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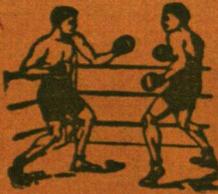
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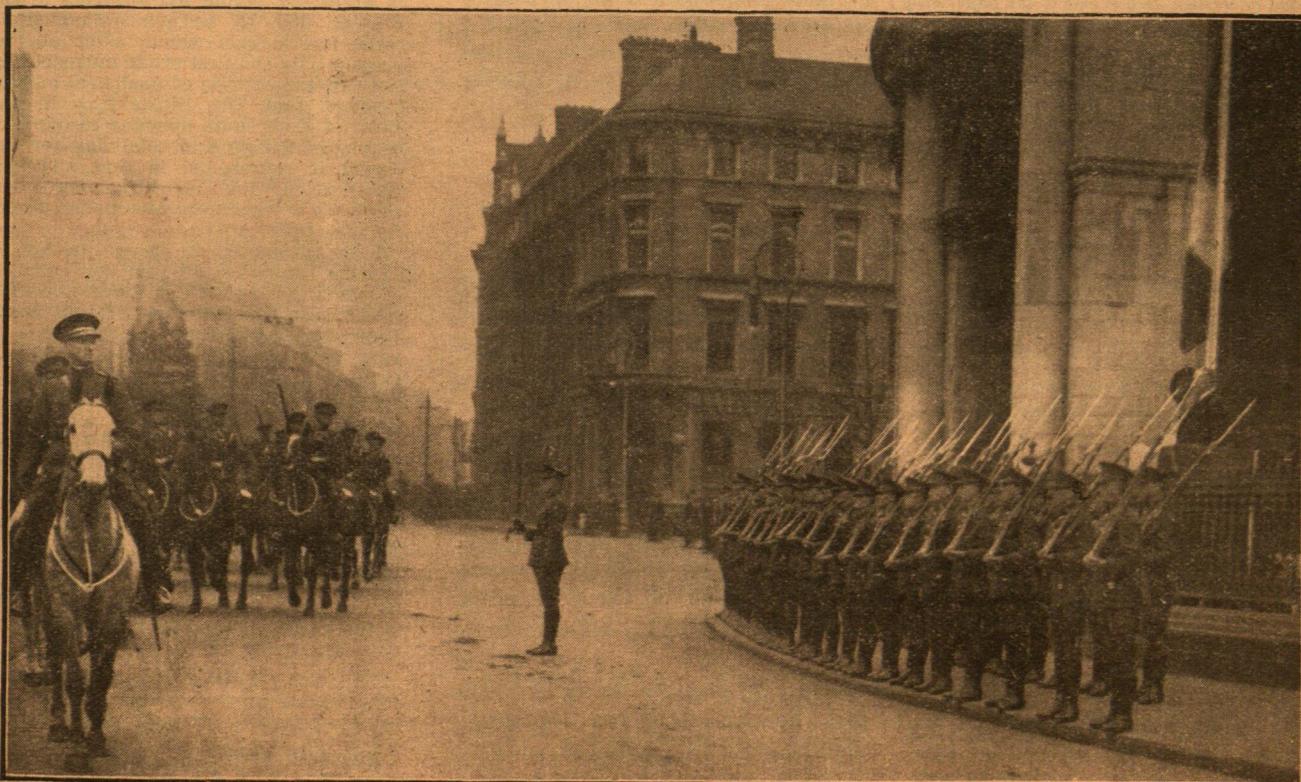
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# An t-Ógláic

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TROOPS PASSING THE SALUTING BASE, COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN, ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The crowds that lined the streets of Dublin on St. Patrick's Day to witness this year's military display were even larger than those of twelve months ago, and the parade evoked favourable comment amongst all. The morning was mild and dry, if somewhat overcast, and the whole elaborate ceremonial passed off without a hitch.

Prior to the march through the city, the troops attended Church Parade on the Esplanade, Collins Barracks, where Mass was celebrated in the open air by Rev. J. Pigott, B.A., Command Chaplain. At the Consecration the Parade was brought to attention, the Tricolour and the Command Colours were unfurled, brought to the carry, and dipped, the escort presented arms, and the General Salute was sounded by bugles and drums. The Consecration over, the troops again stood at ease. The Chief of Staff and other Officers of the Higher Command from G.H.Q., together with the G.O.C. Eastern Command, and his Staff, occupied positions a short distance in front of the altar, which had been erected under a canvas shelter. For the first time, all the Officers on parade wore swords.

After Mass the parade was inspected by the G.O.C. Eastern Command, following which the troops marched off the ground in column of route. Proceeding eastwards along the North quays, the parade consisted of the following units:—

Advance Guard of Mounted Infantry.

G.O.C. Eastern Command and Staff—Administrative Officer, Colonel E. V. O'Carroll; Adjutant, Major P. King; A/Command Quartermaster, Comdt. D. V. Skehan; Staff Officer, Captain T. Gray; with trumpeter and orderly.

Colour party.

No. 7 Brigade—O.C., Colonel J. H. McGuinness; Adjutant, Comdt. C. Saurin; A/Q.M., Comdt. M. Noone; No. 1 Brass Band; No. 23 Infantry Battalion (O.C., Comdt. Wedick); Pipers' Band; No. 27 Infantry Battalion (O.C., Comdt. Hegarty).

No. 5 Brigade—O.C., Colonel M. Gilheany; Adjutant, Comdt. R. Daly; Q.M., Comdt. P. McGrory; No. 2 Brass Band; No. 21 Infantry Battalion (O.C., Comdt. Cunningham); Pipers' Band; No. 19 Infantry Battalion (O.C., Comdt. McGonnell).

Corps and Services—No. 1 Battery, Artillery Corps; Depot Company, Military Police Corps; No. 1 Company, Armoured Car Corps; No. 3 Company, Army Medical Services; No. 6 Company, Army Transport Corps.

Rear Guard—One platoon of infantry.

The route was that published in issue of the 18th inst., and led past the old Parliament House in College Green, where the salute was taken by the Minister for Defence. A platform draped with the National colours had been erected within the railings, and amongst those present with Mr. Peadar Hughes were:—The Minister for Finance, the Minister for Education, the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; Mr. George Nicholl, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, General Eoin O'Duffy, Chief Commissioner of the Civic Guard. The Chief of Staff and his Staff were in attendance on the Minister for Defence, to whom Captain Sean Trayers acted as A.D.C. Colonel Costello was present as A.D.C. to the Assistant Chief of Staff. Captain Maguire, of the United States Army, was one of the party.

The parade was dismissed at Collins Barracks.

# An t-Oglach

MARCH 27, 1926.

*Literary contributions are requested from all Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men.] Contributions should be written on one side of the paper only; and whilst every reasonable care will be taken of MS., no responsibility is accepted. A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed if the return of the MS. is desired. Reports of the doings of Units are particularly requested from all Commands. These should reach the Editorial Office not later than the Saturday previous to the date of publication.*

*Editorial Offices: G.H.Q., Parkgate, Dublin.*

## CÓMRAÐ AS AN EASARÉOIR.

### SELF-RELIANCE.

WITH periodic regularity we hear the complaint that the Officer's life—professionally, financially, and socially—is not all that it should be or could be. We hear that grumble from senior and junior, singly and in chorus. It never seems to occur to the Officers in question that the real cause of the complaint lies within themselves. They appear to us to bear a striking resemblance to the type of people who are always asking: "Why isn't the Government doing this or that?"

Nothing succeeds better in this world than self-reliance. It succeeds simply because it deserves success. We do not dispute the fact that the Officer's life is not all that it might be. But are they not very largely to blame themselves? There are many ways in which the Officers, collectively, can improve their situation if they possess the will to do so; and if they have not got that quality within themselves no other force can provide it for them.

We believe that our Officers possess the virtue of self-reliance in abundance; and that it only needs the quality of expression to give effect to it. In our own limited way we have tried to impart that necessary quality of self-expression. We have thrown out suggestions concerning the advisability of establishing a Central Club for Officers: an

Officers' Association: and a Financial Agent for Army Officers. We invited comments upon these suggestions which are all vital to the future well-being of the Officer. We have received only a very limited response to these suggestions.

It is obviously unfair to expect the Army Authorities, of their own volition, to set up these institutions. The setting up of them is essentially a matter for the Officers themselves, subject to approval, of course, by the Authorities. The fact, however, that the suggestions appeared in the Army Journal is sufficient guarantee that the Authorities are well disposed towards the suggestions.

Very shortly we will be putting another scheme for the benefit of the Officer personnel before our readers, and we trust that it will receive better support than our former ones. The point to bear in mind is that any officer or collection of Officers approving of any of these suggestions should put their approval in writing and send it to us. When the volume of support which we receive warrants it, we will put the suggestion and the support before the Army Authorities, and do everything possible to put the idea into action. We hope, therefore, that there will be a better co-operation in future between the Officer personnel and the Army Journal.

### THE BOOK OF KELLS.

#### Has it a Stultifying Influence on Irish Art?

(To the Editor of "An t-Oglach.")

Sir,—At the risk of being considered extremely unpatriotic, not to say anti-Irish (such is our muddled tolerance), I would venture to ask if we have not had rather too much of the Book of Kells in modern Irish Art. Is it wise to allow our young Art students of the present day to become entangled in these interlacings which, after all, represent only the first crude outreachings towards the artistic of mediæval minds? Granted that the illustrating in the Book of Kells is an amazing example of beauty of design and colouring for the period it represents, is that sufficient justification for shackling ourselves slavishly to its conventions in the Twentieth century?

I am prompted to these queries by effusive references to this fine example of old Irish Art which have appeared recently in the columns of our Army Journal, notably those from the pen of your correspondent "Ros Cairbre" (who will not be tempted to reply, I hope, "What was good enough for my forefathers is good enough for me"). By all means let us cherish the Book of Kells: let us exhibit it proudly as an example of the high artistic development of Ireland in the days when English Art had but recently outgrown the woad stage; let us use it as a fount of inspiration for our modern artists, but, for the love of all that it beautiful let us get away from the obsession that it is the be-all and end-all of Irish Art to-day.—Sincerely yours,

"MICHAEL ANGLIM."

### A GALLANT IRISH SOLDIER.

The 14th Battalion (writes our correspondent with that unit) mourns with its Commanding Officer, Commandant Isaiah Conroy, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his brother, Det.-Sergt. H. Conroy of the Criminal Investigation Department. The late Sergt. Conroy, who took an active part in the 1916 rising, held the rank of Captain in our army, and was a fearless officer, being several times mentioned in despatches. May the green sod of the land he served so well rest lightly on him now and may the grief of those who mourn his loss be tempered with pride in his chivalrous memory.

### SONGS FOR THE TROOPS.

Messrs. Nugent, publishers, Dublin, have just issued an excellent series of booklets containing the pick of Irish songs and ballads. Having heard the one old songs time after time at various concerts in our career, we have frequently wished that some enterprising publisher would come along and publish in popular form the best of our verse, and we are delighted to see that Messrs. Nugent have now done so. The series of four booklets is published at three-pence each; and arrangements are now being made to have them on sale in the Dry Canteens throughout the Army.



# CUMANN NA mBAN IN THE G.P.O.

## HEROIC WORK OF IRISH GIRLS DURING THE FIGHTING OF EASTER WEEK, 1916.

By MISS M. REYNOLDS.

(Being the Eleventh instalment of the History of the Anglo-Irish War.)

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[*Editor's Note.*—It is right that the heroic women and girls who gave such splendid service to the Irish Cause during the fighting in Easter Week, 1916, should have their story told by one of themselves, but the difficulty has been to persuade any of them to incur the publicity essential to the verisimilitude of the narrative. None have a finer record in the cause of Ireland than Miss Reynolds, who has honoured us with the following graphic account of the proceedings leading up to the evacuation of the G.P.O., and, despite her objection, we think it imperative that her name should be published.

The first of the Cumann na mBan—two girls—entered the G.P.O. at about five o'clock on the afternoon of Easter Monday. They had been told to report to Stephen's Green, and were there told that the girls were down at the Post Office, but when they reached the G.P.O. they found that they were the first to arrive. Later, however, other members of Cumann na mBan began to put in an appearance, most of them coming across from the Wireless Station. Others came in on the Tuesday. On the afternoon of Tuesday the senior officers of the organisation sent away a number of girls whom they considered too young for places in the firing line.

A Field Hospital was established at the back of the main building, but the Red Cross section of the Cumann had only minor casualties to deal with up to Thursday. The first serious casualty on Thursday was a member of the garrison who was wounded by a bullet which entered his neck and came out under his eye. On Thursday afternoon James Connolly was brought in with his leg broken. A British medical officer who was a prisoner in the building rendered assistance.

Two British soldiers who were prisoners assisted to do the cooking during the week for the entire garrison. Miss Gavan Duffy was in charge of the kitchen, assisted by a cheery girl who was known to her comrades as "Peggy from Liverpool." Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, the present Minister for External Affairs, was in charge of the commissariat.

In the absorbing narrative which fol-

lows, Miss Reynolds tells of the closing stages of the G.P.O. siege and the evacuation of the building.]

When the fire had gripped the Post Office and it was found impossible to save it it was decided that the girls should, as far as possible, be brought to a place of safety. It was contemplated putting us in the cellars at first, but this idea was abandoned in view of the fact that there was no exit from them save into an enclosed area. Then it was decided that some of us at least should leave the building and proceed home under the protection of the Red Cross flag.

Some time about mid-day, or perhaps earlier on Friday, 20 girls left by the Henry Street exit. These, I believe, were held up by the British military and sent to the Broadstone Station for interrogation.

Later on Friday the remainder of us—about 15 girls, together with the Red Cross men, the wounded, a British military doctor and a priest were ready to go. We took with us—so far as we were able to carry them—quantities of foodstuffs, first aid equipment, bedding, etc. Amongst other things I carried a large bottle of ether or chloroform water.

The going was necessarily very slow because we had to make our way through the holes in the walls, and you can imagine what it was like trying to carry wounded men in blankets, carry the stuff we had with us, and get through the holes, some of which were near the ground, others necessitating a little climbing.

### No Respect for Red Cross Flag.

When we reached a building facing Moore Street one of the girls, momentarily forgetting precautions, crossed the room in front of a window. Immediately there was a shower of bullets, fired by the British at the Parnell Street end of Moore Street, and we were nearly adding another casualty to our list.

We were making our way to the Coliseum and to do this it was necessary to cross a roof from a window in one building to a window in another portion. One of our men crossed and we were able to hoist a Red Cross flag on

the roof. No respect, however, was shown to the flag. Bullets rattled all round, one of them taking the top off the bottle I carried in my arms, but beyond this we had no casualties.

On entering the opposite window we found ourselves in one of the bars of the Coliseum. Here we had to wait until it was ascertained if we could move forward. After a delay of, perhaps, a half an hour we were again on the move and eventually found ourselves in a yardway between the Coliseum and the G.P.O.

While the gates were being opened for us we were startled to hear footsteps in the yard of the G.P.O. After a short time two heads appeared over the top of the wall dividing the yards—two of our men who had either been left behind or returned to the Post Office for something. They joined us and we proceeded on our way to Prince's Street.

### Climbing a Blazing Barricade.

It may be remembered that there was a laneway at the back of the "Freeman's Journal" office running from Prince's Street to Abbey Street, and it was hoped that we could reach Abbey Street through this, but when we reached Prince's Street we found ourselves surrounded on all sides by fire.

