decision. Vol. Carroll (Maintenance Company) beat Vol. Kelly (Employment Company) on points; Vol. Gannon (No. 2 Company) forced Vol. Doyle (Chemical Corps) to retire in the second round; Vol. Murray (No. 4 Company) beat Vol. St. John (No. 1 Company) on points; Vol. Toal (No. 1 Company) beat Vol. McCann (No. 4 Company) on points.

Judging by the quality of the boxing at this show, some of the Army champions will have to look to their laurels in the near future.

7. Lieut. Sean O'Hehir, Batt. Pay Officer, 34th Inf. Batt., Tuam (1,539).
8. Sergt. Michael Patrick Morrison, M.T. Stores Dept., Gormanstown Camp (1,538).
9. Vol. Gerald Michael Cooke, Q.M.'s Office, A.S.C. Barracks, Curragh (1,531).
10. Lieut. James Bowes, Chemical Dept., Portobello Barracks (1,528).
11. Lieut. Thomas Ryan, Chief of Staff's Dept., G.H.Q. (1,522).
12. O.R. Sergt. James Thomas Finucane, Union Barracks, Westport (1,518).
13. Sergt. Michael Patrick O'Flynn, Military Barracks, Headford, Co. Galway (1,516).
14. Vol. Charles Molphy, Stationery Office, Portobello Barracks (1,510).
15. S.-Major Brendan Domhnall McDevitt, A/C's Office, Collins Barracks (1,485).
16. Lieut. Cornelius Moynihan, O.T.C., A.S.C. Barracks, Curragh (1,484).
17. Vol. Martin McNamara, Army Pay Corps, Portobello Barracks (1,480).
18. Ex-Lieut. Padraig O'Conghaile, Cavan Military Barracks, 3rd Brigade, 5th Northern Division (1,478).
19. Comdt. Michael Christopher Connolly, O.T.C., A.S.C. Barracks, Curragh Camp (1,474).
20. Sergt. James A. J. O'Hanrahan, Legal Dept., Strand Barracks, Limerick (1,459).
21. Vol. John Sheehan, H.Q., Beresford Barracks, Curragh (1,457).
22. Capt. Patrick J. Duffy, O.T.C., A.S.C. Barracks, Curragh (1,452).
23. Ex-Vol. Patrick Harty, No. 2 Brigade, Tipperary (1,446).
24. Capt. James McGinley, Finner Camp, Ballyshannon (1,443).
25. Ex-Sergt. Thomas G. O'Loughlin, 1st Western Division (1,432).
26. Lieut. Michael Fergus O'Brien, Ballybricken Prison, Waterford (1,427).
27. Sergt. James Jones Johnston, The Hospital, Griffith Barracks (1,413).
28. Vol. Edward McGuire, Governor General's Residence (1,398).
29. Sergt. Edward A. Grace, Emmet Barracks, Clonmel (1,394).
30. Sergt. Patk. J. Brennan, Army Signal Corps, Michael Barracks, Cork (1,392).
31. Lieut. Michael Paul Meany, Home Barracks, Ennis (1,382).
32. Sergt. Martin H. Gill, M.T. Stores, Gormanstown Camp (1,380).
33. Capt. Daniel O'Carroll, 38th Inf. Batt., Mallow (1,374).
34. Coy. Sergt. Thomas Brassil, Army Pay Corps, Portobello (1,366).
35. Vol. Patk. G. Devine, H.Q. 22nd Batt., Boyle (1,355).
36. Sergt. Frederick T. Reaney, A.P.C., Command Pay Office, Tralee (1,351).
37. Ex-Cpl. James Jos. Grealy, Infantry (Quartermaster's Dept.) (1,339).
38. Vol. Michael S. Tighe, Army Pay Corps (1,332).
39. Lieut. Neil Collins, Claims Office, H.Q. Claremorris Command (1,320).
40. Vol. Michael O'Muireadhaigh, Roinn Cuntair, Portobello (1,317).
41. Capt. Padraig MacArtain, Drumboe Castle, Stranorlar (1,316).
42. Sergt. John Joseph Droughton, H.Q. Coy., Custume Barracks, Athlone (1,312).
43. Capt. Joseph Gerard Power, Collinstown Camp, Cloghran, Co. Dublin (1,309).
44. Vol. Edward Power, Command I.O.'s Office, Custume Barracks (1,298).
45. Vol. Francis A. Fahey, 62nd Batt., Ponsobny Barracks, Curragh (1,295).
46. Vol. Thomas G. Carroll, 7th Batt., Mary St. Barracks, Limerick (1,294).
47. Vol. Thomas J. P. Daly, Office of A.P.M., Adamson Castle, Athlone (1,283).
48. Vol. Christopher Galligan, Military Barracks, Mohill, Co. Leitrim (1,263).
49. Vol. William N. White, Command Pay Office, Emmet Barracks, Clonmel (1,262).
50. O.R. Sergt. James Richard Ryan, Orderly Room, 5th Inf. Batt., Custume Barracks (1,253).
51. Vol. James F. Fenton, Adjutant's Office, H.Q. 9th Inf. Batt., Caherciveen (1,246).
52. Lieut. Domhnall P. Landers, Claims Office, Collins Barracks (1,244).
53. Ex-2/Lieut. William Breen, 50th Inf. Batt. (1,242).
- Vol. John J. Harty, Wireless Station, Ballymullen Barracks (1,242).

The following are extracts from Reports of Centre Superintendents regarding the examinations:—  
 Dublin I.—"Conduct, &c., of candidates excellent."  
 Dublin II.—"Conduct of candidates excellent."  
 Limerick.—"Owing to the exceptionally good conduct of the candidates everything passed off without a hitch."  
 Claremorris.—"The conduct of the students was excellent, and no irregularities occurred."  
 Athlone.—"Conduct excellent."  
 Clonmel.—"The candidates were keen, well-behaved young men; not once during the entire examination had I the slightest grounds for complaint."  
 Tralee.—"The conduct of the candidates was very good—all seeming earnest young men."

### DEMobilised OFFICERS.

#### SURRENDER OF KIT ON LEAVING THE ARMY.

The following General Staff, Staff Duties Memo. No. 1, was issued on 3rd October:—

"Consequent on the terms of Defence Order No. 28, Demobilisation Notices will be served through the General Officers Commanding Commands, or the Officers Commanding Corps, or the Heads of Departments, in which Officers to be demobilised are serving. The General or other Officer through whom the notice is served will see that all military equipment—uniform, kit, weapons, &c.—is collected prior to the demobilised Officer's departure.

"Arms surrendered will be handed over to Command Ordnance Officer, who will be responsible for making accurate returns to Chief Ordnance Officer of all weapons so received. Uniforms, kits, etc., will be handed over to Command Quartermaster, who will in turn forward with covering lists in duplicate, all articles so received to Chief Supplies Officer, Island Bridge Barracks. The Chief Ordnance Officer and the Chief Supplies Officer will furnish to G.S.O. (1) i/c Staff Duties, lists of all surrendered articles in respect of each demobilised Officer.

"Officers of the Volunteer Officers Reserve will be furnished with their uniforms and leather equipment by the Chief Supplies Officer as soon as the latter has been notified by G.S.O. (1) i/c Staff Duties that their application for enrolment have been sanctioned.

When Washington's army starved at Valley Forge, and it appeared as if the cause of American Liberty was about to be crushed, thirty Irishmen in the town of Philadelphia raised about half a million dollars and relieved the wants of the hard pressed troops. It is believed that the action of those Irish exiles saved the situation for Washington.

