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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THERE is a certain little daily publication which every Officer should read, study and inwardly digest. According to Regulations he is supposed to make himself acquainted with the contents of each issue. In practice, however, we fear that there are Officers who vouchsafe it but a casual glance—if they look at it at all. In the case of Officers working exclusively in offices the indications are that the tendency is to “take it as read.” Apart from the irregularity of treating it with scant courtesy, the Officer who relies upon other sources of information for his knowledge of the daily programme will find that he misses much instructive detail by not paying proper attention to the publication in question. We refer to Daily Orders.

NOT the least interesting part of the Orders is the Punishment section. The character of the offences provides clues to the individuality of the soldiers concerned in many cases, and the size of the section is an indication of the disciplinary status of this unit. And, whilst studying the delinquencies of N.C.O.'s and privates, it may occur to an officer here and there to speculate as to how far he is responsible for the fact, say, that “Pursuant to Section 80 (20) No. 999,999, Pte. Blank, James, Dash Coy., charged under Section 68 with the offence of being guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he on 7-12-25 was guilty of insubordination to a superior Officer, was awarded 3 days C.B. Authy. :—Section 82 (4).” In other words, he may ask himself if he has consciously or unwittingly tolerated a laxity of discipline conducive to insubordination in certain types of the rank and file. He may even find profit in noting that Pte. Dash has been “awarded a fine of 1/-” for appearing on parade unshaven. It is, of course, unthinkable that any officer should report for duty without submitting his chin to the ministrations of the razor, but there are other ways in which he may have given a bad example to those under him. Any carelessness or slovenliness on the part of an Officer is liable to be reflected in the men under his charge, and it is within the bounds of possibility that the stubbly chin of Private Dash can be traced to the fact that Lieutenant Hyphen was not as well groomed as he might have been on a number of occasions.

YES, Daily Orders not infrequently provide food for thought, and suggest a mental stock-taking which may prove of much benefit to all ranks, as well as to the individual immediately concerned. The example set by the Officers should

provide the keynote for the conduct of the other ranks, and it should be the aim of every Officer to see to it that so far as he, personally, is concerned nothing is left undone that will make for greater efficiency, and (which is even more important) that nothing is done by him that will in the slightest degree militate against the efficiency of the unit to which he is attached.

ANSO IS ANSUD 'SA SEANCHAS

III. Coghleasa Airm na Romanach. (ar leant). na ceimeanna.

O's ag tagairt do na ceimeanna anois dúinn is dócha go d tuigfeadh nár bhí an bhí chéanna abhí leis na teidil airm seo ó linn go linn. Fé mar a thuiteann amach is na teidil go léir, deindeadh athrú ar na dualgaisí do bhain leo ó am go ham. Dá bhí sin, níl le déanamh againn anso ach an ghnáth-chiall a tuigtear leo do leagadh fé bhráid an léitheóra.

Na Consulacha.

Is ar árd oifigigh ar a d tugtaí Consulacha no Praetóirí is mó do bhíodh cúram cúrsaí an airm. Do fágadh a dtoghadh súd fé bhotáil an phobail agus deinti iad do thogha ó bhliain go bliain i dtosach. Do fuarthas amach, ámh, nár bhí é buac an airm iad d'athrú in am ana-ghabhatair, tráth bhíodh cogadh ar siúl, cuir a gcás, agus do leantáí do sheirbhís na gConsul do bhíodh in oifig. Prochonsulacha nó Próphraetóirí do tugtaí go minic ortha 'sa chás sin. Uaireanta do bhíodh árd-cheannasaí darab theidil dó an t-Imperatúir i mbun gnóthaí an airm ach gheobhadh sé an chomhacht a tugtaí dhó do bhronnadh ar Tháimiste no legatus.

Legatus (Leagáid) a tugtaí mar theidil do'n oifigeach a bhíodh i gceannas an léigiún. B'árd an gradam agus an chreidiúint do bhain leis an oifig seo. Bhíodh árd-mheas ag uaisle na cathrach ortha agus do feartaí na fíor chaoin fáilte rómpa i dtighthe na maithre tráth bhíodh cuirmeacha nó tabhairt amach éigin ar siúl aca.

Na h Oifigigh Fóirne.

Fé gach leagáid do bhí sluaigh d'oifigigh fóirne. Na Tribúin Militium agus na Quaestores do tugtaí ar na cinn dob aoirde ortha so. B'iad na consulacha do dheineadh na Tribúin do cheapa ar dtús ach le h-imtheacht aimsire do baineadh cuid de'n chomhacht so ós na consulacha agus do fágadh togha uimhir áirithe des na Tribúin féis na daoine féin. Sé cinn de Tribúin is gnáthaí do bhíodh ceangailte leis an léigiún.

Maidir leis na Quaestores, sórt árd-oifigeach airgid do bhí ionta, óir ba mhó go mór an bhaint a bhí aca le ceiste airgid ná le haon cheist eile. Rudueile é, níor gnóthaí airm amháin do bhíodh mar chúram ortha; do dheinidís gnó na Roinn Sibhialta leis. Fútha so arís bhí a lán fé oifigeach eile ag obair.

Tuigtear, ámh, nár bhí obair fíor mhíleata do bhíodh idir lámha ag na Tribúin agus na Quaestores, gnó fóirne nó gnó roinne is mó do bhíodh dha dheanamh aca. Is anamh do cuirteí aon chúram fíor mhíleata ortha bíodh gur d'aon toise chun ealadha an chogaidh d'fhoghluid do ceangladh leis na léigiún iad. An chaol chuid de'n clú do gheibhidís de bharr na gairme míleata.

Na Centuriones.

Ar na centúronaigh (nó na taoisigh céad) seachas aon cheann des na haicmí eile do bhí feabhas agus arm-smacht an léigiún ag brath. Is dá ndúthracht is dá ndícheallacht sud atá an chreidiúint go léir ag dul. Saighdiuir oilte, cliste do bhí ins gach uile dhuine aca. Do dheinidís tosnú ó'n bhfíor thosach, óir do thagaidís isteach na saighdiuirí singile agus iad óg agus do dheinidís oibriú rómpa suas ó chéim go céim. Dá bhí sin do bhí togha an eolais aca ar gach aon rud do bhain le saol agus le gnó an tSaighdiúra. Bhíodh a geird ar bhárr na méar aca agus do bhain le gach brainnse de'n seirbhís agus le gnóthaí cogaidh i gcoitichian.



ARMY MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT ARBOUR HILL, 1925.

May 9, 1925.



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(1) Hoisting the flag by the graveside at the conclusion of the ceremonial. (2) The President, Ministers and Army Chiefs entering the graveyard. (3) Troops in close column of platoon facing the graves: Firing Party in the foreground: No. 1 Band in position immediately behind them.

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THE PLAINT OF PRIVATE PAWN.

One of the Rank and File "Gets it off his chess-t."

I'm only a poor little pawn, Pte. Murphy, right at the foot of the ladder, like yourself. As a matter of fact, I'm much worse off than you are, for I'm generally despised and pushed round in any old way, and most of the nasty jobs fall to my lot when there's a scrap on. Nobody seems to bother much when I get knocked out; they just say to themselves: "Oh, it's only a pawn, anyway," and go on with the fight. There's no ambulance to carry me off the field—not even a stretcher—and certainly no one sounds the LAST POST when I'm thrown back dead into the box. I'm just chucked aside and forgotten.

Then again I'm sent out to fight practically without weapons. Even the weakest piece on the board is better armed than three of us poor pawns put together, so that when one of us becomes isolated we are practically defenceless, and almost certain to die ingloriously. I'm proud to say, however, that despite this handicap, no pawn was ever known to retreat in the face of the enemy, and when we do die, all our wounds are in front, so to speak. You'll admit, I'm sure, that this is to our credit, when you remember the conduct of the better equipped Knights and Bishops, of the powerful Rooks, or that terrible Amazon, the Queen herself. They don't hesitate to run when there's any danger to their precious hides: and as for the King: I don't want to harbour any treasonable thoughts, or to say anything indiscreet, but his conduct on most occasions is most undignified. Why, if you only say "Booh" to him he runs for his life. He forgets to despise us then and is jolly glad there is a wee pawn handy to dodge around and thrust forward to save him.

"Only a pawn": That just describes it, and yet if I were only used properly I could be quite useful and might even decide the whole issue of the battle. Indeed I've often done so myself in spite of all their bungling but they never yet gave me credit for it. They just sit back nice and comfortably in their chairs and pat themselves on the back to think what clever fellows they are—forsooth. You know yourself, Murphy, that it is not the Officer alone who counts. Good generalship is required and the best leaders are those who understand how best to use their rank and file—or shall we say their "pawns." Occasionally I have served under such a man and I may say right out it was a pleasure to think he was getting the very best use out of me. He knew just the right moments to use me to attack, defend, or interpose me at some weak spot in the field.

I tell you, man, that pawns properly used and working in conjunction, can play the very deuce with your opponent's forces and quite break up their morale. Put us in a wedge with the apex towards the foe, and a good all-round steady advance will prove quite deadly nine times out of ten. But the most glorious moment in a pawn's existence is when he finally succeeds in bursting clean through his opponent's lines and gallantly lays down his life in ransom for some more powerful piece on his side, who has had the misfortune to be captured.

Well: well: I musn't boast, but sometimes when I look back on past fights I feel proud to think that after all, I've done my bit, even though I am "only a pawn."

Good-night, Private Murphy, I'm very pleased to have met you.
THE PAWN.

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

The 13th Battalion were unfortunately unable to field a Football Team to meet 21st in the League Match lately. More's the pity, as the latter were anxious to get a chance to return some little hospitality.

Corpl. Larkin is anxiously awaiting Return League Fixture between Headquarter and 21st Teams.

It would not have been the fault of Capt. John P. Murphy if the Command Selected had not been successful in their match against Carlow Junior Champions on 3rd inst. He had been busy all week getting matters fixed up. There was a big crowd at the match, which ended thus:—Eastern Command Selected, 1 goal 8 points; Carlow, 1 goal 3 points.

The Boys of "D" Company had their photograph taken in Barracks recently, but the Clerk of the Weather prevented same from being a rush affair. It **did** rain.

The N.C.O. "Top Notchers" are back from the "Sunny land." They had a "Night" before returning. It is gratifying to note that all kept the Battalion Colours flying.

The story about getting to the "Junction" is being told too quickly by "Bill." His companion, Tailor, explains it better. Where does "Bill" get to every night?

Congratulations go out to Major T. McNally on his recent success (first attempt) at Baldonnell. May many more follow.

Private XX. does not want his name mentioned in these Notes in connection with some recent Picture Visit. Why?

The question has been asked very often recently: "How did a certain Waiter like his Sunday Overtime?"

Have you ever heard of an order for two SCATTERED EGGS?

Honesty is the best policy, but does not always pay, as in one case a certain Gentleman found two half-crowns in a railway carriage, and thinking they belonged to children in the same compartment very kindly handed them the money. Did he discover afterwards the the two Silver Pieces had by some means dropped from his own pockets?

"Bill" is the latest to take up Pigeon feeding during his leisure hours.

The Corporal in charge of the Recreation Room feels pleased at the success of his favourite team in the local Hockey Final. Is it true he threatens taking up this classic pastime?

The Ash Tray is very useful in an Office, but who is utilising the large tin cover of a typewriter as such?

Our friend Louth (not from Co. Louth) is now amongst the Account Boys.

"Busty" is some Weight Thrower, and will take some beating at the coming sports.

Sergt. Hennessy and his team of stalwarts are hard at training for Cross-Country honours.

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ARMY'S TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERS OF 1916.

Impressive Memorial Service at the Graveside in the Grounds of Arbour Hill Prison.

This year's commemoration ceremonies at Arbour Hill Prison were in every sense a worthy tribute to the illustrious dead, who died for Ireland, and a credit to the Army that is carrying on their tradition.