What a predicament! We couldn't go back and another burning barricade prevented our onward progress.

After some little consultation it was decided that our only plan was to try and cross the burning barricade. It was about three or four feet high and someone suggested that if the top could be reached it might be possible to trample it down to a lower level.

We knelt in the roadway, received Conditional Absolution, and two or three of the men went forward to prepare the way for us. This was done and we crossed over—without as much as a scorch—only to find ourselves confronted by another barricade, this time of petrol tins, through which our advance guard cleared a way for us.

After a little time we were able to get into Abbey Street, where our appearance was greeted with a fusillade of bullets, this time from the military outside Jervis Street Hospital.

By crossing to the other side of the street we were more or less protected

by a building at the junction of Abbey Street and Liffey Street, where Liffey Street narrows.

Here we sheltered while the priest and the British military doctor proceeded to Jervis Street Hospital to seek admission for us. What an age they seemed to be away; probably they were only a few minutes, but to us poor, weary, disappointed beings it seemed as if we had almost taken root.

#### In the Hands of the British.

Not a word was spoken amongst us and not a stir was to be heard except the pitiful cry of one of our men who was badly wounded, asking for water.

eventually we were allowed to spend the night in the waiting-room of the Dispensary.

Several times it was thought that the hospital was on fire and the shooting was fierce. There was a sniper of ours I believe somewhere in the vicinity of the hospital who kept things pretty lively. However, we were so tired and weary (we had not had a night's rest for the week) that we cared little what became of us, and we lay on the bare floor without any covering. We must have looked pretty bad, because a nurse passing through the room screamed and ran away when she saw us—she believed we were all dead.

opposition until we reached the Parnell Monument, when we were halted. On being asked who we were, what we were, and where we came from, we said "Red Cross Nurses from Jervis Street Hospital."

After some little debate as to where Jervis street was and whether we were really Red Cross Nurses he allowed us to pass.

**On the opposite side to us were lined up all the Leaders and men who had been in the Post Office.**

We could not speak to them because we were afraid of giving ourselves away



Princes' Street after the conflagration, showing the side wall of the G.P.O. on the right, and in the centre beyond the barricade, the smouldering ruins of the "Freeman's Journal" buildings. The barricade is one of those mentioned in Miss Reynolds's description of the escape from the G.P.O.

[Etching by courtesy of Irish Independent.]

We hadn't any to give him, as we had left most of our stuff behind us in Prince's Street. However, presently the priest returned (I never saw the British military doctor again; indeed great credit is due to him for his help to us during that week) with a detachment of soldiers, between whose ranks we were marched to Jervis Street Hospital.

Our reception here left a lot to be desired. We weren't wanted. The badly wounded men (three or four in number), of course, they took in; the Red Cross men and the two men who came with us were arrested immediately; the men with the minor wounds were left with us.

The hospital was crowded with refugees and food was short, so that I can quite realise that our intrusion wasn't altogether pleasant for those in charge.

The officer in charge of the military offered us passes to go home, but not knowing the fate of the girls who had preceded us we declined this offer and

That night and the previous day's journey to Jervis Street left its mark on most of us—next morning one of our girls became hysterical and led us a pretty dance for a few minutes.

#### British Gentlemen—and others.

Early on Saturday the Officer Commanding the military came to us and told us we could go home and if we were held up to refer to him.

We left the hospital and got as far as Parnell Street (we nearly all lived in the one direction) when we were held up. The soldiers would not allow us to pass, and laughed when we referred to the officer in Jervis Street. They told us they had a hospital in one of the houses in Parnell Street and were short of nurses. We declined the offer and returned to the hospital.

This was Saturday evening and we remained there until we were informed later in the evening of the Surrender. When we left this time we met with no

and perhaps leading them into further trouble, so we passed on and reached Portland Row without further mishap.

Here some of us were recognised as members of Cumann na mBan by the detectives and we were held up again.

We told the officer in charge of the military that we were Red Cross Nurses and that we had been in Jervis Street Hospital all the week. He was inclined to let us pass, but the detectives were pretty sure who we were and threatened to report the officer if he let us go.

#### An Anxious Interval.

Everyone except the detectives and perhaps one or two of the soldiers were sympathetic, and eventually the officer suggested that one of us should return to Jervis Street for a note to the effect that we had been there. We wanted to go in a body, but only one was allowed to go. She started away and we had to stand on the street to wait for her return.

The detectives suggested arresting us because it was nearly Curfew and again suggested searching us. My heart missed a beat when I heard the last suggestion, because in a Gladstone bag (the property of one of our Red Cross men) which I carried was a copy of the Proclamation and several Cumann na mBan badges collected from the girls and some underclothing the property of the owner of the bag. Happily neither suggestion was acted on by the military.

After we had been standing for a short time the detectives moved away and the officer approached us with a suggestion that we should give him our proper names and addresses (in case it would be necessary to interrogate us) and he would allow us to proceed home. Our delegate to Jervis Street Hospital had not returned, and as we did not know whether she would ever even reach Jervis Street we decided to agree, as it would have been impossible for all to reach their respective homes before Curfew we all repaired to one house, having asked the officer in charge that if our companion returned to direct her to this house. We were only a few minutes in the house when she joined us, bringing with her the note she got in the hospital and which the officer did not, I believe, even look at.

The following Saturday I was arrested and lodged in Richmond Barracks, but was released again in the evening, no charge having been made against me.

(12th Instalment next week).

No. 5. GROUP A.A.A. (G.H.Q.).

Captain A. J. Kavanagh presided at a meeting on the 11th inst., when the balance sheet was formally adopted, and Capt. J. Hawe and Captain S. O'Beirne appointed to examine and report on it.

Pte. Burns said owing to duty the boxers were not training, and were inclined to throw in the sponge. The Chairman promised to see Camp Commandant about the matter.

C.Q.M.S. Hodgins said he was appointed captain of football team at the beginning of the season, but for want of encouragement he gave the game up. He promised to select a team during the week. Corpl. Hayes was elected to assist in organising the team. Capt. S. O'Beirne was also nominated to assist the football team forward. Twenty pairs of boots are to be purchased and held in stock, and the outfits issued and collected same day, Sergt. McCracken to be held responsible.

The Secretary explained that as the result of a conversation with Cumann Sugraidh an Airm, £3 16s. was expended out of ten pounds grant, and a wireless set with loud speaker had been purchased.

Proposed by Sergt. Early, seconded by Sergt. McCracken: "That delegates to the Command Council make application for funds to defray the expenses from Canteen Rebate Account for the supply of paper and magazines for Recreation Room, Mc-Kee Barracks." List of papers required to be supplied by the proposer, also the other incidentals necessary to the men's amusement, which have hitherto been issued by Cumann Sugraidh an Airm.

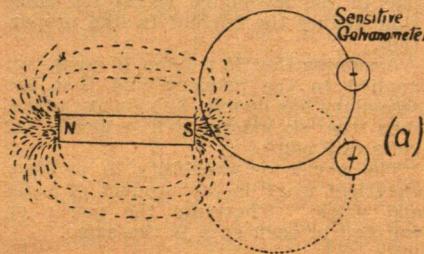
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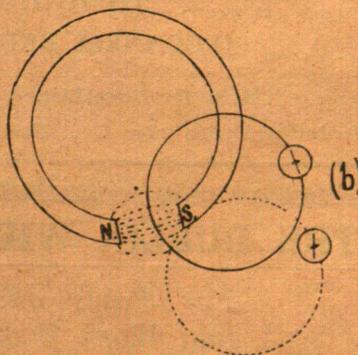
THE TRANSFORMER.

If a conductor (a wire) which forms part of a circuit be moved through a magnetic field a voltage on electric pressure (EMF) will be induced in the conductor and a resultant current will flow in it. This voltage and current effect will depend on the intensity of the magnetic field and the speed at which the conductor is moved. If we increase the magnetic field the resultant current is

Fig. 1.



increased, and if we increase the speed of cutting the resultant current is also increased. A magnetic field exists in the neighbourhood of all magnets and is most intense at the magnetic poles. Figs. 1a and b represent a bar and a horseshoe magnet, respectively. The magnetic field in each case is represented by the shading. In the case of the bar magnet the magnetic field is spread over a comparatively large space



and in the case of the horseshoe magnet the magnetic field is concentrated in the small space between the magnetic poles N. and S. Assuming that the two magnets are of the same volume and magnetised to the same extent we would expect to find the magnetic field in the case of the horseshoe magnet which is concentrated in a small space, to be the stronger. This is the case.

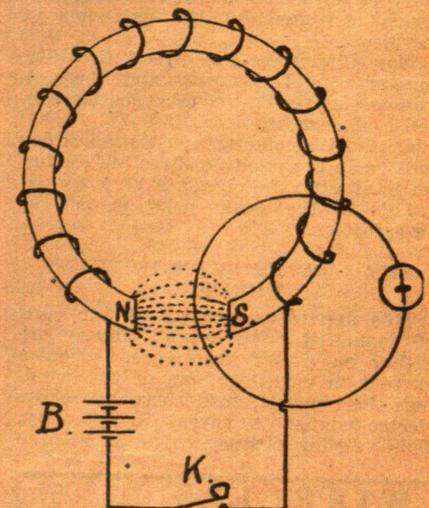
If a sensitive ammeter or galvanometer is connected as in Fig. 1a and moved from the full line to the dotted position the galvanometer needle will

swing to a certain point in virtue of the current. If the same experiment is carried out in the case of Fig. 1b it will be found that the needle swings more strongly, indicating a more intense magnetic field. This is the principle of the dynamo. In the case of the dynamo a powerful magnet or a system of several magnets or electro-magnets are used to produce an intense magnetic field. Again, the conductor is wound in the form of a coil on the dynamo armature; the cutting effect being multiplied in proportion to the number of turns in the coil. The dynamo armature which carries this coil is spun around at a high speed. We have thus three multiplying factors, i.e., intense magnetic field, a great number of cutters, and a great speed.

All the above effects can be produced by having both the electro-magnet and conductors stationary and the magnetic field varied. Fig. 2 illustrates a horseshoe electro-magnet with a soft iron core. As long as the Battery B is connected to the coil which surrounds the soft iron bar the combination has all the properties of a permanent magnet and the strength of this electro-magnet is directly proportional to the number of turns in the coil and the amount of current flowing.

Arrange a conductor and galvanometer as illustrated in Fig. 2.

Fig. 2.



Vary the magnetic field from zero to maximum by connecting the Battery B in the electro-magnet circuit. It will be found that during this development or building up of the magnetic field a current will be indicated by the galvanometer needle.

Now disconnect the battery. No current is flowing and the magnetic field collapses or dies down to zero. During this collapse another current will be indicated by the galvanometer needle.

It is only during the period of change in magnetic field that a current flows in the galvanometer circuit.

Connect up the battery again. The galvanometer needle indicates an impulse of current. Once the magnetic field assumes its normal steady value no further current will flow.

In order to produce a current it is therefore necessary to either—

Move the magnetic field;

Move the conductor;

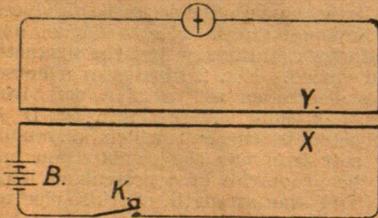
Move both in opposite directions;

or,

Vary the magnetic field by a variation of battery power.

A conductor through which a current is flowing is surrounded by a magnetic field, and if another conductor is parallel to and in its neighbourhood a variation of current in one conductor will induce or set up a variation of current and voltage in the other conductor.

Fig. 3.



In Fig. 3 connect the Battery B by depressing the key K. A current will now flow in the circuit X, establishing a magnetic field around the wire forming this circuit. The magnetic field threads or cuts the conductor forming the circuit Y, introducing voltage and current in the latter circuit as indicated by a movement of the galvanometer needle.

Now disconnect the circuit X. The magnetic field collapses and the galvanometer needle records another impulse of current.

(Note.—The current on disconnection will be in the opposite direction to that on joining up the circuit X.)

This is the basic principle of the transformer.

#### THE LOW FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER.

This apparatus consists of two coils of insulated wire wound closely together on a soft iron core. When a current is varied in one of the windings the magnetic field surrounding the electro-magnet is varied in intensity. This varying magnetic field is all the

time cutting the turns of the other coil and establishing therein corresponding changes in voltage and current.

If one coil of the transformer is connected to an alternating current source, the alternating current, being a current which varies in direction and value, will establish a varying magnetic field. This varying magnetic field cuts the turns of the other coil, the result being that alternating current of the same power is established in the latter coil. This latter coil is known as the secondary coil, the other coil is known as the primary coil.

If the number of turns in the secondary coil be made double that in the primary we get double the cutting effect and double the voltage in the secondary coil. If the number of turns in the secondary be ten times that in the primary we get ten times the voltage in the secondary, and so on. It does not, however, follow that we get more power out of the secondary than what we put into the primary. If we increase voltage in the secondary we at the same time reduce the current in like proportion.

Assuming that 70 volts at 10 amps. are applied to the primary and that the secondary has double the primary turns, then the secondary will register 140 volts at 5 amps.

The power or capability to perform electrical work is the product of volts and amps. Therefore the power or wattage in each case is the same.

70x10=700 watts (nearly a horse power).

140x5=700 watts (do. )

As a matter of fact we don't get quite as much out of a transformer as what we put into it. There is always a small loss.

A good transformer will give about 95 per cent. efficiency. The transformer losses are due to various causes, the principal being:—

Bad construction.

Heat losses.

Poor quality of soft iron core.

Subsidiary currents flowing in the core instead of in the windings of the secondary coil.

In order to remedy the latter fault transformer cores are built up of thin flat sheets of soft iron partially insulated from one another by the oxidised surface coating peculiar to iron.

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# Clementina

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#### CHAPTER XIV.—continued.

He crossed the room. Wogan heard him and his men descending the stairs. He heard the door open and shut; he heard Chateaudoux draw the bolts. Then he stepped out from the curtain. "Your Highness, that was bravely done," said he; and kneeling, he kissed her hand. He went back into the embrasure, slipped the bundle over his arm and opened the window very silently. The snow was still falling, the wind still moaned about the crannies and roared along the streets. He set his knee upon the window ledge, climbed out and drew the window to behind him.

The Princess-mother waited in the room with her hand upon her heart. She waited, it seemed to her, for an eternity. Then she heard the sound of a heavy fall and the clang of a musket against the wall of the villa. But she heard no cry. She ran to the window and looked out, but strain her eyes as she might she could distinguish nothing in that blinding storm. She could see neither the sentinel nor Mr. Wogan; nor was this strange, for the sentinel lay senseless in the snow against the house wall, and Mr. Wogan was already running down the avenue.

Under the fourth tree he found Clementina; she took his arm, and they set off together, wrestling with the wind, wading through the snow. It seemed to Clementina that her companion was possessed by some new fear. He said no single word to her, he dragged her with a fierce grip upon her wrist, if she stumbled he jerked her roughly to her feet. She set her teeth and kept pace with him. Only once did she speak. They had come to a depression in the road where the melted snow had made a wide pool. Wogan leaped across it and said, "Give me your hand. There's a white stone midway where you can set your foot."