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# CHESS AND DRAUGHTS

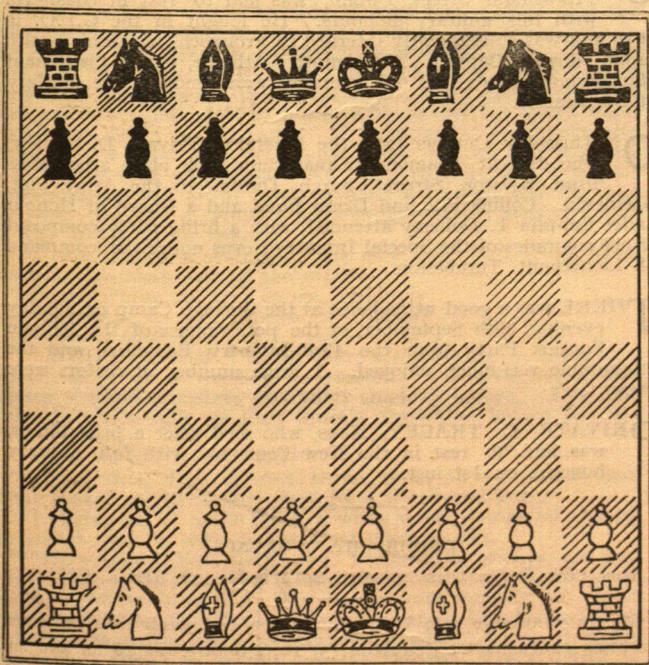
We will spend ten minutes this week on a few points in which beginners frequently go wrong, and in explaining the manner in which moves are recorded.

The board is always placed with a white square at each player's right-hand side. Beginners frequently set the board sideways and this tends to spoil your play.

The Queen at the start of a game is always placed on a square of her own colour, nearest the centre of the board, on the rank nearest the player.

The illustration shows how the pieces are placed at beginning of game.

There are several ways of describing the moves, but the method now almost universally adopted is to call each file, i.e., each row of squares running vertically between the players, by the name of the major piece placed on it at beginning of play (pawns are not major pieces). It will be noted that there are two Rooks, and to distinguish them they are called, according as they are placed on the King's or Queen's side of the board, King's Rook or Queen's Rook. Thus the white squares at the right-hand corner is called the King's Rook Square or King's Rook 1, written K.R.1 (i.e., the first square on the Rook's file). The pawn immediately in front of this is placed on King's Rook 2, written K.R.2.



Now, the most difficult part to get hold of, or rather to remember, is that each side notes its square from its own side. When White plays, its moves are recorded as if you were looking at the Board from White's side; when Black plays, the move is recorded as if looking at it from Black's side. You will see, therefore, that each Square has two numbers—what is King's Rook 1 (K.R.1) when White plays is K.R.8 (King's Rook 8) when Black plays.

In writing a move the square from which a piece moves is not mentioned. The piece moved is named, and the square to which it is moved. Thus P—K4 means that the pawn in front of the King has been moved to the 4th Square on the King's side.

You will frequently come across a move such as Knight to Bishop 3 (Kt.—B3). Now, as there are two Knights, this may appear puzzling. You will always find that only one move is possible. For instance, if a game starts:

White.  
1 P—K4  
2 Kt—KB3

Black.  
P—K4.  
Kt—QB3.

Then 3 Kt—B3 is quite correct. Only one Knight piece can go to B3.

But let us take another example:—

White.  
1 P—Q4  
2 Kt—KB3

Black.  
P—Q4.  
Kt—KB3.

Here, as it is evident that either of White's Knights could get to Q2, it is necessary to accurately indicate which one is to be moved. This is done by giving it its title, thus:

3 Q. Kt.—Q2, that is, Queen's Kt. to Q. 2.

Once you master this method of recording a game, or as it is called, the notation, you are on the high road to the full enjoyment of the game.

It is hoped to make these notes in the next issue much more interesting, but knowledge of the notation will be necessary to follow any game from print. There is no royal road to mastering it. You have to get it by your own work.

## DRAUGHTS.

The Board is placed with the double corner at the right-hand side. It is numbered from Black's side of the Board, starting at bottom right-hand corner, travelling horizontally across Board up to 4, starting again at right-hand side with 5, up to 8, and so on.

The Square from which a piece moves is put down as well as the square to which it moves.

It will be seen that Black, who always moves first, has the choice of 7 moves. They are:

- 12 — 16
- 11 — 16
- 11 — 15
- 10 — 15
- 10 — 14
- 9 — 14
- 9 — 13

White has a similar number of replies. They are:

- 24 — 20
- 24 — 19
- 23 — 19
- 23 — 18
- 22 — 18
- 22 — 17
- 21 — 17

The game is played on the Black, or Dark squares. J.P.M.C.

## BOXING AT THE CURRAGH.

We learn that a special series of Boxing Contests is being arranged at the Curragh for each month during the Winter. The results of the contests which took place on the 4th and 5th inst. were as follows:—

### FIRST NIGHT.

TEN ROUNDS.—Sergt. McCarthy, O.T.C., disqualified in 3rd round and Corpl. Burns, 43rd Battalion, declared winner.

Sergt. Stack, 62nd Battalion, v. Vol. Kidley, H.Q. Staff. After a splendid fight Stack won in the 4th round on a foul. In this case, as in the previous contest, the foul was accidental.

SPECIAL TEN ROUNDS.—Sergt. Darragh, 62nd Battalion, defeated Capt. Wilson, O.T.C., after a keen fight.

Winners in other Contests.—Bantams: Vol. MacDonald. Featherweights: Volunteer Carleton. Lightweights: Capt. Donnelly, O.T.C. Welters: Vol. Struthers, P.A. Middles: Captain Hull, P.A. Heavies: Vol. Kavanagh, 43rd Battalion.

### SECOND NIGHT.

TEN TWO-MINUTE ROUNDS.—Sergt. Brogan, 29th Battalion, defeated Corpl. Joynt, Cork (Army Flyweight Champion), after an excellent fight, in which the Sergeant showed superior ring-craft.

Sergt. Kelleher defeated Vol. Kelleher, Cork (Lightweight Champion of Cork Command) after a close contest. The Sergeant, whilst giving away 12lbs., carried most of the fight, but Kelleher's defence was admirable.

Vol. Coote, Cork (Runner-up for the Army Welterweight Championship) met Vol. Bradley, 62nd Battalion. A gruelling fight was declared a draw.

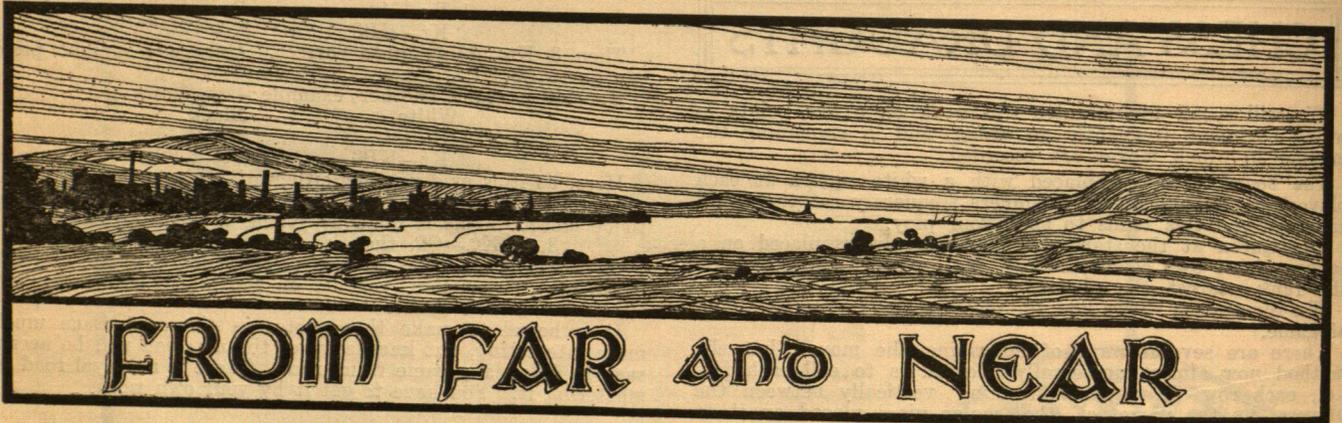
ARMY FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.—Vol. Doyle, Cork, defeated Vol. Lismore, 43rd Battalion, after a stiff struggle.

### ARMY CHAMPION HURLERS DEFEATED AGAIN.

At Cork, on 10th inst., a challenge match between Cork and Limerick Commands was played before a large attendance. The game was stubbornly contested, and some high-class play was witnessed. Cork had a slight advantage all through and won by 3-1 (10 pts.) to 2-2 (8 pts.).