The proceedings were characterised by a dignity and solemnity thoroughly in keeping with the occasion, and, thanks to the rehearsal on the preceding Saturday, there was not the slightest hitch, all the military evolutions being performed with clean-cut precision and strictly according to schedule.

We are accustomed to careless praise from lay sources, which, though kindly meant, might, if taken seriously by the rank and file, create a satisfaction on occasion far from justified. Well-balanced criticism by competent authorities is far more valuable, but the keenest possible critic would have been hard put to it to find fault with the conduct of the ceremonies at Arbour Hill on Monday, 4th inst.

It was, without doubt, one of the most admirably conducted military ceremonies performed by our young Army and the Officers responsible have every reason to be satisfied. It is particularly gratifying to be able to record this in view of the national importance of the occasion.

The troops present consisted of one Infantry Battalion (1 company from 21st Battalion, 2 companies from 23rd Battalion and 1 company from 27th Battalion) under Comdt. C. Saurin; one Infantry Company, ten buglers, a firing party from the 21st Infantry Battalion; the No. 1 and No. 2 Army Brass Bands and a Pipers' Band.

The troops from Portobello, accompanied by the No. 1 Band, and the troops from the Hibernian Schools, Phoenix Park, accompanied by the No. 2 Band, marched to Collins Barracks, where they paraded with the other units taking part in the ceremony at 9 o'clock. Immediately afterwards they marched to Arbour Hill, where the Infantry Battalion formed a hollow square embracing the road and the front of the Church, with the No. 2 Band in the centre.

On the arrival of the President, the Battalion presented arms while the Band played a few bars of the "Soldiers' Song." When other members of the Executive arrived the Battalion also presented arms.

The Infantry Company, which consisted of sections from the 21st, 23rd and 28th Battalions, represented the Command troops at the Requiem Mass, which commenced at 10 o'clock. During the Mass the Infantry Battalion lined the route from the Church door to the graveside, and between their ranks, as they stood resting on arms reversed, at the conclusion of the Mass the following procession moved slowly to the strains of the Dead March:—

Chaplains.
Firing Party.
No. 1 Band and Buglers.
Executive Council.
Defence Council.
General Officers Commanding.
Garda Síochana Senior Officers.
Army Officers.
Detachment of Civic Guard.
Relatives, T.D.'s, Senators, Civilians, etc.

In the yard at the back of the Prison, a corner of which is occupied by the graves, fenced off by a white railing, the troops formed in close column of platoons. The Chaplains, Executive Council, General Officers Commanding, Garda and other Officers took up a position at the end of the grave.

Here occurred a very beautiful and impressive part of the ceremony—the chanting of the harmonised "Benedictus" by the choir of priests. In the drizzling rain, the gathering of soldiers, Gardai, Statesmen and relatives of the great dead

stood silently while the strains of the sacred music swelled upon the quiet air.

At the close of the "Benedictus," five Mysteries of the Rosary were recited, in Irish, by Rev. Father Piggott.

A pause, broken by a sharp command and the swish of steel, as the troops fixed bayonets. Then came the orders to the firing party, and a moment later the first volley was discharged. The other two volleys followed in quick succession, all the reports sounding like three shots, and no more, so perfect was the timing.

The parade then presented arms, and the buglers commenced to sound the stately notes of the "Last Post." Seldom has that call, famous the world over, been sounded more impressively, and the effect was heightened by the "echo" buglers at General Headquarters and in Collins Barracks, who commenced to sound the call as the buglers by the graveside entered upon the last bar. In both places the guards turned out and presented arms while this was being done.

The flag at the graveside, which had been hanging at half-mast, was now brought to the masthead by the Battalion Adjutant. As the colours reached the top of the mast the parade again presented arms and the "General Salute" was sounded by the bugles and drums.

The President and party left immediately afterwards and were accorded the General Salute, the No. 2 Band playing a few bars of the "Soldiers' Song."

At the conclusion of the ceremonial, a guard of honour of four men was mounted on the grave, from the firing party. This guard, resting on arms reversed, was relieved every half-hour until 6 p.m., when the flag was taken down and the guard withdrawn.

The graves were open to the public for visits from 12 noon until 6 p.m. on Monday, and the privilege was largely availed of by those anxious to pay tribute to the leaders of 1916.

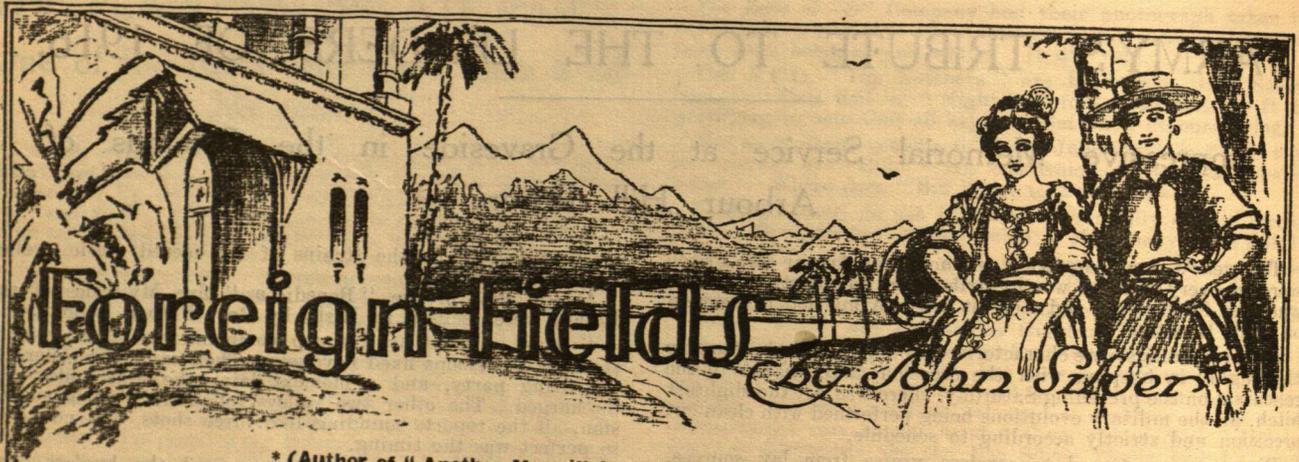
The celebrant of the Requiem Mass was Rev. S. Piggott, C.F., 6th Brigade; deacon, Rev. W. Byrne, C.F.; St. Bricin's; sub-deacon, Rev. R. Casey, C.F., 7th Brigade; M.C., Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, Army Air Corps.

The choristers of the Mass, which was Gregorian Chant, were:—

Rev. M. Dwyer, C.C., Haddington Road; Rev. J. Hook, C.C., do.; Rev. J. McLaughlin, C.C., Rathfarnham; Rev. Wm. Murphy, Clonliffe College; Rev. P. Flynn, Rev. T. O'Donnell, Archbishop's House; Rev. J. Byrne, C.C., Rathmines; Rev. F. Field, Kilmainham; Rev. J. Ryan, University College; Rev. J. McAllister, C.S.S.P.; Rev. D. Ryan, C.F., Head Chaplain.

Amongst those present were:—Messrs. K. O'Higgins, Vice-President and Minister for Justice; P. Hughes, Minister for Defence; D. Fitzgerald, Minister for External Affairs; E. Blythe, Minister for Finance; Chief Justice Kennedy, Mr. Justice Sullivan, Mr. J. O'Byrne, Attorney-General; Prof. Hayes, Ceann Comhairle, Dail Eireann; P. O'Maillie, T.D., Deputy Speaker; General Mulcahy, Senator Gogarty, Senator Col Moore, Messrs. P. S. Doyle, T.D.; B. O'Connor, T.D.; W. Sears, T.D.; D. McCullagh, T.D.; Geo. Nicholls, T.D.; Prof. Tierney, T.D.; Senator Mrs. Wyse Power, Messrs. Jos. McGrath, D. MacCarthy, S. MacGarry, Gearoid O'Sullivan, Sean O Muirthuile, S. Murphy, Commissioner for Dublin Corporation.

The Army Chiefs present were:—Major-General Hugo MacNeill, Adjt.-Genl.; Major-General Felix Cronin, Q.M.G.; Major-General Joe Sweeney, Major-General S. MacMahon, Major-General D. Hogan, G.O.C., Eastern Command; Major-General M. Brennan, G.O.C., Western Command. The Garda, seventy N.C.O.'s and men, were in charge of Supt. Casserly, Adjt. They were accompanied by Comdt. MacCarthy.



* (Author of "Another Marseillaise," "The Stranger," "The Winecellar of Father Cozzoli.")

Episode Seven—"WIRELESS."

Jack Maher and Brendan O'Farrell had been impressed by the up-to-the-minute manner in which the Republic of Puerto utilised wireless. In addition to the central station in San Isidro there were half-a-dozen stations at important points throughout the country, all controlled by the State and at the public service for charges little higher than those of the ordinary telegraph service.

Aerials were common on the flat roofs, and a large proportion of the population listened in every evening to the outer world. Broadcasting programmes very similar to those of New York and London were sent out by the station in the capital, and President Valdos declared that he was well satisfied with the experiment.

"It was," he told the two Irishmen, "as if somebody had built a wall of brass around this country of ours. Our people knew little or nothing of the rest of humanity, and were an easy prey for glib adventurers. Our newspaper Press is not very big as yet and did not enlighten them much—or in the right way."

Brendan, an enthusiastic, all-round Irish-Irelander, asked if he did not fear that the Puertoirians might become too cosmopolitan and lose their national characteristics.

"No," said the President. "You see they have their language and customs almost undefiled from the first day their Spanish forefathers occupied this country, and in the schools we take care that the young idea is trained in the right way." He sighed. "I have had a devil of a job with those schools," he added, "but we have got a good system of education in progress at last. If I can manage to escape the attentions of the Senor Garcia and his friends for a few years more we will make something out of this country, and when its people go abroad they will be proud to claim that they are Puertoirians."

He smoked for a few moments in silence.

"And the wireless pays," he remarked, watching with dreamy eyes a blue cloud of cigar smoke drifting away across the patio. "It pays in many ways."

Miss Molly O'Driscoll also was impressed by the efficiency of the Puertoirian wireless service. As a "guest of the State," in the house of Senor Barriga, Puerto's largest magistrate—they had refrained from sending her to the common prison out of consideration for her two fellow-countrymen who were rendering valuable service to the State—she had the use of an excellent four-valve set, and found it invaluable in whiling away the time.

If Molly had been put into the *cartel* she might have gone on hunger strike, though she had doubts about it. There was the possibility that these Puertoirians might not understand how to play the game and might with the utmost equanimity allow her to starve herself to death. If she had been in Ireland, she told herself, she would have had no hesitation in the matter; but annoying doubts as to the merits of the

Puertoirian revolutionists' cause had recently begun to creep into her mind. That episode in the hills had left a nasty taste in her mouth, as it were.

Besides, the Barriga family were extremely nice to her. Old Barriga himself, when one got behind the huge layers of fat, was quite an agreeable old boy, who had travelled a good deal and read a good deal. The Senora, his wife, was motherly, without being aggressively so. There was nobody else in the house, save the servants, and she was made to feel that she was an honoured guest instead of a prisoner.

The only reminder of her real position was the armed guard about the house, who saw to it that her daily walks did not extend beyond the patio. And Henry James. On the way down from the hills she had developed a violent distaste for the little Secret Service man, and this turned into positive loathing when she noticed that he was frequently to be seen hanging about in the vicinity of the Barriga dwelling.

Molly did not know that Henry was in the Secret Service, but she knew that he was in the employment of the Valdos Government—some sort of plain clothes policeman she fancied. She was aware that he had been very keen on her arrest and felt that he resented the fact that she was housed with the Barrigas instead of in the *cartel*. It seemed to her that he prowled around the house like an underfed tiger licking his lips in anticipation of a square meal.

The two Irishmen had called upon her shortly after she had taken up her residence at the Barrigas', but her reception of them had been so cold-bloodedly offensive that only Jack had the temerity to call again. And the second visit had finished him. After that he contented himself with sending her books and sweets. At first, the Senora Barriga ate the sweets and the magistrate read the books; but after a while Molly, suffering terribly from ennui, gave them a hand at both jobs.