The Princess stepped as he bade her. The stone yielded beneath her tread, and she stood ankle-deep in the water. Wogan splashed in to her side and lifted her out. She had uttered no cry, and now she only laughed as she stood shivering on the farther edge. It was that low, musical, good-humoured laugh to which Wogan had never listened without a thrill of gladness, but it waked no response in him now.

"You told me of a white stone on

which I might safely set my foot," she said. "Well, sir, your white stone was straw."

They were both to remember these words afterwards and to make of them a parable, but Wogan barely heard them now.

"Come," he said; and taking her arm he set off running again.

Clementina understood that something inopportune, something terrible had happened since she had left the villa. She asked no questions; she trusted herself without reserve to these true friends who had striven at such risks for her; she desired to prove to them that she was what they would have her be—a girl who did not pester them with inconvenient chatter, but who could keep silence when silence was helpful and face hardships with a buoyant heart.

They crossed the bridge and stopped before a pair of high folding doors. They were the doors of the tavern. Wogan drew a breath of relief, pulled the bobbin, and pushed the doors open. Clementina slipped through, and in darkness she took a step forward and bruised herself against the wheels of a carriage. Wogan closed the doors and ran to her side.

"This way," said he, and held out his hand. He guided Clementina round the carriage to a steep, narrow stairway—it was more a ladder than a stair—fixed against the inner wall. At the top of this stairway shone a horizontal line of yellow light. Wogan led the Princess up the stairs. The line of light shone out beneath a door. Wogan opened the door and stood aside. Clementina passed into a small bare room lighted by a single candle, where Mrs. Misset, Gaydon, and O'Toole waited for her coming. Not a word was said, but their eyes spoke their admiration of the woman, their knees expressed their homage to the Queen. There was a fire blazing on the hearth; Mrs. Misset had a dry change of clothes ready and warm. Wogan laid the Princess's bundle on a chair, and with Gaydon and O'Toole went down the stairs.

"The horses?" he asked.

"I have ordered them," said Gaydon, "at the post-house. I will fetch them." And he hurried off upon his errand.

Wogan turned to O'Toole.

"And the bill?"

"I have paid it."



"There is no one awake in the house?"

"No one but the landlady."

"Good! Can you keep her engaged until we are ready?"

"To be sure I can. She shall never give a thought to any man of you but myself."

O'Toole passed through a door at the bottom of the staircase into the common room of the inn. Wogan gently opened the big doors and dragged the carriage out into the road. Gaydon with the horses galloped silently up through the snow, and together the two men feverishly harnessed them to the carriage. There were six for the carriage and a seventh for O'Toole to ride. The expedition which Wogan and Gaydon used was matched by the Princess. For while they were fastening the last buckles the door at the top of the stairs opened, and again that night Clementina whispered, "I am ready."

"Come," replied Wogan. She wore upon her shoulders a scarlet cloak lined with ermine, and muffling it about her head she ran down with Mrs. Misset. Wogan opened the lower door of the inn and called for O'Toole. O'Toole came running out before Wogan had ended his words and sprang into his saddle. Gaydon was already on the box with the reins gathered in his hand. Wogan had the carriage door open before Clementina had reached the foot of the stairs; it was shut upon her and her companion almost before they were aware they were within it; the carriage started almost before the door was shut. Yet when it did start Wogan was beside Gaydon upon the box. Their movements, indeed, occurred with so exact a rapidity that though the hostess at once followed O'Toole to bid her guests farewell, when she reached the big doors she saw only the back of the carriage lurching through the ruts of snow.

"Quick," cried Wogan; "we have lost too much time."

"A bare twenty minutes," said Gaydon.

"A good twelve hours," said Wogan.

Gaydon lashed the horses into a gallop, they strained at their collars, the carriage raced out of the town and up the slopes of the Brenner. The Princess Clementina had been rescued from her prison.

"But we must keep her free," cried Wogan as he blew through his gloves upon his frozen fingers. "Faster, faster!"

The road wound backwards and forwards up a steep incline, the snow clogged the wheels, the horses sank deep in it. Gaydon might ply his whip as he would, the carriage might lurch and leap from side to side; the pace was all too slow for Wogan.

"We have lost twelve hours," he cried; "oh, would to God we were come to Italy!" And turning backwards he strained his eyes down through the darkness and snow to the hidden roofs of Innspruck, almost fearing to see the windows from one end of the town to the other leap to a blaze of light and to hear a roar of many voices warn him that the escape was discovered. The carriage turned behind a bluff of hill. It was sheltered for a few

the window and with an urgent cry bade Gaydon stop.

Gaydon brought the horses to a standstill two miles out of Innspruck.

#### CHAPTER XV.

##### THE FLIGHT TO ITALY: WOGAN'S CITY OF DREAMS.

WOGAN jumped down from his box and ran to the carriage door.

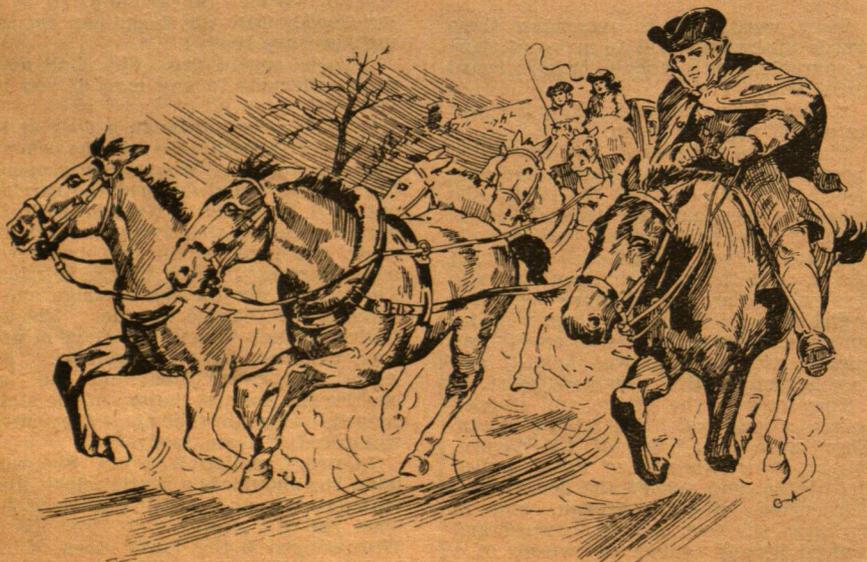
"Her Highness is ill?" he cried in suspense.

"Not the least bit in the world," returned Clementina, whose voice for once in a way jarred upon Wogan's ears. Nothing short of a positive sickness could justify the delay.

"What is it then?" he asked curtly, almost roughly, of Mrs. Misset.

"You carried a packet for her Highness. It is left behind at the tavern."

Wogan stamped impatiently on the ground.



"Gaydon lashed the horses into a gallop."

moments from the snow, sheltered, too, from Innspruck, yet Wogan could not get the notion out of his head that from every corner of the town they were visible as in the broad daylight. The road for a few hundred yards was almost free from snow and almost level. The horses galloped, their hoofs rang upon hard ground, and then the wind struck them again and the carriage staggered. Again Innspruck was open to them, again Wogan's eyes searched the depths, and as he vainly looked he suddenly heard all the bells in the world clash out the news of the escape. "Midnight," said Gaydon.

The bells were the clocks of Innspruck striking the hour. They had a queer familiar sound to Wogan even at that moment of anxiety and strain. They wafted his thoughts suddenly quite away from that night of snow across the countries to the city in the English meadows which cannot be forgotten, the mother city of grey towers.

"One might fancy oneself in Oxford," said he; and he had barely spoken before Mrs. Misset thrust her head from

"And for this, for a petticoat or two, you hinder us," he cried in a heat. "There's no petticoat in the world, though it were so stiff with gold that it stood on end itself, that's worth a single second of the next forty-eight hours."

"But it contains her Highness's jewels—the crown jewels."

Wogan's impatience became an exasperation. Were all women at heart then no better than Indian squaws? A string of beads outweighed the sacrifices of friends. The chance of a crown was to be sacrificed to the crown jewels. There was a blemish in his idol, since at all costs she must glitter. Wogan, however, was the master here.

"Her Highness must lose her jewels," he said roughly, and was turning away when her Highness herself spoke.

"You are unjust, my friend," she said. "I would lose them very willingly were there a chance no one else would discover them. But there's no chance. The woman of the tavern will find the bundle, will open it—very likely she has done so already. She cannot but suspect the truth, when she

## REDUCTION OF ARMY.

### Transfers of Senior Officers.

The following transfers of Officers are announced. Unless otherwise stated, all transfers are promulgated with effect as from 18th April, 1926:—

Costelloe, Col. M., Director of Intelligence, to be Colonel on Staff, General Staff (with effect 1st Jan., 1926).

O'Carroll, Col. E. V., A.O. Eastern Command, to be Director of Intelligence (with effect 1st Jan., 1926).

Reynolds, Col. D., O.C. 4th Brigade, to be A.O. Eastern Command.

Vize, Col. J., O.C. 8th Brigade, to be O.C. 4th Brigade.

McGauran, Col. S., Assist. Adjt.-Gen., to be Director of Training.

McLoughlin, Col. J., O.C. 2nd Brigade, to be Assistant Adjt.-General.

O'Connor, Col. P., Director of Training, to be O.C. 2nd Brigade.

Gilheany, Col. M., O.C. 5th Brigade, to be O.C. 6th Brigade.

Hogan, Col. M., O.C. Army School of Instruction, to be O.C. 5th Brigade.

McCarley, Col. F., O.C. 6th Brigade, to be O.C. Army School of Instruction.

Shields, Col. J., Officer i/c Supplies and Ordnance, to be O.C. 1st Brigade (with effect, 30/3/26).

Dalton, Major P., General Staff, to be Brigade Major, 1st Brigade (with effect 30/3/26).

Cranny, Major J., attached A.S.I., to be Brigade Major, 7th Brigade (with effect 30/3/26).

Bishop, Major M. J., Q.M., A.S.I., to be Brigade Major, 4th Brigade (with effect 30/3/26).

Cronin, Comdt. E., Q.M. 4th Brigade, to be Q.M. 9th Brigade.

Buggle, Comdt. S., Q.M. 9th Brigade, to be Q.M., A.S.I.

Crean, Comdt. T., Q.M. 1st Brigade, to be Q.M. 4th Brigade.

O'Neill, Comdt. S., O.C. 26th Batt., to be Q.M. 1st Brigade.

#### Reduction in Units.

It is officially announced that one Infantry Brigade and four Infantry Battalions are being removed from the active list as from 18th April. The following are the Units affected:—

8th Brigade, stationed at the Curragh.

6th Infantry Battalion, Do.

8th Infantry Battalion, Do.

11th Infantry Battalion, Do.

13th Infantry Battalion, Do.

Officers, N.C.O.'s and men serving with the disbanded Units will be embodied in other Units.

discovers those jewels, and she dare not keep her suspicions to herself. We shall have all Innspruck on our heels in half an hour." And for the first time that night Wogan heard her voice break, and grieved to know that the tears were running down her cheeks. He called to O'Toole.

"Ride back to the tavern! Bring the packet without fail!"

(To be Continued.)

# THE STUDENT'S PAGE.

CONDUCTED BY CAPTAIN J. JOHNSTON.

## GEOGRAPHY.

**The Ocean.**—As previously stated, about three-quarters (145 million square miles) of the earth's surface is covered with water. This water area is divided by the masses of land into five parts, namely:—

1. Atlantic Ocean, separating America from Europe and Africa.
2. Pacific Ocean lying between America and Asia.
3. Indian Ocean, washing the shores of Eastern Africa, Southern Asia and Western Australia.
4. Arctic Ocean in the Arctic Circle, washing the shores of Northern Europe, Asia and America.
5. Antarctic Ocean lying in the Antarctic Circle.

**Colour.**—This varies from blue in the deepest parts to green near the land. The yellow mud carried down by the Chinese rivers gives us the name Yellow Sea. The Red Sea gets its name from the colour given to its waters by a vast host of tiny red sea plants growing in its waters.

**Salts.**—The chief salt present in the Ocean waters is common salt. The saltiness varies—where the fresh water supply exceeds the evaporation we have a small amount of salt. Where evaporation exceeds the fresh water supply the presence of salt is very great, for example, the Mediterranean and Red Seas.

**Temperature.**—This varies according to Latitude and Seasons. Near the Equator we have a surface temperature of 80° F; whereas around this Island the surface temperature is about 60° F in Summer, and 49° F in Winter. At great depths there is very little variation, it being about 35° F. This is due to the flow of the colder and denser water from the Polar Seas along the floor of the Ocean.

**Movements.**—There are three movements of the Ocean waters, namely—Waves, Currents, and Tides.

**Waves.**—These are caused by the friction of the wind on the surface of the water. Waves, as they approach the shore, have their up and down motion converted into a forward motion; the bottom portion is retarded by friction with the shore, the crest rushes forward and breaks.

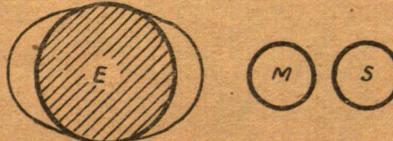
**Currents.**—These are very important movements of the Ocean waters on account of their effect upon climate. There is a difference of opinion as to the causes of currents. Evaporation is one of the causes. Secondary causes are:—the rotatory motion of the earth; the unequal temperature of the regions near the Equator and the poles; and the influence of the prevalent winds. These are all put forward as the most likely causes.

The water near the Equator being heated much more than that in the polar regions, expands, and its level is slightly raised above the colder and denser waters of the polar regions. The tendency would then be for the warmer water to flow as **Surface Currents** to the poles. This water must be replaced, and we have an **under current** from the poles towards the Equator.

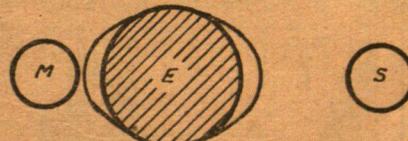
In the Atlantic Ocean a great **Equatorial Current** several hundred miles in breadth

flows westward till it approaches Cape San Rogue in South America (Brazil). Here it divides into two branches, one flowing south down past Brazil, thence eastward towards Southern Africa, and finally northward, joining the original current. The other branch flows through the Carribean Sea and enters the **Gulf Stream**, thence through the Florida Strait, where it gains velocity, past the West Indies to the Azores. Here the current is divided, one branch flowing south and joining the original current, the other flowing northward along the north-west coast of Europe.

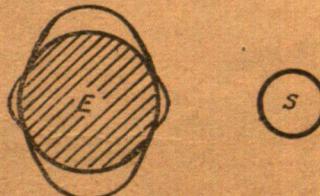
**Influence of Currents.**—The Gulf Stream in the North Atlantic has a much higher temperature than the Ocean waters in the same latitude, thereby raising the temperature of the countries near which it flows. The effect of this Gulf Stream can be seen from the following facts. The harbours of Norway are open throughout the year, whereas the entrance to the Baltic Sea, about 1,200 miles nearer the Equator, is thickly coated with ice. Again, the harbours of the Black Sea, which are nearer still to the Equator, are covered with ice during the Winter.



Spring Tides.



Spring Tides.



Neap Tides

Currents exercise a considerable influence also on trade. Warm currents keep harbours open for navigation during the year round, which, owing to their latitude,

would be closed during many months of the year.