This is the second defeat sustained by the Champions, who were defeated by the Civic Guards team at Limerick.





## FROM FAR AND NEAR

"YOUR Military Defence Forces," said the Governor-General to the Oireachtas, "are passing through a transition period after a struggle in which their gallantry rescued the Nation from chaos. As befit soldiers of the people, they now await the devising by you of their future constitution and establishment, for which purpose a comprehensive measure will be laid before you."

A military Ball took place in the Courthouse, Nenagh, on the night of Tuesday, 2nd inst. Coloured electric lights were utilised in the decorative scheme.

GENERAL MULCAHY stated in the Dail on 3rd inst. that he anticipated an announcement shortly regarding the authority to whom all persons who appeared to have claims under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, should make application. All claims would be dealt with by the one authority.

WHILST the guard was being changed at Amiens Street Central Telegraph Office on the 4th inst. Private Flynn was accidentally shot in the left leg.

A party of military discovered three Mills bombs hidden in a field near Portlaoghise on 1st inst. The bombs were strung together with tricoloured ribbons.

ON the anniversary of the death of Captain Joseph Walsh, killed in ambush between Clonmel and Cahir a year ago, Requiem High Mass was celebrated at his native place, Mullinahone, the Rosary was recited at the graveside, the Last Post was sounded, and three volleys were fired over the grave by troops under Captain O'Farrell.

COLONEL FRANK THORNTON, who was seriously wounded in an ambush near Clonmel a year ago, and whose life was despaired of for a time, has recovered and resumed military duties.

TROOPS discovered a well-equipped dug-out last week in the Killeagh area, Offally.

JAMES BEATTY, Tullamore, who did good work in the I.R.A. during the Anglo-Irish war, and who died last week at an early age, was buried with military honours.

TROOPS quartered in Glenveigh Castle, Tirconaill, have been transferred to Drumboe Castle, Stranorlar.

COLONEL FRAHER, Nenagh, is recovering in the hospital there from a severe attack of pneumonia.

REQUIEM Mass was offered up at his native place, Lahinch, last week on the first anniversary of the death of Captain Donal Lehane, killed in Kerry a year ago. Military honours were rendered at the graveside. The anniversary of the death of Captain Michael Considine, killed at Liskeen, Kilfenora, was similarly commemorated at Doolin.

MAJOR-GENERAL MACSWEENEY, O.C., Army Air Service, Baldonnel, has been present in an unofficial capacity at the Glider trials at Lympne, Kent.

ON Wednesday, 10th inst. Mr. Maurice Tobin, 16 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, was laid to rest in Glasnevin with full military honours. He fought in the G.P.O. in 1916 and was subsequently interned in Frongoch, where his health broke down. Captain McDermott, Athlone, and Lieutenant MacDermott, two of his old comrades were amongst the military at the funeral.

ON Thursday, October 12th, the funeral of Private D. Mooney, who died at Peamount Sanatorium, took place after Mass from Halston Street Church, Dublin, to the Army Plot, Glasnevin. Collins Fife and Drum Band and a Guard of Honour under Captain T. Doherty attended, with a firing party composed of old comrades of the Special Infantry Corps under the command of Lieutenant Tumbleton.

THERE was a good attendance at the Curragh Camp on Sunday evening, 30th September, at the performance of the Killann Concert Party from the 43rd Infantry Battalion, and the programme was much enjoyed. A large number of visitors were present.

PRIVATE C. TRACEY, Naas, who died after a brief illness, was laid to rest in the New Cemetery with full military honours on 1st inst.

### FÁINNE NA n-OSLÁC.

RÚN COIM ÚRÓIN LEIS AN ÁRTO SOLÁCRUIÓE AR BÁS A MÁÉAR.

AS AN SCRUMHUI DEN ÚUAN COISOE DO BAILIGEAD IN ÁRTO ARUS AN AIRM TRÁÉHÓNA DE CEADAOIM (3, 10, 23) DO CURREAD AN RÚN SO LEANAS I ÚPERÓM.

" IS MIAN LINNE, ÚUAN COISOE FÁINNE NA n-OSLÁC, A ÉUR IN IÚL 'OON TAOISEAD IONARO SEAN Ó MURCUILE ZO ÚEUIL FÍOR ÉATU AR ÉAC UÍNN PÉN MBRÓN ASUS ÚUAÓAIRÉ 'OO ÉUIR BÁS A MÁÉAR AIR ; ASUS IS MIAN LINNE ÁR ZCOMBRÓN PÉ NA MÓR ÉAILLEAMHANT 'OO ÉAIRIGINT 'OO.

When the Irish Brigade was dissolved by Louis XVIII, he presented the three surviving regiments with a banner of white silk on which was embroidered an Irish harp surrounded with the emblems of France and Ireland.

The American Declaration of Independence was written by a Derryman named Charles Thompson. It was first printed by an American people by John Nixon, the son of a Waterford exile, and was first printed by William Dunlop of Strabane.

## THE STUFF OF DREAMS.

(A Story of the Anglo-Irish War of 1920-21.)

By A. T. WALSH, Author of "Casey of the I.R.A."

IT was a little private party of young members of both sexes, and the story-telling period had arrived, when the joke books are wont to be filched of their dead. Somebody had told an ancient but rather amusing tale based on the absurdity of dreams, when it came to Captain Murphy's turn to contribute. It was known to most of those present that he was a leader of a Flying Column of I.R.A. in the south during the Anglo-Irish War, and nothing would satisfy them but that he should tell them a tale of those days. After considerable pressing he told them the following extraordinary story:—

"Well," said the Captain, "let it be on your own heads. I'll tell you the story of a dream. As some of you know, I was with a Flying Column serving in County X—. I had, roughly, ten men, sometimes less and sometimes more, in the column. Perhaps the best man of the whole of us was Ned Kinnane. I will try to describe him, but I'm afraid its beyond me. Physically he was small, very thin, and raven black of hair. Not very imposing to look at till you studied his face and eyes. A long, thoughtful face he had and eyes that, you felt, pierced to your very soul. He was no older than us, and yet he never seemed to have been young. He was full of the most whimsical illusions, and yet he seemed to see into the heart of everything. I cannot describe him—one side of him was a child and the other had lived centuries. He hated killing, and yet no man in the county had been in more fights than he had. He was eternally planning fresh 'jobs' and carrying them out in person. I have seen him several times, after carrying out a most effective 'job,' fall to pieces with nerves for hours when we arrived safely at the camp. If it happened to anyone else of us I don't know what we should think, but we had to judge him by different standards. We knew that he had a higher courage than any of us, and perhaps a higher fear on that account. He had a complex personality—highly strung. And he was leader of our column.

"I was second in charge of the men, and Ned spoke more freely to me than any of the others.

"One morning he said to me, suddenly:

"Murphy, do you believe in dreams?"

"I don't, said I."

"Well, sometimes I think there's something in them," he remarked, with a worried expression. "You've heard the phrase—'Coming events cast their shadows before.' I've had a dream which tells me that there's promotion before you before very long."

"What do you mean, Ned?"

"Just this, I've dreamt three times in succession last night that I am to be shot dead by a Black-and-Tan."

"I pretended to make light of what struck me as an absurd statement, but he took no notice of my remarks.

"Of course," Ned continued, "something within me has told me the same thing for a long time, almost as clearly as if somebody spoke it to me. The details were missing but these were supplied by the dreams. Fate seemingly has decided that I shall be shot through a reluctance to 'plug' a man through the back. But I must tell you my dream. Every detail is quite clear up to a certain point. We were going on a 'job' at Cutler's Cross—ten of us—I can give you the name of every man. We left Corrigan behind; there was something the matter with him. We were proceeding cautiously, as usual, and coming near Ballyoon road absolute silence was preserved on our part. It was twelve o'clock noon; I remember looking at my watch as we went out through a whitethorn hedge on to the road. You were next behind me; less than six paces in front of me was a lorry, and three Tans sitting in it with their faces turned away from me. The nearest chap had his back to me. I had my gun in my hand, and for two or three seconds I hesitated to fire. Suddenly the man nearest me swung around like a cat and fired simultaneously from the hip at me. Immediately I felt a great weakness—the world seemed to spin round and there was a roaring in my ears. Everything seemed of awful importance, leading to a terrible crisis, from which there was no escape. A mighty wonder filled me that this was what men called Death. And then I woke up, exhausted to the dregs."