It was just about this time that Mr. John Harcourt, the young Englishman who had fozzled the gun-running business a few weeks earlier, but had apparently not attracted the attention of the Government for his share in that episode, volunteered to give a hand in the broadcasting programme.

The Directors of the State Broadcasting station welcomed his offer. Being compelled to run the broadcasting on strictly businesslike lines and to show a profit if at all possible, they were always ready to extend the glad hand to the person who offered them something for nothing.

Harcourt demonstrated that he had a very good tenor, and they expressed no surprise when he chose as one of his songs, "Molly Bawn." Thanks to circumstances over which Ireland had very little control in the past they shared the idea of the proletariat in many countries that "Irish" and "English" were practically synonymous terms, and they did not know whether "Molly Bawn" was a hymn or a comic song. In addition to this ditty he sang a treacly English ballad brimming over with the glutinous sentimentality that his countrymen love.

President Valdos gave a small dinner party on the night that Harcourt unbosomed himself to the ether, and amongst

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the guests were Maher and Brendan, who were, therefore, deprived of the opportunity of "listening in" that evening, in the unlikely event of their having wished to do so.

On the following night they dined with old Hook, the gruff, but kindly Belfast merchant. This was the reason why Jack Maher missed his usual nightly prow outside the residence of Senor Barriga for two nights in succession. He had developed the habit of the lovesick serenader without the musical accompaniment. We reveal this weakness in an otherwise manly character with reluctance and apologies.

It was while the "sustenance" was circling around the festive board of Robbie John Hook that strange happenings occurred at the nicely-upholstered cage in which Molly was a prisoner.

Molly had recognised Harcourt's voice on the wireless the previous night when, having studied the broadcasting programme in the morning paper, she had listened in for the "Ballade Irlandais" that had been promised. She had often heard him sing at the Widow Ventura's. But she had never heard him sing "Molly Bawn" before. Nor, for the matter of that, had she ever before heard the version of the old song which he presented to the world that night. Especially the bit which went:—

"O, Molly Bawn, why leave us pining,
All lonely waiting here for you,
When stars again are brightly shining,
Beneath your casement we will woo.
Alert, your window open keeping
We'll try to get in touch with you;
Make rope of sheets while others all are sleeping.
That will be all; you've nothing else to do.
"Molly Bawn; O, Molly Bawn."

Harcourt sang that particular verse with particular fervour and Miss O'Driscoll thought it very sweet.

The next night found her very wide awake when the rest of the household had retired to rest. She sat at the open window and gazed out pensively at what Stevenson would have called "a clear night of stars"—but they were stars in a tropical night sky and of a brilliance that R.L.S. had never witnessed when he first wrote that line.

She had not made a rope of sheets. Molly had a lot of the practical in her composition despite her political lunacies, and she foresaw an embarrassment of explanation if the young Lochinvar act did not come off and she was left to face the Senora Barriga with flitters of that good lady's good linen sheets (imported by Robbie John from Belfast).

Also there was the question of the window bars. The house, though modern in other respects, adhered to the old Spanish style of casement and Molly did not see how she was possibly going to get out through it.

So she sat and gloomed at the glorious tropic night and began to think her friends had bitten off more than they could masticate. She had almost lost hope when there came from beneath the window a sharp

"Hist!"

The lady histed. That is to say, she pressed her face between the bars and tried to identify the dark figure beneath the window. In the starlight her face must have appeared like the crescent moon to the man standing there in the dim garden heavy with the scent of tropic flowers. Very softly he hummed a couple of lines of "Molly Bawn."

"Hush!" hissed Molly. "The sentry will hear you."

"No danger," came a clear whisper from Harcourt. "The whole bunch is doped. Are you ready?"

"Yes."

"Did you make that rope of bed sheets, and things?"

"No; sure—"

"That's all right. Never intended you should, of course." Molly became murmuringly indignant.

"Then why did you tell me in the song? You told—"

"Just stuck that in to fill it out," interrupted Harcourt.

"You see I was never much of a dab at song writing. Well, come on; let's be going while the going's good."

"But how?" asked Molly, in a passionate whisper, amazed, and somewhat annoyed by his casual manner.

"Oh; sorry; my mistake. Forgot to tell you. Just toddle downstairs and open the front door."

She gasped. Bit by bit the romance was being knocked out of this affair. She pressed for further enlightenment.

"Bribery and corruption," murmured the young Englishman. "These dagoes always have an itching palm, and never a conscience. You have only to look out for the Barrigas. The bolts are oiled."

True to her sex, she wanted further explanations before she stirred, but was at length persuaded to the adventure.

All was propitious as she stole down the stairs. Not a sound broke the stillness save a rhythmic snoring from the Barriga bedroom. The great front door opened to her touch as if by magic.

"All serene?" inquired Harcourt, as she stepped forth. "Yes? Then let us hasten to my trusty Ford."

"Where are we going?"

"First to Senora Ventura's and afterwards, if the Tin Lizzie will stay the distance, to the residence of a friend of hers a good few miles further from Puertoro."

Molly said no more.

As the asthmatic wheezing of the motor faded away in the distance, the Senor Barriga, who had ceased his artificial snores as soon as the girl had left the house, chuckled fatly. His wife rebuked him.

"The poor innocent," she said; "I grieve for her. She would have been safer with us."

"The State must be served," declared the portly magistrate sententiously.

"Grrmph!" said his lady. "Do thou go down and bolt that door again, my Pedro, and let us get some sleep before morning."

"I go," said her obedient spouse, rolling heavily out of bed. "Also to telephone the President as arranged."

The President, smoking *cigarros* on the chain system, explained the matter to Brendan O'Farrell next morning.

"We decided," he said, "that the little lady was likely to be of more use to us at large than under detention. She has energy, that Senorita: never can she submit to inaction while politics are moving. She will insist upon keeping in touch with as much of the movement as possible. So we allowed her to be rescued. Indeed, it might almost be said that we arranged the rescue. We gave special facilities to the Senor Harcourt who sang so charmingly on the wireless the other evening. He is a nice young man, but apt to make the fatal mistake of under-estimating the intelligence of his adversaries—especially when they happen not to belong to the great English race. We instructed the guard that they were to be bribed—the poor fellows will welcome the little extra money. The Senor Barriga—ah, a sly dog, that mountain!—coached his servants well, and with his own hands oiled the door of his residence that it might not embarrass the young lady."

He lay back in his chair and smiled pleasantly at the smoke clouds. Brendan said nothing. He was thinking that every day and in every way he was learning more of the Machiavelian methods of President Valdos. If anyone could make Puertoro a country to be proud of he seemed to be the man for the job.

"There was also the Senor Maher to consider," remarked the President after a moment or two.

Brendan started.

"How does he come into it?" he demanded.

The President lit another *cigarro* before replying.

"We were aware of the emotions which the Senor Maher felt towards the Senorita," he answered at length. "We knew, of course, that the Senor Maher was of a loyalty unquestionable, but we wished to spare him any assaults upon it. While the fate of the Senorita hung in the balance we felt that he could not be expected to give his whole mind to the business of the State. *Voilà!* We remove the distraction."

"Where is she now?" asked Brendan.

"I expect a radio with the information at any moment. We are keeping in close touch with the Senorita and her friends."

He sighed contentedly.

"It is very useful, this wireless," pronounced President Valdos.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Awards in Two Competitions—New Puzzle for Solution.

The prize of one guinea for the best Cross-Word Puzzle design is awarded this week to

M.F.O. MORDHA,
Maor Shairsint,
Pay and Accounts Sub-Dept.,
G.H.Q.

Sergeant O Mordha has been successful already in carrying off two half-guineas and is a regular entrant. His success should encourage other readers to "stick at it." Below we publish his design (No. 7).

Half-a-guinea each will be awarded to the two first opened correct solutions of this puzzle. Enclose Coupon. Closing date May 16th.

CLUES TO CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No 7.

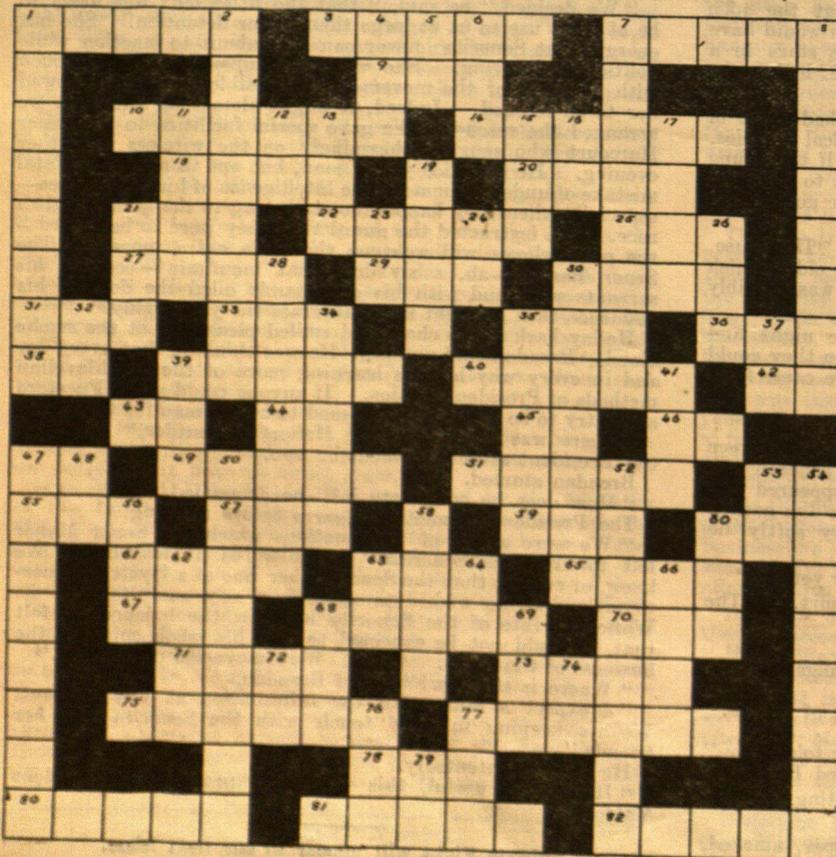
ACROSS.

1. Indispensable members of every Battalion.
3. A necessary duty.
7. Marks of wounds.
9. Drunkard.
10. Well-born.
14. A French Tax.
18. Remain.
20. Supports.
21. A possessive pronoun. (Reversed).
22. A weapon not much used nowadays.
25. A Scottish river.
27. Valuable bipeds.
29. A fabulous bird.
30. Officer in charge of discipline.
31. An Irish river.
33. And so on.

35. Knowledge.
36. A shooting competition.
38. Special Reserve (abbr.)
39. What a soldier fights for.
40. Highest floors.
42. A member of the Army, cannot be one.
43. 4th note of diatonic scale.
44. University degree.
45. Concerning.
46. A prefix or suffix.
47. See clue 44.
49. A body of soldiers moved from one station to another.
51. A weapon not used by Defence Forces.
53. He who must be obeyed.
55. Found in St. Bricin's Hospital.
57. Bill when passed by An Dail.
59. Wears red now.
60. Master of Fox Hounds.
61. A way.
63. Over the crown.
65. An Irish lake.
67. Often.
68. An Indian soldier.
70. A vessel used by 1 above.
71. A singer.
73. A Biblical country.
75. Often by C.M. sometimes by C.O.
77. Controlled by a branch of the Q.M.G.'s Department.
78. A beverage.
80. Business end of a Bee.
81. A Junior Officer.
82. A soldier should be always willing to do this.

DOWN.