**Tides.**—The alternate rising and falling of the waters of the Ocean are called tides. The rising produces the **Flood Tide**, and the falling the **Ebb Tide**.

Tides are chiefly due to the attraction of the Sun and Moon, but chiefly to the latter. The influence from the Moon is greater than that from the Sun because the Moon is so much nearer the Earth. On that side of the Earth nearest the Moon, the water, from its fluid nature, is more subject to the influence of attraction, becomes bulged or drawn out to the Moon causing a local increase of the Ocean level. (See diagram). Again, on the opposite side the waters of the Earth are further from the Moon than the Solid Earth and the globe of the Earth therefore receives greater attraction, thereby causing a corresponding tide at the opposite side of the Earth.

At New Moon, when the Sun and Moon are in the same direction in the heavens, the combined attraction is greater, and we have higher tides. These tides are called **Spring Tides**. A similar effect is produced by the Sun and Moon at Full Moon.

During the first and last quarters of the Moon, the Sun and Moon being at right angles with regard to the Earth, the attraction of the Sun tends to counteract that of the Moon, and the tides are, therefore, lower. Such tides are called **Neap Tides**.

**Atmosphere.**—The atmosphere is an invisible, transparent, and elastic fluid, which surrounds the Earth to an estimated height from 50–500 miles. It consists of a mixture of 21 parts of oxygen to 79 parts of nitrogen, also some water vapour and carbonic acid. It has a weight of about 15 lbs. to the square inch at sea level.

**Evaporation.**—The constant changing of water from the surface of the Earth into vapour, owing to the heat of the Sun, is called **evaporation**.

**Rain.**—The water vapour rising from the Earth, striking a current of cold air, is condensed and falls as **Rain**. If the rain drops in falling strike a very cold stratum of air, they are frozen and fall to earth as **Hail**; when only partly frozen they fall as **Snow**.

**Winds.**—The movement of the atmosphere are called **Winds**. The air around the Equator is heated to a higher degree than elsewhere, and when thus heated, it ascends. Its place must be supplied by the surrounding air, which in turn gets heated and ascends. Here we have a constant change or movement called **Wind**.

**Uses.**—Winds have their uses—they assist navigation in the case of sailing craft; carry vapour from the Oceans to the land; carry away impure land air and fill it with pure sea air; and they help to equalise the temperature of the atmosphere.

## GEOGRAPHY.

### EXAMINATION QUESTIONS No. II.

1. Name the five great Oceans and their situations.
2. Name the three movements of the Ocean waters. How are waves caused?
3. What current affects the climate of North-west Europe, and what effect has it on the climate?
4. What is evaporation?
5. How is rain formed?

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

## National Festival Fittingly Observed by the Army throughout Ireland.

The Army as usual observed this year's National Festival in a manner worthy of the occasion and worthy of the troops. In the forenoon religious ceremonies and parades took place, whilst the afternoon was devoted to hurling, football, and other sports, and the evening, in many instances, to concerts and other entertainments of a distinctively Irish character.

The parades appear to have been in every instance a credit to the Army, and the civilian spectators everywhere most favourably impressed. Pride of place, of course, must be given to the great Dublin Parade representing every branch of the Service, which attracted huge crowds. A novel feature of this year's demonstration was the journey by aeroplane of Major Aodh MacNeill, Assistant Chief of Staff, from Dublin, after the parade in the Capital, to the review at the Curragh Training Camp, of which he is acting G.O.C.

### CURRAGH TRAINING CAMP.

The St. Patrick's Day parade at the Curragh Training Camp was reviewed by Major-General Aodh MacNeill, the Assistant Chief of Staff, who is acting as General Officer Commanding in the absence of Major-General McKeon. The reviewing officer arrived from Dublin by aeroplane piloted by Lieut. Russell and landed on the parade ground just as the troops were drawn up. During the inspection he was attended by Major A. McCabe, Major A. Hanon, and Captain W. Bruen. Colonel Austin Brennan commanded the parade and with him were Major J. Cranny and Commandant S. Buggle.

The march past was an imposing spectacle. It consisted of the 15th Battalion, commanded by Commdt. P. O'Conlon (4 companies from 8th Brigade); 26th Battalion, commanded by Commdt. S. O'Neill (3 companies from 9th Brigade and one company from 8th Brigade); the 8th Battalion, commanded by Commdt. B. Garrahan (1 company M.C.O. Students, A.S.I., and 3 companies from 8th Brigade). One company Armoured Car Corps and one Battery of Artillery. The No. 3 Army Band, under the baton of Sergt.-Major Flahive, took up a position opposite the Saluting Base and played a selection of military airs during the march past.

The parade then advanced in review order to within a short distance of the Saluting Base.

Addressing the troops, Major-General MacNeill congratulated them on their splendid display. The Curragh Command, he said, had earned for itself such a reputation for training and efficiency that he expected a great turn out and he was not disappointed. He then referred to the St. Patrick's Day Parade of the Irish Volunteers in College Green, Dublin, in 1916, and spoke of the wonderful progress that had been made since then. The parade of ten years ago consisted of a small number of badly armed riflemen, yet it marked a glorious day in the history of Ireland.

Less than half an hour ago, thanks to the efficiency of the Army Air Corps, he had been privileged to see another body of Irish soldiers in College Green parading before the Minister for Defence, every unit well-armed, well-disciplined and representing every branch of the services of a modern Army.

"We are proud," he said, "of the wonderful progress that has

been made during those ten years. Each St. Patrick's Day has been a milestone in the progress of the Army, and to-day's display is a proud living expression of regained freedom.

But we must not be satisfied with what we have done. We must still continue to improve. We must have loyal

discipline and efficient service, and given that I have no fears for the future. One thing, however, we must keep unchanged—the loyalty and enthusiasm that pervaded the Volunteers who paraded in 1916. We must keep before us the common ideal of service—to maintain the rights and liberties common to all the people of Ireland."

Prior to the review and march past all units participating attended High Mass, which was celebrated under the verandah of Gough Barracks Orderly Room by the Rev. Fr. Donnelly, Senior Chaplain, Curragh Training Camp, assisted by Rev. Fr. Mahon and Rev. Fr. Hughes. At the elevation of the Sacred Host the leading company of 15th and 26th Battalion and the two leading companies of the 8th Battalion presented arms and the General Salute was sounded by the buglers.

### CORK, FERMOY, CLONMEL, WATERFORD.

We had a great turn out on the 17th at Collins Barracks, Cork. The Garrison Chapel was thronged for Mass at 08.30 hours. The Acting G.O.C. reviewed all troops of the Garrison at 11.00 hours, and the 11th Battalion, under Commandant J. P. Aherne, looked very well.

Reports from our outposts show that our men there had a very enjoyable time during the celebrations. "A" Company at Fermoy paraded for Divine Service at 09.30 hours. The Company Commander afterwards inspected the troops of the Garrison. In the afternoon "A" Coy. team played a hurling match against Barrack Hill team. In the first half "A" Company had slightly the advantage, and at the change over were leading by one goal to two points. However, Barrack Hill started off the second half in very determined fashion, and soon succeeded in establishing a lead, which they quickly augmented. Towards the end "A" Company added a point to their score, but the Hill replied with another goal. When the long whistle blew Barrack Hill were winners by 3 goals 2 points to 1 goal 1 point.

At Clonmel "B" Company attended Divine Service at the Parish Chapel at 08.30 hours, and paraded again for inspection by the Company Commander at 11.00 hours. The men at this post are especially interested in handball, and some very good handball matches were played in the afternoon.

The Garrison, Sean Treacy Barracks,



Major-General Aodh MacNeill Addressing the Troops at the Curragh on St. Patrick's Day.

[Photo Donnelly Swift.]

Waterford, under Captain Purcell, attended Divine Service at Ballybricken Parish Church at 10.30 hours. Arrangements had been made for a hurling match at this post between the Garrison team and the De La Salle College team, but the latter were unable to fulfil the engagement owing to having to attend a religious procession.

Smoking concerts were held at each post in the evening, and proved very successful, the vocal contributions leaving nothing to be desired.

**No. 1 BRIGADE H.Q., FINNER CAMP.**

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Finner Camp in a manner in keeping

Colonel Conway was held by the officers and men of the Brigade and the interest he had always shown in the troops both in military and sporting matters.

The Colonel thanked Commdt. Cullen for his words and also the troops present for their appreciation of his efforts for their welfare during the period he commanded the Brigade.

**NEW BARRACKS, LIMERICK.**

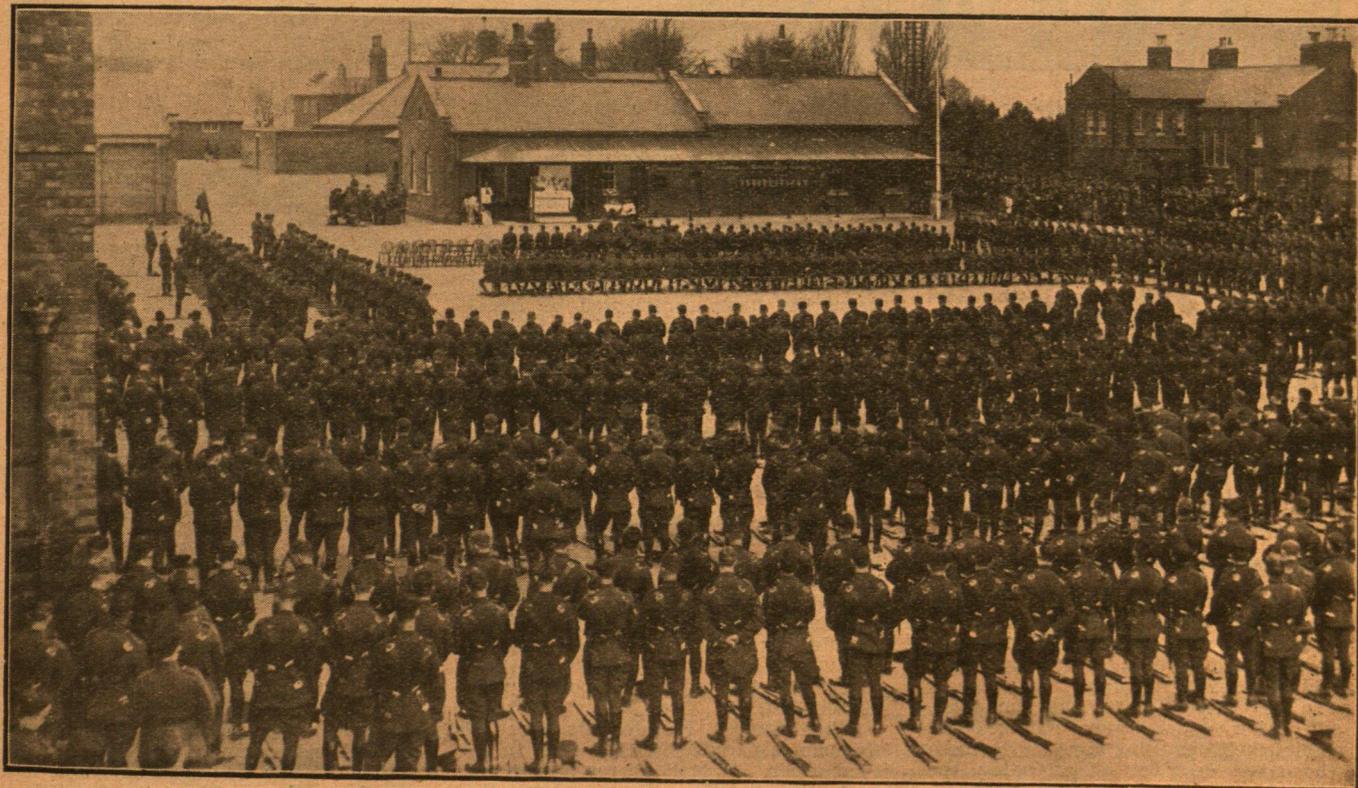
The St. Patrick's Day celebrations were observed by the troops at New Barracks, Limerick, as follows:—9 a.m.—Garrison Church Parade. 11 a.m.—Inspection Parade by Brigade Commander. 2.30 p.m.—Football match at

mander. After the inspection the parade formed up in column of route and proceeded through the city, returning via the "Treaty Stone." The civilian population were delighted with the parade, and to add to its success the day was like one in midsummer.

The Football match in the afternoon was very interesting and well contested on both sides, although from the start "A" Company had the better of the match and won by a very big margin.

The Hurling match was a hard fought one and extremely fast, both teams putting every ounce of skill and speed into it. The Probables won by a very small margin.

The officers had a social function at



Open-Air Mass at the Curragh Training Camp, on St. Patrick's Day, 1926. [Photo Donnelly Swift.]

with the traditions of the National Festival. All troops in the camp were paraded at 09.00 hours, under the command of the Acting Brigade Commander (Commdt. Sean Cullen) when shamrocks were distributed by the Company Commanders. The parade was inspected by the Commanding Officer and then moved into the Camp Gymnasium, where Mass and Benediction were celebrated by the Brigade Chaplain.

Sports and games were taken part in by the troops in the afternoon and a concert was held in the evening, at which national songs and dances predominated. An enjoyable day was brought to a close at 20.30 hours by the singing of the "Soldier's Song."

Before the conclusion of the concert Commdt. Cullen announced the resignation from the Army of Colonel Seamus Conway, Brigade O/C. Commdt. Cullen paid tribute to the esteem in which

Sports Field, New Barracks, between Headquarters Unit and "A" Company. 3.30 p.m.—Hurling match—Probables v. Possibles. Brigade Section fixture.

Units participating in Church Parade and Inspection Parade were:—No. 4 Brigade Headquarters; 14th Infantry Battalion; Detachment of Military Police Corps; Detachment of Army Corps of Engineers; Detachment of Army Transport Corps; Detachment of Armoured Car Corps; Detachment of Army Signal Corps; Detachment of Army Medical Corps; No. 2 Pipers' Band, 14th Infantry Battalion.

Shamrock was distributed to all the officers, N.C.O.'s and men by Commdt. I. Conroy, assisted by the Battalion Adjutant, Capt. R. Noonan. While this was taking place No. 2 Pipers' Band played a selection of Irish airs.

The parade was then inspected by Commdt. C. Whelan, A/Brigade Com-

7 p.m. at the Mess, all the officers living out of Barracks being invited. The official toast was given by the acting Brigade Commander, Commdt. C. Whelan, and was responded to by the Mess President, Captain J. Delaney.

The N.C.O.'s held a smoking concert in the evening (by permission of the Commanding Officer) in the Sergeants' Mess. Sergt.-Major Jacklin was master of ceremonies. The talent in song, step-dance, and recitation was exceptionally good, and the evening was one of thorough enjoyment. The officer personnel was represented for a short period by Capt. G. Scannell, Capt. E. Prendergast, and Capt. R. Noonan, who were more than pleased with the arrangements. The smoker was concluded by all singing the "Soldier's Song."

The arrangements for the day were a credit to those responsible.



THE GUNS GO BY—Artillery passing the Saluting Base in College Green, on St. Patrick's Day. ["An t-Oglach" photo.]

#### GRIFFITH BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

The National Festival was celebrated at A.C.E. Corps Headquarters in a fitting manner. The Headquarters Company paraded at 8 a.m. under Captain J. J. Comerford, when shamrock was distributed, and proceeded to the Garrison Church, Portobello Barracks, where Mass was celebrated at 8.30 a.m. by the Rev. R. J. Casey, C.F.