"'Twas a terrible dream, I exclaimed, but I would not allow it to worry me. Dreams, after all, you know, go by the contrary.

"I had that dream, detail for detail, three times running," he continued, unheeding. "I would recognise my future slayer again among a thousand men. He had red curling hair, and a blotchy, puffy face. He had a short, wiry, straw-coloured moustache over a long, bestial mouth. He had small, piggy eyes, with the fear of death in them. No, I shall never forget that face and those terror-stricken eyes."

"If the other fellows heard you talking like this, I laughed, they would surely think you were going mad.

"Perhaps that's what you think, too," he remarked, with a knowing smile. "However, don't trouble to deny it. It looks strange, but remember what Shakespeare said: There are more things in Heaven and earth than are dreamt in our philosophy.' I'm not going to mention the matter to the other chaps. I think it well to tell you, though, as you are likely to fill my shoes and carry on the fight. So prepare!"

He dismissed the subject so abruptly that I did not care to press the discussion further, but, nevertheless, during the next few weeks I often noticed a deep, brooding look settle across Ned's face when he thought himself unobserved."

ONE day, about a month after Ned had confided in me, we received orders to co-operate in certain operations with a column further south. We were instructed to proceed by Cutler's Cross. Moreover, Corrigan got ill and had to be left behind. I can assure you, no matter how I tried, I could not help worrying when I remembered that these incidents were foretold in the Captain's dream. And though he made no reference to the matter, I could see that he realised their significance, too.

"Yet nothing unusual happened after all. We carried out our part of the programme successfully, and I was so delighted that when I got Ned alone that night in the camp I could not forbear poking fun at him over his dream. He took it all in good part, but still there was an enigmatic, meditative expression in his eye that convinced me he was simply humouring me.

"A fortnight or so later, when I had cast my forebodings out of my mind, they were recalled by an order from our H.Q. communicating valuable information and requiring immediate action on our part. As the result of discussion it was decided that the most promising point on which our activity could converge was Cutler's Cross, along which, according to the information, a convoy was to pass some time in the early afternoon. It was the place that had to be fixed on that struck me as savouring of Fate—but, in the circumstances, it was obviously the only choice, for many reasons.

"Extraordinary coincidences do happen sometimes, and one happened that day, as we were starting out. Corrigan fainted and we had to take another man in his place. I can visualise how the Captain felt. I knew that he believed absolutely that he was going out to his death that day, but he acted as usual in every particular. Of course it would have looked absurd to have changed our scheme because of a dream, but nevertheless, although I considered it childish, I wished that we could have put off the 'job' that day.

"Cutler's Cross was about seven miles away, and we proceeded to cross-country towards it. After covering about four miles we came to a disused, deep lane that abutted (the mouth had been for a considerable time hedged in) on a whitethorn-lined byroad. As we neared an opening in the hedge—Ned just in front of me—I saw him with a convulsive gesture look at his wristlet watch. Immediately after he sprang through the opening, his rifle at the 'ready.' I saw his face, as he turned it swiftly to the right, suddenly grow tense with horror. Up his rifle went to his shoulder, and before I had fully grasped the meaning of his actions, he had not only fired but had sprang in amongst us again. Everything seemed to have COPYRIGHTED BY THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES  
flash.

"In less time than I take to tell it there was a miniature hell in that little byroad. Most of us fired wildly, I'm sure, but we followed Ned's orders as well as we could. He, himself, was as active as a squirrel, darting from one point of the hedge to another. To cut the story short, firing died down on the enemy side after some time, and immediately afterwards we heard cries of 'We surrender.'

**A**LITTLE later, when we had made certain that no further resistance was to be offered, we got on to the road, where we found three Tans—all of them wounded—with their hands upraised. Two more were in the lorry—dead, and one lay groaning, seriously wounded, on the ground. After the men on the road were searched, they were detailed to do what they could in the line of First Aid for their comrades and themselves.

"It was then the Captain drew my attention to one of the dead men, who had fallen in a crouching position over the side of the lorry. Even in death he looked repulsively evil, with his slaving, sensual mouth, half covered with a short, wiry, straw-coloured moustache. He had the blotched face of a debauchee, and the grey eyes of him, still open, had a demoniacal expression about them that even death could not efface.

"'Look, Murphy,' said Ned, almost in a whisper, 'the very man of my dream—you remember my description. Everything seems to have happened exactly as I dreamt it, except that I'm alive and he's dead. I seem to have defeated my fate. I anticipated every incident's approach, and until I saw that evil head I felt helpless to avoid it. Some power seemed to control my will. Suddenly, as I got on to the road, my soul seemed to rise like a flame of fire and cast it off. That awful face was just turning on me when I fired. I knew that I had killed him, as I dashed into cover.'

"After giving instructions to burn the lorry, he, in great good humour, crossed over to the Tans to question them. It appeared that the lorry had broken down, and while a couple of them had gone for help the remainder had pushed it up the by-road into shelter to see what the driver could do with it.

"While Ned was questioning them, our men were collecting the 'stuff' and pouring petrol over the lorry. At the same time some went to take out the two dead men. The man whom Ned had killed had a death-grip with his left hand on the side of the lorry; his other hand was out of sight. By main force we jerked him away, and it was only just as we were drawing him out that his right arm, swinging up convulsively, disclosed a heavy automatic, gripped tightly by the dead hand. As the arm fell immediately afterwards, with a dull sound on the body, a shot rang out from the dead man's weapon, hissed by my ear, and Ned, some ten yards away, let out a loud, agonised 'Oh!'

"For a moment I couldn't believe that it was the shot had hit him; but it was only too true. He had been shot in the heart, through the back. He was practically unconscious by the time I reached his side, and his eyes were already glazing in death."

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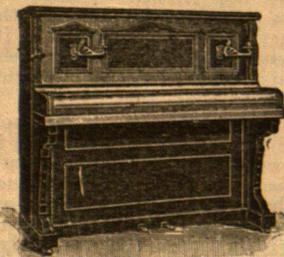
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## OFFICIAL NEWS.

### Appointments, Resignations and Discharges.

The following Defence Order (No. 28), was issued by the Minister for Defence under date 15th September, 1923:—

#### DEMOBILISATION OF OFFICERS.

1. (i) It is notified for general information that in consequence of the reduction of the strength of the National Forces, arrangements are being made for the demobilisation of a certain number of Officers.
- (ii) Such Officers will be granted demobilisation pay as follows:—
  - (a) For the first two months after demobilisation, full pay of rank (without allowances).
  - (b) For the second two months after demobilisation, half pay (without allowances).
- (iii) In addition, a grant of Five Pounds (£5) will be made to each Officer to assist him to provide himself with civilian clothing.
2. Demobilisation pay or civilian clothing grants will not be issuable to:—
  - (a) Officers who have been notified prior to the date of this order that their services are being dispensed with, or that their resignations have been accepted.
  - (b) Officers who may be dismissed the service.
3. Issues of demobilisation pay will be made monthly in advance. On the date of termination of his service an officer will receive, in addition to any ordinary pay due to him on that date, one month's demobilisation pay. The grant in respect of civilian clothing will also be paid at the same time as the first instalment of demobilisation pay.
4. In the event of a demobilised Officer being able to produce satisfactory evidence that he has obtained permanent civil employment, and that the payment of the whole of the demobilisation pay due to him at any particular date would be of advantage to him, the whole amount due will be paid in a lump sum in final settlement of his accounts. Applications for such payment, supported by a certificate from the applicant's employer, should be addressed to the CHIEF PAY and ACCOUNTS OFFICER, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, DUBLIN, for consideration.
5. Demobilised Officers whose appointments have not been gazetted will forward their pay books to the Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, G.H.Q., Dublin, on receiving notice of the dates of the termination of their services.
6. Officers will receive their demobilisation pay through the Chief Pay and Accounts Officer, G.H.Q., Dublin, who should be notified of the addresses to which the second and subsequent monthly amounts should be sent.
7. (i) Demobilised Officers whose names are accepted for enrolment in a Volunteer Reserve of Officers will be permitted to retain uniform and kit.
- (ii) This permission will not confer the right to wear uniform except on occasions approved for the purpose by the Adjutant-General.
8. Commanding Officers will arrange that Officers about to be demobilised will be medically examined by the Medical Officers of their Units before their demobilisation documents are forwarded to the Chief of Staff, General Headquarters, Dublin, and a record will be made on Medical History sheets of any disabilities sustained in the course of military service.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments and resignations have been notified in Staff Duties Memo, No. 2, issued on the 21st ult.:—

CHIEF OF STAFF'S DEPARTMENT.—Lt.-General J. J. O'Connell to be Major-General A.D.C. to Minister for Defence. Captain Joseph Hyland to be Comdt. O.C. Armoured Cars. Captain Hugh Doyle to be Captain C.G.S. Department. Lieut. M. Donnelly to be 1st Lieut. Coastal Corps. Lieut. Henry Garrick to be 2nd Lieut. General Staff.

