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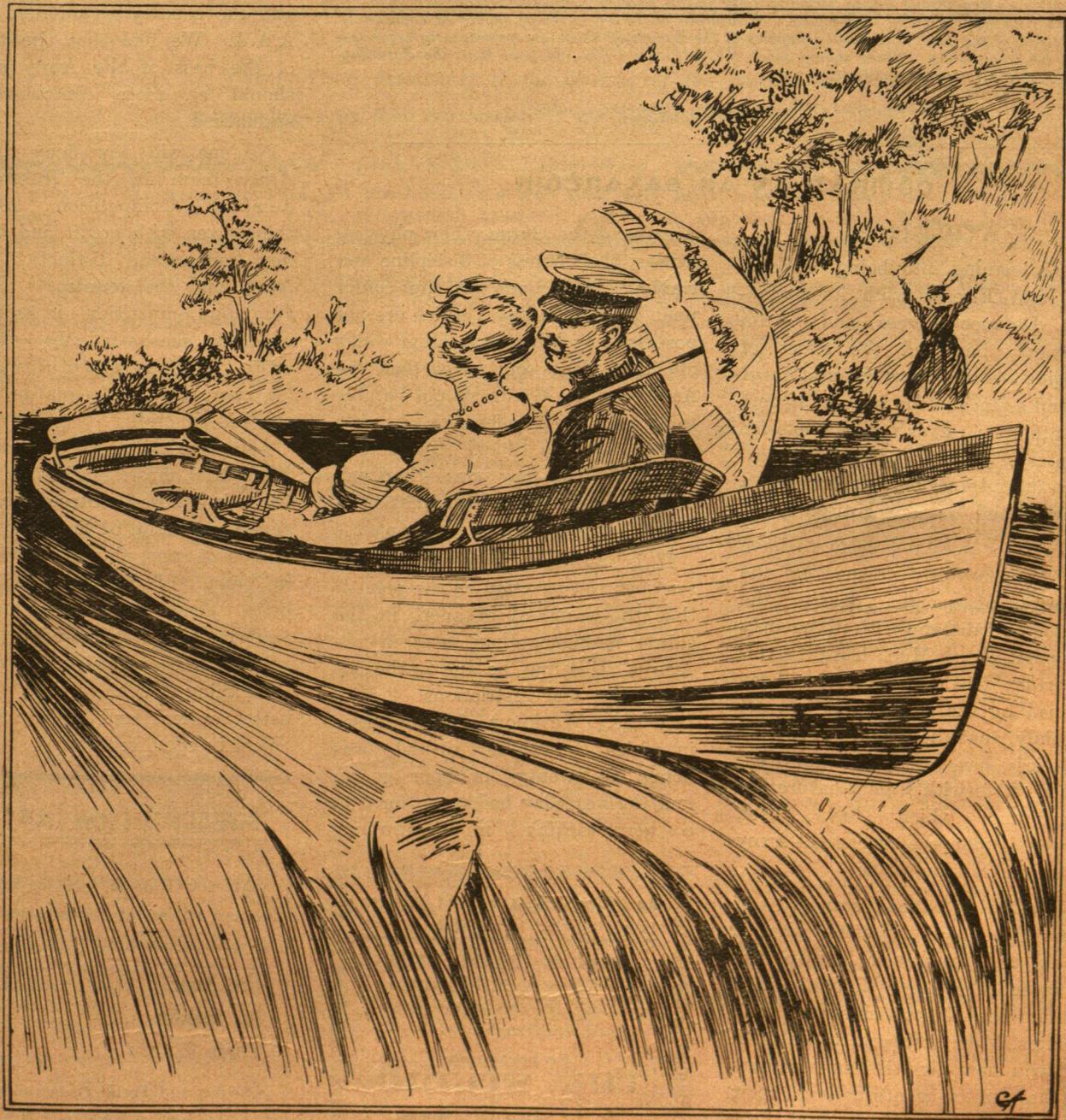


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ATHLETICS.

THE coming into being of Saorstát Eireann with its permanent Defence Forces and Garda Síochana, has had the effect of bringing about a new orientation of Ireland's place in the realms of sport and athletics. It is now possible for athletes of Saorstát Eireann to compete in international sport as a separate and distinct entity.

That fact does not seem to have as yet been fairly grasped by the majority of people, despite the coming of Tailteann with its panoply and pageantry. Much less does this important fact seem to have been grasped by the A.A.A. It is true, certainly, that the standard of Army athletics has steadily improved; and we note with keen pleasure the encomiums which have been showered upon the recent All-Army Sports in Cork's own City.

Nevertheless, the standard of Army athletics is far below what it should be. To put it bluntly, the Army and the Garda should be in a position to field the cream of Irish athletes. The stalwarts to go forth and win new dignities and honours for the country in international sport should come from the ranks of these two forces.

The youth of the members of the

Army and the Garda, their physical fitness, their habits of discipline and training, their open air life confer upon them advantages which are not possessed by athletes in other walks of life. It is our view that the Army and the Garda should be able to do more for the elevation of sports—the smashing of old records and the creation of new ones—than any other organization or combination of athletes in the country.

It is our impression—though we are open to correction on the point—that the standard of sport in the Garda is higher than it is in the Army. This may be due to the uncertainties and restrictions of military life. We know of many cases in which the military athlete was doing his twenty-four hour guard, and the next day had to go forth to a nerve-racking, muscle-straining

contest on the sports track. A really high standard can scarcely be achieved under such conditions.

Human nature could not stand up to the strain.

We feel sure that if the subject was closely gone into there are many ways in which more liberal facilities could with advantage to the Army and the country be afforded to the A.A.A. We feel that the training of the best of the Army athletes should be more centralised and specialised.

No one will now deny that the Army team in the International Jumping Competition acquitted themselves with credit and brought new honour and distinction to the Army and the country. Yet the Jumping Competition—in its strictest and best sense—is only a form of sport. What is true of this particular competition is equally true of sport in general.

Tailteann will soon be upon us. We should aim to reach such a standard in these contests that the superior position of the Army in the realms of sport should be no longer in doubt. It can be done with a little give and take in the matter of training and a general spirit of co-operation. But the chief thing to achieve right now is a better outlook and a more definite object in sport generally.

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IN CAPTIVITY

From "WITH THE IRISH IN FRONGOCH."

By COMMANDANT W. J. BRENNAN-WHITMORE, General Staff.

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

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[NOTE—After the Rising in 1916, all the Volunteers who took part in it, and very many who did not, were "swept up" by the R.I.C. and British Military, and hastily conveyed to various English jails. From these they were later concentrated in an Internment Camp, at Frongoch, Wales.—EDITOR.]

CHAPTER IV.

WE decided to accept responsibility for the proper control of the Camp. Strange as it may seem we were not unanimous on this point by any means. Some of the prisoners, and a few of them personages of weight and standing in the Irish-Ireland movement, were dead against our assumption of control. Their chief arguments were that every duty we undertook to perform relieved a soldier; and that was *de facto* helping the enemy: the more soldiers we compelled the authorities to retain in Frongoch, and the more trouble we caused them, the sooner we would be released. It was certainly a plausible case.

The military chiefs of the prisoners, however, were not very much concerned with the possible embarrassment of the enemy. They were rather concerned with attaining certain military objects. And, of course, they got their way.

After our arrival in Camp it was tacitly understood, though never specifically defined officially, that we were received and accepted as Prisoners of War. A case in point will illustrate what I mean. The day after our arrival we were paraded; and required to fill up Identification Forms. These struck us as being too much of a *Hue and Cry* document; and consequently demurred against filling them up. We were at once blandly told that the documents applied only to Prisoners of War, and that International Law required one to be filled up in respect of each Prisoner of War. Our attention was drawn to the fact that they were printed in German on one side; and in English on the other. On this understanding then, namely, that the filling-up of these Forms was necessary under International Law to the completion of our status as Prisoners of War we complied; and furnished the necessary particulars.

The first batch of prisoners had arrived in Frongoch Camp on the 9th June—the Feast of St. Columcille—and by the time we arrived on the 17th a couple of hundred prisoners were already installed. As the regulations of the Camp required that one of the prisoners should be appointed Head Leader who would be responsible directly to the Colonel for the control and good conduct of the prisoners, we found that position jointly occupied by Captains Kavanagh and Connolly. We also found that acting largely under the influence of John O'Mahony each mess of forty prisoners had appointed two delegates. These constituted what was euphemistically styled "The General Council, or Civil Government of the Irish Republic in Frongoch." It took to itself the sole authority over the Irish Prisoners of War; and was presided over by a veteran Irish patriot—William Ganley. Its first secretary was a Mr. Martin; and the treasurer was John O'Mahony, better known as "Comrades."

I attacked this body from the very first; and was supported in my attitude by all the senior, or Field Officers, of the Republican Army in the Camp. In the first place it was ridiculous policy for a body of men interned as soldiers of Ireland to define themselves as civilians; and to set up a civil institution to control their affairs. It absolutely abrogated our claim to be treated as Prisoners of War. Moreover, no civil institution, however excellent and desirable its constitution might be, could enforce the disciplinary and other measures necessary for the proper and efficient control of the Camp. Besides which, to proceed along these lines would have meant baulking the officers of attaining their military objectives. Fortunately not many days passed until it was patent to the most obtuse that the "Civil Government" could not maintain the necessary discipline. The senior officers were unani-

mously invited to form a Military Staff for the control of the Camp. They did so.

From the setting up of this Staff the control of the Camp was entirely in the hands of the senior officers of the Irish Republican Army. It was conducted upon purely military lines. The General Council still continued to exist; and on one or two occasions attempted to contest the authority of the Military Staff; but in the main its influence waned, and it existed largely as a honorary institution towards the end. It was never recognised by the authorities of the Camp Guard.

The Military Staff was composed as follows: Camp Commandant, Commandant J. J. O'Connell; Adjutant, Commandant W. J. Brennan Whitmore; Aide-de-Camp, Captain J. Kavanagh; Provost Marshal, Captain G. Geraghty; Quarter-Master, Captain McRory; Deputy Quarter-Master, Captain W. Hughes; Medical Officer, Captain Walsh, M.D. Staff Officers: in charge of No. I Dormitory, Captain L. Henderson; No. II, Commandant T. Curtin; No. III, Commandant D. MacCulloch; No. IV, Commandant T. MacSwiney; No. V, Captain O'Coimor. The Huts, Captain M. J. Staines.

Contingents of prisoners were arriving every day, and soon the four huts in the outer compound were occupied by prisoners. When about eleven hundred prisoners were installed in the South Camp it was closed, and the North Camp opened for the reception of between seven and eight hundred prisoners. The North Camp prisoners also assumed control and followed our plan of a controlling Military Staff. Its first Commandant was Captain M. W. O'Reilly.

When the senior officers were thus set out, and their duties defined, the men were divided into Companies with commanders as follows: "A" Company, Captain Connolly; "B" Company, Commandant Cotton; "C" Company,

Captain O'Brien; "D" Company, Captain Mulcahy; "E" Company, Captain Balfe; "F" Company, Captain Gilfoyle; "G" Company, Captain Drohan; "H" Company, Captain Donnelly; "I" Company, Captain Quinn; "K" Company, Captain Price. It will thus be seen that we were two Companies over the strength of a normal battalion of infantry.

Each of the Company Commanders undertook to perform the duties of Orderly Officer of the Day for their respective dormitories. These duties consisted of attending the Orderly Room each evening at 6 p.m. and taking down the Camp Orders and Details of Fatigues for the following day from the Camp Adjutant; and reading out these orders; and warning the men required for fatigue work on the morrow. Their duties began at Reveille when they saw all the men on parade for count, supervised the fatigues for the day; and saw that their men were present in time; and generally kept things going smoothly.

A specimen of one of those Camp Orders bulletins will show the nature of the work involved:

CAMP ORDERS.

By Commandant J. J. O'Connell,

Commanding Irish Prisoners of War,
South Internment Camp,

Frongoch, Monday, 26th June, 1916.

I Staff Officers.—The Senior Staff Officer (Commandant Curtin) is detailed for duty to supervise inside fatigues for the week ending 2nd July.

Commandant D. MacCulloch is detailed for duty, to supervise outside fatigues for the week ending 2nd July.

II Orderly Officers and Routine.—Each Staff Officer in charge of a dormitory is responsible for detailing an "Orderly Officer of the Day," for having the weekly list of location numbers of his men who have been detailed for fatigues hung up in a conspicuous place in his dormitory on the preceding Saturday evening. He is also responsible for seeing that all Camp Orders issued by the Commandant are read and explained to the men of his dormitory.

III Orderly Officers.—The Orderly Officer for each dormitory will hand to the Adjutant on each Monday morning a list of location numbers of all men of his dormitory detailed for each weekly fatigue. He will also parade his fatigue men at their various points of work at the appointed hours; and hand a list of absentees to the Adjutant immediately after he has handed the men over to the supervising Staff Officer.

IV Fatigues.—The following officers and corporals are detailed in charge of fatigue parties for the week ending July 2:

I. Cook-house, Corporal Sweet-

ney. II. Dining Hall, Capt. Hughes. III. Latrines and yard, Corporal Comerford. IV. Landings and Y.M.C.A. Hut, Corporal Burns. V. Wash and Bath House, Corporal Collins. VI. The Huts, Capt. Staines. No. I. Dormitory, Corporal Russell. No. II, Corporal Duncan. No. III, Capt. O'Brien. No. IV, Corporal O'Toole. No. V, Capt. Norgrove.

V Orderly Room.—An Orderly Room Session will in future be held each morning at 9.15 a.m. (Sundays excepted) for trial by the Commandant and Staff of all defaulters. All Staff Officers to report thereat by 9.10 a.m. The Provost Marshal and a picket of nine men will also be in attendance by 9.5 a.m. All defaulters to be ready for the Commandant by 9.15 a.m.