Through the kindness of the Corps Commander a splendid dinner was provided and full justice was done to the repast. Luxuries were also provided for tea in the afternoon.

Later a Social and Whist Drive took place in the Sergeants' Mess and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

#### BEGGARS' BUSH BARRACKS.

The Commanding Officer's Church Parade was of small dimensions owing to the fact that Nos. 1 and 2 Bands were participating in the review parade held at Collins Barracks.

In the afternoon football, handball, and other sports were indulged in, special facilities being accorded to those who were desirous of attending the celebrations at Croke Park.

A signal honour was paid the School Chaplain in that he preached a sermon in Irish at the Pro-Cathedral, at which his Grace the Archbishop was present.

The Broadcasting programme on St. Patrick's Night was a real feast of talent, the feature of the programme being the items contributed by No. 1 Band, which were relayed to London, and broadcasted to all stations in England. It is estimated that over 2,000,000 listeners-in heard the Band. The reception would appear to have been very successful, as the message came through from London "Excellent."

#### McCANN BKS., TEMPLEMORE.

If there was one thing more than another that helped to make St. Patrick's Day a great success it was the beautiful weather which prevailed. The 12th Battalion paraded in full strength at 9.30 a.m. for Divine Service. The parade was inspected by the Commanding Officer, and it is hardly necessary to mention that all ranks sported "the chosen leaf."

When Church Parade was over all Companies paraded at 11.30 a.m. in review order. At 11.45 all ranks marched past the Saluting Base, where the

Salute was taken by the Commanding Officer. All ranks presented a very smart appearance and the "slopes" were perfect. This parade was dismissed at 12.10 p.m. on No. 2 Square.

At 2.30 p.m. we were treated to a good exhibition of Gaelic football between teams representing the "Right Half" and "Left Half" of the Battalion. This contest resulted in a win by a narrow margin for the "Right Half." It also made us confident that we will have a good team to represent the Battalion this season.

Hurling teams representing the "Right Half" and "Left Half" then took the field. In this contest honours were reversed, but by a narrow margin, too.

The Ceilidh and Smoker in the Corporals' Mess was something to be remembered. It commenced at 4.30 p.m. Songs go leor were contributed in Irish and English, also recitations, and at 7 p.m. a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the "Soldier's Song."

Subsequently a Whist Drive commenced and concluded at 11 p.m. Altogether the day was most enjoyable and greatly to the credit of the Twelfth.



MASS IN OPEN AIR—Celebration on the Esplanade, Collins Barracks, Dublin, on St. Patrick's Day. ["An t-Oglach" photo.]

On St. Patrick's Eve a very encouraging message from the C/O. was conveyed to the N.C.O.'s and men which I have no doubt helped them to put forth their best efforts on the festival.

**MULLINGAR.**

In Mullingar the members of the 17th Battalion who had not been drafted to Dublin for parade were inspected by the Commanding Officer after Mass. Crookwood was the venue for practically all the Battalion in the afternoon, and they were rewarded for their long walk by seeing the 12th hurlers defeat the pick of Westmeath by five goals.

**LONGFORD.**

A Special Mass for the troops was celebrated in St. Mel's Cathedral at 09.00 hours and was attended by all officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 6th Battalion and attached services under the command of Capt. Dillon, A/O.C.

A review of the troops in Longford Garrison by the A/Commanding Officer afterwards took place. The troops were drawn up on the Barrack Square in column of companies for the inspection, and formed an impressive spectacle as the ceremony of unfurling the flag was taking place. At the conclusion an important lecture on the traditional associations of the Irish Army was delivered.

The afternoon was devoted to athletic fixtures and a good programme of football, hurling, etc., had been arranged by the Sports Committee.

The events of the evening which were in strict keeping with traditional associations would be too numerous to relate; suffice it to say that a very enjoyable time was spent by the troops.

**CASTLEBAR.**

Over 250 officers, N.C.O.'s and men in Castlebar Garrison (4th Battalion) under the command of Commandant J. Haughey marched to the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary and attended the 8.30 a.m. Mass; the majority received Holy Communion. At 11 a.m. the troops in Castlebar Garrison were formed up for inspection by the O/C. Battalion on the old Barrack Square, each man sporting a sprig of shamrock in his cap. Before marching off parade the C.O. congratulated the officers, N.C.O.'s and men on their smart and soldierly appearance.

In the afternoon a very enjoyable concert was held in the Jail Barracks "in the open," and the following programme was successfully presented:— Irish jig, Pte. Kelly; Piccolo solo, Pte. Mahoney; Comic song, Cpl. Corkery; Song, Lieut. E. C. Young; Step dance, Ptes. Mahoney and Kelly; Song, Pte. Lynch; Comic, Pte. Farrell; Recitation, Lieut. E. C. Young; Songs, Pte. Campbell, Pte. Dwan, Pte. Hurley, and Pte. Doherty; Dance (jig and reel), Cpl. Kelly; Songs, Pte. Hynes, Pte. McCullagh, Pte. Flanagan, and Sergt. J. P. Haran. The concert was brought to a close by all ranks singing the "Soldier's Song."

After the concert the Battalion Football team travelled to Westport and played the town team (seniors) in a friendly game. Many of the troops from the Westport Garrison arrived on the ground to support their own team, and others from Castlebar travelled by motor to witness the sport. As the military team went on the field they

received a great ovation from the spectators. The score at full time was:— Westport, 10 points; 4th Battalion, 3 points.

**THINGS "NED" WOULD LIKE TO KNOW:—**

How a soldier in Castlebar knew what had been omitted from No. 10 *twenty-four hours before that issue of the Journal reached that town?*

What another correspondent means by telling us (*a propos* of a hurling match) that "the result shows the disparagement in the equality of the opposing team"?

Exactly what is happening in the No. 2 Brigade League, hurling and football. We have now received four reports of one match—all giving different scores.

Why can't all these folk who profess such a great admiration for "An t-Oglach," at least learn to spell its name correctly.

What reward should be given to the correspondent who began his contribution with the epoch-making statement: "St. Patrick's Day, 1926, like all previous St. Patrick's Days, has come and gone."

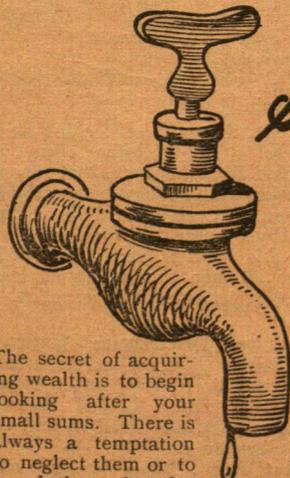
Is it the National Economy urge that makes correspondents write on both sides of the paper?

Are there any A.A.A. secretaries down country?

Some folk's idea of "fresh" news seems to approximate to an election egg. Is any report, a month old, of any interest to anybody?

Why leave parcels lying at railway stations, and then blame the Editor for the delay?

"NED."



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### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION, CURRAGH.

The ninth course at the A.S.I. is nearly finished. So are the instructors—and students! The School Staff, after shepherding their flocks and squads, through the mysterious ways of drill and such things, beset on all sides by thorns—and barbed wire—and having, in the process, done a deal of talking, yearn now for peace and sylvan solitude, far from the madding crowd, for one week.

There is little to record of the doings in the School, but one can sense the sigh of relief at the approach of the termination of this course. Examinations are in the air at the time of writing. Folks talk with bated breath of the possibilities of leave, and—Heavens!—proficiency pay! And the millenium!

There has been a noted dearth of weekend leave forms. The Stationery Department has been querying the need for the large number of blocks.

The men's dance on St. Patrick's Night, in the Gymnasium, was a very enjoyable affair. It was well patronised. The music, by a Dublin band, was good, and the catering, in the capable hands of Mrs. Lawlor, of Naas, left nothing to be desired.

Did any listeners-in notice a break in the programme lately? 'Tis said that C.S. Kelleher was explaining a point on tuning to the Director of Broadcasting, on the "phones."

That was a nasty wipe the Sergeant administered to the members of the Sanitary Squad whom he heard singing "The Soldiers' Song,"

"You flatter yourselves," he remarked, icily.

"COGAR."

### 3rd BATTALION, BOYLE.

The Battalion Boxing Team comprised of Ptes. Ryan, McQuade, Blee, McNulty (Slap), O'Rawe, and Tully proceeded to Athlone to compete in the Western Command Tournament on the 16th inst. The team, although lately formed, did exceptionally well. Coy-Sergt. Duffy spared no effort in his endeavour to have them efficiently trained.

For the Middle-weight Championship, Pte. Ryan defeated his first opponent, but was beaten by Sergt. Harrington in the semi-final.

In the Light-weight Competition, Pte. McQuade, who was granted a bye in the first round, defeated Pte. McGrann (2nd Batt.) in the second round, and secured the Western Command Championship by defeating Pte. Allen (2nd Batt.) in the final.

In the Feather-weight Competition, Pte. Blee defeated Pte. McGonigle (2nd Batt.) after being injured as a result of being hit low, which prevented him competing in the final for the title. Pte. O'Rawe and Pte. Tully were defeated on points in the first round of their contests.

A challenge football match between the military and civilians at Boyle, on the 17th inst., resulted in a win for the military by 7 points to nil. The game caused considerable excitement among the civilians, but from the start the result was obvious.

The Inter-Company League match between "A" and "D" Companies, on the 13th inst., was very exciting, as up to the present in the league neither had been defeated, but after a very hard contest "A" Company emerged victorious. The League table to date stands:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
"A" Coy. ...	3	3	0	0	6
"C" Coy. ...	2	0	2	0	0
"D" Coy. ...	3	2	1	0	4
H.Q. Coy. ...	2	0	2	0	0

During recent practice at basket ball by amateurs, an N.C.O. managed to actually get into the net despite its height. "BROADCASTER."



### 5th BATTALION, CURRAGH.

Our "C" Coy., wearing some of the "Square defiers," recently returned from Dublin, and have commenced training.

As forecasted recently in our "Neighbour's" notes, the long looked for billiards table has reported its arrival—from Carlow—and with loud acclamations, has been taken on strength and posted to Sergeants' Mess for duty. Now for the sport.

In the course of a day I am asked some peculiar and knotty questions. I can generally contrive an answer that satisfies, but the following are a few that have floored me, and I send them in the hope that someone who knows the answers will pass the information along:—

(1) Who are the Battalion Sports Committee?

(2) What have they done to promote sport in the Unit?

(3) Isn't it about time a *real* committee was elected?

It is the freely expressed opinion of many that to add an emphatic "yes" after the last question would very soon answer the preceding ones.

(If the Committee cares to send along a thunderbolt, we'll publish it.—Ned.)

It was a very happy and considerate thought that prompted our Commanding Officer to have early morning tea supplied to the Battalion. The Orderly Sergeants inform me that since its inauguration there is really no need of a bugler at "Reveille."

### THIS WEEK'S SAD STORY.

Coy-Sergt. (angrily) to recruit who will "Retire," when the remainder "Advances": "Hi, you! Didn't you hear 'About Turn.'"

Recruit (innocently): "No, sir! What about him?"

### THE IMPERTURBABLE SENTRY.

Orderly Officer to Sentry: "And what would you term an unusual occurrence?"

Sentry: "Well, if I saw a man fall off the top of Nelson's Pillar, I wouldn't call that an unusual occurrence."

Orderly Officer: "What!"

Sentry: "No. But if I saw that fellow get up again, I would."

It appears that men proceeding on weekend leaves to Dublin (other than natives) are overlooking the fact that an up-to-date Soldiers' Club has been established in College St., Dublin. Full particulars of the Club were published in a recent issue of this Journal, and it is hoped that in future all men proceeding on leave to Dublin will patronise this excellent institution.

### TIME FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

The Orderly Officer, accompanied by the Sergt.-Major, was on "Rounds." Entering the Duty Room, the Officer picked up a pass, examined it, and turned to the policeman on duty.

Orderly Officer: "You have not marked the hour of this man's return on the Pass."

Policeman: "No."

Sergt.-Major: "No what?"

Policeman: "No clock."

### THE GREATER "PAIN."

A new disease is prevalent in our lines at the moment. Its scientific name is "Barrackdamages," commonly called "Brokenglass." Two "Loolus" were conversing over the unfortunate aim of one who was responsible for breaking of Orderly Room window.

Unfortunate One: "Well. Anyway it's

not much bigger than the one in the lines you broke; the one that cost you 1/10."

His Pal: "Oh, no. Not much bigger; just about 2/6 and 7 day's C.B."

Some time ago it was the custom in our Battalion to purchase "An t-Oglach" weekly and issue free to the troops. This practice was for various reasons discontinued. Will everybody concerned please note. (Read, mark, and inwardly digest, all whom it may concern.—Ned).

In conclusion, I would remind all grumblers, and they are many, that useless criticism, such as theirs, will not help to make these columns any more entertaining, neither will it push the sales of the paper. What is wanted is a little more active support from them, and all ranks generally, and the best way of lending this support is to become proficient in the game of "Put and Take"—put your views on things in general, on paper, and forward to the scribe; take at least a further 100 copies off my hands weekly. (That's the way to talk to them!—Ned).

"JAY."



**6th BATTALION, LONGFORD.**

Our absence from the columns of the Army Journal for the past two weeks was not due to any neglect on the part of our scribe, but to the fact that Battalion Headquarters was in course of transfer from Finner Camp. While we made many new friends among the Garrison in Finner, particularly among the 2nd Battalion, all of us are inclined to appreciate the change, and are glad to be re-united with the "Old Second" again.

A Recreation Hall (a luxury which we didn't enjoy in Finner) is elaborately fitted up here, and we are now to have the additional luxury of a wireless set and many other attractions at the instance of our Commanding Officer. We admit, however, that the absence of a Recreation Hall and other sporting necessities in Finner was more due to the want of space rather than to any laxity on the part of the energetic Sports Committee functioning in the Camp.

The Battalion League is still forging ahead, football matches being the most numerous. Since our last report, H.Q. Company beat "C" Company. "C" Coy. in turn disposing of "B" and "D," while "A" Company have come to the limelight and defeated "C" Company. This match was very good, and conspicuous for fast and scientific play throughout.

We hope to have something to say in the next issue about our Inter-Company Handball Tournament which is about to commence.

We expect, too, to be able to render an account of our Junior football team, which we hope by that time will have added another brace of points to their credit in the Longford County League.



**12th BATT., TEMPLEMORE.**

It is gratifying to learn that the Army is so wholeheartedly going in for sport. Gratifying, too, to learn that cross-country running is to play a big part in the programme. This form of sport has several advantages. Lovers of Nature could ask for none better; their practice will take them to the valley here, the woodland

there, by laughing stream, through baskydell, and those who have eyes to see will give thanks for the manifold beauties of Irish scenery. In the matter of beauty spots we in Tipperary are most fortunately situated.

Sport is taking a great hold here, and we have men now handling the camán who, for quite a long time, had laid aside our most National pastime. Better still, we have some playing the game to-day who never before took hold of a stick.

I regret to have to announce the departure from the Battalion, on free discharge, of Pte. John Hamilton. We all liked him because he was an unassuming comrade and sincere patriot. He suffered many hardships in Ballykinlar Internment Camp while he was still in his teens, but, like all true patriots, he never paraded his services to the Cause as a reason for privilege or advancement.