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**QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPT.:**—Lieut. J. Cafferty to be Lieut. Inspection Staff, Island Bridge.

**SPECIAL INFANTRY CUSTOMS OFFICER:**—Col. Comdt. James Hughes to be Comdt. Special Infantry Customs Officer.

**DUBLIN COMMAND:**— — Michael O'Donoghue to be 2nd Lieut. Legal Staff.

**CORK COMMAND:**—Captain Dennehy to be 1st Lieut. Command Staff. Captain P. Launder to be Captain Q.M. 42nd Battalion.

**WATERFORD COMMAND:**—Captain P. Dillon to be Captain O/C "C" Company, 25th Battalion.

**CURRAGH COMMAND:**—Lieut. J. Curran to be 1st Lieut. Ordnance Staff.

**DONEGAL COMMAND:**— — M. G. Kelly to be 2nd Lieut. Assistant M.O., Donegal Command.

**CLAREMORRIS COMMAND:**—2nd Lieut. M. Scanlon to be 1st Lieut. Command Staff.

**KERRY COMMAND:**— — David Clifford to be 1st Lieut. Staff, 19th Battalion.

**LIMERICK COMMAND:**—Captain Kearney to be Captain Command Adjutant Staff.

**ATHLONE COMMAND:**—Captain E. H. Moran to be 2nd Lieut. Assistant Q.M. 23rd Battalion.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

Lieut. W. Dolly, Assistant Adjutant, 34th Battalion, resigned as from 3/9/23.

Capt. Michael Conway, Adjutant, 31st Battalion, resigned as from 30/8/23.

Capt. P. English, Adjutant, 31st Battalion, resigned as from 20/8/23.

Capt. Leon O'Broin, Adjutant-General's Department, G.H.Q., resigned as from 23/8/23.

Capt. Sean Quilan, O.C. "A" Company, 64th Battalion, resigned as from 20/8/23.

2nd Lieut. E. O'Riordan, M.G. Company, 39th Battalion, resigned as from 20/8/23.

Comdt. E. W. Moran, R.P.R. and M. Corps, resigned as from 5/9/23.

1st Lieut. Thos. Collins, "C" Company, 28th Battalion, resigned as from 21/8/23.

Col. James Farrelly, Inspection Staff No. 1, Athlone, resigned as from 11/9/23.

Lieut. J. Lyons, Pay Officer, 27th Battalion, resigned as from 12/9/23.

Lieut. Patrick J. Burns, "A" Company, 1st Battalion Border Unit, resigned as from 18/9/23.

Lieut. J. F. Cronin, M.O., 44th Battalion, resigned as from 7/9/23.

Lieut. B. Coghlan, M.O., 29th Battalion, resigned as from 25/8/23.

Lieut. M. F. Flavin, M.O., 51st Battalion, resigned as from 30/9/23.

Lieut. F. Carney, Assistant M.O., Kerry Command, resigned as from 8/8/23.

Lieut. J. M. O'Connell, Command Chemist, Claremorris, resigned as from 20/9/23.

#### DISCHARGES.

The following Discharges appear in Staff Duties, Appointments and Discharges Memo. No. 3, issued by the Department of Chief of General Staff, under date 6th October. Demobilisation in each case is from 15th October:—

Capt. Joseph P. Adamson, "C" Company, 11th Batt., S.I.C. Capt. T. A. Aston, M.T.C., Gormanstown. 2nd Lieut. James Barry, Assistant Adjutant, 4th Batt., Claremorris. Lieut. Timothy Barry, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 2nd Lieut. Edward Balfe, M.G. Company, 25th Batt., Waterford. Capt. T. B. Booker, Army Corps of Engineers, Tallaght. Comdt. James Bowns, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 1st Lieut. Alfred Thomas Browne, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. Thomas Buckley, M.G. Company, 42nd Batt., Cork Command. Capt. Myles P. Breen, Adjutant, 50th Batt., Dublin Command. Lieut. Thomas Carroll, M.G. Company, 58th Batt., Dundalk. Lieut. Vincent Cassidy, Army Corps of Engineers, Griffith Barracks. Capt. Norman Cheevers, Staff, Athlone Command. Capt. Harry Froud St. George Caulfield, Artillery Corps. Capt. Joseph Clancy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 2nd Lieut. John H. Clezgett, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 2nd Lieut. Francis Coffey (late 29th Batt.), O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. Arthur W. Conmee, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 2nd Lieut. Henry James Creaney, "B" Company, 17th Batt., Kerry Command. Capt. Patrick Joseph Corcoran, 3rd Batt., S.I.C., Mountrath. Comdt. Maurice Culhane, O/C. 19th Batt., Kerry Command. Capt. Frank Curran, "A" Company, 34th Battalion, Claremorris Command. 2nd Lieut. Martin J. Dalton, Soldiers' Accounts Branch, Army Pay Corps. Lieut. P. Deegan, Armoured Car Corps, Kerry Command. Lieut. John Donnellan, D.A.P.M., Claremorris Command. Lieut. John J. Donnelly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. Peter Donnelly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. William Donnelly, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. 2nd Lieut. William A. Drea, "A" Company, 63rd Batt., Waterford Command. Capt. Patrick Joseph Duffy, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. Richard Barry Duke, 15th Batt., Cork Command. 2nd Lieut. Frank Egan, Athlone Command. Lieut. William D. Elson, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Lieut. John Finn, "A" Company, 50th Batt., Dublin Command. Capt. Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald, O.T.C., Curragh Camp. Capt. 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#### PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

RATES FOR OFFICERS AND MEN SET FORTH IN NEW ORDER.

Defence Order No. 30, issued by the Minister for Defence, under date 8th October, is as follows:—

The following shall be the rates of Pay and Allowances for the Army as from the dates specified below:—

1. Officers of the Regular Army.		PAY.
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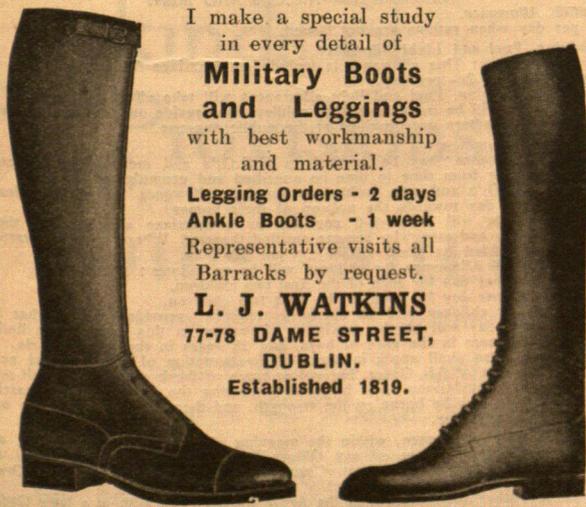
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Note: The rate of 3/- for Class 1 Private will be issuable to a small proportion of picked men. From 5 per cent. to 10 per cent. of the Class 2 men will be eligible after at least six months in Class 2, and after certification as being suitable as regards conduct, education, musketry, drill, etc.