1. Officers of high rank.
2. A soldier performing the duty shown in 3 across.
4. Custom.
5. Army Order. (Abr.)
6. An Officer much in evidence during hostilities.
7. An N.C.O.
8. Holds 47 down and 22 across.
11. A foreign town.
12. Thanks.
13. Emblem of France.
15. Criminal Law Department (Initials).
16. 7th note of diatonic scale.
17. Bones.
19. Plunder.
21. Novel by Rider Haggard.
23. A soldier's Railway Ticket (reversed).
24. A religious denomination.
26. Knight of the Grand Temple (Abb.)
28. What an Army marches on.
30. What the Army is maintained for.
32. Sign of hesitation.
34. A manual art. Should be possessed by members of A.C.E.
35. Mahomedan Bible.
37. A pronoun.
39. An ingot of steel.
41. To perceive.
47. Weapons named from a French town.
48. When Reveille sounds.
50. Experienced in a "Tin Lizzie."
52. An N.C.O.
53. A preposition.
54. Attends to soldiers' spiritual needs
56. Head of Pay Department.
58. Made by Survey Department.
60. N.C.O.'s and —
62. Distant.
63. A pronoun.
64. A preposition.
66. Designation.
68. The sun.
69. Nevertheless.
72. Same as 12 down.
74. To cheat.
76. French prefix much used during Revolution
77. A French coin. 79. A prefix (reversed).



PUZZLE No. 6—SOLUTION AND AWARDS.

"PORTOBELLO-INGS."

The solution of this puzzle was as follows:—

DOWN—1. Centralization. 2. Grounds. 3. Carves. 4. In-
testate. 5. Believe. 6. Quartermasters. 9. Aprons. 10. Geo.
12. Dearth. 13. Ilk. 18. Dei. 19. Fraudulence. 26. Interlude.
31. Other. 32. Ere. 33. Major. 35. EA. 38. Ares. 40. B.A.
41. D.L. 43. C.S.

ACROSS—1. C.G. 3. C.I. 5. B.Q. 7. Er. 8. Pagan. 11. Adieu.
14. No. 15. Pert. 16. Ella. 17. Tu. 18. Drove. 19. Fakir.
20. R.N. 21. Eo. 22. Es. 23. R.R. 24. Et. 25. Administrative.
27. L.S. 28. N.S. 29. U.H. 30. Er. 31. Oe. 34. Tree. 36. Hear.
37. Rd. 39. O.B. 41. D.D. 42. C.C. 44. P.R. 45. Namelessness.
The two half guineas go to—

A. O. CANAIN, FO-CAPT., **PRIVATE ROONEY.**
Pay and Accounts Sub-Dept., Supplies,
General Headquarters. Collins Barracks,
Dublin. Dublin.

PUZZLE No. 5—SOLUTION AND AWARDS.

The solution of this puzzle was as follows:—

ACROSS—1. Embrasure. 9. Lines. 10. M.I. 12. C.B. 14. Get.
15. A.C. 16. A.A.G. 18. Via. 19. St. 21. Retni. 22. Te.
23. Utopia. 26. Sapper. 29. Rot. 30. S.D. 32. Us. 33. Rev.
34. G.R. 35. U.S.A. 36. P.A. 37. Emu. 39. He. 40. L.G.
42. Ell. 43. Sylvan. 45. Issues. 47. Teams. 49. Abets. 52. Ebb.
54. A.G. 56. Aid. 57. Act. 59. Or. 60. Ann. 61. Adorn. 63. In.
64. Regulations.

DOWN—1. Encamp. 2. B.L. 3. Rig. 4. Anent. 5. Set.
6. Us. 7. Escarp. 8. C.S. 11. Intervals. 13. B.A. 15. A.I.
17. Gradient. 18. Visualise. 19. Steeple. 20. Stormy. 23. Urges.
24. O.T. 25. Is. 27. As. 28. P.R. 31. Mug. 38. U.L. 39. Ha.
41. G.S. 42. E.U. 44. Vieing. 46. Sabres. 48. Ascot. 50. Bane.
51. T.D. 53. B.O. 55. Gin. 57. Ada. 58. Tri. 60. A.R. 61. A.L.
62. No.

The Prizewinners are:—

SGT.-MAJOR P. J. FARRELL,
Chief of Staff's Dept.,
General Headquarters.
Dublin.

CPL. M. O'CONNOR,
Training and Operations Branch,
General Headquarters,
Dublin.

Cheques will be sent out during the week.

7	<p>COMPETITION COUPON.</p>	Competition
<p>One of these Coupons must accompany every entry. State which Competition in small square above.</p>		

G.H.Q. COMMAND LEAGUE HURLING.

The concluding match in the above League was played on the Civic Guards' Grounds, Phoenix Park, on Wednesday, 6th inst., and resulted as follows:—

G.H.Q. "A" Team, 11 goal 3 points.
PORTOBELLO, 1 goal 1 point.

The concluding match in the above League was played on League, and a deciding match will be necessary for the Championship.

Swimming. Yes swimming has started. Tara Street Baths last Wednesday was a sight! We had the Engineers—I never knew there were so many Engineers in the Army! Yes we had the G.H.Q. crowd—(Where do they get all the Sergeants?) Records were there! The arrival of the 22nd Battalion put the tin hat on. As the bath attendant remarked confidentially to me—"You'd nearly need a shoe horn to get into the water."—Well, that's that!

Yes, renovations have been carried out in the lower field. The Red retrievers can now be exercised in comfort.

What happened to the Goal position in the Gym. field—more retrenchment?

Congrats. to the Signal Corps. Sergeant Collins knows how to deliver the goods.

We have a pipers band. They start early-tuning up. They finish late.

Yes the Gym. now appears a trifle normal. Joner's sacks are on the decrease. But what about the "William Tells" outside?

We are glad the 22nd Battalion have a billiard table—and a Car.

Paddy Morrissey, Jack Munster, and B.S.M. Phelan are back after a successful course at the Curragh. B.S.M. Phelan said it was "th' Business"—I've me doubts.

What's biting No. 4. Group? Has the Peppy little Sergeant been hibernating!!!

Yes, we are waiting for the result of the Melia-Dempsey match—What price Mick?

What did Sean think of the result of the G.H.Q. match?

Yes, our band is progressing. Hard blows from our pipers, and harder blows from our drummer. Artillery in action on 22nd Square. Our Drummer is the big noise in Barracks—More power.

JOTTINGS FROM GALWAY.

The Battalion football team again met the Galway City team at South Park, on Sunday, 3rd inst. The day being showery the ground was rather heavy, but some first-class play was witnessed, the City team having improved their selection since last match. The large number of spectators present at the match goes to show that Gaelic Football is again much appreciated in the city, although it was on the decline for the past few years. The result of the match was—

BATTALION TEAM—1 goal 6 points.
CITY TEAM—1 goal.

Afterwards the Battalion hurling team met the local hurling team in the Sports' Grounds, Renmore, in a challenge match. The game was fast, and scientific play was witnessed on both sides. C.S.M. Houlihan and Pte. Manto played a great game. Result:—

BATTALION TEAM—2 goals 1 point.
LOCAL TEAM—1 goal 3 points.

Sincere regret was felt by all ranks of the 6th Battalion at the departure, on the 28th ultimo, of Sergeants Lewis and Hogan, who are returning to positions in civil life. Sergt. Lewis will be greatly missed in sports circles. He was a most ardent supporter of all kinds of sport organised by the Battalion, and was very largely responsible for the success which has attended recent social functions undertaken by the N.C.O.'s. He was a member of the Battalion Sports Committee.

Both N.C.O.'s were members of the 6th Battalion Branch of the Sacred Heart Sodality.

We have to announce an outbreak of copyright infringement. Further casualties are anticipated.



ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Open-air Boxing Tournament at G.H.Q.—The Position of Tancy Lee—Question of appointing an Athletic Trainer—Amusement Tax on Army Sports—Suggested Swimming Pond at Baldonnel.

Captain Con Brosnan, Southern Command, was the outstanding player in the All-Ireland Final at Croke Park on Sunday, April 26th. Brosnan was responsible for two of Kerry's scores.

Captain J. McDonnall and Lieut. M. O'Brien were prominent on the Dublin selection.

Ex-Army players were also well to the fore on the same selection, viz.: J. Murphy and P. Sinnott.

Army players were again prominent at Croke Park on the 3rd inst. The following military players assisted Kilkenny against Longford in the Leinster Championship (Football):—Comdt. T. Ryan, Lieut. Connolly, Sergt. Price, Corpl. Walshe and Pte. Nunan. Nunan was the best player on view; his place kicking was perfect.

Pte. P. Scanlon, School of Music, was narrowly beaten in the Dublin County Junior Handball Championship at Marshalsea Court.

Sergt.-Major Cork had a similar experience in the semi-final round of the same competition.

Pte. Keane, the well-known Limerick Command hurler, has rejoined the Army and is serving at the Curragh.

Other recent arrivals at the Curragh are: Martin Hayes, the Limerick County Hurler; Finn, Galway; and Phelan, the Kilkenny Handballer.

Pte. Whitty, Curragh Command, disposed of T. Whelan, Ballymore-Eustace, in a home and home rubber. Whitty, although two games down in the first portion (played at Ballymore), ran out an easy winner at the return match (played at the Curragh).

Comdt. M. A. O'Connor, the well-known water polo player, has a large aquatic class at practice at Tara Street Baths.

The nucleus of a good military Water Polo team is available with Commandant O'Connor, Sergeants Kennedy and Flood.

Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, the A.A.A. Chairman, is now President of the Robinhood Golf Club. Captain Dan Stapleton is the Clubs Captain. Army Golfers are invited to patronise this Club.

Handball Courts for the Military Barracks are soon to be erected.

The 21st Infantry Battalion Football Team travelled to Carlow on Sunday, the 3rd inst., and played the Carlow County Team. The 21st gained the honours on the score:—21st, 1 goal, 8 points; Carlow County, 1 goal, 3 points. Captain J. P. Murphy, with Sergts. P. Doyle and J. Higgins, were the 21st's outstanding players.

Under the new rules of the G.A.A., players living outside their native County have the right to declare, if they so desire, to assist their home County in Inter-Provincial Championships.

Captain J. P. Murphy has declared for his native Cavan. Sergts. Doyle and Higgins for Kildare. Captain F. O'Doherty for Mayo. Captain T. Finlay for Leix. Corpl. D. O'Neill for Leix. Pte. T. Kelly for Leix.

No. 4 Group Football Team were defeated by General Headquarters "A" Team in the Command League on Wednesday, 29th inst.

Portobello are not satisfied with the manner in which the referee performed his duties on the occasion.

The Command Council would be well advised to have the complaints inquired into.

The Garda Síochana v. Army annual hurling contest will be played at Croke Park early in July. The winning team secures the President's Cup. The contest was first inaugurated at the Gardai Sports, 1923, and continued at the same fixture, 1924. The Gardai on both occasions were successful. Should the Gardai defeat the Army this year the Cup becomes their property.

An association that can boast of such players as Finlay, O'Neill, Kelly, Stapleton, Lanigan, Cordial, Holnihan, Keane, Hayes, Bannon and Barry, etc., etc., should more than hold their own against the best team at present playing. It behoves our hurlers to be up and doing. Practice makes perfect, and only perfection can give the Army victory in July.

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the A.A.A. was held at General Headquarters, Parkgate, on May 1st, Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan presiding. Also present:—Majors-General Hogan, Cronin and MacNeill, Majors Doyle and McGrath, and Comdt. Colgan.

On the question of Rugby Football, it was decided to request Colonel McGuinness to put in writing the arguments put forward against the adoption of the game at the Convention.

The Secretary reported that he had received only from General Headquarters Command the names of the persons nominated for the Sub-Committees. It was decided to communicate with the Commands immediately, the Secretary to arrange for the holding of meetings on receipt of the names.

Training Department made application for the allotting of medals for the Premier Cup Competition. Owing to the financial position, it was found impossible to provide medals this season.

A report in reference to the Irish Amateur Boxing Championships was read. It was decided to adjourn further discussion on the matter to the next meeting of the States Services Athletic Section.

The affiliation of Boxing Clubs for the following Brigades was decided on:—

6th and 7th Brigade, Eastern Command.
8th and 9th Brigade, Curragh Command.