The best wishes of the entire Battalion accompany him to his home in the "Banner" County.

A few of our N.C.O.'s have been temporarily transferred to No. 4 Brigade Headquarters, where they are in training for a hurling contest to take part on Sunday, the 21st inst. (I am writing these notes on the 19th) between teams representative of New Barracks, Limerick, and Collins Barracks, Cork.

The latest game we have in the Battalion is that known as "bowling," which has been introduced by the Corkmen serving in the Battalion. There was a rumour that they were going to take over Co. Tipp. altogether, but, if I may be permitted to speak for them, I would say that the rumour is without foundation.

"B" Coy. is undergoing an intensive course of training at the present time.

"Sailor," who is on the Square, tells me he notices that the time goes very slowly. "Ros CAIRBRE."



**ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC (Beggars' Bush Barracks, Dublin)**

At a Command Council, A.A.A. meeting, held at G.H.Q. on 9th inst., it was decided that the Army School of Music, in conjunction with Griffith Barracks, and details of G.H.Q. at Portobello, be formed into a separate Group, so that in future we shall be known as No. 4 Group.

B.S.M. Cork was nominated delegate for the Group, with the concurrence of the Hon. Sec., Command Council. It is a good augury for the success of the Group to note the zeal and energy which is being shown by all ranks, and it proves that Group 4 is determined to maintain the traditions of *esprit de corps* by their hearty co-operation, which is so early in evidence.

The group delegate will be glad to receive early notification from those who desire to participate in boxing, handball, football, hurling, and all field events, with a view of organising a Group Sports meeting at an early date.

Great efforts must be made if we are to secure adequate representation in the Command to which we belong.

The writer looks forward to a special effort being made by the personnel of No. 4 Group to raise the standard of athletics, so that when the occasion arises we can say with confidence our group is not only efficient, but is ready.

"MUSICA."

**10th BATTALION, TRALEE.**

We are, after a long silence, again taking up the pen, and our first task must be to congratulate those responsible for the Army Journal on the great improvement manifested in the weekly issue.

Sales are good in the Battalion.

The National Festival was celebrated in a fitting manner—full strength Church Parade, Inspection by Commanding Officer, Football Match, and Dance in Recreation Hall. Everyone on their best behaviour, and no "Regrettable Incidents" to report.

Our "foreign stations"—Valentia and Waterville—are still in existence.

When the move to Waterville of the "Bantam" Company takes place, the Garrison will be greatly "under strength."

A very good wireless set has been installed in barracks, but we cannot get Dublin as yet. Otherwise reception is good.

What remarks did the Orderly Room Corporal pass on "mass" formation.

This "Franco-Irish" dispute seems to be getting rather warm down Templemore-Limerick way.

Was it "Francis" invented the "League of Notions"?

We are hurried this week, but hope to have full particulars of sports, etc., in Battalion area in time for next issue.

"COOGAN & Co."



**21st BATTALION (Collins Barracks, Dublin).**

The boys of the 21st assisted to make St. Patrick's Day one to be remembered.

Some of the Companies have responded to the recent appeal to assist the Scribe, but up to the present only a few have come along. Now then, "B," "C," and H.Q. Companies. What about it?

Training has commenced for the Battalion Sports, and many are keen on the prizes which are offered.

Who had to send a messenger off the Parade Ground for his dentistry one morning recently.

"A" Coy. representatives are very "cocky" on their chances of bringing off some doubles in the Battalion Sports.

The boys of "A" Coy. will be deprived of "lamb" for a fortnight. ("Lent?"—Ned).

Congratulations to Pte. Michael Clarke on his recent marriage.

Who asked the Scribe if a boys race was to be included in the programme of the coming Battalion Sports?



**27th BATT., PHENIX PARK.**

Do not be alarmed, dear children of the 27th. Murphy has not been suppressed, trampled, run down by a G.S. wagon, or consumed by some carnivorous beast during one of his visits to the Zoo. He is very much alive, and wishes to avail of this opportunity to tender his apologies to all concerned for failing to have his notes in time for publication in the Army Journal last week.

(He is lucky that he does not have to apologise for having them published.—Ned).

Talking about weeks, I must not let the one just gone pass without comment. Between the flashing of swords and bayonets on parade during the prelimi-

naries of the Big Parade, one could almost picture the hosts of Brian Boru making preparation for that big holiday they had in Clontarf away back in 1014. No four-by-two, pull-throughs, or button-sticks in those days, boys!

Well, to get back to St. Patrick's Day. I must say we had indeed strained every nerve in efforts to make "our bit" of the parade a tremendous success, and I think all will agree with me that we did not let the parade down that day.

I was speaking to one of the Officers in "A" Coy. a few days ago, and he informed me that the Battalion Officers' Annual Ball is due to take place on Easter Monday night. It will be held in the Gymnasium, and, as far as I can learn, a large attendance is expected.

I have been approached by the Indoor Sports Committee to know if I will forward the minutes of their meetings each week with my own notes to the Army Journal. I said, "Certainly," and explained that the minutes in question would have to reach me by Friday each week. So far, however, I have not seen or heard anything further.

"C" Company is still located in Islandbridge Barracks, and as usual they are ungrudgingly carrying on with the heavy task allotted to them. A big inspection was carried out recently in "C" Coy.'s lines, and the verdict was that the wholesale state of cleanliness was a credit to the Company concerned. I did not hear exactly what was the result of the inspection of the lines occupied by the other Coys., and I am unable to find out.

"A" Coy. wants to know: "Will anyone buy a beautiful soup hound. Will eat anything, very fond of soldiers."

"C" Coy. wants to know if a soldier is prohibited from communicating with the Press. Does this bar him from replying to matrimonial ads.?

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"MURCADHA."

## PORTOBELLO BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

We have had a strenuous last week. There were, of course, the usual rehearsals for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, but we had many compensating factors in the way of entertainments.

On Tuesday night, 16th inst., for instance, the "Troupe" gave a musical and dramatic entertainment to a very large and enthusiastic audience. The visiting troops—Companies from Naas, Kilkenny, etc.—who were accommodated here in readiness for the "Big Parade," swelled the crowd to such an extent that there were almost as many unable to gain admission as there were inside. Those who could not gain admittance made temporary galleries on forms and tables outside, so that they could see and hear the performance through the open windows. The applause that greeted the various items, and the exceedingly favourable reception of "The Resurrection of Dinny O'Dowd" go to prove that the troupe has thoroughly justified its existence. The various parts were undoubtedly well acted, and it is hoped that in singing out Miss Kathleen O'Neill, Ptes. Meggs and Birmingham for special attention, others of the "cast"

shall not consider that we have cast any slight upon them.

The players were:—Dinny O'Dowd (Pte. Meggs), Con. Maloney (Sergt. Murphy), Major Port (Sergt. Kiely), Bridget (Miss Kathleen O'Neill), Father Matt (Mr. Comerford), Billy the Bailiff (Pte. Birmingham).

In addition to the sketch, musical items, recitations, and dances were well rendered by the "Troupe." The Misses K. O'Neill, O'Donnell, Kelly, Coughlan, Claffey, Dunne; Sergts. Murphy and Kiely, Ptes. Birmingham, Humphries, Prowse, Hawkins, Grimley, and Meggs, make a dramatic and musical combination that is hard to beat. Sergt. Murphy's make up as "Madam" in the second half of the programme was "it."

On St. Patrick's Night there was a fine gathering at the Cinderella Dance held in the Gymnasium, and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some very effective fancy costumes were on view. The whole affair was a huge success.

The Brigade Area Boxing Tournament took place on Friday, 19th inst., a novices competition open to all Units in the Brigade Area was decided, and two special contests, with a soldier and a civilian as adversaries in each case, were also staged.

Results:—

Fly-weight—Final—Pte. Greyo (22nd Batt.) beat Pte. Booton (23rd Batt.) on points.

Bantam—Final—Pte. Kelly (22nd Batt.) beat Bugler Trainor (22nd Batt.) on points.

Feather—Final—Pte. Kinch (22nd Batt.) beat Pte. Bailey (23rd Batt.). Bailey retired near the end of 1st round.

Light—Final—Pte. McMahon (23rd Batt.) beat Pte. O'Mahony (7th Batt.) on points.

Welter—Final—Pte. Bracken (22nd Batt.) beat Pte. Smith (23rd Batt.). Smith was lucky to "bye" into the Final, and gave in early in the first round.

Middle—Semi-final—Pte. Swaine (23rd Batt.) beat Pte. Tate (22nd Batt.) on points. Final—Pte. Manning (22nd Batt.) walk over.

Heavy-weight—Sergt. Dempsey (23rd Batt.) knocked out Pte. Woods (22nd) in first round.

### SPECIAL CONTESTS.

Pte. O'Donnell (23rd Batt.) beat Mr. O'Shaughnessy (St. Andrew's B.C.) on points.

Mr. McDermott (Phoenix B.C.) beat Pte. Myers (7th Batt.) on points.

Officials: Referee for special contests, Mr. T. Walsh (Sec., I.A.B.A.); Referee for Novices Competitions, Sergt. Kiely; Judges, Capt. L. O'Brien and C.S.M. Lavery; M.C., B.S.M. Phelan; Time-keeper, B.S.M. Jones.

When is "Spud" being demobbed, and how many has he on his list for the Four Courts? Is this the same "feller" that knows all about "Fellucas"?

What is the exact meaning of the mysterious remark heard frequently: "I have the price of two"? (It is the password of certain people who practise at the Bar.—Ned).

Restrictions on space do not permit giving an account of last week's football match. However, thanks are due to "Liam" and his crew for their careful laying out of the football pitch.

We would also like to record our appreciation of the solo contributions of the referee on the whistle.

"CAT'S WHISKER."



## 16th BATTALION, CORK.

With reference to a recent editorial in "An t-Oglach," I would like to say that so far as we are concerned efficiency is becoming more and more noticeable every day in the matter of cuisine. There is little room for improvement, and little, if any, for complaint. The men of the 16th Battalion are singularly fortunate in having men in the culinary department who know their work, and, better still, take an interest in it.

Since my previous notes, I am pleased to say that the Hurling and Football League has revived, and, as I anticipated, there is good, clean rivalry. Of four games played during the week ending 13th inst., our boys pulled off three wins and one draw. All things considered, we think this was some going.

"C" Company, 16th Battalion, beat No. 3 Special Services in a splendid game where some good football was witnessed from both sides. The 16th came out victors by 3 goals to 2 goals and 1 point. On our side Corporal Hilliard and Pte. Smith were the outstanding men, and both should be seen to advantage this season.

"H.Q." Company, 16th Battalion, v. "H.Q." Company, 18th Battalion (Hurling) attracted quite a crowd, and speculation as to the result ran high. Again, the 16th proved good, and the result was 7 goals 1 point, to 3 goals 1 point. Fox Ahern, in the forward line, put in some good work, and Pte. Murphy, full back, was a stone-wall.

The football match between "D" Coy., 16th Battalion, and "C" Coy., 18th Batt., was a hard-fought game where knocks were frequent and exchanges lively. At half time it was either side's game. "D" Company lost one of their best men in Cpl. Fitzgibbon, who sustained a fracture of his right arm, and with one man short, came out winners by 3 goals 2 points, to 2 points. In this match, for "D" Coy. the outstanding men were Cpl. Monks and Cpl. Fitzgibbon. Pte. (97) Murphy, a recruit from G.H.Q., on trial, proved a great full back, and we think should prove a good man on Collins team.

In the football match between "C" Company, 16th Batt., and "H.Q." Coy., 11th Battalion, "C" Company could do anything but shoot, especially in the first half; the ball being sent wide when innumerable opportunities to score were given. The second half was fairly even, and the result, a drawn game, was, on the whole, satisfactory. Some little difference existed between the umpires and the referee at the close of the game. In this match Cpl. Hilliard, Pte. Dowdall, and Pte. J. Smith were the stalwarts.

"B" Company hurling team played Cobh Town on last Wednesday, 10th inst. A fast and interesting game resulted in a win for the town by the narrow margin of two points. Not so bad considering that the pick of our hurlers are at Battalion Headquarters. However, we hope to have the boys back for the return match, and give the town team a surprise.

Pte. Jos. Whelan, our champion runner, is keeping very fit. Also Pte. McDonnell, who may surprise a good many in the Cross-Country Championships.

Pte. J. O'Mahony and Pte. J. Hayden are representing the Company in the Brigade Boxing Tournament. We wish them every success, and have confidence in both coming back top dogs.

Lieutenant Harnedy has gone on temporary transfer to "A" Company. We all miss him very much, especially the footballers, and hope to see him back soon again.

We regret not having any material from "A" Company in far-off Castletownbere, for this issue, but better luck for next copy.

"SOUTHERN CROSS."

Our correspondent with the 11th Batt., Collins Barracks, Cork, writes:—

On Sunday, 14th inst., in the Collins Football League, "H.Q." Coy. played "C" Company, 16th Batt., at the Collins Athletic Grounds (formerly the Camp Field). After a splendid match, well up to Championship Status, "H.Q." Coy. won by 3 goals to 2—goals 1 point.

On the same day, "B" Coy., at Clonmel, met and defeated a local team—St. Mary's—in a fast hurling match. The score being 2 points to nil.

So, after all, we are doing very well, and are now casting covetous eyes on the Brigade trophies.

17th BATT., MULLINGAR.

What happened to our notes last week, Mr. Editor? They were posted from here on Friday afternoon, and contained a full account of the boxing competition. The boys were expecting a full account in this week's issue of "An t-Oglach." (Your notes were not received until Monday, which was too late. Your present notes, though dated 9/3/26, did not reach this office until 20th inst. Do not write on both sides of the paper.—Editor).

All ranks offer their deepest sympathy to Sergt. Newman on the death of his wife.

Considering the great time made by our Company cycling from Mullingar to Dublin, we cannot see why some of our boys should not do well in this year's cycling events.

We are looking forward to our Sergeants' return from the A.S.I. Look out, H.Q. Coy.!

What is wrong with Cavan that we never hear from them?

Did a certain pugilist in the recent boxing competition apply for a towel on free issue in the third round?

Hurling:—17th Batt. v. Westmeath Selected. On St. Patrick's Day these teams met at Crookedwood for the benefit of an old Westmeath Gael. It was a fine match, and the Batt. team deserve great credit for beating such a pick by five clear goals.

At 3.30 p.m. sharp, the ball was thrown in, and immediately Westmeath brought the leather to our territory. Lt. Aherne cleared in good style to midfield and our boys passed to Jimo, who was on the twenty-one. He in turn got the forwards going, and Westmeath only cleared at the expense of a free. Jimo soon raised the

white flag from the free for the first score. From the puck-out, McCabe got going, and our backs were kept busy defending, but again cleared and sent the ball down field, where Jimo got possession and passed to Hegarty. The latter proved too quick for Bruton, and after a splendid piece of individual play sent the ball in for our first goal. On resumption McCabe got the ball from the puck-out and sent in a splendid point for Westmeath. Our boys soon got going, and Higgins, getting possession, passed to Blackmore, who scored a goal from an almost impossible angle. Westmeath were now beginning to show signs of slacking off, but the whistle for half-time saved them, leaving the score:—

17th Batt.	... 2 goals 2 points.
Westmeath	... 1 point.