The above rates for N.C.O.'s and men shall apply in the case of all future enlistments and re-attestations.

3. Officers of the Army Medical Service.

Major General	... ..	£1,500 per year.
Director of Medical Services	... ..	£1,250 " "
Chief Sanitary Officer	... ..	£1,250 " "
Adjutant, Army Medical Service	... ..	£1,000 " "
Colonel	... ..	£2 2s. a day.
Commandant	... ..	£1 10s. "
Captain	... ..	£1 "
Lieutenant	... ..	£1 "

The above rates shall take effect as from the 1st April, 1923. Engagements will be for one year only, terminating on the 31st March, 1924.

4. Dental Officers.

Pay and Allowances and Conditions relating thereto shall be the same as for Medical Officers of equivalent Rank.

5. Chemists (Pharmaceutical).

Captain 12/- per day plus 5/- additional pay = 17/- per day.  
1st Lieutenant, 8/- per day, plus 4/- additional pay = 12/- per day.  
2nd Lieutenant, 8/- per day plus 2/- additional pay = 10/- per day.

6. Dental Mechanics.

3/6 per day, plus 3/- per day additional pay = 6/6 per day.

7. Nurses.

Chief Matron	... ..	£225 per year.
Matron	... ..	175 "
Assistant Matron	... ..	135 "
Staff Sister	... ..	120 "
Sister	... ..	100 "

8. Masseuses.

Masseuses—£100 per year, or, if living out, £3 per week. Masseuses possessing either the I.S.T.M. Electrical or Swedish Remedial Certificate, shall receive 5/- per week extra. Those possessing both Certificates shall receive 10/- per week extra when required to do the work called for by these Certificates.

Masseuses shall be found in uniform (overalls) and laundry, at Army expense.

9. The rates for Dental Officers, Chemists, Dental Mechanics, Nurses and Masseuses will take effect as from the dates of taking up duty, but not earlier than the 1st April, 1923.

10. Veterinary Surgeons.

1st Lieutenants, 18/- per day, with effect as from date of appointment as Gazetted.

ADDITIONAL PAY—OFFICERS.

GROUP "A."

DAILY RATE.

11. Munitions. Chemicals. Armourers. Engineers. Signals.			
Colonel & Major.	Comdt. & Capt.	1st & 2nd Lieuts.	
5/-	3/-	2/-	

GROUP "B."

DAILY RATE.

12. Ordnance. Mechanical Transport. Supplies. Artillery. Armoured Cars.			
Colonel & Major.	Comdt. & Capt.	1st & 2nd Lieuts.	
4/-	2/-	1/-	

The rates shown in groups A and B shall take effect as from the 1st August, 1923.

13. Army Medical Service.

6d. per day shall be payable to certain men of the Army Medical Service while employed on the treatment of Infectious diseases, Venereal diseases, and Scabies. Such men will receive this pay only when certified to be so employed by their commanding officer. This extra 6d. a day shall be issuable as from the 1st August, 1923.

14. ADDITIONAL PAY FOR SOLDIERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED AS TRADESMEN.

GROUP A.

Armourer and Gunsmith	Baker
Ammunition Examiner	Boilermaker
Artificer	Bricklayer
Fitter	Carpenter and Joiner
Electrician (various types)	Plumber and Gasfitter
Wireless Operator	Machine Gun Artificer
Blacksmith	Farrier
Searchlight Operator	Motor Driver (Armoured Car or 4-ton lorry)
Push Cycle Repairer	Plasterer
Butcher	Harness Maker
Driller	Dental Mechanic
Riveter	Qualified Male Nurse
X-Ray Attendant	Dynamo and Switchboard Attendant
Fettler	Draughtsman (various types)
Tinsmith and Whitesmith	Sailmaker and Tent mender
Surveyor (various types)	Printer
Upholsterer	
Painter.	

The above, upon certification and passing suitable tests, shall receive the pay of a Class 1 Private plus 3/- per day or 2/- per day according to skill.

GROUP B.

Higher Clerk	Hospital Cook (N.C.O.)
Postman	Barber
Motor Driver (Light)	Vulcaniser
Storeman (Technical) and Store Ledger Keeper	Shoemaker
Tailor	Platelayer
Operating Room and Laboratory Attendant	Holder-up
Masseur	Despatch Rider
Telephone Switch Board Operator	Dispenser
	Blacksmith's Striker
	Photographer

The above, upon certification and passing suitable tests, shall receive the pay of a Class 1 Private plus 1/6 per day or -/9 (niece) per day according to skill.

The above rates for soldiers employed as tradesmen shall apply in the case of all future enlistments and re-attestations.

ALLOWANCES.

ALLOWANCES—OFFICERS.

15. Ration Allowance.

2/- per day when rations are not issued.

16. Lodging, Fuel and Light Allowance.

The following allowances will be admissible for gazetted officers who reside out of Barracks with permission, in Quarters not provided at the public expense:

(a) Married Officers.

Captain and Higher Ranks ... 5/- a day.

1st and 2nd Lieutenants ... 4/- "

In addition, married officers so living out of barracks will be entitled to an allowance of 3/6 per week in respect of each child after three in number, up to the age of 16 years in the case of boys, and 18 years in the case of girls.

(b) Single Officers:

Commandant and Higher Ranks ... 3/6 a day.

2nd Lieutenant to Captain ... 3/- "

Officers of the Army Medical Service will be entitled to the higher rates. These allowances will take effect as from the dates of appointments as gazetted.

17. Subsistence and Travelling Allowance.

DAILY. NIGHTLY.

Over 9 hours	Up to 8 nights	After 8 and only up to 14 nights
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Major General and Higher Ranks	8/-	20/-	15/-
Commandants to Colonels	6/-	20/-	15/-
2nd Lieutenant to Captain	6/-	15/-	10/-

Captains in the Medical Service will be entitled to the same rates of Subsistence and Travelling Allowance as Commandants.

18. Kit Allowance.

The initial outfit allowance will be £50 (with a replenishment of £20 a year after the first year).

ALLOWANCES—NURSES.

19. Uniform Allowance.

Chief Matron—£10 per annum.  
All other ranks—Uniform Allowance and Laundry Allowance of £19 per annum.

20. Subsistence Allowance.

Nurses will be entitled to the lowest rates specified in paragraph 17.

21. Travelling.

Chief Matron—1st Class Railway Fares.  
All other Ranks—3rd Class Railway Fares.

22. Allowances for Nurses will take effect as from the 1st April, 1923.

ALLOWANCES—N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

23. Ration Allowance.

2/- per day when rations are not issued.

24. Lodging, Fuel and Light Allowance.

Married Soldiers: This allowance is included in Marriage Allowance.

Single Soldiers: 2/- per day.  
Ration and Lodging, Fuel and light allowances will take effect as from the 1st April, 1923, but will be issuable only to soldiers who reside out of Barracks, with permission, in quarters not provided at the public expense.

25. Marriage Allowance.

Marriage Allowance may be granted to N.C.O.'s and men subject to such conditions as may from time to time be specified and promulgated.

(a) All N.C.O.'s and men entitled to marriage allowance will allot, at least, 1/- per day towards the upkeep of their homes.

(b) The State will grant 1/6 per day as a marriage allowance to those N.C.O.'s and men who become entitled thereto. Where married quarters are provided the grant will be 1/- per day only.

(c) Additional Allowance for children will be as follows:

(1) 1/- per day for each of the first two children.

(2) 6d. per day for each of the next two children.

(3) Four children will be the largest number provided for, so that 3/- per day will be the maximum allowance on this basis. Age limits, 16 years in the case of boys, and 18 years in the case of girls.

(d) These rates shall apply in cases of re-attestation of men married prior to the date of this Order, but not in cases of fresh enlistments until such time as regulations shall be issued showing the percentage of married men that may be borne on the strength, and then only in accordance with such regulations.

26. Dependants' Allowance, within the meaning of Defence Order No. 16, will not be issuable in the case of any Officer or soldier who is paid under the provisions of this Order. In respect of any such Officer or soldier Defence Order No. 16 is hereby cancelled.

27. Certain other appointments in the Army will be dealt with in a later Order.

28. Any questions arising regarding the interpretation of this Order will be referred to the Army Finance Officer, through the Chief Paymaster.