VI Company Commanders.—Company Commanders are in future to be on parade with their companies in the Recreation Field for the Colonel's inspection.

VII Drilling.—Permission having been received from the British Military authorities for the carrying out of drill parades in future when the men are about to be formed up for the 11 a.m. Inspection the Company Commanders will first be formed up in single file; extended in line of quarter-column; and then the men will be formed up in quarter-column formation on the right of their respective commanders. At the conclusion of the Inspection each company commander, unless otherwise ordered by the Commandant, will drill his company for an hour.

VIII Soiled Clothing.—The accumulation of soiled clothing in the dormitories or wash-house is strictly prohibited. As the under-clothing, etc., becomes soiled it must be changed, washed, and hung to dry either on the inner lines of wire in the compound, or in the Drying Room. If not taken into immediate use when dry it should be neatly folded (preferably in a paper parcel) and placed on the shelves. The Pickets have received instructions to confiscate all soiled clothing found lying in the washhouse after 9.45 a.m.

(Signed), W. J. BRENNAN WHITMORE,

Commandant and Adjutant.

From this it will be seen that the Military Staff had raised Frongoch Camp into a Military Academy. What Sandhurst was doing for the British Army, Frongoch Camp was bidding fair to do for the Irish Republican Army. Before the Irish Volunteers had been many months in existence it was evident to those in control that if it was ever to be raised into a really efficient military arm training camps would have to be established all over the coun-

try. During the last year of their existence the General Staff of the Irish Volunteers had carried through with immense success a scheme of temporary training camps in various parts of Ireland. But a great deal had remained to be done.

Now, however, the British Government had swept up the cream of the Irish Volunteers, and dumped them all down in a huge training camp in North Wales. We had *carte blanche* in the matter of drilling and military lectures. At this time we were all convinced that we would be kept in internment until after the war. To say that we were hugely delighted, was to lightly describe our feelings. We were certain that by the time we would be released the nucleus of a magnificent military machine would be presented to Ireland. That was the objective we had mostly in mind when we decided to assume responsibility for the control of the camp. It also explains why we were so angry at the attempt to set up a Civil Government control.

Our plans did not fully materialise, inasmuch as we were all released after seven months of internment. But who can attempt to measure the amount of military gain achieved by willing hearts for Ireland in those seven months of incarceration?

CHAPTER V.

Our days were spent somewhat after this fashion. We were roused at 5.30 a.m. by a steam horn in the inner yard. The British Provost Guard unlocked the dormitories almost immediately. It then became the duty of the Staff Officers and Company Commanders in each dormitory to see that all men quitted bed and got ready for the morning inspection. By 6.10 a.m. we had the men drawn up in columns of fours in the inner yard, with our Camp Commandant at the head, and the Adjutant and Aide-de-Camp on the flank.

The British Orderly Officer of the Day, accompanied by a sergeant and three files of the Guard, and the Sergeant of the British Provost Guard on duty then arrived; and having disposed the three files in advantageous position, the officer and provost sergeant proceeded to count us. The Sergeant of the Guard followed the officer pretty closely.

This counting always afforded us amusement. They never got the number right on the first count, and frequently had to count us the third time. We always maintained that their inability to count the prisoners correctly accounted for the large number of German prisoners whom they were reported to have captured. One of the officers of the Guard, a second lieutenant, was a never failing source of amusement to us. He had a vitriolic temper; and was nearly always abusing the Guard. For this reason the prisoners nicknamed him "Brimstone." One morning when this officer was counting us, a prisoner gave way to a fit of coughing. Instantly "Brimstone" yelled out in a voice of thunder: "Stop that damn coughing." He had hardly

finished when every prisoner in the yard was seized with a violent fit of coughing. For the best part of ten minutes pandemonium reigned supreme. When at last the hubbub ceased "Primestone" yelled out: "I hate idiots; I loathe fools," and shaking his fist at us took his departure.

Shortly after the morning count was finished Mass was said in the Dining Hall. We were at first served by an Austrian priest. We were very much attached to him. Very often we tried to get anti-British expressions of feelings from him, or even admiration of the Irish insurrection; but always failed. He was at last taken from us, partly, I believe, because the authorities considered that we were becoming too much attached to him. Before he left we purchased the harmonium from him which the German prisoners had left behind when they were removed from Frongoch to make room for us. His place was taken by an English clergyman. We were at first inclined to give him the cold shoulder, partly because he was an Englishman, and partly because we wanted an Irish priest. But this clergyman was so unostentatious and so obliging that he won our hearts; and a great affection sprang up between us, though officially we still resented his appointment to us.

At 7.40 o'clock breakfast was served; and all things considered an excellent meal it was. It was cooked entirely by the prisoners' cooking staff. The perfection of the cooking and meals arrangements was always a matter of amazement to me. Our first chief cook was a schoolmaster. He was succeeded by a draper from Granard—an exquisite fellow, who attained an immense popularity with everybody. The draper was succeeded by a plumber; and the assistants varied from a blacksmith to an electrician. Such were the people who, without any training whatever, had to cook meals for twelve hundred men. And their cooking was always on time, and excellently done. The only complaints we had to make in this respect pertained to the quality of the government rations supplied.

The canteen was open in time for breakfast, so that prisoners who had money could supplement the official rations with little extras. And as the relatives and committees at home and in England were extremely good to us in the matter of parcels of food we always fared very well whilst on our best behaviour. It was well for us, indeed, that in the matter of food our people were so good to us; for we could not have lived on the government rations.

Immediately after breakfast the real business of the Camp began; and the fatigue work got into full swing. All the prisoners who were not engaged on fatigue work were lined up in the outer yard and marched off to the recreation field at 9 o'clock. A quarter of an hour later the sick were paraded at the hospital for medical inspection and treatment. Whilst one section of the prisoner officers were getting these parties off, the Orderly Officers of the day were parading their fatigue parties.

Every morning all the dormitories, landings, stairway, passages and huts had to be swept up, scrubbed, and disinfected with Jeyes fluid. All the beds had to be ranged in line—even the pillows and folded blankets had to be in a perfectly straight line on the beds—from one end of the room to the other.

The yard and latrines, as well as the wash-house and bath-house were washed, scoured, and disinfected. The dining hall and cook-house washed out; and all the tables and utensils scoured and polished to a mirror-like surface.

The following detail of the total numbers of men required for the various fatigues will show how onerous was the work of keeping the South Camp spick and span:—

Dining hall, 72 men; ration party, 30 men; dormitories and huts, 120 men; wash and bath-house, 20 men; yard latrines, 10 men; landings, stairs, and Y.M.C.A. hut, 36 men; cook-house, 20 men; yard, 6 men; hospital, 6 men; working party (repairing), 20 men; cooks, 8. Total engaged, 348 men. When allowance was made for men exempt from fatigue work owing to old age, delicacy, or sickness, and men in hospital, it will be seen that men had to engage in this work every fourth morning when the camp was at full strength. Of course it became correspondingly frequenter as releases lessened the general body of prisoners available.

The Military Staff was very exact about the proper attendance at, and performance of these fatigue works. First, because they were an excellent means of instilling discipline, and of teaching all types of men the nature of barrack-room life. The need for sanitation and personal cleanliness when living in a large community or overcrowded quarters was strikingly brought home to a type of people who otherwise would never cast a thought on it until an epidemic would decimate their numbers. And finally it demonstrated that the Irish were an orderly, cleanly race, quite capable of managing their affairs in an efficient and business-like manner. Any delinquency whilst on fatigue work was severely dealt with at the Orderly Room Session each morning.

By 10.45 a.m. all these fatigues were finished, and the men engaged in them were formed up and marched off to the recreation field. The corporals of fatigues and the mess leaders remained at their posts to receive "Buckshot." At 11 o'clock sharp the steam horn went again. The prisoners in the recreation field were then drawn up in quarter-column headed by their Commandant and Company Commanders.

Before the horn finished, "Buckshot," preceded by the Sergeant-Major, accompanied by the Adjutant and followed by the British provost sergeant on duty, and an orderly, entered the prisoners' yard. Here the senior officer on fatigue work received him, and accompanied him on his round of inspection of the premises. Every dormitory, passage, and latrine was carefully inspected. Taking his stand at the end of the dormitory "Buckshot" aimed

with his walking stick to see if the ends of the beds, pillows, etc., were all in a straight line. In the dining hall he frequently had the *bottom* of the table tops turned up to see if that part of them had been scrubbed. In the cook-house he munched a piece of the bread and tasted a spoonful of the soup.

When this inspection of the premises was over, "Buckshot" and his staff proceeded to the recreation field. As soon as he entered the marshalled prisoners were called to attention by their Commandant, and their hats were removed. "Buckshot" stalked down to the head of the column, came to attention, returned the salute, and bid us "Good morning." We replied: "Good morning" whereupon he ordered "hats on." He then called: "Head Leader" and on our Commandant approaching him asked "Any complaints?" "Any requests?"

Occasionally he walked down the ranks inspecting the prisoners. On one of these occasions he ordered that all the Sinn Fein badges be taken down, and as no prisoner offered to do so, the Sergeant-Major removed them from the prisoners' coats. The next time he came round a far larger number of prisoners had badges up; and many of them were sewn on the coat lapels. It was a tedious task taking them down; and no sooner was one taken down than another was pinned up. So they tired of the job very soon and left us to wear our badges in peace.

After this inspection the men were exercised in military drill until 12 noon, when they returned for dinner. On the return for dinner, parcels and letters were usually given out. It was an exciting quarter of an hour. As soon as they entered the compound a rush was made for the notice board to see if their names were on the parcel list; and those on the outside of the crowd implored those on the inside to read out the names. Those who received no letter clustered round those who had, seeking for news of home and country.

At this hour of the day the "lady-killers" were much envied men, as they nearly always had several letters each day.

From dinner time to the evening count the time was the prisoners own to be disposed of as they liked.

At 2 o'clock the recreation field was open again, and any prisoners who wished could go out there until 4 p.m. As might be expected large numbers of them did so. During this time football matches and sports were brought off. A veterans' football match one evening caused great amusement. We wanted to have hurling matches also, but the authorities would not permit us to have hurleys. So you see the prohibition against the carrying of Camans did not originate in the first instance with General Sir Bryan Mahon, but with "Buckshot" of Frongoch.

At 2.15 p.m. the Ration party were paraded under the Quarter Master and his assistant. The clothing, food, and coals stores were situated on the railway, a little above the station, and between the two camps. The Govern-

ment ration supplies for each day were drawn on the preceding evening, with the exception of the meat ration, which was drawn from the stores immediately after the morning count.

The meat supplied to us was always either Australian or New Zealand frozen; and whilst it was invariably unpalatable, it was sometimes unfit for consumption. On one occasion no less than* 176lbs. out of a total of 260lbs. was condemned as unfit for consumption by the Camp doctor. On another occasion when the prisoners' Quarter Master complained of the malodour from the meat, he was told by the Orderly Officer of the Guard that if he washed the meat in vinegar it would take away the bad smell!

It was felt that the afternoons and evenings should be utilised for study; and a scholastic programme was accordingly made out. At this time we were unable to carry out the idea owing to the numbers of men going to London or being released. But when the Advisory Committee was alone reviewing us, and the general releases had ceased, that is to say, about the middle of August, this educational scheme came into full swing. It was as follows:—Dramatic class, Saturdays, at 2 p.m. Choral class, Sundays and Wednesdays, at 2 p.m. Spanish, Mondays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m. Debates in English, Saturdays, at 3 p.m. Telegraphy, Sundays and Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m. Book-keeping, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 3.30 p.m. Mathematics, Mondays and Thursdays, 3.30 p.m. Shorthand (Script, Sloan-Duployan, and Pitman systems), Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Irish language, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6.30 p.m. Irish history, Thursdays, at 6.30 p.m. Debates in Irish, Sundays, at 6.30 p.m. Step-dancing, Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 6.30 p.m. In addition to these subjects there were private classes in German and French.

The prisoners' Adjutant also prepared a series of lectures in Irish terrain; and the application of the general principles of strategy and tactics thereto. These lectures, which were prepared and delivered secretly to the senior officers, were conducted in the Orderly Room.

Thus whilst the company officers and the rank and file were suitably exercised in military drill in the forenoon, the senior officers were being grounded in the higher branches in the evenings; and every possible expedient was resorted to to make the military machine as complete as possible.

*Vide Hansard, Vol. 86, No. 98.

(To be Continued).

CHARACTER.

Personal character only begins to be formed when we put forth from within ourselves a power to match the outward pressure upon us, and, in putting forth that power, the inward core of personality begins to take shape. This is the "imprisoned splendour" and the value of experience, like the value of education, lies in what it elicits in the soul.

NIGHT OPERATIONS.

(Concluded from last issue).

The extensive use of luminous markers, illuminated compasses, the wireless telephone, and the artillery tracer, along methodical lines will remove that great fear of becoming lost, experienced by troops when moving in the dark.

If a workable helicopter be developed it will have many possibilities in future night operations, for, with powerful electric lights, it will be able to search out the advanced positions of the enemy, thus directing the assaulting units to their objective.

Use of Various Arms.

The infantry in conducting night assaults must depend for its success upon its ability to close with the enemy quietly and rapidly. Every infantry man should be imbued with the idea that at night the bayonet is the only weapon that can be trusted, and that the more promptly it is used the better will be the chance of success. In the dark the unexpected bayonet charge by the attackers has a tremendous demoralising effect on the defenders, and is capable of throwing into disorder a larger defending element.

Machine-gun units will be of considerable value to the assault battalions. They will be sited to cover the consolidation of the position by repelling hostile counter-attacks. Machine-guns of the reserve battalions will generally be placed in position, prepared, on signal from the front line, to deliver indirect overhead fire in enemy territory and to protect against counter-attacks.