An application from the Secretary, Irish Amateur Boxing Association, for the services of Ptes. Doyle and Buckley, Feather and Bantam Champions, respectively, of Ireland, was read. It was decided to allow the boxers to compete on conditions that the Irish Amateur Boxing Association pay rail fares.

Open-Air Boxing at G.H.Q.

Monday, May the 25th, was provisionally fixed for the holding of a Boxing Tournament at Portobello Barracks. It was decided to hold a further tournament in the open air at General Headquarters, Parkgate, during the month of June.

The meeting decided to dispense with the services of Mr. J. Lee, Boxing Instructor, one month's notice to be given as from the 1/5/25. Should Mr. Lee decide to attest, the ques-



Matches in Phoenix Park on April 29th.—(1 and 3) Snaps of the Football League Tie between G.H.Q. "A" and Portobello. (2) Phil Sullivan gains possession immediately after throw-in in second half of Challenge Hurling Match between G.H.Q. "A" Team and Curragh Command Selection. (4) Corporal Hendrick immediately before scoring in the second half of Hurling Match.

tion of the procuring for him Sergeant's rank and allowances would be recommended by the Standing Committee to the Army Authorities.

An application for the position of Athletic Trainer was received from Mr. Seamus Lavery. The Secretary was directed to make an appointment with Mr. Lavery, other members of the Standing Committee to attend on receipt of notice from the Secretary.

The Secretary was further directed to write the Adjutant-General, requesting him to bring under the notice of the responsible authorities the question of the amusement tax at present being levied on the occasion of Army Athletic Association Functions, with a view of having relief granted.

Proposals re the provision of polo ponies were adopted. In reference to the provision of swimming baths, Father O'Callaghan mentioned the Racquet Court at Baldonnel as being suitable for conversion into baths. It was decided to leave the matter over until the formation of the Swimming and Allied Sports Sub-Committee.

No. 4 GROUP, G.H. COMMAND, A.A.A.

A meeting of the above Group was held in the Record Office on the 24/4/25 at 6.30 p.m. In the absence of the President (Commandant O'Connor) Lieut. Kavanagh took the chair. Also present—Captain Turner (Engineers), B.S.M. Woods, Sergt. Roche (Signals), Sergt. Morgan (Pay and Accounts), Sergt. Flood (Contracts), Sergt. Kennedy, and Hon. Secretary Sergt. F. Kelly (Records).

FINANCE.

The financial position of the Group was minutely gone into and a lengthy and important discussion took place. The Secretary read the correspondence appertaining to the late treasurer and stated that no reply had been received in response to his (the Secretary's) communications.

After a prolonged discussion the Secretary was directed to pass all correspondence and the synopsis of the case to the Command Council for the favour of their ruling and necessary action in the matter.

FOOTBALL.

Lieut. Kavanagh outlined the football situation, and necessary arrangements were made for the forthcoming fixture with G.H.Q.

Captain Turner stated that the arrangements for transport would be made by him.

Sergt. Morgan emphasised the absolute necessity for more practice matches in view of the forthcoming important League fixtures.

The Committee concurred and arrangements were made to have an inter-departmental match at an early date.

HURLING.

The hurling section of the Group, Sergt. Kelly stated, called for both criticism and immediate action. He pointed out that the Group was unable, for various reasons, to field a team to fulfil their engagement with the Artillery.

The position was fully gone into and arrangements were made for renewed efforts and more general cohesion between the units comprising the Group.

SWIMMING.

Sergt. Kennedy and Sergt. Flood outlined the position as regards swimming. They were, they stated, very optimistic as regards the prospects of the Group during the ensuing season. Practices had already started in Tara Street Baths, and Sergts. Kennedy and Flood stated that their services would gladly be placed at the disposal of the men—as regards tuition and instruction—on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Tara Street Baths for the purpose of the furthering and general development of swimming.

In the unavoidable absence of the President (Commandant O'Connor) definite arrangements could not be made for the present and a programme could not, pro-tem, be out-lined.

CHESS.

Sergt. Roche reported satisfactorily as to the Chess section. He stated that he had found fresh talent and that practices had been indulged in.

ATTENDANCES.

S.M. Woods expressed his dissatisfaction as to the non-attendance of members of the Committee, and stated that amongst certain members there appeared to be a certain amount of apathy. This, he stated, did not tend to inspire confidence or encourage enthusiasm amongst members of the Group generally.

Sergt. Kelly stated that in concurring with S.M. Woods' statement he would suggest that if members could not arrange to attend, at least, deputies should be sent. The non-attendance of Committee members or deputies served only to nullify the work of the rest of the Committee.

DELEGATES.

The Secretary stated that the two delegates appointed to attend the Command Council meeting had failed to do so, although duly notified of the venue and time.

Sergt.-Major Woods stated that their absence was unavoidable owing to the exigencies of the service. The Committee accepted their explanation and the Secretary was deputed to notify the Command Council to that effect.

GENERAL.

A general discussion ensued regarding matters appertaining to the welfare of the Group.

The next meeting was arranged for Friday, 8th May, 1925, at 6.30 p.m.

G.H.Q. "A" HURLERS GIVE GOOD DISPLAY AGAINST CURRAGH SELECTION.

It is saying a good deal, but it is, nevertheless, a fact that G.H.Q. Hurlers played their best game of the season when they met a Curragh Selection on 29th ult at the Civic Guard Ground, Phoenix Park. And it behoved them to do so as the Curragh men were all well-known wielders of the camán.

Garda Garrett Howard had charge of the following teams:—
CURRAGH—Lt. Cronin, Sgts. Mooney and Furey, Cpl. Mulvihill, Ptes. Phelan, Dalton, Cullinan, Sullivan, Geegan, Halloran, Keane, Sanders, Martin Hayes, Mulally and McMahan.

G.H.Q.—Capt. Ryan, Capt. Lennon, Lt. Doyle, Phil Sullivan, Lt. Foley, Cpl. O'Neill, Cpl. Henrick, Ptes. Costigan, Stapleton, Lynch, Keneally, Lanigan, Boylan, Boyne, and Grimes.

From the start it was plain to be seen that Phil Sullivan was more than a footballer. Lt. Doyle was the first of the Headquarters' men to make headway, and it was only by inches that he missed at goal. The Curragh men became aggressive and were it not for the fine back work of Stapleton they would have scored early. Keane, Saunders, and Cronin were conspicuous for the visitors, but they found a stumbling block in O'Neill, who was equal to all demands made upon him. At last, after a fine display of passing, Phil Sullivan opened the score with a goal, and this was followed immediately by another from Costigan. Inspired by their lead, G.H.Q. went still further ahead and Grimes put on No. 3. Martin Hayes and Mulally had now an innings, but the G.H.Q. backs were steady, and gave little away.

At this point G.H.Q. were well worthy of their lead, and had all the opportunities that were offered been availed of by some of the forwards, the score would now have been much higher. A fine understanding between Mulally, Fuery, and McMahan looked promising for the Curragh men, but their judgment was at fault when in front of goal. Costigan secured a minor for G.H.Q., to which McMahan replied with a splendid point for the Curragh. Phil Sullivan was once more in the picture and, forgetful for the moment, met a well-timed pass with his foot and landed the ball safely past Phelan for a goal. Immediately after the puck out he scored a point, and Costigan added another, leaving the score at half-time:—

G.H.Q., 4 goals 3 points.

CURRAGH, 1 point.

On resumption, ere the game was 2 minutes old, Henrick made amends for previous mistakes and scored a goal and a point in quick succession. It looked as if G.H.Q. were to have an easy victory; but after the G.H.Q. backer had a gruelling 5 minutes McMahan, in a great individual effort, got the best goal of the match so far. The Curragh

spurred on by this, played with rare dash, every man of the team helping to pull the game "out of the fire." Keane, in particular, was a tireless worker, and was placed *hors de combat* for some time.

Play became very fast and exciting now. Lt. Doyle and Sgt. Furey had many a spirited set-to in which the G.H.Q. man came out best. Play was for some minutes confined to G.H.Q. territory, and when Mulally obtained a goal for the Curragh it seemed as though they might eventually prove winners. G.H.Q. were now on their mettle, but, play as they would, they were unable to withstand the attacks of the Curragh forwards. Martin Hayes, from a free, reduced the lead by a point, and Lt. Cronin, racing through a trio of players, scored another. With only five minutes to go, and G.H.Q. slackening down, a final spurt by the Curragh ended in Sanders beating Boylan for a goal. There was now little between the teams and no further scoring, leaving the result of a splendid clean game:

G.H.Q. "A," 5 goals 4 points.
CURRAGH, 3 goals 3 points.

G.H.Q. COMMAND LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Matters are now reaching a conclusion in the above league, and as a result of Portobello's defeat by G.H.Q. "A" team at Phoenix Park on 29th ult., Artillery look like winners of the League. Portobello, however, can rise to "big" occasions, and when they meet Artillery they may upset calculations and force the gunners to a test match. A win for Artillery will give them the League, and as they only require a win over G.H.Q. in their Hurling test match things are looking rosy down Kildare way. But, then, "there's many a slip."

The game at Phoenix Park, when Portobello suffered their first defeat in the League was spoiled by a strong wind, of which G.H.Q. had the advantage in the first half. The conditions militated against good play and, aided by the wind, G.H.Q. early attacked. Before they had been playing ten minutes they had a big lead. It was a case of wind and ball battling for supremacy, and good football was at a discount. Players on both teams seemed upset, and whilst G.H.Q. kept scoring, Portobello backs were often at fault in being slow to tackle. Their forwards, too, although scoring two points, should have made better use of the opportunities offered. At half-time the score stood:—

G.H.Q., 1 goal 7 points.
PORTOBELLO, 2 points.

With the wind in their favour, Portobello soon settled down to wipe off the arrears. They were early encouraged, for, playing with better judgment, they speedily scored two points in quick succession. Play was now erratic on both sides and over-anxiety on the part of Portobello lost them many chances. Players on both sides were more inclined to play the man than the ball, with the result that "frees" were frequent, and Lt. O'Brien, the referee, was no respecter of persons. G.H.Q. were unable to make headway against the breeze, and it soon transpired that they had shot their bolt in the first half. Portobello improved and Kavanagh gave them high hopes of victory when he scored a goal. With little between the teams now, G.H.Q. seemed satisfied to rely on the back division for victory. They were more methodical in their play, and although Portobello scored a point on time they were unable to overhaul the Headquarters men, who won a mediocre game on the score:—

G.H.Q., 1 goal 7 points.
PORTOBELLO, 1 goal 5 points.

CIVIC GUARD v. EASTERN COMMAND.

More friendly rivalry between Service teams in the Football and Hurling arena should be of profit to both. An Eastern Command Football team battled for supremacy with a Civic Guard Selection at the latter's Ground on 29th ult. There were many inter-county players and a few All-Ireland players on both sides. Men like Paul Doyle and John P. Murphy

were opposed to players of the calibre of Smith and Kirwan of the Garda. The game was a contrast in styles. The Guards have the advantage of regular League matches, and their kicking and catching was good. The army men were better in tackling, and whilst their individual play was at times superior to that of the Gardai, the latter played as a combination and understood each other perfectly. At half-time the scores were level—1 goal 1 point each.

The second half was evenly contested also. The Garda played pretty football, but were little ahead at the long whistle, when the scores stood:—

CIVIC GUARD, 2 goals 3 points.
EASTERN COMMAND, 1 goal 3 points.

24th BATTALION SPORTS.

In preparation for the forthcoming Brigade Sports, the 24th Infantry Battalion ran a very successful Sports Programme in the Athletic Grounds, Dundalk, on Wednesday, 29th April, 1925, commencing at 2 p.m. All the events were very keenly contested, not a few creating great excitement, and some a lot of merriment, particularly the "Wheelbarrow Race." Amongst the prizes, which were all presented by the Officers of the Battalion, were two valuable cups, one for the winning Tug-of-War Team, presented by Captain T. Callaghan, and the other a Challenge Cup for the best all-round Company, presented by Commandant McConnell.