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### DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES.

All letters relating to Dependants' Allowances are forwarded to the Department which deals with the subject. Only in exceptional cases are such letters replied to in these columns.

"B.B.K." (Maryborough).—Dependants' Allowance for N.C.O.'s and men is based on nett contributions to home before enlistment. In your case the Investigator's report says:—"Amount contributed, 30/- per week. Cost of Board, 12/-. Nett gain to dependant (18/-) entitles Dependant to grant of 7/- only according to scale."

Mrs. Annie Johnston (Mountmellick).—Claim for Francis assessed at 7/- per week. Total payments to 23/6/'23, £21 2s. 0d. Further payments held until overpayment on Michael's claim is recovered. James's claim rejected. Michael's claim duplicated. Total payments on same—£35 12s. 0d., leaving overpayment of £17 6s. 0d. up to 28/4/'23 (assessment 7/- per week). No further payments can be made until the payments automatically clear themselves.

Vol. Dawson (Kenmare).—Cheque for £10 sent, and further cheque for £24 3s. 10d. also sent to clear account to 18/8/'23.

Miss Eileen Beahan (Blackrock).—Your sister is entitled to allowance on investigation as the Dependant of an unmarried soldier. Forms have been sent to you to be completed on behalf of her brother in the Army.

"Rovers" (Galway).—This claim was passed for payment at 21/- per week. All arrears have been cleared and regular fortnightly payments of £2 2s. 0d. have been made up to and including 29th September, 1923. Next payment was due on 13th October. This statement flatly contradicts the allegations in your letter.

Mrs. J. Slattery (Dublin).—A Paying Order has been sent to you to clear this account to 29/9/'23.

Private R. Shearer (Curragh).—This claim is at present under investigation.

Waiting" (Curragh).—This claim was temporarily assessed at 7/- per week on 6/4/'23, and the following payments made to Dependant:—12th May, £4; 6th May, £3; 9th June, £3; 23rd June, £1 5s. 0d.; 7th July, 14/-; 21st July, 14/-; 4th August, 14/-; 18th August, 14/-; 1st September, 14/-; 15th September, 14/-; 29th September, 14/-; 13th October, 14/-. This does not tally with your letter.

Vol. M. McG. —Twelve shillings is the smallest nett contribution to the home for which Dependants' Allowance is admissible, and investigation showed that your contribution before enlistment was only ten shillings, your wages being fifteen shillings and support.

"Carmel" (Curragh).—You have our sincere sympathy, but, unfortunately, the Regulations do not permit of Dependants' allowance being granted in your case. The Investigator's Report sets out the conditions under which your relative lives and adds that she "does not know where, or at what, soldier worked before his enlistment, but states he sent her an occasional Pound."

Ex-Soldier (Keady).—You commenced work on 21/10/'18 and left on 17/12/'21, joining the Army on 8/7/'22. No allowance is admissible in this case, as you were idle for over six months prior to joining the Army. The stamp on the enclosed envelope will not frank a letter from the Free State.



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## MISCELLANEOUS.

GRADE PAY:—"Vulprez" (Co. Galway).—2/- per day is the correct rate authorised.

PROFICIENCY PAY:—J. N. R. (Tipperary).—Apply to your O/C. "Bandolier" (Curragh).—No; the Battalion Quartermaster is responsible. "Foresight" (Limerick).—Apply to your O/C. for current claim. Retrospective claim cannot be entertained. "Old Member of "Q" Company (Dublin).—(1) Only those in charge of a particular stores. (2) If in receipt of Dependants' Allowance Outdoor Allowance cannot be issued. "Plasterer" (Dublin).—2/- per day is the rate officially sanctioned for plasterers. Private F. O'Connor.—You must apply to your O/C., who is the only one that can arrange the matter. "Em Jay Kay."—No.

## BACK PAY.

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

RATION ALLOWANCE:—"Fair Play" (Curragh).—(1) O/C. is responsible. (2) Ration Allowance should not be issued unless it is certified that the Q.M. is unable to provide for you.

DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY:—Vol. J. C. (Curragh).—See G.R.O. Para 44: Para. 242. Sergeant R.M. (Ballina).—No.

HORSE TRANSPORT:—"Lights Out" (Templemore).—No.

G.R.O.'s:—"Kerry R.U."—(1) No. (2)

SOLDIER SON'S INJURIES.—Mrs. Mary Montgomery.—If you supply us with particulars of your son's Unit, number, station and where, when and how he was wounded, we may be in a position to have your complaint attended to.

BACK PAY:—R. Hosey (Galway).—No. "Crossley Tender Driver."—This matter must be adjusted by the O/C. Transport. "Abraham" (Curragh).—See notice in panel on this page. "Carlingford" (Dundalk).—The £4 rate was given to officers who were neither lodged or fed in any barracks on account of their organising work throughout their Divisional Area. The only rule applicable to an ungazetted 1st Lieut. fed and accommodated in barracks is 6/9 per day. "Still Waiting" (Co. Kerry).—See O/C., who, if he thinks right can adjust the matter through Part 2 Orders. Private P. W. (Dun Laoghaire). Report to O/C., who will communicate with local Pay Officer and get a new book issued.

DISCHARGE PAYMENTS.—"Unemployed" (Church Road).—28 days' pay and allowances only to those honourably discharged (except in the cases of free discharge) on or after 22nd June, 1923. "Ex-Sergeant, Dublin Guards."—No. See answer to "Unemployed."

DISCHARGE PAPERS:—D. Geraty.—Your letter has been sent to the proper quarter for attention. We do not reply by Post.

REJOINING RAILWAY:—"Cap Badge" (Curragh).—If you think the Army Certificate in your case would be of use you can obtain it through the O/C. of your Corps. Otherwise you might ask advice at the nearest Employment Bureau.

PENSION:—J. O'S. (Tralee).—The Minister for Defence has promised a statement on this matter shortly.

DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY:—Vol. J. C. (Curragh).—According to G.R.O. 44, the deduction of 1/- per day for each day in hospital is quite in order provided the disease was NOT contracted in the discharge of your military duties. If you can prove that you contracted the disease in the performance of military duties you should bring the matter to the notice of your O/C. and let us know the result.

GENERAL ROUTINE ORDERS:—"Kerry R.U."—(1) No. (2) G.R.O. 2 states: "The Commanding Officer O/C. Barracks, etc., will cause every Order issued for general information to be either circulated re-published in Unit or Barrack Orders or circulated to all whom it may concern in the Unit." Should you wish to refer to any particular Order you can have the G.R.O. or part of it quoted for you by your Adjutant on application.

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 Tae, supéar, arán, císce.  
 Cáca milis, brioscóro, leite.  
 Im, Sub, bainne, uisce-te, síúkra.  
 Cupán, sásae, pláca an arám, porc.  
 Crúiscín, ḡloime, ḡsian, spunós,  
 Ar it tú an breicepeast fós ?  
 Níor it, ac táim as tui síos anois.  
 Fan nóimio agus beiró mé leo cois.  
 Corruis ort, nó beimíó tóiréanac.  
 Ac, ní baosáil, níl sé ac a naoi a clog.  
 Dímis as boḡad pé in éirinn é.  
 Seo cun siubáil sinn anois.  
 Isteac leat. Suró anso, Suróimís.

Suróimíó annsin éall.  
 Suró cun an bóiro seo.  
 Tá an tae so as péadaint ana láirioir.  
 Tá sé ró fáda ar tarrac, tá sé raímar.

Ní maít liom tae láirioir (Lás).  
 An b'éadóiré mé don ruo 'o 'deanain  
 tuit anois.

Sín cuḡam an bainne leo tóil.  
 Seo tuit, agus an síúkra leis.  
 ḡo raib maít asat, ac ní tóḡáim síúkra  
 in don éor, ḡreosáó cúise,  
 Cúireas an iomarca bainne ann.  
 'Druio i leit cūḡam ḡsála an 'driodair  
 más é 'o tóil é, míle maít asat.

'Dceasoiḡeann an Sub so uait ?  
 Níl don tóil asam ann.