The use of cavalry in night operations will be limited. Its work will consist of reconnaissances and maintaining connection, except in rare cases for an attack on other cavalry. Cavalry will be found useful to exploit the success of a night attack, taking it up at daylight. It should be held in reserve, prepared for this purpose.

The artillery in the future, as in the past, will support night attacks. The artillery should be prepared to furnish all possible fires from initial positions, which should be selected to reach well into the enemy's rearmost positions, especially covering localities that might be used by the enemy in preparing and launching counter-attacks. Artillery will be of great importance at daybreak, and must be prepared to fire to meet counter-attacks. In stabilised warfare artillery fire will be found useful to destroy the enemy's wire entanglements and other obstacles preceding a night attack.

It will be difficult to use tanks successfully in night operations, as the noise they make will disclose the information of an impending attack.

Engineer troops will have duties to perform during night operations. They will be called upon to construct bridges, open roads, remove obstacles, and assist in preparing positions that are to be held after capture. They will also mark out routes by means of luminous markers and post signs.

Preparations for Night Attack.

To insure the success of a night attack, it is imperative that a thorough reconnaissance be made by daylight, and, if practicable, by night. In fact, a night attack, except under the most desperate circumstances, should never be undertaken with-

out a thorough and complete reconnaissance of the position to be attacked, and the terrain to be passed over in the approach. In the future this duty will not be confined to staff officers alone. One commissioned and one non-commissioned officer from each company, and, if possible, a non-commissioned officer from each platoon will make reconnaissance preparatory to the attack. Exact knowledge of the terrain will be essential to the leaders of the attacking columns in order to be successful.

It is of great importance that the line of departure for a night attack be definitely understood by all the attacking units. This line should be selected as near the enemy's position as possible without exposing the troops to discovery by the enemy while forming for the attack. Where conditions permit, it should coincide with the assault position and should be plainly marked out before the arrival of the attacking troops. It is felt that in the future constant contact will be maintained between columns and echelons by means of the wireless telephone to insure co-ordination of the attack. Contact between and within elements must be maintained at all costs. If necessary sufficient connecting files to maintain physical contact with each other will be employed for that purpose.

The assault should be executed by the entire command simultaneously, every effort being made to this end. The enemy having been encountered, he must be immediately charged, for it is at this time that his fire is most effective. No effort must be spared and no time lost in attacking with the bayonet. The position having been taken, and the attacking troops fairly well reformed, attempt to increase the effect of the success by pursuit may be undertaken. For this duty, it is preferable to use reserves. The pursuit must be general along the line to insure success. However, daybreak is considered the better hour to make a pursuit.

After a successful attack, the disorganised troops must be reformed promptly and measures taken immediately to resist a counter-attack; the reserves to be brought up for this purpose. Should the attack be a failure, the reserves should cover the retreat by executing a flank attack upon the pursuing enemy.

The defence against night attacks will differ very little from defence against day attacks. Where practicable, preparation for illuminating the foreground should be made. If searchlights are used, they should be used from the flanks.

A study of night operations seems to indicate that in the future a formation in line of columns, covered by scouts, with flanks protected by strong combat patrols, with a reserve well in rear and preferably on the flank will give the best results. The columns will be few in number and kept in formation as long as possible, each given a definite objective, and deployed only when forced to do so.

Night operations must be planned with the greatest caution, yet, when started, they must be carried through with the sternest resolution. The boldest course is generally the best and every moment of hesitation diminishes the chances of success.

THE STUDENT'S PAGE.

UNDER SUPERVISION OF CAPTAIN S. O'SULLIVAN.

GEOGRAPHY.

Lesson No. 25.

IRELAND.

Railways—Eastern District.

Under this heading we have the former Dublin, South Eastern Railway, and the lines worked by that Company, namely:—

From Westland Row to Amiens St—the City of Dublin Junction Railway.

From Westland Row to Dun Laoghaire Pier—the Dublin and Kingstown Railway.

The Eastern District Railway has two termini in Dublin at Westland Row and Harcourt Street. The lines join before reaching Bré near Shankhill Station.

From Westland Row the line passes along the Coast through Dun Laoghaire to Bray. From Harcourt Street the line travels via Dundrum and Carrickmines—meeting the line from Westland Row—to Bray.

The line continues from Bray through Wicklow and Woodenbridge to Wexford. From Woodenbridge a branch runs via Aughrim to Shillelagh. From Wexford a branch runs via Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour. Fishguard (in Pembrokehire, Wales) is connected by Steamer with Rosslare, the port to port voyage being 54 miles.

The Branch from Waterford runs via Campile and joins the Rosslare Branch near Rosslare. From Waterford a branch runs Northward via New Ross, Palace East and joins the Main Line near Macmine.

GRAMMAR.

Lesson No. 10.

COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES.

Nouns and pronouns undergo a change of form to denote a change in Number, Gender and Case—for example—

Changes to denote—

	Number.	
Singular.		Plural.
man		men
gun		guns
	Gender.	
Masculine.		Feminine.
man		woman
gander		goose

	Case.	
Nom. Case.		Poss. Case.
boy		a boy's hat.
soldier		a soldier's duty.

Adjectives do not suffer changes like this, but do change their form to show the degree of comparison in which they are used.

There are three degrees of Comparison. These are—

(1) The *Positive* degree showing the adjective used in its simplest or lowest quality: as "quiet boy"; "slow train"; "fast horse."

(2) The *Comparative* degree showing the adjective used in a higher quality than (1): as "The *quieter* boy"; "The *slower* train"; "The *faster* horse."

(3) The *Superlative* (or highest degree) used to show the adjective in its highest or fullest quantity; as "The *quietest* boy"; "The *slowest* train"; "The *fastest* horse."

Note:

(a) The *Comparative* degree is used when only two things are compared.

(b) The *Superlative* is used when one thing is compared with *everything else* of the same class.

In a previous lesson, the eight kinds of adjectives, with examples of each, were named. Here, it is well to note that all adjectives cannot be compared in the same manner as the examples given above.

There is one kind, however, that admits freely of Comparison and that is the *Descriptive Adjectives*. There are only two *Quantitative Adjectives* that may be compared—

(1)—

Positive	Comparative	Superlative.
much	more and	most
Little	Less and	least;

also only two *Numeral Adjectives*—

Positive	Comparative	Superlative.
(1) many	more and	most
(2) few	fewer and	fewest

The student may observe that there are several *Descriptive Adjectives* that do not admit of comparison. For instance if an object be *squarer*, it could not be "*squarer*"; if "*oblong*" it could not be compared with another object of the same shape and spoken of as being "*oblonger*" than the other object. Other adjectives relating to *time*, *place*, *material* and so forth cannot be compared. This may not seem clear at first, but, using a little reason, the student will easily master any difficulty that may present itself.

How adjectives are compared shall be the subject of the next lesson.

EXERCISES.

Form Adjectives from the following:

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs	Adverbs
Joy	Sick	Laugh	Up
Earth	Poor	Whistle	Down
Child	Politic	Sing	In
Gold	Red	Sleep	Out

ARITHMETIC.

LESSON No. 27.

1. Addition of Recurring Decimals.

Example:—

$$.2436\bar{1} + .528 + .\bar{1}68$$

$$.2436136136136 \text{ etc.}$$

$$.52828282828282$$

$$.1681681681681681$$

$$.9400646100646109$$

From the work shown above the student will see that the figures 006461 repeat themselves and if the addition was carried on further to the right it would be found that these figures would recur indefinitely.

Hence our answer is .94006461.

It will be noticed from this answer that (a) two figures do not recur—and also that in the example the greatest number of non-recurring figures is two—that is .24361. Again in our answer (b) SIX figures make our recurring period and the least common multiple of the number of figures in the several recurring figures required to be added; namely, 3, 2, 3 is 6 which coincides with the period that recurs.

To help therefore the sum may be written down as follows:—

.24	361361	36
.52	828282	82
.16	816816	81
.94	006461	—

Answer: .94006461.

Rule: Ascertain the number of figures in the largest non-recurring part—in the example we have two figures (0.24). Find the Least Common Multiple (see AN t-ÓGLACH, April 3rd, 1926) of the number of figures in the several recurring figures—in the example we have 3, 2, and 3 giving us 6 as the L.C.M. Add the number of figures (2) to the L.C.M. (6) which gives

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us 8 and write each decimal out 8 places from the decimal point.

The first two places will be the non-recurring part of the Answer and the SIX places will be the recurring period of our answer. Usually we add one or two places more and mentally add these—carrying over (if any) to the eighth place. The lines drawn in the above example help to make the work clear. The portion between the perpendicular lines is the recurring period.

Note.—It is only the recurring portion of the decimal that is carried on after the second place to the eighth place.

Examples:—Addition of recurring decimals.

Add 0.3 + .04 + 0.216 + 0.312

0.3	333333	33	Largest Non-recurring	= 1
.0	444444	44	L.C.M. 1, 1, 2, 3	= 6
.2	161616	16	Total (places)	= 7
.3	123123	12		
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.9	062517	06		

.9062517 Answer.

Add .036 + 5.015 + .059

.036	36	36	Largest non-recurring	= 3
5.015	—	—	L.C.M. 2, 2	= 2
.059	59	59	Total (places)	= 5
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5.110	95	95		

5.11095 Answer.

Add .005 + .18 + .42

.00	55	55	Largest non-recurring	= 2
.18	18	18	L.C.M. 1, 2, 2	= 2
.42	42	42	Total (places)	= 4
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.51	16	—		

.5116 Answer.

Add .648 + .2821 + .108

.6	486	48	Largest non-recurring	= 1
.2	621	62	L.C.M. 3, 3, 3	= 3
.1	081	08	Total (places)	= 4
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1.0	189	—		

1.0189 Answer.

Subtraction of recurring decimals will be dealt with in the next lesson. As the principles are identical, except that we subtract, the student is advised to retain this Issue to assist him with the next lesson.

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DEFINITIONS (continued).

Farad.—The practical unit of capacity. The capacity of a condenser which contains one coulomb of electricity under a pressure of one volt.

Filament Resistance (Rheostat).—A variable resistance in series with a valve filament to regulate the amount of current and heating. The maximum value for bright emitter valves is from 3 to 6 ohms. That for dull emitters is of the order of from 20 to 30 ohms.

Filter.—An arrangement of tuned circuits which only allows alternations or oscillations of a certain frequency to pass through.

Flux Density.—The number of magnetic lines of force or magnetic strength in the neighbourhood of a magnet or electro-magnet.

Forced Oscillations.—Oscillations forced on a circuit with which they are not in tune as in the case of a receiver in the immediate neighbourhood of a High-power Broadcasting Station.

Foucault Currents.—Another term for eddy currents.

Foot Pound.—The work necessary to raise a weight of one pound vertically a distance of one foot.

Frequency.—The number of complete alternations or cycles of alternating current per second.

Frequency Audio.—The range of sound frequencies which can be heard by the average human ear, i.e., frequencies between 40 and 20,000 cycles per second. Very sensitive ears are capable of detecting frequencies above and below this band.

Frequency Radio.—Alternating current beyond the range of audio frequency—oscillatory current.

Frequency Beat.—The resultant of two frequencies of different value superimposed on one another. (See Heterodyne Reception.)

Fuse.—A short metallic strip or wire joined in an electrical circuit which melts under the heating influence of excessive current, thus protecting the apparatus.

Galvanometer.—An instrument for indicating the presence of electric current.

Grid.—The mesh introduced between the filament and plate of a valve. Usually in the form of a spiral of wire or a thin perforated plate.

Grid Condenser.—A condenser in series with an oscillatory grid circuit, which allows a negative charge to accumulate on the grid for rectification purposes. Also a condenser connecting the plate of a valve to the grid of a further valve for amplification as in a resistance or choke coupled amplifier.

Grid Leak.—A high resistance joined across the grid condenser which allows the accumulated charge on the grid to leak away. The combination of grid condenser and grid leak is termed a leaky condenser.

Ground.—American term for earth.

Geissler Tube.—A partially exhausted glass tube containing residual gas which produces luminous effects when electric discharges take place through the tube. Sometimes used for electric lighting purposes.

DEATH OF SERGT. CRONIN, Command Staff, Beresford Barracks.

The general sympathy of all who knew him goes out to the relatives of Sergeant Cornelius Cronin, Command Staff, Beresford Barracks, whose death, as briefly referred to in the notes of the 15th Batt. last week, took place at the Curragh Military Hospital on the 16th ultimo. Deceased, who was 42 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some months before his death. During his term of 2½ years in Beresford, the late sergeant made many friends, and was a general favourite, but by none is he more deeply missed than by his closer associates, the staff of the camp bakery, whose attention—it may be mentioned here—to his every need during the period of his acute illness was truly commendable, not the least being that afforded by his immediate O.C., Lieut. R. Woodlock. Sergeant Cronin, who was a member of an old and respected Kerry family, was brother of the late Mr. Denis Cronin, of the Irish Land Commission (Dept. of Survey). Having been accorded full military honours, both at the Curragh and at the graveside, the remains were laid to rest in the family burial-ground at Mastergeagh, Waterville, Kerry, on Wednesday, August 18th. Go ndeanaidh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

ARMY SWIMMING GALA. New Irish Ladies' Record— Army Championships.

The Annual Army Swimming Gala was held in Blackrock Baths on Saturday last, 28th ult., and proved a most successful fixture. Glorious weather favoured the event, and in spite of the various sporting counter attractions in the city there was a good attendance. The programme all through never lacked interest and several close finishes were witnessed, particularly in the open events.

In the Ladies' 100 Yards Handicap Miss M. Dockrell, swimming from scratch, set up a new Irish record, covering the distance in 77 secs. Notwithstanding her fine performance she was unlucky in being unplaced in the Final.