A very enjoyable musical programme, held in the Men's Recreation Hall, in the evening, brought the day's events to a fitting close, when the Commanding Office, amidst applause, presented the prizes to the winning competitors.

Musical items were contributed by Corporal O'Donnell, C.S.M. Keyes, Sergeant J. Byrne, C.O.M.S. Power, Sergeant Joe Kelly, Private Denis Maddy, Private "Jock" Dunne, Bugler McCormack, Private Fitzsimons, Sergeant Matt Byrne. Accompaniments by Miss McParland and Private Washington.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Final—Private Bracken, 1; Corporal Roache, 2. Time 11 4/5 secs.—won by inches.

220 Yards Final—Corporal Toner, 1; Captain Corry, 2. Time 27 3/5 secs.

400 Yards—Private Hayde, 1; Private O'Rourke, 2. Time 62 2/5 secs.

Half Mile—Private Hayde, 1; Private Newton, 2. Time 2 mins, 26 secs.

Mile—Private Newton, 1; Corporal Toner, 2.

Relay Race—"B" Company, 1; "A" Company, 2. Time, 3 mins, 45 secs.

High Jump—Private Washington (4' 11"), 1. Captain Corry, (4' 10") 2.

Long Jump—Private Conway (16' 1"), 1; Private Washington (16") 2.

Hop, Step and Jump—Private Flynn (34' 4"), 1; Private Washington (34' 3"), 2.

Throwing 56 lbs. without follow—Private Carr (16' 7 1/2"), 1; Corporal Fitzpatrick (15' 6 1/2"), 2.

Throwing 56 lbs. over bar—Private Carr, 1; Corporal Fitzpatrick and Corporal Hanley tied for 2nd place.

Putting 23 lbs. shot—Corporal Fitzpatrick (22' 4 1/2"), 1; Corporal King (22' 0 1/2"), 2.

Tug-of-War—Won by "D" Company—Runner up "B" Company.

Wheelbarrow Race—Privates Hartley and O'Neill, Best All-Round Company—"D" Company.

Best All-Round Competitor—Private Philip Hayde, "C" Company, (Gold Medal).

IRISH ARMY MARKSMANSHIP.

The following appeared in the "Irish Independent":—

Referring to the statement in the Dail that a Bisley marksman was employed for three months at the estuary of the Suir, shooting seals, and that during that period he only accounted for three, a correspondent writes that last summer whilst at Wicklow Head (where seals are not very plentiful) he witnessed the shooting of over 30 seals by a prominent member of the Irish Army (who is still serving). This was only during week-ends for a few summer months.



Notes and News of the G.A.A.

(Specially written for AN t-OGLACh by a veteran Gael.)

The much discussed football final of 1924 is now decided and will soon be a memory, like all its predecessors. But it will always be recalled as a great game, played in circumstances that gave it unusual *eclat*.

It is hardly needful now to recite the result—a young team from Kerry wrested premier title from Dublin, after a three years' lease, on a score of four points to three—the lowest recorded in a final since "Arravale Rovers" beat Navan "Pierce Mahony's" by identical figures.

The scene at Croke Park was inspiring,—surging thousands from every district in the country, tensely awaiting what proved to be an historic game; and the almost virgin sod with which the Gaelic Stadium had been furnished from the Dublin hills, was a fitting arena for such a contest.

The National services, Army and Police, were ably, if not numerous, represented on the opposing sides—two on each. The one outstanding figure of the day, the man who, in midfield flung the tide of victory in Munster's favour, was Captain Con. Brosnan, "A" Company, 10th Battalion.

His speed, stamina, strength and daring were marvellous; and Kerry may well exult in having raised a worthy young successor to their former great centre, Pat O'Shea, in this dashing player from Newtownsands.

He was opposed by the Dublin Captain, Paddy McDonnell, and Jack Murphy, late of the Army, and still playing with the Dublin Keatings. Both worked hard, and not without brilliancy; but were outclassed that day by Brosnan and his colleague, Bob Stack.

Kerry's defence was the feature of the game, and there, next to Barrett (centre full) Phil Sullivan, now attached to G.H.Q., played a conspicuous part. Opposed to them were M. O'Brien, of Army football renown, and Paddy Kirwan, of the Metropolitan Division of Garda Siochana. Both played well, but were up against an impregnable defence.

Altogether, it was a great day for the Gaelic Athletic Association, and its mission; and greatest of all was the fine spirit manifested at every phase of the proceedings.

The provincial championships which have now begun in Leinster, Munster and Ulster, will not be without interest for Command teams, for there are few counties which have not Army players in their provincial selections. The championships for the current year are expected to reveal a big all-round advance in proficiency, and a consequent keenness in competition. The fittest will be needed, and trained men will always be in demand when the highest honours are being sought.

The passing of the Championship from Dublin has left no bitterness there—far from it; and it is likely Kerry and Dublin will be seen in friendly rivalry soon for a beneficent purpose. It has, on the other hand, emboldened the hope that those famous football areas—Wexford, Louth and Kildare—will now regain their old strength and prominence in the arena. This would be the best outcome of all.

From this forward there will be a busy time in Gaelic fields, and interest will grow as the various championships progress. The new rule, passed at Easter, permitting players, who so elect, to help their native counties, if required, in provincial games, will be applicable to many military players. Indeed, it was the situation arising from their service migration that largely prompted it. Still, we do not think it will prove so far reaching as many profess to fear. It has caused uneasiness in some prominent Metropolitan clubs nevertheless.

The Army Hurling and Football League Committees—happily for them—are apparently not much worried about "Gates," and can play their ties where best suits their own convenience. However, we are certain that the general public, knowing how many excellent county players they have in the ranks, would welcome timely notice of on-coming fixtures. Perhaps this could be done?

A top-notch footballer, who is also a high-grade hurler, is nowadays rather a phenomenon than otherwise. Phil Sullivan, already referred to, fills this bill. He gave a convincing demonstration of dual mastery in a recent hurling game for G.H.Q. "A" team, as he had already done for University College on several occasions. What a pity his native county is so backward of later years in the national pastime!

So long as Army teams are not included in the Gaelic championships, matches such as that which took place last Sunday at Carlow,

when the football juniors of the Eastern Command and Carlow County met, should be encouraged. They would keep the devotees of national games in civil and military ranks in touch, and promote an equal standard of play all round.

Many fine and fruitful things are done for native pastimes that never gain the light of publicity. Here is one, the nature only of which will be disclosed. A member of the D.M.P.—a noted veteran of All-Ireland football—spends much of his scant leave from duty in organising the *paistini* of a north city sector for the practice of the Gaelic games. It is an area in which encouragement is needed. On the field he was the idol of the boys of the district, and is more popular now than ever with them. He is fostering the game at its root as a pure labour of love. Many, with greater facilities, could do likewise—but won't.

The Esplanade Ground at Collins Barracks does not seem to commend itself to the Army as a play-ground. We are not surprised, as it is wholly unsuitable for native games. Even practice there is listless. Yet we remember when the "Tommies" matches there proved a restful distraction for saunterers, and one missed (not grievously thought) the mid-week and Saturday crowd on the railings the absorbed errand boy, with the rardy basket, and the enraptured nurse maid, with the indifferent infant. Of such was the audience mainly.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS TO DATE.

Leinster.

Senior Hurling—Kilkenny beat Leix (Semi-Final).
Junior Hurling—Leix beat Kildare.
Senior Football—Kilkenny beat Longford.
Junior Football—Kilkenny beat Longford.

Munster.

Ties commence on May 10th at Waterford—Clare *v.* Waterford in Senior Hurling and Junior Football.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIGHTING QUALITY OF IRISH SOLDIERS.

Sir Anthony St. Leger, in a letter to Henry VIII., dated 6th April, 1543, and given in the State Papers, has the following praise for Irish soldiers:—

"I think for their feat of war, which is for light scourers, there are no properer horsemen in Christian ground, nor more hardy, nor yet that can better endure hardness. And as to their footmen, they have one sort, which be harnessed in mail and bassettes, having every one of them his weapon, called a 'sparre' (long-handled axe), much like the axe of the Tower, and they be named gallowglass; and for the more part their boys bear for them three darts apiece, which darts they throw, or they come to the hand strife; these sort of men be those that do not lightly abandon the field, but bide the brunt to the death. The other sort, called kerne, are naked men, but only their shirts and small coats, . . . and those have darts, and short bows; which sort of people be both hardy and active to search woods and morasses, in which they be hard to be beaten."

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PORTOBELLO BARRACKS INSTITUTE.

Suggested Band Recitals in Barracks— Possible Extension of Canteen Hours.

A meeting of the No. 7 Brigade Institute Committee was held in the Dry Canteen, Portobello Barracks, on Monday, 27th April, at 11 o'clock, Reverend Father Casey, C.F., presiding. Also present:—Commandant Colgan, Lieutenant Condon, Sergeant Collins, Sergeant F. Kelly, Corporal C. Kelly, Corporal Sheridan, Sergeant Kennedy, the Hon. Secretary.

MEN'S SUPPERS.

The Committee reported favourably regarding the supplying of the suppers to the men. This innovation, which is greatly appreciated, fills a long-felt want, and the attendant results have more than justified the Committee's launching of this project.

A misunderstanding appears to have arisen regarding the suppers for the Signal Corps. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Officer Commanding Signals with a view of having this matter adjusted, and Father Casey promised to interview Captain Cregan in this connection.

LIBRARY.

Sergeant F. Kelly stated that the Library membership had greatly increased, and that the Library had become one of the chief centres of attraction in the Barracks. Arrangements had been made for the provision of pens, pencils, stationery, etc., gratis. The Sergeant, however, emphasised the necessity for procuring immediately the grant of £65, in view of the fact that the Library is at present deficient in Books of educative and instructive value.

Father Casey kindly promised to expedite the grant as far as possible.

BILLIARDS.

Sergeant Kennedy explained the difficulty he had experienced in procuring a Bagatelle Table, and regretted that he had been unsuccessful so far. He was at present negotiating for one and hoped to be in a position to report satisfactorily at the next meeting. In connection with the recent Billiard Tournament, which proved such a great success, he stated that he had been approached on the subject of starting another one. This he would gladly do, provided the Brigade Quarter-Master could see his way to kindly present appropriate prizes. The Committee agreed with the project, and Father Casey was asked to interview Commandant Devlin on the subject.

PREMISES.

Father Casey explained the position as regards the taking over of the Brigade Premises for the use of the Institute.

The Committee congratulated the Chairman on his efforts, and considered the situation very satisfactory.

GROUNDS, ETC.

The Committee viewed with satisfaction the recent improvement in the Recreational grounds, but on the suggestion of Corporal Kelly it was agreed that the work of providing a Sprinting or Running Track be expedited, as in view of the forthcoming sports, the training ground for track events was totally inadequate. It was decided to solicit the assistance of Colonel McGuinness in the matter.

Sergeant Collins pointed out the necessity of having a protective wire netting placed around the railing bordering Lissenfield House, owing to the close proximity of the private grounds and to obviate the necessity for players trespassing thereon in pursuit of lost balls, etc.

The Committee concurred.

HANDBALL.

Commandant Colgan stated that arrangements were being made for the erection of a Double Handball Court in Portobello.

In connection with the Handball Competition for the gold and silver medals, kindly presented by Commandant Colgan, Sergeant Kelly was deputed to make the necessary arrangements and receive entries. It was agreed that necessary arrangements would be made to enable men on outpost duty to compete.

TENNIS.

In view of the fact that the two outdoor Tennis Courts at present allotted, were in a hopeless condition, and that one at least would not be playable until next year, and, also, in view of the fact that there were several tennis players in Portobello who would be entering for the forthcoming All-Army Championship, the opinion was expressed that it was unfair to confine players to the existing Courts. The Committee were unanimously of opinion that the third Tennis Court, opposite Lieutenant-General O'Sullivan's house be open to Non-Commissioned Officers and men.