**PHONETIC PRONOUNCIATION.**  
 SUV VEE LUNN.

Baila, Bruckfosth, Loan, din nair.  
 Tay, Sip pair, arawn, keesha.  
 Kawka millish, bruss code, letta.  
 EEm, Suv, bwanna, ishga-teh, shookra.  
 Kuppawn, saw sair, plauthun norrawn, furk.  
 Kroosh keen, glinna, shgeen, spun noag.  
 Err ih thoo a bruck fosth foess ?  
 Neer ih, ock thawima dhull sheessa nish.  
 Fon noe mid ogguss bem may lid kush.  
 Kurrig gurth, noe bem meed daynuck.  
 Oct, nee bwail, neel shay ocka nay a klug.  
 Beem meesha bugga, pay in Nay rin nay.  
 Shu kun shool shinna nish.  
 Ish tock lath. Sig un su, see meesht.

Seefa meed unn sun hawl.  
 Sig kunna voord shu.  
 Thawn tay shu a faikint anna laudir.  
 Thaw shay roa oddha err thorruck,  
 thaw shay rour..

Nee mwah lyum tay laudir (log).  
 Un vaidha may ain rudh duh yain nuv  
 dhutta nish.

Shewn kooma bwonna lid hull.  
 Shu ghut, oggussa shookra lesh.  
 Gurra moha guth, ock nee hoaginn shookra  
 in nay kur, gradda kigga,  
 Kirrusa numurka bwonna oun.  
 Dhrida leh koom skaulun dreedhir  
 maush shay duh hull lay, meela  
 mohha guth.

Dass dheena suv su woot ?  
 Neel lain dhoola gum oun.

**ENGLISH TRANSLATION.**  
 IN THE MESS.

A meal, breakfast, lunch, Dinner.  
 Tea, supper, bread, cake-bread.  
 Sweet cake, a biscuit, porridge.  
 Butter, Jam, milk, hot-water, sugar.  
 A cup, a saucer, a bread plate,  
 A jug, a glass, a knife, a spoon.  
 Had you breakfast yet ?  
 No, but I'm going down now.  
 Wait a minute and I'll be with you.  
 Hurry up or we shall be late.  
 Ah, no fear, it is only nine o'clock.  
 Let us be moving any way.  
 Off we go now.  
 In with you. Sit down here, let us  
 sit down.

We'll sit down over there.  
 Sit down to this table.  
 The tea looks very strong.  
 Tis too long drawing, 'tis thick.

I don't like strong (weak) tea.  
 Can I do anything for you now.

Pass me the milk, please.  
 Here you are, the sugar also.  
 Thank you but I don't take sugar  
 at all, confound it,  
 I have put too much milk in it.  
 Pass over the slop bowl please, a  
 thousand thanks.

Do you want this jam ?  
 I don't care for it.

## AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

### Special Infantry Corps Sports at Beggar's Bush.

At Beggar's Bush Barracks, on Saturday, 29th ult., in ideal summer weather, the Special Infantry Corps held their first Corps Sports.

Although late in the day for Sports, such delay was due to circumstances over which we had no control. Chiefly amongst these is the fact that this Corps, unlike other Commands, has not been confined to a certain area, but is divided up into numerous Posts, which cover every Command throughout the Army.

Owing to the abnormal nature of the work which devolved on the Special Infantry, it was necessary that a favourable opportunity should present itself in order that the Sports might be conveniently held. Fortunately, such an occasion did arise, and as will be seen, the fullest advantage was taken thereof.

In the presence of a large number of visitors the Sports were continued throughout the whole of the afternoon, and at the end were voted an unqualified success. Every event passed off without a hitch, and the band of workers who co-operated in the organisation of the Sports are to be congratulated on what must be termed a First Class Tournament. The splendid Band of the Corps, which has attained widespread popularity, played an excellent programme of music, under the able Baton of Sergt.-Major Devlin.

The chief feature of the Sports programme was the great achievement of Capt. Jack Horgan, who, by winning the following events, and being placed as stated hereunder, must have created something of a record:—

- 100 Yards' Flat (10-3/5 secs.)
- 120 Yards' Hurdles (1st place)
- Long Jump (1st place)
- 16 lb. Shot (1st place)
- 220 Yards' Flat (2nd place)
- High Jump (2nd place)
- Hop, Step and Jump (1st place)

At the recent All-Army Sports, this Officer also won the Commander-in-Chief's prize for the rare distinction of being the best all-round athlete in the Army.

The following competitors were successful in the various events as stated:—

- 100 yards' flat—(2nd) Vol. Morrissey, H.Q.;
- 220 yards' flat—(1st) Vol. Morrissey, H.Q.;
- 440 yards' flat—(1st) Sergt. Harkin, 3rd Batt.; (2nd) Vol. Cole, 1st Batt.
- 880 yards' flat—(1st) Vol. Roche, 3rd Batt.; (2nd) Sergt. Tallon, 5th Batt.
- 1 mile flat—(1st) Cpl. Dermody, 11th Batt.; (2nd) Sergt. Harkins, 3rd Batt.
- 1 mile walking—(1st) Vol. Power, 3rd Batt.; (2nd) Vol. Joyce, 9th Batt.

3 mile steeplechase—(1st) Cpl. Dermody, 11th Batt.; (2nd) Vol. Clinch, 4th Batt.

120 yards' hurdles—(2nd) Vol. Morrissey, H.Q.

Relay Race—(1st) 3rd Battalion; (2nd) 6th Battalion.

Band Race—(1st) Bandsman O'Connell.

Slow Cycle Race—(1st) Sergt.-Major Morgan, 9th Batt.; (2nd) Driver Fitzpatrick, H.Q.

Obstacle Race—(1st) Vol. Morrissey, H.Q.; (2nd) Vol. Griffiths, 1st Batt.

Tilting the Bucket—(1st) Vols. Keogh and McCartney, H.Q.; (2nd) Vols Griffiths and Dixon, 1st Batt.

Football Place Kick—(1st) Bandsman Sheriff, H.Q.; (2nd) Vol. Curtiss, 1st Batt.

Pucking Hurley Ball—(1st) Lieut. Lawless, 1st Batt.; (2nd) Vol. Masterson, 4th Batt.

Tug-of-War—(1st) 3rd Battalion; (2nd) 4th Battalion.

High Jump—(1st) Vol. Morrissey, H.Q.

Long Jump—(2nd) Vol. Breslin, 4th Batt.

Hop, Step and Jump—(2nd) Vol. Breslin, 4th Batt.

16 lb. Shot—(2nd) Lieut. A. Monahan, H.Q.

56 lb. Shot—(1st) Lieut. O'Sullivan, 4th Batt.; (2nd) Vol. Cullen, H.Q.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Major-General Sean Quinn, who was present, very kindly presented the prizes to the successful athletes.

In making the presentations he dwelt on the necessity of every soldier in the Army participating in Athletics, and pointed out that it was as much an essential part of the men's training as any other duties embodied in the scheme of Military Organisation. He also remarked on the keen and friendly rivalry which existed amongst the competitors, and it gave him much pleasure in stating that it was a happy augury for the future.

Amongst the prizes which were awarded was a Challenge Shield presented by Mr. Joe Egan, of Messrs. Findlaters, which went to the Battalion gaining the greatest number of points, the winner being Headquarters. Mr. Charlie Harris, of Messrs. Elvery's firm, gave to the best all-round athlete of the rank and file a very valuable gold medal, this being won by Vol. Morrissey, H.Q. Messrs. Elvery's have put up for competition a very fine Cup which is to be awarded to the Battalion winning Inter-Battalion Football competition, and this will be decided at an early date.

Other prizes included the Dalton Cup, presented by Colonel Dalton, to winner of 120 yards' hurdles; the Coughlan Cup, presented by Commandant Coughlan, to the Corps to winner of 100 yards; the Dolan Cup, presented by the Officers H.Q. Officers to winner of 880 yards; the Dolan Cup, presented by the Dolan Cup, presented by J. Dolan to winning team, Tug-of-War; the Fitzgerald Cup and Gold Medal, presented to winner and runner-up Obstacle Race; Joyce and McNevin Cup, presented to winner Relay Race.