The fact that the holder, Major M. A. O'Connor, A.C.E., was a starter in the 100 and 220 Yards Championships of the Army did not deter a big increase in the number of entrants in these events—there being 13 and 12 competitors, respectively. Major O'Connor, however, retained both titles, with Coy./Sergt. J. Kennedy, Records Branch, runner-up in each event. Pte. Gibson, Southern Command, put up a creditable performance in finishing, for the second year in succession, a good third in the 100 Yards Championship, for which he is now being awarded a special prize. Major O'Connor also retained his title, with Coy./Sergt. Kennedy again filling 2nd berth, in the 440 Yards Championship, which was run off the previous evening at the same venue.

The Inter-Unit Squadron Race, in which no fewer than twelve teams participated, created considerable interest among military and civilian spectators alike, and in an exciting finish the 22nd Battalion snatched a deserving victory, though only feet separated the first five teams home.

The Leinster Cup-tie, Sandycove v. Clontarf, in Water Polo was a ding-dong affair, which resulted in a win for Sandycove by 2 goals to 1. Quinn opened the scoring for Clontarf with a good effort, but his team were rather unlucky a few minutes later when through a misunderstanding at the goal-mouth they scored against themselves. Just before the finish Judd obtained the decisive score for Sandycove.

The Junior Cup match, Dublin University v. Dublin S. C. which followed did not fall behind the senior fixture in excitement, and after a hard tussle Dublin University were successful with the score 3-2.

Much of the success of the Gala was due to the assistance generously accorded to the Committee by the officials of the Leinster Branch, I.A.S.A., and of the various civilian Swimming Clubs, and in recording our thanks we must include a special word for Messrs. A. J. Cullen and P. J. O'Neill, who very kindly acted as Hon. Handicappers and Starters. Their splendid handicapping was evinced by the close finishes which were the order of the day in the heats and finals of the open events.

The prizes were presented at the conclusion of the Gala by Mrs. Brennan,

who was accompanied by Major-Gen. Brennan, Adjutant-General.

The proceedings were enlivened throughout the afternoon by a pleasant programme of music discoursed by the Band of the Army School of Music under the baton of Bandmaster-Student Doyle.

Colonel S. McGoran, Director of Training, was an interested spectator. Details:—

50 Yards Handicap (confined to Army S.C.)—The following qualified for the Final:—Pte. W. Smith (A.M.S., Cork); Boy J. Reynolds (Army School of Music); Pte. D. Carroll (Army Air Corps); Boy W. Mitchell (A.S.M.); Cpl. Kelly (H.Q. Staff, Curragh); Pte. F. Scanlon (Store Accountancy, G.H.Q.).

Result:—Cpl. Kelly, 1; Boy Mitchell, 2; Private Smith, 3.

100 Yards Army Championship—Major M. A. O'Connor, A.C.E. (holder), 1; Coy./Sergt. J. Kennedy (Records Branch), 2; Pte. Gibson (Southern Command), 3. Time, 67 1-5 secs. Thirteen competed.

100 Yards Handicap Open (Men)—The following qualified for the Final:—F. Horlacher (28); R. Swaine (18); J. Flanagan (26); J. Dowds (14); E. Kay (17); M. Monks (16); D. Murtagh (10); P. O'Byrne (12); A. Saxe (10); S. Barrett (2); H. Styles (2); W. Davenport (26).

Result:—R. Swaine (Dublin and Bray S.C.), 1; F. Horlacher (Sandycove S.C.), 2; J. Flanagan (Sandycove S.C.), 3.

100 Yards Handicap Open (Ladies)—The following qualified for the Final:—Miss G. Leopold (Clontarf) (22); Miss E. Symes (unattached) (18); Miss M. Winder (Pembroke) (16); Miss K. Dowling (Pembroke) (18); Miss M. Dockrell (Dublin) (scr.); Miss A. O'Connell (Pembroke) (16); Miss E. McElwee (Dublin) (6); Miss M. Molloy (Pembroke) (12); Miss S. O'Neill (Bray) (10); Miss P. Morgan Byrne (Pembroke) (10); Miss E. Higgins (Pembroke) (14); Miss M. Cody (Dublin) (12).

Result:—Miss P. Morgan Byrne (Pembroke), 1; Miss A. O'Connell (Pembroke), 2; Miss K. Dowling (Pembroke), 3.

Military Inter-Unit Squadron Race (220 Yards)—22nd Battalion (Corpl. Keane, Pte. Madden, Pte. Monaghan, and Pte. Campion), 1; Army Corps of Engineers, 2; Army Signal Corps, 3. Time, 3 mins. 5 secs.

220 Yards Army Championship—Major M. A. O'Connor, A.C.E. (holder), 1; Coy./Sergt. J. Kennedy (Records Branch), 2; Corpl. Brennan (21st Latt.), 3. Time, 3 mins. 8 2-5 secs. Twelve competed.

440 Yards Army Championship—Major M. A. O'Connor, A.C.E. (holder), 1; Coy./Sergt. J. Kennedy (Records Branch), 2. Time, 6 mins. 25 secs.

Water Polo—Leinster Senior Cup Match—Sandycove, 2; Clontarf, 1.

Junior Cup—First Round—Dublin University, 3; Dublin S.C., 2.

Mr. P. J. O'Neill, speaking at the conclusion, thanked all who had contributed towards the success of the Gala and stated the marked improvement in the form shown by the military competitors reflected credit on the athletic training they were receiving.

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TÁ AN CAIC TRÉIS PILLEADÓ TAR N-AIS Ó CAMPÁ NA BPIANN AGUS TRÉIS SEIB TÓGANT I MBEARIC NA RINNE MÓIRE ARIIS. TÁ SAC N-AON 50 SLÁN POLÁIN I NOICAI AN CÚRSA, AN MÓIRE, AGUS SGLÉIP BUNOIBRÁIN. SÍ SUR TÁIÉIN AN CUARIC 50 DEI TIR CONAIL LINN UIRIS, BA TÁINEAMAISE NÁ SAN LINN BEIC AR AIS ARIIS PÉ OÍON TÁISE ATÁ I NOICAI NA BRAONACA CÚR AR NEAMHÓ.

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CÉIR É AN 5AIC CÚAIC PÉ OÍON OIRIS AN CON5ANTÓRA MAICIN ÁICÉIRIO I NÉICÉ MIRM AGUS SAM B AR A BÉAS MAR BAIÉADÓ.

CÉ H-É AN SAICÓIUR TUS AN PÉACAS 50 AN OIRPGEAC AN LAE LE LINN 'OÓ BEIC TIUBAIC CUARIC AR NA BPIANTEÓIRI AGUS Á 5CEICÉIRÍ PAOI A 5CUIO OIRÉICÉ—"5IUBALAIMN 50 MEAR TAPAIÓ AR MO PÓST PÉ MAR A UÉANPAÓ MUSCAIC LE M' SAICÓIUR AN MO 5UALAIMN."



THE PREMIER COMPANY.
Cup goes to 20th Infantry Battalion Representatives.
VERY KEEN COMPETITION.

The presentation took place on Friday, 27th August, at the Hibernian Military School, Phoenix Park, of the massive silver cup to the best trained Company in the Army.

It was won by "B" Company of the 20th Infantry Battalion, which is commanded by Comdt. Hanrahan, the officers of the Company being Capt. D. Lennon, Lieut. P. Lennon, and Lieut. M. Kelly.

This year the final was decided at Kilbride Camp.

Each Company had to march from Dublin to Kilbride Camp, in the Wicklow mountains, a distance of about 30 miles.

They then encamped, and in the ensuing days drilling and shooting competitions took place.

It was learned that the winning Company obtained very high marks in the shooting competitions.

The 20th Battalion, which won the competition, is recruited almost exclusively from Kilkenny County and City, and the officers are, with few exceptions, all Kilkenny men, too.

On the 27th August the four Companies that took part in the final round were paraded at the Hibernian Military School, and the presentation was made by Col. Seumas O'Higgins, Chief Staff Officer, with whom were Col. McGourin, Director of Training operations; Capt. Joseph Nolan, and the Camp Commandant, Comdt. McCormack.

In making the presentation to Capt. D. Lennon, Colonel O'Higgins said:—

"To have been adjudged the premier Company of the Ogláigh na hÉireann is an honour of which each and every one of you ought to be proud. I hope when the time comes for holding this competition next year you will be found fighting hard to retain this magnificent trophy."

Colonel O'Higgins then inspected the four Companies and congratulated them on their fine appearance.

"The winning company," says the "Irish Independent," "consists of men who average between 5ft. 10ins. and 6ft. 1in. in height, and they presented as finished an appearance as any crack guard Company in any army. In response to the parade commands they responded with a machine-like precision, the results of months of intensive training."

The "Irish Times" says:—"The Company is probably the smartest set that has yet been put on the parade ground, and one was especially struck by the men's general alertness and splendid physique."



Colonel S. O'Higgins, Chief Staff Officer, presenting the Sean MacMahon Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Premier Company of the Army, to Capt. Lennon, O/C B. Company 20th Infantry Battalion.

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MARKS OBTAINED.

SUBJECTS.	A Coy. 25th Btn. Western Command.	A Coy. 18th Btn. Southern Command.	A Coy. 15th Btn. Curragh.	B Coy. 20th Btn. Eastern Command.
PART I.				
1. Camping	147	179	115	154
2. Inspection	848	785	754	695
3. Drill	892	858	896	864
4. Guard Mounting	214	199	182	196
5. Physical Training	203	205	192	217
6. Rifle	235	230	219	231
7. Lewis Gun	144	236	138	206
8. Bayonet	181	175	229	197
TOTAL PART I.	2,864	2,867	2,725	2,770

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SUBJECTS.	A Coy. 25th Btn. Western Command.	A Coy. 18th Btn. Southern Command.	A Coy. 15th Btn. Curragh.	B Coy. 20th Btn. Eastern Command.
PART II.				
9. Route March	1,820✓	1,769	1,110	1,170
10. Tactical Operation by Day	2,449	3,169✓	3,046	3,046
11. Range Practice	4,134	4,698	4,734	5,718✓
12. Bayonet Assault Competi- tion	48	77✓	77	64
TOTAL PART II.	8,451	9,713	8,967	9,998
GRAND TOTAL	11,315	12,580	11,692	12,768

RANGE PRACTICES.

TOTAL POINTS OBTAINABLE 11,760.

Company	Practice (1). Points obtainable 2,450	Practice (2). Points obtainable 1,470	Practice (3). Points obtainable 1,960	Practice (4). Points obtainable 1,960	Practice (5). Points obtainable 1,960	Practice (6). Points obtainable 1,960	Deduc- tions.
A Coy., 25th Bn.	1,120	408	1,005	624	591	546	160
A Coy., 18th Bn.	1,295	425	1,152	721	471	841	207
A Coy., 15th Bn.	1,180	366	1,167	694	683	768	124
B Coy., 20th Bn.	1,400	606	1,293	851	894	823	149

	A Coy., 25th Bn.	A Coy., 18th Bn.	A Coy., 15th Bn.	B Coy., 20th Bn.
Total Points Obtained	4,294	4,905	4,858	5,867
Deductions	160	207	124	149
Grand Total	4,134	4,698	4,734	5,718

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VACANT POST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health invites applications for the post of Technical Assistant in the Section of his Department which deals with the administration of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925. Salary scales (pensionable):—Women and unmarried men, £100—£7 10s. 0d.—£175; married men, £130—£10—£230 per annum, plus cost of living bonus. Women candidates must either be unmarried or widows. The post is permanent and pensionable.

Candidates must not be less than 30 and not more than 45 years of age on the 1st August, 1926. Practical experience in the purchase and sale of goods will be essential. Special attention will be given to the technical knowledge possessed by candidates as to the nature and standards of quality of commodities, and especially Textiles, General Hardware, Boots and Shoes, and Groceries. Preference will be given to duly qualified ex-Army candidates and to those having a knowledge of Irish. The appointment will be made by the Minister on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commissioners with the assistance of a Board of Selection set up by the Commissioners.

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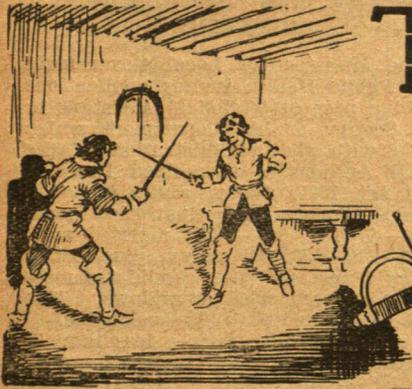
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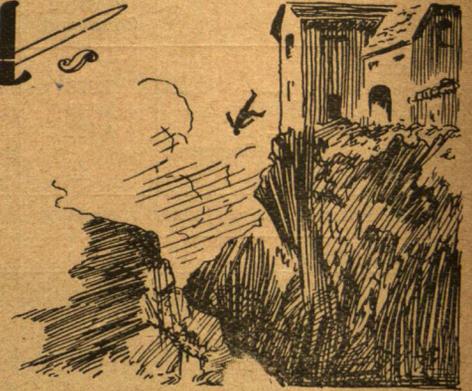
“B” Company, 20th Infantry Battalion, Winners of the Inter-Company Competition, 1926.

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The Sword of O'Malley

By
Justin Mitchell



CHAPTER XIX.—continued.

The great purple curtains at the doorway parted, and Captain Bartolome entered the chamber.

A chorus of exclamatory questions greeted him.

"But we thought you had gone to make war on the wild pigs of Wuldner!" Eugene said.

"Man proposes," the young Guardsman quoted gaily. "Before we had ridden three miles on our journey my favourite mount fell lame and I had perforce to return. I shall join the party to-morrow. They are putting up for the night at the old hunting-lodge on the banks of the Blume."

"The place hasn't been used for years," Sergius remarked.