The Committee decided to solicit the kind assistance of Colonel McGuinness in the matter.

A requisition for two Base-Line Nets and one Centre Net was approved of by the Committee, and the Secretary was instructed to forward same to the Brigade Quarter-Master for his approval.

The Committee decided that Outdoor Tennis Courts be now open.

ROUNDERS.

Sergeant F. Kelly was deputed to negotiate with Griffith Barracks for a Rounders Match and make the necessary arrangements for more Inter-Barrack Rounders fixtures.

SPRINTING.

In order to ascertain and procure the best talent for the forthcoming Championships, Lieutenant Condon, Sergeant Kelly, and Corporal Kelly were deputed to arrange an Inter-Battalion and Departmental Cross-Country Run on Wednesday afternoon, and to arrange for a Relay Race for the following Wednesday.

CANTEEN HOURS.

Father Casey explained the situation as regards the Canteen Hours, and it is hoped at an early date to have the hours extended.

BAND RECITALS.

On the suggestion of Lieutenant Condon, the Committee unanimously recommended that the proper authorities be approached to have an open-air Band Recital in Portobello at an early date. The good results that would accrue from this project were pointed out. This is following up the suggestion made in our "Notes and Comments" in Vol. III., No. 8.—(Ed.)

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Secretary was directed to approach the Officers Commanding the 7th and 27th Battalions with a view of their sending representatives to attend the Institute Committee Meetings.

The next meeting was arranged for 11th May at 11 a.m.

IRISH "AMBUSH" TACTICS IN 1618.

In a work entitled "The Glory of England," written in the year 1618 by T. Gainsford, an English officer, who fought at the battle of Kinsale, and in the Ulster wars against O'Neill, the difficulties of carrying on warfare against the Irish are described in interesting fashion. Here is an extract from the book, which is reminiscent of happenings of a more recent period:—

"The country and Kingdom of Ireland is generally for natural air, and commodity of blessings, sufficient to satisfy a covetous or curious appetite; but withal divided into such fastness of mountain, bog, and wood, that it hath emboldened the inhabitants to presume on hereditary security, as if disobedience had a protection. For the mountains deny any carriages, but by great industry and strength of men (so have we drawn the cannon over the deepest bogs and stoniest hills), and the passages are everyway dangerous, both for unfairness of ground, and the lurking rebel, who will flash down whole trees over the passes, and so intricately wind them, or lay them, that they shall be a strong barricade, and then lurk in ambush amongst the standing wood, playing upon all comers as they intend to go along. On the bog they likewise presume with a naked celerity to come as near our foot and horse as possible, and then fly off again, knowing we cannot, or indeed dare not, follow them; and thus they serve us in the narrow entrances into their glens and stony paths, or, if you will, dangerous quagmires of their mountains, where 100 shot shall rebate the hasty approach of 500; and a few muskets (if they durst carry any) well placed, will stagger a pretty army, not acquainted with the terror, or unpreventing the mischief."

SZÉALTA AN TSÁIRSINT RUA.

PÁDRAIC Ó CONAIRE, DO SZKIÓB.

XVII.—ÓN AZUS AN.

Nár feictear an t-áó go deó orm má táim as innseáct na mbréas—" sé " Spasac " a bí as labairt leis an Sáirsint Rua, agus eisean as iarraio a labar féin a cur isteaé sa széal. Aét ní raib ceó maiteasa óó ann ; nuair a bí paoi " Spasac " cainnt a cur óe, nó széal innseáct, ní cuirpeao an triabál agus a mátair cosg leis. Agus b'porus o'aitne air go raib an ponm sin air anois. Ní raib le óéanamí as an Sáirsint Rua aét széilleao óó agus szaoileao leis, ruo a rinne sé.

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Seao, a feara, (arsa Spasac) baintear an óluas anuas óiom mara bpuilm as innseáct na pírinne síle. Ní raib as an triúr mí-óómarac sim a bí sa mbáo beag leo féin ar órum na bóéna, na céasta míle ó éalam, an oireao de'n uisge úr is a báitpeao cuileós ná an oireao de'n biaó is a coóóáo lucós ! Boscaí teanna de'n ór burde agus ceigeanna de'n rum láóir, sin a raib as na créatúir !

Éar éis roinnt laete, bí óúil nime i szcroíre zac n-aon aca, óume de'n heirt eile a marbaó le n-a éart agus le n-a ocras a sású. Murcáoac zeal ó éarraíre is túisge a labair paoi'n óúil sin a bí n-a éroíre nuair a éairg sé toim lonnoanac an fear óub cur óá éreóir agus é íte. Agus nuair a óúiltáig an lonnoanac curóú leis san obair seo bí sé féin as óul sa szcon-tabairt.

An lá sin, cúpla uair roimé tuicim na horóce, bí an lonnoanac n-a luige go lag paon i óróim an báro, agus é roir coóáo agus óúiseáct nuair a óuala sé an síosgarnac cainnte éart air.

An murcáoac zeal agus an murcáoac óub a bí as cur óioéa, agus ba leat-íongnaó leis an Sasanaé go raib sé de spreacao sa mbeirt sin cainnt agus comráó óéanamí agus zan aon ceó íte ná óla aca ar feao an acáir fáda sin. Níor móó záo móó éisim beít leis an szcainnt. Leig mo óume air féin go raib sé n-a óooláo aét ní raib ná baogal air agus óluas le héisteaeé air ar feao an ama.

Agus cuir an éainnt sin a óuala sé uaébas ar an bfeao bo t. " Tá toga na feóla ar a énaímáib, a comráóí," arsa an murcáoac zeal leis an bfeao óub, " agus má tá sé beag féin—"

" Óiom blas ar an mbeagán," ars an fear óub, " is cumineacé liom féin sul ar fásas mo éir féin i óosac, sul ar puaoisgeao tar síle mé go ótáimic óream fear zeal isteaé éugaim le n-ár szcreaeao. Bí troio asaim ar an tráig marbúigeao a szceannaire, pírin beag roigin meáoó-aosta a bí ann, aét ní éreípeá aét a blasta is bí sé ! Blas na meala ar zac aon szreim óe, ó mullaé cinn go troig ! " agus éeappá ar an szcosamálaé a éámic ar szmús an fear óuib go raib blas na feóla sin n-a beal go fóill féin !

Méaoáig an óosamálaé szúac sin ar ocras an fear síl. " A túisge is óéanfar an szmóim is amláo is fearr é," ar seisean, " aét cé'n éaoi is fearr é ? "

" Molam an lann. Sí an lann an oirnéis is fearr éisge," ars an fear óub.

" Aét nac szcailpíre an íomarca óá éuro póla ar an óóig sin " ? ars an fear zeal.

" Beag baogal," ars an fear óub " tá mise cleaeáct n-a leitéro sin o' obair," agus éaoé sé síl ar a comráóí.

" Táim sásá," ars an fear zeal " óéantar an szmóim anóct mar sin."

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Ní bréas ná áiféis a ráó go raib a éroíre n-a beal as an lonnoanac. Óioéas le n-a cur óá éreóim le teaeé na horóce :

céaro ab fearr óó óéanamí ? Cé'n tslisge óosanta a bí asige ar an mbeirt bíteaimnacé sin a marbóáo é mar marbúisgeí muc ? Bí lann n-a érios asige cinnce—aét cé'n maít lann i lámí óume agus lanna as an mbeirt eile freisin ? Seao, agus zac óume aca níos cumasaige ná é féin !

Níor leig sé air féin go szuala sé aon ceó de'n éainnt a bí roir an mbeirt. " N-a éromsuan a bí sé de réir cosamálaéta, aét szaoit aon fócaíl níor éaill sé, agus szreim asige ar a lann ar feao an ama.

Bí an murcáoac zeal agus an murcáoac óub as eirge meróreac. Óioar éar éis corn an óume de'n bioáille láóir a ól agus bí sé as eirge n-a szceann. Bí an fear óub as zábáil amláim barbaróa éisim de'n émeál úro a cleaeatúisgear imeasg na bfeao óub le linn féasta ar óostaib allta na háiprice; agus b' uaébasac an ceól é i szluasaib an fear ó lonnoam ! Ó am go ham, óo buaileao sé an ceisín a bí le n-a ais le n-a lom-áltaib go raib an fuil leo, agus nuair a o' feiceao sé an fuil sin óosuigeao sé óá lígeao go cíocraé !

Ní raib sé n-a oíóce szur óosais an fear óub ar faobar a cur ar a lann. Bí téao énaibe záo ullmú as an bfeao zeal. Éámic creaeao ball ar an bfeao ó lonnoam : is maít a bí fíos asige cé le n-asaró an t-ullmúcán seo ! Anois nó ariam, a szasanaig ! Mara óéanfaró tú szmóim anois, agus é óéanamí go beóóa agus go cróóa, beíro veire le óo szmóimareáib go lá an luam !

Ní raib aon tsúil as an mbeirt eile go n-ionnsóáoíre íao aét an oireao is beao síl as leóimán go n-ionnsóáo an t-uan é. Aét bí an Sasanaé sa mullaé orra paoi éeann noiméro le luas lasraé. Éroio sé go calma, agus is íomóa síiteao de'n lann cuir sé n-a namíre. Aét níorb aon éabair óó beít as iarraio an heirt sin a buaó. Leagao sa veire é. Cuireao ceangal na szcaol air. Rinneao an szmóim a bí beartaigíte.

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Na bioó síl as aon óume go szuirepeaoa óeisteao ar an lué éisteaeéta as cur síos ar an obair uaébasac a bí ar síubal roir an óá mureáoac i mbáo beag an óir agus an rum ar feao na ótrí lá óár szíom mar ní óéanfaró é. Bí beaéa aca ar aon éaoi—óá mbéaoí braon beag de'n uisge aca ! Óá méro a roúil san ór, béaraoísa a raib aca óe sa mbáo, béaraoísa a raib sa saogal ar aon píonta amlam uisge. Agus maíoir leis an rum a bí sna ceisíní, óá szur ar mire ar paó a bí sé síuro i ótreó nac leisgeao an murcáoac zeal óo'n mureáoac óub braon óe a blaiseao. Is beag nár éarraing sé sin an troio anuas, agus de réir mar bí an beaéa uaébasac a bí aca as óul i szaimne, bí an múingín a bí aca as a éile as óul i szaimne freisin, agus baraimáil láóir as zac óume aca go n-ionnsóáo an óume eile é óá bpuisgeao sé an fáil. Mo briaéar móro óib, a feara, go mb' fearr go móó beít san óim seo óá óonaéct é ná beít i mbáo beag an óir agus an rum leis an mbeirt bíteaimnacé sin.

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Aét is sziorra éabair óé ná an óoras. Ó na spéiréib anuas a éámic an éabair óo'n heirt. Néalta beag a bí as bun na spéire le cúpla lá romé sin go ótáimceaoar anuas n-a múrtaib báistis zan ró-acár. Ó'eirig leo curó de'n uisge luacmar seo a baíliú sna seólaib, bí ceisíní pollamí paoi seo, cuireao an t-uisge isteaé ann, bí leo !

Long de éablaé Rí Sasana a bí as óul an bealaé, agus éonnac an lué páme a bí uirri an báó beag tamall uaéa. Ó'ait leo a leitéro de óoite beít n-a leitéro sin o'ait, i bpaó ó éalam, agus rinneaoar uirri go bpuisgeóis a tuairisg. Óioar buaíte leis an szcoite sul má bí fíos as lué na luinge móire aon níro beó beít sa mbáo beag. Aét leat na síle ar an uile fear de'n fuirinn nuair a éonnaiceaoar céaro a bí sa mbáo beag.

Bí an murcáoac zeal n-a luige ar meall óir as ceann an báro, ceisín rum le n-a éeann, lann talbaróe n-a



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SAYS THE SEVENTH.