The second half showed Westmeath going all out, and also a few changes in placing their players. It looked as if our lads were going down, as Westmeath were all over them, and in quick succession McCabe and Dargan shot goals for the county. The boys now saw their mistake in taking things easy, and, cheered on by the lads on the sideline, they began to "get down to it." After a splendid piece of play, they got the ball to Blackie, who soon passed Kelly and sent in a goal that no goalkeeper could save. On the puck-out Westmeath again invaded our territory, but Ahern, Ford, and Lynch proved too good for them, and soon had the ball back to mid-field. Our old reliable, McEvoy, got possession, and sent the ball to Blackmore, who was playing a great game. Blackie again raised the red flag, and before Westmeath had time to get over the shock, Blackie repeated the performance. Westmeath now showed signs of falling off, and without getting time to recover, Hennessy sent under the bar again for the Batt. Westmeath made a great effort to reduce the lead, but only got to centre-field where Ryan got possession and passed to Hegarty on the wing. Steve, as usual, got going, and with a splendid shot raised the flag for us once again. Our forwards were now all over the Westmeath backs. Higgins, Blackmore, and Hegarty giving a splendid display of combination and "classy" hurling. After a great tussle between Blackmore and the Westmeath backs, Hegarty got possession and sent the leather over the bar just before the long whistle finished a great match.

Result:—	
17th Batt.	... 7 goals 4 points.
Westmeath	... 2 goals 1 point.

For the winners, Blackmore, Higgins, and Hegarty, were the best of the forwards, and in the back line Aherne, Ford, and Brophy were the pick.

"CARLOW'S SUB."

G.H.Q., CALLING.

WHERE THE SOLDIERS OF IRELAND HANG OUT IN MCKEE (5th Spasm).

Oh, Mary, when writing, a wish you expressed,

To know how the soldiers in McKee were dressed.

Well, sure when I tell you, I'll give you a fright—

When out on parade we're dressed by the right,

We're hot stuff on heel-ball, and blanco, and blem,  
But see us in "civvies," with passes—ahem!

The P.A.'s are a posh lot; the Remounts have style,

Headquarters are badgeless—they're dressed with a smile!

But we'll yet have our badges, oh Mary, no croidhe,

Where sweet Blackhorse Lane wends its way to McKee!

According to a new instruction regarding clothing, we are to be issued with six pairs of socks. The old weeze—2 on and 4 off—would appear to apply.

Hearty congratulations to McKee Club on their victory at Bray on Sunday.

Sergt. Jack Price met with an accident to his foot which will render him *hors de combat* for some time to come. A speedy recovery is, however, hoped for by his many friends.

Sergt.-Major Dixon, who has been transferred from the sporty 23rd Batt. to G.H.Q., as Camp Sergt.-Major, should prove a welcome asset to the No. 5 Group. As a long jumper, and at the hop, step, the new B.S.M. has already obtained laurels.

St. Patrick's Day passed off very quietly in McKee Barracks. The P.A.'s and the Remounts deserve unstinted praise and congratulations on their splendid turn-out. They were the admiration of all—and, I may add, the envy of some! The G.H.Q. Coy., and the Scribes' Squadron attended early Church Parade at Arbour Hill, and spent the rest of the day pleasantly in the good old-fashioned way. The hurlers went hurling, the footballers went footballing, and the old spasm held good: "In bunk or out of barracks." The day was good and the night was—well, it was St. Patrick's Night!

Overheard at an instructional class in grammar:—

N.C.O. i/c: "What is a long sentence?"

Gink: "56 days"!

Overheard in G.H.Q. corridor:—

Mac: "How can I prevent them walking on the beeswax, Sargen?"

Sergt.: "Beeswax the ceiling."

Pte. O'Keefe has returned to the Coy. after a long sojourn in hospital owing to an accident to his leg. We are glad to report that he is practically "O.K." again.

The wicket-gate, we are glad to announce, is now open to the boys. Quite a saving of shoe leather has been effected as a result.

Orderly Sergt. to N.C.O. i/c Billet: "When I come back I expect to see this billet a lot cleaner."

Cpl. i/c Billet: "You'll be welcome, Sergeant, always glad to meet an optimist."

We are still waiting for that loud speaker for the Recreational Room. It is about time that some person tuned up the Amusements Committee. We don't know the wave-length—and we are afraid to suggest the rope-length!

The old stunt of tapping markers on the shoulder has now ceased.

The double tap, the double tap,

Yes, it has come to stay,

But the vigorous rap of marker's tap,

Oh, it has had its day.

Cpl. Thomas Hayes has now started his busy season. Between refereeing both hurling and football matches and arranging handball fixtures and never missing any sport meetings, Tommy has his hands pretty full, and there is a rumour that he is interested in basket ball!

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the departure into civil life of quite a large number of the boys. We will sadly miss some of their cheery smiles. "All the best," old comrades of ours.

The new No. 7 Group played a friendly match with H.Q. (No. 5 Group) last Thursday, in the Park, and a very interesting game ensued. The No. 7 Group team, which includes the pick of the P.A.'s, Remounts, and the Signallers, shows great promise, and its inclusion in the G.H.Q. Command augurs some very keen matches in the near future!

When will the playing-pitch in Black-horse Lane be ready?

"ME LARKIE."



### 5th BRIGADE NOTES (19th & 20th Batts., Kilkenny).

A plea of "circumstances" is my apology for last week's lapse.

On Wednesday, 10th inst., a team representing the 20th Batt. beat a team representing the 19th Battalion for the Brigade Hurling Championship, the scores being, 20th: 4 goals 5 points, to (19th) 1 goal and 1 point. The play, as the scores would indicate, was one-sided, and the 20th, taking no chances, fully revenged themselves for their "defeat" in the Brigade Football Championship the previous Wednesday. As I should have reported this matter last week, I will refrain from going into more complete details now. (For this relief, much thanks. It is a bit late, a mhic ó.—Ned).

St. Patrick's Day in Kilkenny was very quiet. Owing to the temporary transfer of fully 90 per cent. of the 19th Battalion to the Metropolis, the Barracks were left very empty, so that all arrangements that had been made in preparation for the "Day" had to be cancelled. However, some of the lucky members of the "stay-at-home Brigade" made the long journey to Dublin on the morning of the 17th to see the boys marching through College Green, and whatever the evening papers may write about it, the parade was a grand and thrilling sight, especially to those of us who, although only lookers-on, marched in spirit with the boys. And of course we are very proud of the representatives of No. 5, who carried themselves as men of the "Fighting Fifth" should.

Now that the Battalion is back again, and everything normal, I will be looking forward to hearing something more of the "Savings Certificates Club" we are going to have in this Brigade area.

Yes, we have got a "Me Larkie" in Kilkenny, and where do you think he was discovered? No, not in the Pay Office, but in the ranks of the P.A.'s. Who said a P.A. hasn't a sense of humour?

Did the N.C.O. who set the trap to discover the identity of "Argus," expect to find that guileless youth "walking into it"?

In answer to "Ned," I may mention

that the photograph was sent, but the Sergeant's sorrow is almost forgotten by now, as his appearance in "Fancy Dress" caused favourable comment in other circles. (All the same, if anybody asks if we have received it, the answer is in the negative.—Ned).

When the Brigade Sports come around this Summer we have a ready-made winner of the cycle race, in the shape of B.Q.M.S. Dempsey who was first home in the 75-mile long-distance spin. He arrived about 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 19th, and did not seem a whit the worse for wear.

Our strong silent man is now situated in Carlow, where he is known to all and sundry as "Alf."

I understand that "Cox" Mahon has again decided to take up rowing this season with the Wexford Regatta Club.

#### THIS WEEK'S FAIRY STORY.

Once upon a time there was a "friendly" hurling match. . . . The End.

The latest craze in Carlow is long walking exercise, and motor cycle racing, and the general slogan is "Come on, Doyle."

Sergt. (to recruit who has trampled on his pet corn): "See here, me lad; are you blind? Couldn't you see you were walking on my toe?"

Recruit: "But Sergt., sure I couldn't see through your shoeens."

The latest "discharges" from our midst are Pte. Williamson, Brigade Staff, and Pte. Phelan, P.A. Both were well known and great favourites in Kilkenny. From Carlow we hear that Sergt. Wilson, a very popular member of the 20th Batt., has also donned "civvies." They all have our best wishes for their future success.

"ARGUS."



### NOCTAI Ó'N ZCÉAD CÁT.

AN T-AM VEIREANAC DO SCRIBODAS MO CUIRO NOCTAI ZO UCI AN "T-ÓGLÁC," CEARPAS Ó'S RUDÓ ZO RABADAR VÉANAC I ZCÓIR EAGRÁIN AN BAO LÁ DE MÁRTA UIMIR A 8, ZO ZCUIRFÍ ISTEAC IAD SAN CÉAD UIMIR EILE, UIMIR A 9; AC NÍ MAR A CEARPAS A BÍ AN SZÉAL AGUS AOMÁILIM ZUR B'É MÉ PÉIN A BÍ CIONNAC, NÁ RAIB RUAINNE BEAS AS ZAEÓILZE LE PEICISINT IN THIS AN AIRM. 'DO RÉIR VEALLTAM ANNSAN, NÍ ÉLÓ-BUAILPEAR AON NÍÓ ATÁ VÉANAC; IS CUMA CÉ UARÓ A TAZANN SÉ, RUO NÁR TUISEAS ZO UCI SO, AGUS DÁ BRÍZ SIN TÁ RÚN DAINSEAN VÉANTA AZAM ANOIS NÁ BEIRÉ MÉ VÉANAC NÍOS MÓ.

SÉ AN PÁC ZO RABAS SPARÓIÚL ZO LÉOR I RIÉ NA COIZCÍSE SEO CAITTE, NÁ ZUR TUIRE ZAC UILE SÓRT ZUR MAIRÍOM TRÁCT AR AMAE, ZO H-AN MÍ-TRÁCTÚL, AGUS AR AN ADBAR SAN NÍOR TARRAINZÍOS AON PÁIPÉIR ÉUZAM, CÚN CÚR SÍOS ORRA. 'DÁ BRÍZ SIN CAITPEAO-SA LEAT-SZÉAL A SZABÁIL LE LUCE LÉIZTE MO CUIRO ZAEÓILZE, AGUS ZO H-AIRITE LEIS AN ZCÉAD CÁT, TOISZ NÁ RAIB MO CUIRO NOCTAI FOILLISZTE SNA H-UIMREACA 'DE "AN T-ÓGLÁC" A TÁNUIZ AMAE I RIÉ NA COIZCÍSE SEO CAITTE AGUS TÁ SÚIL AZAM NAC MBEIRÉ SÉ LE RÁÓ PEASTA ZO BPUILIM AZ TBAIRT PALLIZE IM' CUIRO ZNÓ-SA.

CÍMÍO ZO BPUIL A LÁN SCRIBODNÓIRÍ EILE I MBEAIRIC NA RINNE MÓIRE. BÍ RIMÉAO MÓR ORRAIN AN LÁ PÉ VEIREAO NUAIR A CÓNACAMAR ZO RAIB RUO ÉIZINT NEAC-CHICANTANA SCRIBTE AZ PEAR AIRITE AS AN VEAIRIC SEO I BPAIPÉIR MÍOSIÚL COLLÁISTE NA H-OLLSCORLE I NZAILLÍM. TÁM AG

CEAPAO ZO MBÉAO PÁITTE AGUS PÍCE ROIMIS 'DÁ SCRIBODAO SÉ RUO ÉIZINT AS ZAEÓILZE SAN "AN T-ÓGLÁC" MAR CRAOBSCAOITTEAR AN PÁIPÉIR SEO AR PUO NA H-ÉIREANN AGUS BÉAO ÁTAS AR A LÁN DAINNE, SCÉAL Ó'N ZCÉAD CÁT A PEICISINT AR NÍOS MÓ NÁ AON LEATANAC AMÁIN.

CAITEAMAR LÁ 'LE PÁTORAIS MAR BA CÓIR LÁ MAR É A CAITEAM. BÍ AN T-DIREANN LÉIZTE I SÉIPÉAL NA BEAIRICE AGUS BÍ CUILE OIRZEAC AGUS SAIZIÓIR I MBEAIRIC NA RINNE MÓIRE LAITREAC. TAR ÉIS AIRINN TUS AN T-ÁTAR Ó BRAONÁIN SEANNMÓIN AR BEATA NAOIM PÁTORAIS. CUIR SÉ IN ÚIL 'DÚINN ZO H-AN SOILÉIR ZO MBÉAO CLANN-NA-ZAEÓEAL MÓRÁLAC INS ZAC AON ÉIT AR PUO AN DOIMAIN AR LÁ PÉITTE ABSTAIL NA H-ÉIREANN AGUS ZO MBA CEART ZO MBEIMIS-NE SA MBEILE MÓRÁLAC ASAINN PÉIN PEIRISIN AGUS AZ TABAIRT BAOÚCÁIS DO 'DIA MAR SZALL AR AN NAOIM ALÚINN CLISTE A SÉOL SÉ CUIZ AR SINNSEAR CÚN SOLAS AN PÍOR-ÉREIOM A TAISBEÁINT 'DÓIB. TÁ AN CREITHEAM CÉATNA A TUS NAOIM PÁTORAIS 'DÁR SINNSEAR AZAINN INÓIU CÉ ZUR MÍNIC A RINNE IARRACÉ AR I BAINN 'DÚINN LE PÍOR-NEART 'DIALUIÓE AGUS 'DÍZICE PIANUIÓE. TÁ AN CREITHEAM CÉATNA ZO BEÓ LAITIR BRÍOZMÁIR AZAINN PÓS DÁ BÁIR AN SEASAIM I ZCOIMNIB AN NAIMOE A RINNE AR SINNSIR AGUS TÁ TORA A NÓILSEACÉTA LE PEICEÁL INÓIU SAN SLIZE ZO BPUIL NA H-ÉIREANNÁZ UILZ AR PUO AN DOIMAIN I MBEILE IS I ZCÉIN AZ TABAIRT ONÓRA DO NAOIM PÁTORAIS AN CÉAO EASBOZ AGUS ABSTAIL NA H-ÉIREANN.

BÍ OÍDCE MÍOR SCLÉIPEAC AZAINN I NZAILLÍM OÍDCE LAE 'LE PÁTORAIS AGUS ZAC NÍÓ DE RÉIR MAR A FOILLSIÓ AR POSTAENB AGUS POZRÁIN SA BPAIPÉIR. BÍ ORÁMÁI ZAEÓEALACA Á LÉIRIÚ AZ CONNRÁO NA ZAEÓILZE I HALLA NA CAETAC AGUS BÍ CUIRM CEÓIL IONZCAC ANN. 'DO BPEIUR LINN CÚPLA AMRÁN PÍOR-ZAEÓEALAC A ÉLOISINT Ó'N LEPT SEÁN Ó MAOLCÁTA AN OÍDCE SIN, AC BA MÓR AN TRUAZ NÁ PUAIR- EAMAR SEANS CÚN AN BEIRT NÓ TUIR AMRÁNUÍDCE MAITE EILE ATÁ AZAINN A CÚR AR AN ÁRÓAN. MÁ TÁ CEÓL PÍOR-ZAEÓEALAC 'DE'N TSEAN AIMSEAR Ó AON DUINE, TÁ SÉ LE ÉLOISINT 'NA PÍOR-SRUÉ SA RINN MÓIR.