"A party was sent there yesterday to make ready for our coming," Bartolome explained. "The three upper rooms are being prepared as sleeping-chambers."

There was a pause. The Cardinal rose.

"So you are satisfied," he said, "that Rudolf and Irene will ere long prove consenting parties?"

"Certainly, we are satisfied," Sergius said warmly. "O'Malley has done his work thoroughly. Everything points to a happy conclusion. Does your Eminence not foresee that they are bound to fall deeply in love with each other?"

The Cardinal made no reply.

The joy of June, with wealth of golden sunlight, held the old grey city as in a faery spell. Happy hearts revelled in the perfect loveliness of skies serene and cloudless. And none happier could you find in all Rhonberg than the two damsels, one gipsy dark, one flaxen fair—the rose and the lily—who sat in a little balcony outside the window of an upper chamber of the Palace and chatted with the untrammelled confidence of bosom friends.

An awning of gaily-hued silk shaded them from the sun which beat fiercely upon the balcony. Irene's shadowy eyes wandered meditatively over the ancient city, slumbering in the stifling hush of golden noontide.

"Monica," she said, "I am puzzled to account for the change in Prince Rudolf. His nature seems altered almost past belief. When last I sojourned in Rhonberg he was buried in his studies—a pallid sulky bookworm! I could hardly get him to look at me. And now! Think of our parades and expeditions of the last few days! His Highness cicerones us with a zest that I find simply staggering. I vow he hasn't opened a book for a week. 'Tis almost incredible."

"How do you account for this remarkable change in Prince Rudolf's behaviour?" Monica asked.

Irene's nut-brown curls danced in a little movement of puzzled hopelessness.

"I did not dream it possible," she said, "that a man could, in a few days, so completely alter his lifelong habit."

Monica thoughtfully considered the design of lilies and cornflowers on her dainty fan.

"The gossip of the palace has it that the old legend of romance has been reversed," she murmured demurely. "The coming of the Princess has awakened the sleeping Prince."

Irene should have blushed. She herself felt that, properly, a deep-dyed flush should have crimsoned her cheek. But, for the life of her, she couldn't exhibit the slightest trace of maidenly confusion. So she laughed gaily and clapped her little brown hands, as if in approval of a quaint jest.

So the game went well! Her taskmaster—the tall Irishman whose gaze followed her everywhere, coldly critical, admonitory, urgent—even *he* must admit that she was keeping her promise and discharging her contract in no perfunctory fashion. With gay abandon she had thrown herself into the task of rousing Rudolf from his torpor; and she had marvellously succeeded. The quarry had been brought down almost without an effort. O'Malley's game—her game—was half won!

"Hitherto I have been strangely unaware of the potency of my charms," she bantered. "So the gossips trace the Prince's awakening to the influence of the Princess? And what says the Lady Monica?"

The Lady Monica said nothing. She was recalling certain girlish confidences in which Irene had vowed fidelity to a certain stalwart youth with a green jacket and long sword. Clearly the fates had decreed that the Princess of Caronia should espouse her royal cousin. Alas for the dream-hero of the dear, dead past!

Irene noted her companion's silence and gazed curiously into Monica's eyes—dew-sweet forget-me-nots whose tender blue was shaded by long lashes of a hue slightly darker than the vivid gold of her hair. The Princess put forth a hand to borrow the painted fan. Perhaps she, too, had some faint thrill of regret for the vanished dreams of happy girlhood. Perhaps she found it hard to abandon an ideal so tenderly cherished. Her soul cried out in hot rebellion against the injustice of it all. And therefore, as is a woman's way, she broke into little trills of silvery laughter.

"So," she cried merrily; "it seems I am a sort of damsel-errant faring forth in quest of adventure. The sleeping Prince awakes when I ride up to his spellbound gates and sound a ringing blast upon the horn."

Like an echo of her words, a horn rang out in the courtyard below. The ladies peeped over the balustrade. The Prince, accompanied by O'Malley, Bartolome, and a few servitors, was setting out for the boar hunt.

At the gate, Edmund turned in the saddle and glanced up at the balcony. He spoke to the Prince, who also looked up and smiled gaily.

Monica fluttered a lace kerchief in farewell salute. The Princess waved the painted fan.

Doffing their plumed hats, the huntsmen bowed profoundly over their saddle-bows. Next moment they had vanished.

For a space silence reigned on the balcony. Monica's dreamy gaze lingered on the gateway as though, in fancy, she still beheld the two cavaliers. And Irene, closely scanning her companion, thought she detected in the pure, flower-like face an expression she had never seen there before.

(To be continued.)

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ALL ARMY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Improved All-round Performances—Curragh Athletes Carry the Day.

(By FOAM.)

The Fourth All-Army Athletic Championships held at Cork on 25th ult. are a faithful reflex of the great improvement in Army athletics, and whilst being a tribute to the untiring efforts of those in charge, have at the same time confirmed the hopes of many well-wishers in the athletic arena of the country that the Army will play a prominent part in the revival of Irish athletics. The championships of 1926 have brought forth new champions who may yet achieve national honours, and in many of the performances even the placed competitors would at the present time secure victories in open competition. Whilst on this point it might not be out of place to remind Army competitors that at these open meetings they should appear on the programmes in such a way as to be recognised as Army representatives. At the moment there is in the Army—as stated in a recent issue—men capable of holding their own in any given event, and as proof of this a table of comparison given below bears out the statement. With few facilities, comparatively speaking, the athlete of to-day in the Army is making wonderful progress, and it should be noted that in no case were the 1926 champions “ready-made” athletes on joining the Army. They are therefore in every sense of the word Army athletes.

Another noteworthy feature is that whilst many old champions competed only one retained a title, viz., Lt. G. N. Coughlan, who also added to his credit three other events. Both he and Pte. Curtin were the outstanding athletes of the day. There was evidence of increased interest in the cycling events, both of which were easily won by Pte. Thomas.

The open events drew large entries, many of the best known Metropolitan and local men appearing. The introduction of the boys' race at Army meetings was another welcome feature.

As to the arrangements for the meeting everything was carried out without a hitch, and to Comdt. P. Ennis, Sec., A.A.A., Capt. L. O'Brien, Asst. Sec., Capt. J. F. Chisholm, and Lieut. G. C. Lynch much of the success of the meeting is due. Capt. D. Harkins lent valuable assistance to Mr. J. J. Buckley, the handicapper and starter.

Lieut. A. K. Duff, Mus.B., was in charge of No. 2 Band, which supplied a varied and much appreciated programme of music. A gymnastic display by the Curragh troupe under S/M. Doogan was warmly applauded throughout.

The attendance included Lieut.-Gen. Peadar MacMahon, Chief of General Staff, and Mr. Peadar Hughes, Minister for Defence,

The following were the total points awarded:—

Curragh Command	... 21
Western Command	... 13
Eastern Command	... 12
Southern Command	... 11
G.H.Q.	... 4

Details:—

100 Yards—1st Heat—Sgt. Hennessy (Collins Bks., Dublin), 1st; Sgt. T. McMahon (Southern), 2nd. Five ran. Won by 2 yards. Time, 10 3/5 secs.

2nd Heat—Lieut. J. Hogan (Curragh), 1st; Sgt. J. Price (G.H.Q.), 2nd. Five ran. Won by 2 yards. Time, 10 4/5 secs.

Final—McMahon, 1; Hennessy, 2; Hogan, 3; Price, 4. Won a great race on the tape in 10 3/5 secs. Only a yard between the four.

Putting 16lb. Shot—Pte. M. Curtin (Curragh), 35 ft. 7 ins., 1st; Capt. A. O'Loain (Western), 35 ft. 6 ins., 2nd; Corpl. Fayne (Curragh), 35 ft. 2 ins., 3rd. Nine competed.

880 Yards—Lt. G. N. Coughlan, 1; Capt. T. McKenna (Curragh), 2; Lt. P. J. Dalton (Curragh), 3. Eight ran.

Coughlan took the lead early and ran a confident race. McKenna threatened in the last 200 yards, but Coughlan increased his lead to win by 15 yards, with Dalton the same distance behind McKenna. Time, 2 min. 4 3/5 secs.

Half-Mile Cycle—1st Heat—Pte. Thomas (Eastern), 1st; Cpl. Hilliard (Southern), 2nd. Four competed. Time, 1 min. 26 3/5 secs.

2nd Heat—Pte. Ennis (G.H.Q.), 1st; Pte. Connery (Southern), 2nd. Four competed. Time, 1 min. 34 1-5 secs.

Final—Thomas, 1st; Hilliard, 2nd; Connery, 3rd. Thomas led throughout and won easily. Time, 1 min. 27 secs.

High Jump—Lieut. R. Cotter (Southern), 5 ft. 7 ins., 1st; Sergt. Houlihan, 5 ft. 5 ins., 2nd; Capt. A. O'Loain, 5 ft. 3 ins., 3rd. Eight competed.

220 Yards—1st Heat—Lieut. Hogan, 1st; Lt. Coughlan, 2nd; Sgt. Hennessy, 3rd. Five ran. Won by 1 yard. Time, 24 1/5 secs.

2nd Heat—Sgt. McMahon (Southern), 1st; Pte. Spittle (Collins), 2nd; Pte. Brophy (Curragh), 3rd. Five ran. Won by 5 yards. Time, 24 4/5 secs.

Final—Coughlan, 1st; Hogan, 2nd; McMahon, 3rd. Won by 5 yards after a great race. Time, 23 4/5 secs.

Tug-o'-War—Eastern, G.H.Q. and Curragh were the only competing teams. In the first round Curragh won the first pull in 45 secs. from G.H.Q. In the second G.H.Q. gained the verdict after a tussle lasting 1 min. and 12 secs. G.H.Q. won the third in 58 2/5 secs. Eastern had a bye into the final and won the first pull against G.H.Q. in 40 seconds. They were again successful in the second, and with successful coaching by Cpl. Dunne won the final tug and championship after a pull lasting 59 secs.

56lbs. with follow—Cpl. Gallagher (Eastern), 24 ft., 1st; Capt. Lohan, 23ft. 10in., 2nd; Cpl. Dolan (Western), 23ft. 3in., 3rd. Nine competed.

Long Jump—Lieut. Hogan, 20ft. 6in., 1st; Capt. O'Loain, 19ft., 10in., 2nd; Sgt. Griffin (Western), 19ft. 5in., 3rd. Eight competed.

One Mile Cycle—Pte. Thomas, 1st; Cpl. Hilliard, 2nd; Lieut. McAlamney (Western), 3rd. Won by three lengths. Time, 2 min. 58 secs. Six competed.

One Mile Flat—Lt. Coughlan, 1st; Pte. O'Donoghue (Eastern), 2nd Pte. Cullen (G.H.Q.), 3rd.

Donoghue led at the end of the first quarter, with Lieut. Dalton and Coughlan lying close at hand. At the end of the half-mile the first three were Donoghue, Coughlan and Dalton. This position was maintained entering the last quarter, with Cullen moving up. In the last 100 yards Coughlan took the lead and although Donoghue made an effort he was unable to close with Coughlan. Cullen was a good third. Nine ran. Time, 4 min. 39 4/5 secs.

Throwing the Javelin—Pte. M. Curtin, 125ft., 1st; Cpl. Hilliard, 116ft. 3ins., 2nd; Lieut. Hogan, 114ft. 9ins., 3rd. Eight competed.

120 Yards Hurdles—1st Heat—Cpl. W. Kelly (Southern), 1st; Sgt. Harty (Western), 2nd. Four ran.

EVENT.	National Championships, 1926	Army Championships, 1925	Army Championships, 1926
100 yards	10 1/2 secs.	10 3/4 secs.	10 3/4 secs.
220 yards	No time recorded	23 secs.	23 1/4 secs.
440 yards	52 3/4 secs.	57 3/4 secs.	52 3/4 secs.
880 yards	1 min. 58 3/4 secs.	2 min. 14 3/4 secs.	2 min. 4 3/4 secs.
One Mile	4 min. 24 1/2 secs.	5 min. 2/4 secs.	4 min. 30 1/4 secs.
3 Miles	---	No time recorded	16 min. 6 secs.
One Mile Relay	---	4 min. 3 secs.	3 min. 50 1/4 secs.
120 yards Hurdles	16 1/2 secs.	19 secs.	18 1/2 secs.
High Jump	6 ft. 2 ins.	5 ft. 5 ins.	5 ft. 7 ins.
Long Jump	22 ft. 7 1/2 ins.	19 ft. 10 ins.	20 ft. 6 ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	44 ft. 7 1/2 ins.	41 ft. 10 ins.	42 ft. 7 ins.
Javelin	155 ft. 1 1/2 ins.	100 feet	125 feet.
56 lbs. (with follow)	25 ft. 9 1/2 ins.	21 ft. 9 ins.	24 feet.
16 lb. Shot	42 ft. 5 1/2 in.	33 ft. 8 ins.	35 ft. 7 ins.
56 lb. (Over Bar)	13 feet	11 ft. 6 1/2 ins.	11 ft. 8 ins.

ARMY TEAM WINS CO. DUBLIN HURLING LEAGUE.

Great Performance by McKee Club.

(By FOAM.)

2nd Heat—Cpl. J. Manning (Curragh), 1st; Lt. McMahon (Southern), 2nd. Four ran.

Final—Manning, Kelly, Harty. Won by 2 yards in 18 1/5 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump—Lt. McMahon (Southern), 42ft. 7ins., 1st; Sgt. Griffin (Western), 42ft. 3ins., 2nd; Capt. A. O'Loain, 41ft. 5ins., 3rd. Eight competed.

One Mile Relay (880, 440, 220, 220)—Curragh Command (Lieut. Hogan, Capt. McKenna, Pte. Brophy, and Sgt. Farrell), 1st. Also competed, Eastern, G.H.Q. and Southern. From start to finish the Eastern representatives ran a splendidly judged race, the time being 3 min. 50 4/5 secs.