His comrades of "C" Coy. wish to place on record their appreciation of the plucky manner in which Pte. Clarke assisted in a recent accident, which might have had serious consequences but for his intervention. They are glad to see that he is up and about again, and that the injuries he sustained whilst rendering assistance are not so serious as were at first feared.

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The Sergeants' Dance, which took place on 25th April, attracted a "galaxy of the youth and beauty of County Kildare." The function was very enjoyable. The ladies who helped on the Committee, as well as the Sergeants of the Battalion, are to be complimented for their unsparing efforts to render it a success.

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The principal topic under discussion at present is the tardiness of the appearance of G.R.O. 79. Some of our impatient ones are champing the bit and pawing fretfully. Our melancholy Dan(e) soliloquises thus:—

To act or not to act,
That is the question.
Whether 'tis better for me
To act as N.C.O. unpaid,
And see festoons my name in G.R.O.:
Or, throwing favours to the winds of heaven,
Assume substantive rank
And do again "Two on" "Four off."

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Who was it suggested that there is a connection between "Bray" and a Donkey?
Heard at Exam. for N.C.O. Rank:—
Examiner—Now tell me why do you aim at "6 o'clock"?
Budding N.C.O.—Because it might be too dark at 7.

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Will the Billiard Handicap be a gift for the Q.M. Staff, and will Corporal Gunman play top-hole billiards?

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A false prophet in six letters. No, you're all wrong. 'Tisn't the President.

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Who are the young soldiers of "A" Coy., who paid a rather stiff price for a short journey in a wheeled vehicle?

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"What I want," said the political crank, "is reform. I want tax reform. I want Army reform. I want Police reform. I want Temperance reform. I want—I want—"
"What you want," called out a disgusted private who happened to be listening, "what you want is chloroform."

AN BIORANACH.

n-a béal, orícle an bual n-a súilíú, agus é díreac ar tí an mur-
cádaic túb-éaraicneac a bí n-a luíge i n-aice leis a ionnsaíúe!
Ór éart i n-gac áit ann, agus cnáma geala an tSasanaíú a mar-
búigeac agus a íceac!

Cuireac cúirt ar an tA n-urcádaic ar a tóil i dtír i n-éirimh
do'n luimh móir agus ní mórán cáirte a fuairtear. An tráic sin,
croctaoi cuirpéúú go puiblíúe sa tír, agus bí croc do'n tsórt seo
ar an taob éoir de fáitce Stíobna i mBaile Áca Cliaic. Cuairt
an beirt i n-áirde ar an gcroic seo, cuireac an cnáib faoi n-a
muneál. Óo séalaíú an t-anam asta.

"Agus b'iaú síúo an beirt deireannaic óo crocáú annsin
ariaim," ars an Sáirsint Rua a raib a beag nó a mór do'n tSeancúú
aíse, agus sinn as sgarac ó n-a céile.

[San gcéac tinnir eile : XVIII. Deac sa mbeó.]

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ENGLISH AND IRISH WARRIORS IN THE DAYS OF ELIZABETH.

To anyone interested in military affairs in Ireland in time past, the old State Papers will be found a mine of valuable information. Writers of "history books" usually, but not always, consult these documents before writing their volumes; but as a rule they pass over details which are full of interest, merely because considerations of space preclude their insertion in small volumes.

The State Papers of the reigns of Henry VIII. and Elizabeth are particularly interesting. They contain numerous letters from English military commanders concerning the Irish soldiers of the time, their methods of fighting, etc. And they throw some interesting side-lights on the condition of the English forces—their clothing, equipment, rations, etc. For instance, in the "Carew Papers" (1599), dealing with the clothing of English soldiers, a writer urges the use of Irish garments for the troops (needless to say, not because of any zeal for the promotion of Irish industries). He says:—

"Whereas 5 pair of English stockings are appointed yearly for every soldier at 2s. 8d. the pair, amounting yearly to 13s. 4d., and 5 pairs of shoes, at 2s. 4d. the pair, amounting to 11s. 8d., and a cap at 3s., being in total 28s.; the soldier may have three pair of Irish brogues for the price of one pair of shoes, viz.: at 9d. the pair of brogues; and for every pair of English stockings two pair of Irish frieze stockings, viz.: at 16d. the pair, which will be far better for them, in the opinion of such as are well acquainted with the country, than the new apparel. And so, if out of the same, at the same charge her Majesty giveth allowance for an Irish mantle, which costeth but 5s., it will be a gain to him in the charge and be his bed for the night, and a great comfort to him in sickness and health; for the mantle, being never so wet, will, with a little shaking and wringing, be presently dry; for want of which the soldiers, lying abroad, marching, and keeping watch and ward in cold and wet in the winter time, die in the Irish ague and in flux most pitifully. Therefore it were very meet that present consideration were had thereof against the winter."

In connection with the above it is interesting to note that, some years earlier, Sir Henry Wallop, the Vice-Treasurer, had recommended to Sir Robert Cecil, Secretary of State, garments of Irish make for the soldiers, as being cheaper and more durable than those sent from England. Cecil, however, disapproved, for it had been pointed out to him by the Lord Deputy, that though the clothes could be made cheaper in Ireland, yet the friezes were made by "the rebels, who would thus receive her Majesty's good coin, wherewith they buy out of Denmark, Scotland, and other parts, powder and munition to maintain their rebellion."

THE TWENTY-FOURTH TALKS.

Best thanks are due to all concerned in carrying out first successful Sports Programme. It was the 24th's day out.

Is the "Indian" a "Triumph"?

When might an improvement be expected in TEA in a certain Mess?

What were the comments by "Dolly" and "Frank" on "Spotty" when the last issue of this Journal circulated about Barracks?

The guessing competition as to who is "Spotty" still continues.

How did the well-known Gaelic songs, "Holding Hands" and "I Love Him" become the craze in the Battalion?

What did Tim say to Bob after the Tug-of-War?

Is the "West Asleep"? All answers to this question must be addressed to another Mess, not in Dundalk.

Coy. Sergt. Carolan looked "In the pink" on a recent escort visit to Dublin. Why?

It is whispered that the Boys have decided to become "Dummies" should that Scribe from the 21st ever appear in Dundalk Barracks again.

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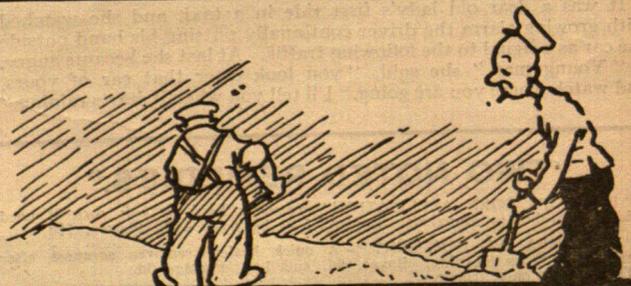
BALL ALLEY FOR COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

(To the Editor of AN T-OGLACH.)

Permit me through the medium of your paper to draw attention to the need of a Ball Alley for Collins Barracks. At present there is only a Double Skittle Alley at the rear of the Barracks, where followers of this truly Gaelic pastime manfully labour against the many obstacles that beset their path. To remedy this state of affairs, I suggest the removal of the partition in the Skittle Alley, the raising of the back wall and its adornment with a little wire netting. Then, having levelled the concrete floor, with a small extension outwards of same, the raising of wing walls will complete the quick change, and thus enable followers of this fine game to decide all challenges amongst themselves, without having to repair, as hitherto, to the Castle Court.

J. J. R.

Collins Barracks, Dublin,
9th April, 1925.



Pathetic Ballads Illustrated.—"The man that stole my shovel must be very fond of work."

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DISORDERS AND ABUSES OF ENGLISH SOLDIERS IN MUNSTER, 1582.

[From a letter from William Lyon, Bishop of Ross, to the Lords Justices (1582), preserved in the State Papers.]

"The disorder of the soldiers amongst the people breedeth great hatred to our nation, and not without cause. This I can report of myself, for the time I lay in Cork, being there a Commissioner as unworthy of the Province, the soldiers that lie there . . . have horse boys, which go out into the country for the compass of three or four miles, and fetch in horseloads of corn of the poor people day by day, they having no other sustenance to relieve them and their families, than their little corn, about which they have taken great pains and travail, and if they come to rescue it from the horse boys, they call upon them and beat them, and cut them in the heads, most lamentable to see. Then come they and complain to the Mayor of the city and show him their hurts. His answer is this, 'You must have patience, for I cannot remedy it,' and it is time indeed, for they esteem no more of the Mayor than a man will do of his horse boy, and their words are these to the Mayor, and the best of the town: 'Ye are but beggars, rascals, and traitors, and I am a soldier and a gentleman.' And also I have seen the poor people come with their heads cut before Sir Warham St. Leger, knight, and myself, complaining of their grief, but the soldiers have conveyed themselves and their boys out of the way, for they are lawless, and I think in conscience (speaking it with grief of heart) amongst the heathen there is no such wicked soldiers."

Here is another letter (Sir John Dowdall, a Munster Commander, to Secretary Cecil, Jan. 2, 1599), relative to abuses and irregularities amongst the English troops:—

"Why are the forces so weak and poor? One cause is the electing of captains rather by favour than by desert, for many are inclined to dicing, wrenching, and the like, and do not regard the wants of their soldiers. Many of the captains and gentlemen are worthy men, but most of them are fitter for the wars of the Low Counties and Brittany, where they were quartered upon good villages than here, on waste turns, bog, or wood, after long marches. Some captains have by their purst and credit held their company strong, but have neither been repaid nor rewarded, and have fallen into great poverty. Other captains, rather than spare a penny, will suffer their soldiers to starve, as is daily seen in this Kingdom. Another reason is, that supplies come so short, and so long after they are due, verifying the old proverb: 'While the grass grows the horse starves.' The victuals are many times corrupted, as is thought, by the provant-masters, that go to the heaps for cheap. And so with the purveyors of the apparel—often a suit valued at 40s. proves not worth half, yet is the soldier constrained to take it, some six or nine months after it is due. Most part of the army, seem beggarly ghosts fitter for their graves than to fight a prince's battle. The report hereof so works in men's minds that they had as lief go to the gallows as to the Irish wars."

A wealthy girl from America was attending a social function at a country house in England.

"You American girls have not such healthy complexions as we have," said an English duchess to the girl. "I always wonder why our noblemen take such a fancy to your white faces."

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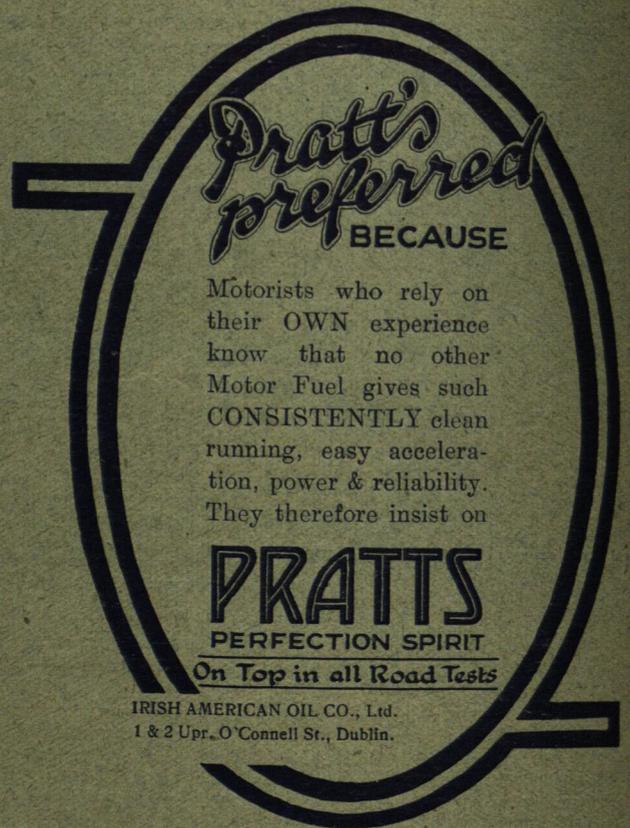
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