TAR ÉIS TEACÉ Ó'N DIREANN 'DO'N BPARÁIO 'DO TUS AN CEANNASÁI ORÁIO NÓ 'DILEAZRA 'DOS NA PEARÁIB AGUS TAISBEÁIN SÉ 'DÓIB AN MÉIO A PEAROPÁIS A VÉANAIM CÚN CLÚ AGUS CÁL AN TÍRE SEO MAR NÁISIÚN IMEASZ NÁISIÚN AN DOIMAIN A CORMEAO SUAS AGUS A LEATNÚ. IS PÉIUR LINN A TAISBEÁINT A 'DUBAIRT SÉ 'NÁR PÁS AN CUIRO IS PEARR AGUS IS ZAEÓEALAZGE 'DE'N SAORSTAC (AN AIRM) AS SEÓININTEACÉ. MAR IS PÉIUR A TAISBEÁINT NAC MAR A CÉILE CLEACÉTA TEANZAM AGUS PAITRIÓE NA HÉIREANN AGUS AN T-SEÓININTEACÉ. MÓL AN CEANNASÁI AN OBAIR MÓR NÁISIÚNTA A BÍ VÉANTA AZ SAIZIÓIRIB AN LAO CÁT Ó ÉANAOAR ZO ZAILLÍM, MAIUR LE LABAIRT NA TEANZAM AGUS CLEACÉTA AN ÉREIOM A TUS NAOIM PÁTORAIS ABSTOL NA HÉIREANN DÁR SINNSIR- CÚN AN CEANNASÁI INÍL 'DO ZAC N-AON A BÍ AR PÁRÁIO ZO RAIB SLIZE SPEISIALTA AIZE CÚN CABRUIZGE LEIS AN OBAIR PÓZANTA AN LÁ SAN ÓS RUO É ZO BPUIL SÉ 'DE PÍRILÉRO AZ CUILE DUINE SA CÉAO CÁT A BEIT NA ZAEÓILZEÓIR CRÍOCHUIRE. CÓMARLUZ AN CEANNASÁI 'DO CUILE SAIZIÓIR CÚMINEAM ZO RAIB AN LÁ SO TOZTA AZ CONNRÁO NA ZAEÓILZE AGUS ZO BPEAROPÁIS A LÁN A VÉANAIM CÚN CUSPÓIR AN CÓNARÉTA A CÚR AR AZAÍO. "KUNOVALOS."



**4adh CATHA; CAISLEAN A' BHARRAIG.**

On Saturday, 13th inst., "C" Coy., Castlebar, played "A" Coy., Westport, in the first round of the Inter-Company Football and Hurling League. The result was a double victory for "C" Company, who had an easy victory in hurling, but just managed to snatch victory in football by 3 points. Commandant Haughey and Lieut. Clancy were the respective referees of the football and hurling.

On Monday, the 15th inst., the Battalion Boxing Team travelled by car to Athlone to fulfil their engagements in the Command Championships, on 16th, and were successful in bringing to Mayo two of the Championships, viz., Cruiser-weight (Pte. Moysten, H.Q. Coy.) and Middle-weight (Pte. Harrington, "B" Coy.) Pte. McNamara, "B" Coy., and Pte. Byrne, H.Q. Coy., were successful in entering the finals of the Feather-weight and Fly-weights respectively.

Great interest centred in the Cruiser-weight fight, as Moysten was drawn against Pte. Frier, A.C.C., a man much talked of "as carrying a K.O. in each hand." However, he did not disturb Moysten, who was declared the winner when the fight was only a minute old, disposing of his opponent by a right upper-cut to the jaw, after a few hot exchanges.

The Middle-weight Championship was keenly fought. Harrington, from the sound of the gong, got to work, and soon had his opponent (Pte. Cooper, 2nd Batt.) on the defensive, administering the K.O. early in the second round.

In the semi-final of the Feather-weight, Pte. Jordan, after a very plucky fight, was K.O. in the third round by Pte. O'Shea, 25th Batt. As this was Jordan's second fight that night, and only his second time in the ring, much credit is due to him, and it is anticipated that more will be heard of him in the near future.

The final of the Feather-weight was between Pte. O'Shea, 25th Batt., and Pte. McNamara, 4th Batt. McNamara, in a previous bout sprained both his thumbs, and although thus handicapped, put up a good fight, but was unable to stop the onslaught of his opponent, who succeeded in flooring him in the third round.

The semi-final of the Feather-weight between Pte. Feely, 3rd Batt., and Pte. Byrne, 4th Batt., was a ding-dong bout, Byrne winning it on points from a much heavier and stronger opponent.

In the final of the Fly-weight, Byrne was unable, through having hurt his thumb, to enter the ring against Pte. Harte, 25th Batt., and was compelled to give a W.O.

Other Battalion competitors, Pte. Grainger and Logan, were unfortunate in being drawn against men of their own Battalion, but all gave a good account of themselves.

After a few more months' training our boxing team will be a force not to be overlooked.

The Team has instructed me through the medium of "An t-Oglach" to thank the Command Boxing Committee, particularly Lieut. Diver, and Lieut. Collins, for the kindness shown them during their stay in Athlone.

"MAYO OBSERVER."

**A.C.E., GRIFFITH BARRACKS, DUBLIN.**

A couple of weeks ago I asked when we might expect that long overdue grade pay, and a rumour now has reached my ears that it is to be paid almost immediately. Perhaps the little note in "An t-Oglach" did have the desired effect. (Sure! We are now thinking of straightening out this tangle they have got into at Geneva.—Ned).

The references made recently to the state of the Ball Alley are also having the desired effect. Enquiries have been made as to the possibilities of having it put in a state of repair. No doubt we are getting on. I hope, as a result of all these compliments, "Ned" will not bow himself out of the picture. (Nix. Still at the old address, and hoping for a continuance of your esteemed patronage. All work done on the premises.—Ned).

Talking of "Ned" reminds me that in your issue of the 13th inst. he accused me of joking about serious matters. Such was not the case. I simply informed all and sundry that one of our wireless experts had stated he could make a set for less than 1s. 3d. Well, the set has not yet materialised, but, nevertheless, the Officer on the landing above "Ned," who made the set that works for 1s. 10d., has nothing on any of our experts. (Wireless is serious: sometimes it's really terrible.—Ned).

A few weeks ago I ventured to remark that the Golf Cup would reach the Officers' Mess as soon as any other. I am now convinced that the Golf Cup is more likely to get there *before* any other.

"Fitz," the handball champion, has returned off leave, and the Company breathes freely again.

"Davey," the man from "Chitral," has gone West—not in the accepted sense of the term, but merely to the Western Command, to take up a new post. His departure is keenly regretted. As a world traveller, teller of breathless yarns, and constructor of crazy additions to Ball Alleys, he has few equals. In fact very few, if we are to believe the man from "Carrick Hill."

Who aspires to be Captain of the Barrack football team? Is "bet-you-a-dollar" interested, and what does "Jackey" of the machine gun conversation think about it?

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## ENTERTAINMENT IN ST. BRICIN'S HOSPITAL.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given on Sunday afternoon, 14th inst., in St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, when two clever humorous sketches, "The Counter Charm" and "Tactics," were staged by the Roberto and R.C.A. players respectively.

The following artistes kindly contributed vocal and instrumental items which were much appreciated:—Miss K. Malone (mezzo-soprano), Miss N. Finn (contralto), Miss N. Richardson (violinist), Mr. P. J. O'Connor (baritone), Mr. C. Taylor (humorist). Miss E. Thornberry acted as accompanist.

Mrs. Arthur Griffith and Mrs. Sheridan were amongst those present, and at the conclusion of the entertainment thanks were returned, on behalf of the hospital staff and patients, to these two ladies for their kindness in arranging the programme and to the artistes who contributed to the general enjoyment of the evening.

## ARBOUR HILL 1st BOY SCOUTS TROUP.

On Sunday, 14th March, at Beggar's Bush Barracks, the Boy Scouts of the Army made their debut in the football arena, and defeated the home team by 3 goals to 2.

The most grateful thanks are due to Rev. T. McLoughlin, Chaplain to the Army School of Music. The N.C.O.'s and Scouts enjoyed the entertainment accorded them and hope at some future date to return the compliment.

The Scouts wish to know if it would be possible for the School team to fix a date for a return match, preferably at the Arbour Hill pitch, if not, at the "Bush."

The boys from the Hill wish also to thank the Officer Commanding School of Music—Col. Fritz Brase—for permission to play the game on 14th ult.

The Scouts also want to know what the Scribe in Collins Barracks, Dublin, is driving at by his recent allusions in "An t-Oglach" to their organisation.

"SCOUT SANSFIELD."

## McKEE F.C. GAIN HOLLOW VICTORY OVER BRAY EMMETTS.

On Sunday last at Novara Road, Bray, McKee Footballers had little difficulty in disposing of the local Emmetts in the Senior League tie. Owing to a series of delays and disputes during Junior League ties which preceded the match, a start was not made until 5 p.m.—an hour late. It did not, however, seem to affect the Army players, though they were forced to remain stripped for 60 minutes before the game started. This is the second disappointment for the McKee team. Only the Sunday previous they travelled all the way to Balbriggan, but their opponents did not put in an appearance.

The Army players won last Sunday's game in the first few minutes. After Captain Murphy had scored a goal, Lieut. McAlister added another. The local team became disheartened, and were not dangerous at any time, and the Army players delighted the spectators with a splendid display of football, running out easy winners with the score—McKee F.C. 5 goals 2 points.

Bray Emmetts Nil.

We would advise those who wish to see a splendid exhibition of Gaelic Football, to visit Croke Park on Sunday next, when McKee Footballers meet the famous O'Toole team in the Championship. The winners of this game are expected to prove Champions this year, and a reproduction of last Sunday's form is all that is needed to bring the Championship honours within reach of the Army team.

## "ROS CAIRBRE'S" CRITIC. Further Letter from "Francis the Philosopher."

To the Editor of "An t-Oglach."

SIR, The courtesies of debate permit the first speaker to reply to criticisms, and I claim your indulgence of a little space to enable me to reply to my critics.

Since these gentlemen seem fully acquainted with my identity, it might not be out of place to remind them that I once used the nom-de-plume "The Wanderer," and, under your editorial patronage, enjoyed a period of sixteen months in which I regularly contributed to the Army Journal. After many appeals to the 12th Battalion, I had the pleasure of welcoming "Ros Cairbre" to the Army Journal. So much by way of preamble and as an answer to your eulogies of "Ros Cairbre" and his suggestions that I might do more for the Journal than I am doing. I ceased to contribute to the Army Journal because I had the assurance of the three Battalions in this Brigade Area that they had appointed their own Battalion Scribes. You, however, had always my assurance that my pen was, and is, yours to command whenever required.

In spite of the contention of "Misneac" that Buffalo Bill stories teem with nonsense, and "Ros Cairbre's" insistence that his grief was justified, I hold that pedantry is patent when one man pillories another because he is not reading that which conforms with the former's idea of proper reading. Contrary to "Ros Cairbre's" suggestion, I am quite at home with the works of Irish Writers, and regularly purchase the publications of the Talbot Press. Because of this I aver that a sound reading of these works will engender a broader, less bigoted feeling than that exhibited by either "Ros Cairbre" or "Misneac" in their latest effusions. My advocacy of the N.C.O. first referred to by "Ros Cairbre" was due to resentment of the self-advertisement which "Ros Cairbre" committed in announcing his grief. Of course, loud "keening" is native to Cork, to which county I believe "Ros Cairbre" owes his nom-de-plume. As to the Book of Kells, permit me to say that I have the most profound admiration for that monument of Irish Artistry, but submit that the Book is on a height, to the appreciation of which one must climb.

"Misneac" requests open speech regarding the books issued from the No. 4 Brigade Library, and "Ros Cairbre's" letter is headed "Insinuations Refuted." The refutation was not authoritative, and I am surprised that "Misneac" challenges the insinuation. I say definitely that some 50 books were issued to the 12th Battalion, that they have not 33 per cent. of them now, that they have not, up to 13/3/26, forwarded a single Money Order in respect of Books to the lending Authority. Further, is not the suggestion that Money Orders have been considered necessary a full justification for my argument that Books have been borrowed and retained? How is a Library to exist in these circumstances?

"Misneac" is pleased to wax sarcastic over service to other Governments, while "Ros Cairbre" discharges his Trumpeter in order that he may personally announce his long service. I am content to refer to the courtesies of debate. So long as the issue is confined to my original letter, I shall enjoy the discussion, more especially as I seem to be as one crying in the Wilderness, but please let us have the discussion clear of anything suggesting the personal element. Believe me, Sir, Yours to command,  
"FRANCIS THE PHILOSOPHER."

## A PLEA FOR TOLERANCE.

To The Editor of "An t-Oglach."

A CHARA,

I have read with interest the discussion between "Ros Cairbre" and "Francis the Philosopher," and I am sure that all supporters of our Army Journal have felt pleased that they have now secured a Journal through which their various opinions can be exchanged. Although both are serving under the one Flag, it is only natural that differences of opinion should arise between two ardent supporters of the Journal, but the matter might easily right itself and should be void of uncalled-for criticism.

The remarks and criticisms of "Misneac" could not help to adjust the difference. The men who sank all differences to attain the freedom which we now enjoy never turned down, at any time, men who were ready to help in the uplifting of our Nation, and if "Misneac" copied P. H. Pearse in that hero's tolerance, undue criticism would not flow so readily from his pen.

Please let the discussion between the two sides continue. Is mise, do Chara,

"GLENCOSHABINNIA."

[NOTE.—We are glad to give all our correspondents as much space as possible, but, until we are enabled to enlarge the journal, we must ask them to remember that "Brevity is the soul of wit" and to keep all letters to the Editor well within the 250 words limit—Editor].

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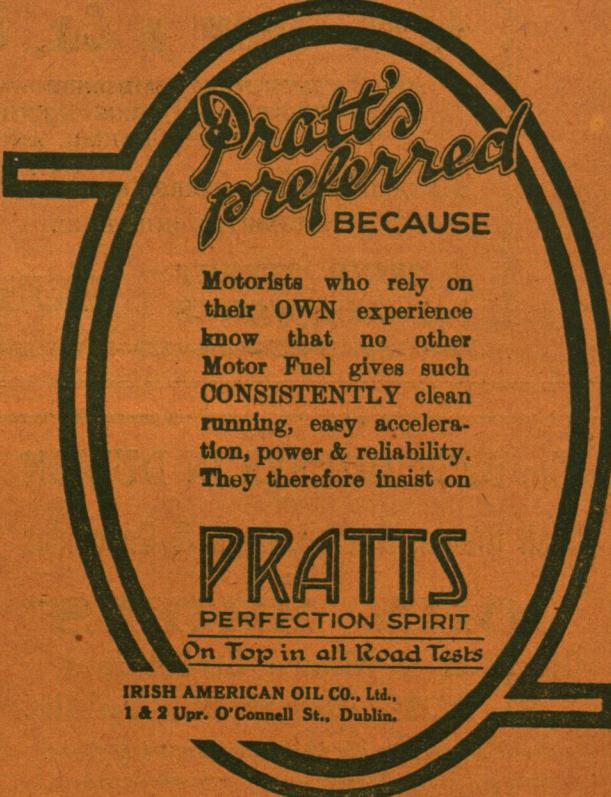
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