440 Yards—Capt. McKenna, 1st; Lt. Coughlan, 2nd; Pte. McCarthy (Southern), 3rd. This proved a thrilling race. Of the six runners, the placed men were always running best. Coughlan, who led from the start, looked a likely winner until the bend 100 yards from home. McKenna moved splendidly up and in the final spurt overhauled Coughlan, to win by 3 yards. McCarthy was 5 yards away, 3rd.

Time, 52 4/5 secs.

Throwing the Discus—Pte. M. Curtin, 109ft., 1st; Pte. Martin Hayes (G.H.Q.), 97ft. 2ins., 2nd; Lieut. Hogan, 87ft. 7in., 3rd. Six competed.

Three Miles Flat—Pte. J. Cullen, (G.H.Q.), 1st; Lieut. P. J. Dalton, 2nd; Pte. J. Holohan (Southern), 3rd. Seven started. Holohan held the lead for three laps, when Pte. Cox took command. He was a short lived leader, for Holohan again took up the leadership. The order for the next four laps was Holohan, Cullen and McKinney. Cullen with two laps to go took the lead and Cox fell out. Cullen held on and going well won by 20 yards, with 10 yards between Dalton and Holohan. Time, 16 min. 6 secs.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Although not too hopeful looking at the start the attendance grew gradually and was a record for an Army athletic fixture, easily surpassing previous All-Army meetings. When the final portion of the programme was reached, viz., the military tattoo and torchlight procession around the grounds, the attendance numbered over 3,000.

EXPERIENCE.

Many a loss and sorrow we would take out of our lives if the power were ours. We have endured them and gone on, but the ache and the scar remain. But few of us would consent to be just what we were before the stormy experience came to us. It is on such battlefields that faith is strengthened, character built, and soul power gained.

All hail! McKee. A correspondent writing in "An t-Oglach" recently stated that "McKee Clubs were getting an overdose of publicity," or words to that effect. It is presumed that he was at Croke Park on Sunday last, when McKee hurlers defeated Garda Siachana in the final of the County Dublin Hurling League, and that after all they must be a useful lot. The teams engaged were at full strength and in reaching the final stage both had excellent records. A win for the Garda meant a test match. Garda had suffered only one defeat, whilst McKee had a clean slate. They therefore in their first season met and defeated the cream of Dublin hurling talent, not suffering even one defeat. From the inception of the Club nothing approaching Sunday's "form" had been given by the team. Their victory over the County champions was attributable to all-round superiority, with each man of the fifteen fit up to the final whistle.

THE GAME.

In the first minute McKee were awarded a free and D. O'Neill opened the scoring with a point. O'Neill was soon prominent and from his pass Stephen Hayes sent narrowly past. Sullivan sent well out and a fine shot by Meagher was cleared by Burke, the Garda keeper. Bannon stopped Gill before Howard sent across a splendid shot, which Stapleton blocked well.

McKee forwards were very lively and a splendid game developed. Tobin cleared a McKee rush and later Leeson found the net, but the whistle had gone for an infringement. A free close in for McKee was taken by O'Neill, but Gill cleared. McKee kept up the pressure and from a fine pass by Tommy Kelly, Finn added a point. The Garda opened out the play and Phelan, Smith, Gill and Tobin put in some good work. They were soon rewarded, for J. Ryan off a free reduced the lead. Coming again Gill off another free equalised and some great hurling was witnessed. A terrific shot by Sullivan was saved by Burke on the goal line. The Garda had now a good share of the play, but Hayes and Stapleton in defence were superb. Another free by McKee ended in O'Neill placing to Leeson, who obtained the lead again. Garda defence was pressed for some time, whilst at the other end Scully in goal gave a

splendid exhibition, saving repeatedly when his charge seemed lost. McKee now put up a spirited attack in which Finn and Connie Keane added points. Just before the interval following a free by T. Kelly, Meagher put on another point, leaving the half-time score:—

McKee	1 goal 5 points.
Garda	2 points.

On resuming, Scully saved from Garrett Howard, and Meagher failed by inches to increase the Army lead. A free for McKee ended in Burke saving a fine shot by T. Kelly. Tobin was the best of the Garda defence and saved his side often. Costigan for McKee showed much improved form and did useful midfield work. A good shot by Connie Keane was saved by Burke, and later Meagher skimmed the post. Martin Hayes bore the brunt of the McKee defence for some time. A long shot from Phelan almost beat Scully. It was now a prolonged siege on the Army citadel and only by rare and steady defence work were the Garda held at bay. Seventeen minutes of this half had passed without a score. A free by Keane landed well up, and Burke saved from Finn at the expense of a "70." The Garda now had misfortune, for Tobin, a rare defender, was forced to retire. From a pass by Sullivan O'Neill scored. The Garda now worked hard and a shot by Matty Power went wide. A free taken by Howard reduced the lead and in the next minute Scully saved several dangerous shots. The Garda again returned and from a "70" O'Rourke scored a minor. Kirwan soon afterwards missed a goal by inches. From this to the end McKee held the upper hand and the result of a clean and hard fought game gave the Army the League Championship on the score:—

McKee H.C.	1 goal 6 points.
Garda H.C.	4 points.

The following are the names of the winners:—Cpl. Scully, Pte. Martin Hayes, Pte. J. Stapleton, P. Sullivan, Cpl. T. Kelly, Pte. Stephen Hayes, Cpl. Costigan, Pte. J. Finn, Pte. C. Keane, Cpl. D. O'Neill, Pte. J. Leeson, Sgt. Joe Bannon, Pte. M. Power, Cpl. H. Meagher, and Sgt. Cullerton.

Of these, Power and Meagher were prominent an hour previous when helping Kilkenny to win the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Galway.

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No. 1 Brigade, Western Command, held their annual Sports meeting on the Finner playing fields on Sunday, August 22nd, in beautiful weather, competitors from every part of the North taking part in the open events, of which there were eight. Keen competition was seen in the different events, and beautiful prizes were given for each item on the programme. The Boxing proved a great draw, and, if not up to the usual standard put up by the Brigade, each contest was keenly contested, and the decision of the judges was never once questioned.

Amongst those present were—His Grace the Lord Bishop of Clogher, the Army and Command chaplains, and several of the local priests. Colonel Fitzpatrick, who kindly consented to present the prizes at the close of the meeting, congratulated each successful competitor in turn.

The Brigade Council are to be congratulated on their efforts to put up such a fine afternoon's Sporting entertainment—one of the best meetings in the North-West of Ireland.

The Derry Brass Band and St. Malachy's Pipe and Reed Band gave splendid selections of music during the afternoon.

The Marathon Race, which was run from Tulughan Bridge, at the west end of Bundoran to the Sports field, was witnessed by hundreds in that town, who, owing to their business, could not get to see the actual sports. This event drew 14 competitors from divers districts around, and was a very even contest between the first three men home. Details:—

4 Miles Marathon—1st, M. O'Connor, Sligo Harriers; 2nd, T. Dunbar, Sligo Harriers; 3rd, M. Conlan, Sligo Harriers.

100 Yards (Open)—1st, T. O'Connor, Sligo; 2nd, P. Coleman, Clones; 3rd, D. Taylor, Letterkenny.

220 Yards (Open)—1st, D. Taylor, Letterkenny; 2nd, M. Conlan, Sligo; 3rd, J. Dykes, Sligo.

880 Yards (Open)—1st, L. Meagher, Letterkenny; 2nd, T. Brennan, Omagh; 3rd, M. Gilroy, Manorhamilton.

Mile Open—1st, T. Brennan, Omagh; 2nd, J. J. McDevitt, Strabane; 3rd, M. Gilroy, Manorhamilton.

440 Yards (Open)—1st, J. Strain, Milford; 2nd, D. Taylor, Letterkenny; 3rd, M. O'Connor, Sligo.

High Jump (Open)—P. Coleman, Clones; 2nd, J. Lambert, Sligo; 3rd, J. Healy, 3rd, Infy. Battn., Boyle.

Boys' Race (Open)—P. Leonard, Grange; 2nd, J. Hargardon, Sligo; 3rd, — Faulkner, Derry.

Relay Race (Open)—This race, after a great effort, was won by Letterkenny Geraldines.

100 Yards (Confined)—1st, Pte. Codd (2nd Batt.); 2nd, Pte. Duffy (A.P.C., No. 1 Bdge.); 3rd, Pte. McSweeney (3rd Batt.).

220 Yards (Confined)—1st, Pte. Duffy (A.P.C., No. 1 Bdge.); 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Sheeran (2nd Batt.); 3rd, Pte. Codd (2nd Batt.).

Mile (Confined)—1st, Corpl. Boyle (3rd Batt.); 2nd, Pte. Egan (9th Batt.); 3rd, Corpl. Walsh (2nd Batt.).

Tug-of-War—The 2nd Battalion beat the Special Services and Brigade Staff team by two clear pulls.

Long Jump (Confined)—1st, Pte. Duffy (A.P.C., Bdge. Staff); 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Sheeran (2nd Batt.); 3rd, Pte. Giblin (3rd Batt.).

16lbs. Shot (Confined)—Corpl. Coyle (P. As.); 2nd, Corpl. Kelly (P.As.); 3rd, Sgt. O'Loughlin (3rd Batt.).

440 Yards (Confined)—1st, Pte. McSweeney (3rd Batt.); 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Sheeran (2nd Batt.); 3rd, Corpl. Connor (3rd Batt.).

880 Yards (Confined)—1st, Corpl. Boyle (3rd Batt.); 2nd, Pte. Rushe (2nd Batt.); 3rd, Pte. Sullivan (3rd Batt.).

Wheelbarrow Race—The winners were Ptes. Sweeney and Sullivan (3rd Batt.).

56lbs. Weight (without follow)—1st, Cpl. Kelly (P.As.); 2nd, Sgt. O'Loughlin (3rd Batt.); 3rd, Pte. Dwane (2nd Batt.).

Reveille Race—1st, Pte. Tolton (2nd Battn.); 2nd, Pte. Baxter (3rd Battn.).

Hop, Step and Jump—1st, Pte. Duffy (A.P.C., No. 1 Bdge.); 2nd, Pte. Giblin (3rd Battn.); 3rd, C.Q.M.S. Sheeran (2nd Battn.).

Hurdle Race—1st, Pte. Duffy (A.P.C., No. 1 Bdge); 2nd, Pte. Giblin (3rd Battn.); 3rd, C.Q.M.S. Sheeran (2nd Battn.).

Veterans' Race—1st, Pte. Cullen (3rd Battn.); 2nd, Corpl. O'Hara (2nd Battn); 3rd, Corpl. Brennan (Q.M. Staff, No. 1 Bdge.).

This event was keenly contested, and, by the way Cpl. O'Hara started, it appeared that a 9.2 had exploded behind him, but the "fuse" must have been a little damp, as he eased up and only finished second to be carried shoulder high by a few of his admirers.

BOXING.

Welter Weight—Gunboat Howard v. Pte. Ryan (3rd Battn.). Howard proved too good for his opponent, whose seconds threw in the towel after the third round.

Light Weight—Corpl. Carroll (2nd Battn.) v. Young Ryan (3rd Battn.). In the second round Ryan put his man to the boards, and, on rising, was again put down. Carroll's seconds threw in the towel.

Feather Weight—Pte. McGonigle (2nd Battn.) v. Pte. Murphy (3rd Battn.). This contest only lasted two rounds. Douglas, after being inclined to hit low, got in a blow over the heart, and put McGonigle past fighting.

Feather Weight—Pte. Cleary (2nd Battn.) v. Boy O'Rawe (3rd Battn.). This was a very lively bout, both men being floored in turn; in the third round some very good boxing was seen, and the bell sounded with both men in an exhausted state. O'Rawe declined to fight further.

Exhibition Bout—Sergt. Burns and his brother, "Frankie" Burns, of Belfast, gave a most interesting exhibition of 3 2-minute rounds.

Feather Weight—Pte. Cullinane (2nd Battn.) v. Pte. Douglas (3rd Battn.). In the first round Cullinane received an injury to his wrist, which made it necessary for his removal to hospital.

Bantam Weight—Pte. Harney (2nd Battn.) v. Pte. Tulley (3rd Battn.). Tulley knocked his man out in the first round.

Bantam Weight—Pte. Tolton (2nd Battn.) v. Pte. Blee (3rd Battn.). This proved a very uninteresting bout. Tolton, getting a bash over the eye, refused to continue.

FINN.

3rd INFANTRY BATTALION, BOYLE.

The Football team travelled to Sligo on the 29th ult., to meet the 4th Battalion in the final for the Western Command Championship. Both teams went on the field determined to win, and the match was contested to the utmost by every player. Large numbers of military travelled from both Headquarters and were rewarded with a fine game.

From the throw-in the 4th Battn. broke away and pressed the 3rd's defence to be cleared by Dillon, but Moysten, from the 4th's midfield, sent in a high shot to drop through the goal before the play had gone one minute. On the kick-out the 4th again got possession and forced a minor. The 3rd then warmed up and some give-and-take play took place in the centre field; and the 4th, who were favoured by a strong wind, again forced the 3rd's defence, which was now found impregnable, and Hanley, in the midfield getting possession, sent to Bryan, who called on the 4th's goalie to save. Lightning Younge received from the goalie and sent into the net for the 3rd's first score. The 4th's backs were now kept moving, and Cpl. Doherty got possession from three of his opponents, and from a screw kick sent over the bar to equalise. Some ding-dong play again followed, and the half-time whistle found the scores level at

3rd Battn.	...	...	1-1
4th Battn.	...	...	1-1

From the commencement of second half the 3rd seemed to get the better part of the play, and Cpl. Doherty, who was rather seriously injured and got three stitches in his forehead, continued to play a marvellous game for the 3rd. The backs never allowed a shot to reach the goalie, as Dillon, McDonagh, and Carr were now impassable. From two frees Cpl. Doherty added two points in excellent style. The 4th then returned and, seeing the goal impregnable, Hagan again equalised with two points in quick succession. From the kick-out the 3rd again forced the 4th's defence and Giblin added a point. Fouls on both sides were frequent and from a free Cpl. Doherty added another point. The long whistle found the 3rd again in the 4th's ground and pressing strongly with the scores at

3rd Battn.	...	...	1-5
4th Battn.	...	...	1-3

For the 3rd, Dillon, Carr, McDonagh, Capt. Feely, Gallagher, and McNamee made an impregnable defence, while Hanly and Flynn left nothing to be desired in the midfield, and Giblin, Cpl. Doherty, Bryan, McDermott, G. O'Donnell, and the agile Younge kept the 4th's backs too busy.

Lieut. Cowan, Athlone, proved a capable and impartial referee.

"BROADCASTER."



With the Chaff winnowed from the Wheat by "Ned," who supplies his own Chaff.

PORTOBELLO BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

It was only when your last number was received that I noticed a typographical error in the copy sent up caused the recent Sports meeting held here to be labelled 23rd Battn. Sports." The meeting was held under the auspices of the 22nd Battn. The mistake would, of course, be obvious to those of your readers who know the Officers, N.C.O.s, and men whose names are mentioned in the report, and it is regretted very much that the "slip" was not detected by my "Heagle Heye" when reading over the typed copy. Sorry, chaps.

Pte. Donoghue, 27th Battn., made a gallant attempt to win the Mile Championship of the Army at Cork on Wednesday, 25th inst. He came in second and was closely followed by Pte. Jimmy Cullen, Army School of Music, who ran into third place.

Pte. Cullen won the Three Miles Flat Championship at the same venue.

We have new arrivals here in the 25th Battn., commanded by Comdt. Michael McHugh. This Battn., which has been stationed for some time in Athlone, will perform the duties usually carried out by Units here during the absence in camp of the 22nd and 23rd Battalions.

Many well-known boxers are included in the ranks of the 25th, notably the Great Little Mac (Cpl. Myles McDonagh) and Pte. Hare, so that during their sojourn in the Metropolis we are looking forward to seeing them in action.

Talking about camping, the "kids" from the Married Quarters have also got that bee buzzing in their little bonnets, and it is most interesting and very amusing to see parties of embryo soldiers with "guns and packs" complete marching about and erecting "bivouacs" of all kinds of material. And they are so deadly in earnest, too.

We notice that the All-Army Tennis Championships have been brought off in Cork, and won appropriately enough, by Officers from the Southern Command. Apparently there were no representatives of G.H.Q. Command present. I wonder why? Sergt. Milne and C.S.M. Kennedy, No. 4 Group Champions, would have given, at least, a good account of themselves if they had been sent down to the Southern capital.

We notice with regret that our esteemed friend and your valuable contributor, "Me Larkie," is at present located in a "nice little, snug little cot in a corner" of the Eastern Command Hospital here. Here's wishing him a speedy return to health and the taking up of his facile and humorous pen. ("Them's our sentiments," too.—Ned).

LOST A GREYHOUND—At least that is what George calls it. At any rate, he had four legs (one in each corner) and a long snout and a ditto tail. Could run a bit, too, at dinner times especially. If finder would kindly pay the tax and return him to George or Ernie he will be suitably rewarded. (In the circumstances we make no charge for the advt.—Ned).



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

The tug-of-war team is again hard in training, and once more the barrack slogan is: "Heave, boys—box and all." The trainer, it seems, is now perturbed to reduce their weight to 110 stone, but that should not worry him. The vigorous efforts each evening to hoist the coal-box to the top of the tree should, in my opinion, be sufficient to reduce them to a frazzle. A great deal of mystery surrounds the event for which they are now in training, but I hear that a set of gold medals is in the offing. People with nasty tongues, however, say that they are going to tour the States. I would not pay much heed to such gossip. Don't mind them, "Peter," they are all jealous.

A craze developed in the barracks recently for having photographs taken. The tug-of-war team started it. The Company followed suit, and now I hear that several private individuals have succumbed to the malady.

What did "Peter" think of his photograph? Some say it flattered him, while the bugler was heard to remark that "the curl on top of his head came out lovely."

Our old friend, "Bet-You-a-Dollar" has proceeded on leave. His comrades trust he will have an enjoyable time, even if he does not have a trip to the Canary Islands.

CAT'S WHISKER.

25th BATTALION, ATHLONE.

We heard distant rumblings on Sunday, the 22nd August, and it must have been your congratulations as promised in the issue of the 21st ult. Our Battalion had successes on all sides of the ancient and historic "Bridge of Athlone." In Roscommon Lieut. Coughlan and Private Paddy Doyle were speeding things up at the Gardai Sports. In the 220 Yards Championship of Connaught, Lieut. Coughlan ran into second place, being beaten by inches on the tape, but this was only a loosener for the big event later. In the Mile, Pte. Doyle ran second to some of the best runners of the day, and so captured a handsome "cuckoo" clock, which, by the way, will have to be on its best behaviour in the room, or it will find that there are good shots in "C" Company as well as good runners.

The Three Mile Championship of Connaught was the event of the day. In this race we had Rourke, of Roscommon, the well-known international runner, and nine others, all distance men. We had as our representative the old reliable, "Jerry" (not the hurler this time). Well, the race started with Rourke as the hot favourite, and for the first two miles there were quite a number of runners in the picture, but from this on Rourke started to show us what he could do, and much to our delight and surprise we saw our man keeping in the running and challenge the International. When about 200 yards from home the spectators saw what our man could do. He simply finished as if he was at his usual 880, and left Rourke to fill the second position, about 20 yards in the rear. To win this race in 15 mins. 20 secs. from such a famous man as Rourke is no mean feat.

In Leinster we had our hurlers winning the Senior Semi-final of Westmeath from a Mullingar selection, which was mostly composed of the famous 17th Battalion team. Needless to remark we went there prepared to get a good hiding, but thanks to such experts as Waldron and Long we brought the victory home. Our team was Pte. Forde (goal), Pte. McMahon, Capt. Hogan, Ptes. Power, Maher, Cuddihy, Sergt. Waldron, Capt. O'Higgins, Capt. Nugent, Cpl. O'Connor, Ptes. Lenehan, Long (captain), Kane,

Lieut. Conroy and Lieut. Kelly. From the throw-in Mullingar got away against a strong wind, but were repulsed by Waldron, some nice midfield play being witnessed. Mullingar sent wide. From a puck-out Athlone got possession but sent wide. After about ten minutes' fast play Mullingar opened the scoring with a lovely point from far out. From the puck-out play was even till Mullingar scored another point. Athlone then settled down and some nice forward play by Conroy and Kane left Lenihan well placed to open the scoring by a nice goal. From the puck-out Mullingar forced the pace, but were well held by Hogan, McMahon and Waldron. Mullingar were not to be denied and returned to get a goal and the lead again. Mullingar were having the best of matters at this time and if it wasn't for Waldron's wonderful defence would have been in a sorry plight. From a free taken by Higgins, the All-Army player, Mullingar got a point. This was replied to by a point for us per Long. Half-time came with scores:—17th Battn., 6 points. 25th Battn., 1 goal 1 point.

This looked bad; we were down 2 points after playing with a strong wind, but on resuming Athlone broke away to send wide, and the team seemed to be waking up. A foul spoiled it and Higgins put Mullingar another point ahead. From the puck-out Athlone got possession and after some good play Long scored a grand goal and put us all on a level footing. The pace from this on was terrific, and Higgins and Nugent were playing a great game at centre field. Athlone came on again and from a free far out Cuddihy placed a nice point to give us the lead. Mullingar equalised just after with a nice point per Hegarty, who was playing a great game. The puck-out saw Athlone again in possession, and a nice bout of passing between Long and Lenihan put Kelly in possession to take the lead with a goal. Athlone were having the best of the play from now on and O'Connor and Conroy were in hard luck with shots. Mullingar made a desperate onslaught, but Hogan at back and Forde in goal were unbeatable. A free to Mullingar saw Higgins score another point, but Cuddihy from a free close in shot a goal which beat even the umpires, who could not see it, it was so fast. Just on the point of time Mullingar got a point from far out and so ended a very fast and scientific game. 25th Battn., 3 goals 2 points; 17th Battn., 1 goal 7 points.

Before concluding the account of the semi-final we would like to thank the officers and men of the 17th Infantry Battalion for their kind hospitality. We hope that in the future they will afford us an opportunity of returning their kindness and so enable us to show how much we appreciated their hospitality.

As I compile these notes we are in the act of taking over the Guard and other duties of the 22nd Battalion, who are off to the training grounds, so in the event of a shortage of notes in the coming weeks in "An t-Oglach" please put it down to the stress of the gay life that we are leading. J. P. K.

15th BATTALION, CURRAGH.

Looking over our Notes for the last few months it is noticeable how very seldom "A" Coy. of our Battalion has been mentioned. Yet all along it was glorious to see the fight they were putting up against all comers to retain all the old honours. Even though they had won many a trophy in the last few months they would not allow the "Scribe" to make any mention of the victories in print. But now that they are detached to Dublin we take "French Leave."

The last two years saw them the winners of the Brigade Inter-Company Hurling Championship, but of late many of the old hands have taken their departure for civilian life, leaving "A" Coy. practically a new Company, recruited from the younger fry of the other Companies. Nevertheless they retain this year the Cup which the winning of the Brigade Inter-Company Hurling Championship brings with it. Before their departure for Dublin No. 7 Squad of "A" Coy. was formed up on the square before the Brigade Command, Colonel Brennan, and received from him a very valuable prize each for being the best marksmen in the Brigade. No. 7 Squad was in charge of the Squad Commander, Cpl. Hegarty, who is well known to many in boxing circles. The Command Inter-Company Competition came off on Thursday, the 22nd August. Needless to say the lads busied themselves as usual in preparation for the event. After a few days' hard struggle the boys brought home honours as the Command Inter-Company Competition winners. The points allotted to the respective Battalions are as under:—

"A" Company, 15th Battalion—14,499 points.
 "C" Company, 5th Battalion—13,655 points.
 "C" Company, 8th Battalion—9,005 points.

On the 19th August they left for Dublin to take part in the All-Army Competition, all bent on doing their level best to retain for the third year the coveted Cup for the All-Army Inter-Company Competition, but alas! the Cup and title went to the 20th Battalion, the representatives of the Eastern Command. All our officers, N.C.O.'s and men, especially the lads of "A" Coy., join in sending our hearty congratulations to the 20th Battalion Company on their great success. Also we extend our congratulations to the Company of the 18th Battalion in securing second place. The latter Company were our old neighbours in the old 8th Brigade. The lads after their great fight are satisfied with the verdict and proud to acknowledge that there is glory in their defeat. (Good old sports. That's the spirit we like.—Ned.)

At Loughrea on Saturday, the 21st August, a special six-round contest took place between Pte. Joynt of the 15th Battn. (runner-up Flyweight Champion) and Mr. Trappe, ex-Lightweight Champion of India. During the fight it was apparent that Joynt was by far

the better boxer, and outclassed his opponent, who deserves great credit for the wonderful way he held out each round, even though he was bleeding profusely from the face. We congratulate Pte. Joynt in securing so easy a victory.

At the All-Army Sports, which were held in Cork on Wednesday, 25th August. Lieut. Hogan of "A" Coy. came off winner in the Long Jump, also securing 2nd in the 100 Yards, and was one of the Relay Team which represented this Command and which secured first place in that race. Some of the boys, notably Pte. O'Keefe, C/S. Lennon, and Pte. McDonald helped to bring up the Command a few points.

It is noticed that of late "Gaff" of "B" Coy. has taken to football. The only thing he seems to complain of is the short grass and attributes all his bad play to the unfortunate "Short grass." Pte. Swords of "C" Coy., who made many a good display in the boxing ring formerly, has once more returned to that arena and we wish him every success in all his future fights. "HQ" Coy. has at last formed a dramatic class and every Friday night we are gifted in seeing Philomena and Oliver in their favourite role.

X-PREMIER.



BERESFORD BARRACKS, CURRAGH.

The editorial in last week's "An t-Oglach," on the subject of organising and developing musical and other talents in the Army, has been read with interest in the Curragh, especially as it comes at a moment when the Training Centre's talent-developers are working at "high pressure" endeavouring to perfect the organisation—as far as one camp is concerned at all events—aimed at by the Editor. But it is only right to say, in justice to the workers in this direction in the Curragh, that for quite a while they have been alive to the importance of such an organisation. That this is so is proven by the fact that the camp concert party, or, as it is now known, the Camp Choral and Dramatic Union, had its inception in 1925. We shall have more to say on this subject later and according as progress merits it.

We desire to tender to Commandant Noonan, Army Corps Engineers, Curragh, our deepest sympathy in his bereavement caused through the death of his child, which occurred during the past week.

K. P. K.



FINNER CAMP.

On Sunday, 22nd August, the consecration of the new chapel at Finner Camp was performed by his Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher. High Mass was celebrated at 10.00 hours. Those in attendance on his Grace the Lord Bishop included—The Chaplain-General, the Command Chaplain, Rev. Father O'Harte, C.F. (Chaplain No. 1 Brigade), Rev. Fr. Timoney, Rev. Fr. McCarville, Rev. Fr. Feely, Canon McGinley, etc. The massed choirs of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, Ballyshannon, under Mr. E. Lynch, with the Rev. Sister of St. Patrick's at the organ supplied the music.

The new chapel has filled a long-felt want, and will be greatly appreciated by the troops stationed at Finner.

On the same day the Griffith-Collins Commemoration parade was held on the Camp Square at 12.30 hours, Commandant S. O'Neill being in command of the troops. The troops taking part in the parade were 1st Infantry Battalion, under the command of Captain Fogarty; 2nd Infantry Battalion, under the command of Commandant P. P. Hyde. Detachments of 3rd and 9th Infantry Battalion being attached to the 2nd Infantry Battalion.

All the words of command were given in Irish.

The troops having formed up facing the flagstaff, with fixed bayonets, punctually at 12.30, the flag was hoisted to "full mast." The troops presented arms, and the bugler sounded the General Salute.

There was a very large gathering of civilian spectators.



3rd BATTALION, BOYLE.

The representatives of the Battalion competing at the No. 1 Brigade Sports at Finner Camp, on the 22nd August, met with a well-marked success. Although arriving late for the opening events may have robbed some of our representatives of possible trophies, a good percentage of the prizes found their way home with the 3rd.

The Boxing team, with one exception, vanquished their opponents from the 2nd Batt. in every fight. Young Ryan beat Cpl. Carroll (2nd Batt.); Hammering Douglas beat Lightning McGonigle (2nd Batt.); Dedknot Burke beat Puncher Cullinane (2nd Batt.); Smiling Tully beat Victorious Horney (2nd Batt.); Murdering Blee beat Odds on Tolton (2nd Batt.). In the Feather-Weight contest, Boy O'Rawe lost his fight on points to Son Cleary (2nd Batt.). The result of the tournament reflects creditably on our team, who were not very long in training and were somewhat rushed in preparation. (Those pet names of theirs possibly helped.—Ned).

Victories in other events were—Pte. McSweeney, 1st in 220 Yds. and 440 Yds.; Cpl. Boyle 1st in Half-Mile and One Mile (confined); Pte. Healy tied for 2nd place in High Jump; Pte. Giblin 2nd in 120 Yds. Hurdle and Hop, Step and Jump, and 3rd in Long Jump. Barney Cullen won the Old Men's Race in good style, and Pte. Giblin was rather unlucky to only get 2nd place in the Reveille Race.

On the 29th August the Football team travels to Sligo for the final of the Western Command Championship. Doubtless it will be a struggle to the long whistle, but the 3rd intend to once again carry their colours to victory.

The armourer has returned off leave and he seems to have adopted the "Hindenburg Crop," now so popular in other countries. Rumour also has it that he is becoming a shipwright.

Those interested in the Football team of the 3rd will be glad to learn that Corpl. McMennamin, who was rather seriously injured in the match with the 2nd Battalion on the 8th August, is now practically recovered, and hopes to be seen in Abbeytown before long.

"BROADCASTER."

8th BATTALION, CURRAGH.

The representatives of our Battalion Boxing team, which travelled to Dublin to partake in the Garda Boxing Tournament, on Friday, 20th August, met with very stiff opposition in the ring, and, although none of them met with the victory which we are so accustomed to of late, we are glad to say they put up a very good show against their superiors. We know that the best men won, and we congratulate them on their victory, but the next time we hope to reverse the decision. (Sort of "white horse," eh?—Ned).

The fight between "Nobby" Clarke and Jack Whelan did not take place at the Garda Depot as stated in my previous notes. Both lads met at a local fete held on Sunday, 22nd August, in a six-round contest, which was thrilling throughout. "Nobby" obtained the verdict by a big margin. It is hoped that this decision will end the controversy, as to which man is the superior in the ring. (Bet you a week's pay to an Army sausage, it will not.—Ned).

We congratulate the athletes who represented the Curragh Command at the All-Army Sports held at Cork on August 25th, on their great achievement in securing first place from the other Commands. The representatives who went from our Battn. covered themselves with glory by winning so many events. We cannot let this occasion pass without highly commending the splendid performance of Pte. Curtin, of our Battalion, in winning four first prizes, and also securing the trophy given for the best all-round athlete in the Army. Also to Lt. J. Hogan on winning two first prizes, and Sgt. G. Farrell, who helped our Command Relay team to victory.

Our Command Tug-o-War team, I regret, did not prove a success. I don't think that the best sinew of the Command was selected. (Let us hope, then, to "sinew" blood in the team soon.—Ned).

We wish to rectify an error which appeared in "An t-Oglach," dated 21st August, in reference to the Curragh Command Sports. The winner of the Discus is given as Cpl. Shannon (Beresford). This is incorrect; the winner was Pte. Curtin, 8th Battn., with Lt. Hogan, 8th Battn., 2nd. Winner's distance, 107ft. 3ins.

The Corporals have re-opened their mess, and from all accounts they are making great preparations to have it a comfortable home. We know that with Corpl. Paddy Hamon at the wheel no stone will be left unturned to make it a great success. (What sort of a wheel do you turn stones with?—Ned).

By the time my notes will have appeared the peal of wedding bells will have rung out to one of the members of the Corporals' Mess, cupid having this time cast the arrow of wedlock into the heart of Corpl. "Stevy" Maher. (Some lyric!—Ned). Congratulations to the happy pair.

The Sergeants' Mess Billiards Tournament, which was postponed owing to our move to camp, has now re-started and is exciting as much enthusiasm as ever. "Naper," who is at present on his holidays, is in constant communication with the Billiards Committee as to what odds they are prepared to offer on the "kid" or himself, as to who will be the winner of the tournament. We look forward with

palpitating hearts to the meeting of these two dexterous cueists.

The Battalion took part in the celebration of the anniversary of the death of President Arthur Griffith and General Michael Collins on Sunday, August 22nd. Shortly after 12 o'clock the 9th Bde., under the command of Col. Austin Brennan, was formed up facing the flag, which was at half-mast. At 12.30 p.m. three bugles sounded the General Salute, the troops presenting arms. The flag was then hoisted to the top of the staff, and this ended the brief ceremony.

All ranks of the Battalion extend their deepest sympathy to Comdt. Command Engineer and Mrs. J. J. Noonan on the great loss they have sustained in the death of their little daughter, which took place at the Curragh on 23rd August.

"GRAVEL-CRUSHER."



12th BATTALION, TEMPLEMORE.

We regret having to chronicle the death of the Rev. Fr. Bannon, P.P., Templemore. At all times he interested himself in the spiritual welfare of the Garrison.

Sergeant McMahon did well in the All-Army Sports in Cork. He won the 100 Yds. (confined) Race, and was third in the 220 Yds. Race. In the 120 Yds. Hurdles event, Cpl. William Kelly was placed second. "A" and "C" Coys. are still on detachment in the Limerick area—a platoon of "D" Coy. in Ennis and a platoon of "B" Coy. in Kilworth Camp. Some of the latter, though not enamoured of their prolonged stay write me to say that they have one consolation, which is, that when they return to civilian life, they are "well in" for "jobs" in Dublin, as they are now naturalised Corkmen.

During the week we received at this Headquarters a copy of "The Army List and Directory." It is a compendium of useful information and should have a big sale throughout the Army.

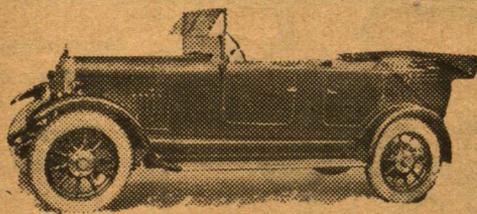
We miss the story of Easter Week in late issues of the journal, but we are looking forward to the publication at an early date of instalments of Commandant Brennan-Whitmore's own story, "With the Irish in Frongoch." (You will have to look backwards now—to last week's issue.—Ned).

The Griffith-Collins anniversary was fittingly observed at this Headquarters on the 22nd August.

"Can we rally a great national effort," asked General O'Duffy some time ago, when speaking on the subject of an Irish athletic revival. Most of the Army is doing its part to rally that great national effort.

His question gives rise to another one of, perhaps, equal importance—"Can we rally a great national effort for the learning of the Irish language in the Army?" The season that lends itself particularly for this study (winter) is fast approaching. The apathy in this respect is regrettable. Many who bear honourable wounds for their part in the fight for freedom are personally known to me who would think it a task to spend three hours a week on the study of Irish.

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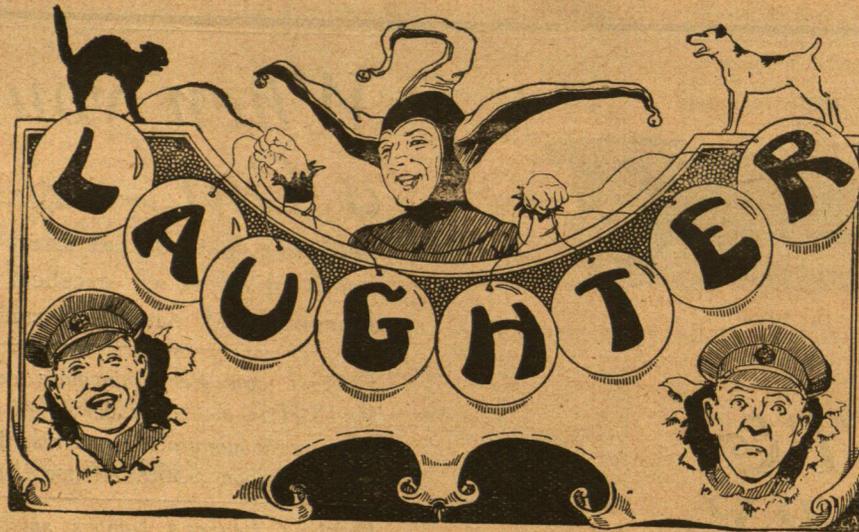
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Rookie (to old soldier reading newspaper): After you with the paper, Mac?
Old Sweat: Do you read famous crimes?
Rookie: Yes.
Old Sweat: Then ask the Company Sergeant for a loan of my Defaulter Sheet.

Prize of Solingen razor awarded to 35693, Cpl. William O'Donoghue, Q.M. Department, 16th Inf. Battalion, Kilworth Training Camp, Fermoy.

Boy (from Beggar's Bush): "Barber, how long shall I have to wait for a shave?"
Barber (after careful scrutiny): "Oh, about two years, laddie."

Many changes have taken place since my days in the Volunteers. In the early days there were baths for the officers but none for the men. It is related that once when Queen Victoria reviewed troops at the Isle of Wight she asked: "What is this most peculiar odour among the troops?" whereupon the commanding officer replied: "That, your Majesty, is *esprit de corps*!"
—Col. F. H. Westmacott, British Territorial Medical Services.

At a Dublin railway station a nice old lady left the train and got into a cab. The cabman said: "Gimme your bag, lady. I'll put it on top o' the cab."
"No, indeed," answered the dear old lady, "that poor horse has enough to pull. I'll just hold it on my lap."

Ex-Sergeant Muldoon was on the lookout for work and one morning he took his stand in a group outside the gates of a large engineering establishment. Presently the foreman came up and inquired: "Are there any drillers here?"
"Yes," answered Muldoon, stepping forward.

The foreman engaged him at once, but he had not been working long at the machine when it broke down.

The foreman asked him in a sarcastic tone: "And where did you learn drilling?"
"In the Army," replied Muldoon.

"Did you ever try writing on an empty stomach?" gushed the maiden lady of fifty winters to a famous poet.

"Madam, I am an author, not a tattoo artist!" was the dignified reply.

The Aberdonian took his family to a tea shop.

"Can I get you anything, sir?" asked the waitress.

"Aye, lassie," replied Sandy, looking round the table, "give me a cup of tea and five saucers."

William was a boxer, and his father was very anxious to learn the result of his big fight with Private Pat Murphy, the well-known Army Bantam Weight Champion. He made the boy promise that a wire should be sent to him as soon as the contest was over.

"You won't disappoint me, Willie?" he said.

"No, I promise," replied Willie, and sallied forth to the fray.

The father waited impatiently until the telegram boy appeared. Eagerly he seized the envelope and tore it open.

It was signed "Pat Murphy" and ran: "William would wire if he could. But he can't."

A speaker was lecturing in a public hall in America when a man from the company, walking up the platform, said:

"You clergy believe in things you cannot see. I don't. I'm a man of common sense."

"Oh, are you?" replied the speaker.
"Well, then," continued the speaker calmly, "we will believe in things we can see. Put your common sense on the table, and then we will believe that you have it."

"How are you getting on at your job, Bill?"

"Fine. I've got five men under me now."

"Really?"
"Yes—I work upstairs!"

A very elaborate funeral was passing along Botanic Road to Glasnevin, and a kindly old gentleman wondered who the great man was whose funeral should cause such a stir. So he asked a little urchin: "Tommy, whose funeral is this?"

"Ole Bill Johnson's, sir."

The old gentleman, thinking to be sympathetic, said: "What, you don't say old Mr. Johnson's dead?"

The boy eyed him with an air of contempt and replied:

"Well, guv, you don't suppose they're having a blooming rehearsal, do you?"

The hurrying pedestrian found a crooked sixpence lying in the gutter. Hastening to the nearest tobacconist shop he entered and loudly called for a sixpenny cigar. Grabbing his purchase and throwing down his sixpence in payment he quickly gained the street and hurried off.

"Hi!" shouted the irate shopkeeper, rushing to the door, "come back, it's a bad 'un!"

"Never mind," retorted the pedestrian, as he rounded the corner, "I'll smoke it if it kills me."

"Your son is still pursuing his studies at school, isn't he?"

"I believe so; he's always behind!"

Visitor: "Won't you walk with me as far as the station, Willie?"

Willie (aged seven): "I can't."
"Why not?"

"'Cos we're having dinner as soon as you go."

The boss (listening to typist on whose frock the office boy has spilt some ink):
"By Jove! She was quite right when she said she could do two hundred words a minute!"

A letter from the absent son had just been read at the breakfast table.

"His letters are very short," remarked the wife.

"Yes," grunted her husband, "he is when he writes them!"



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