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Price TWOPENCE.



How to introduce the seaside to the Barracks, and thereby save travelling expenses.  
(Suggested by reading the Army Swimming Club's reports.)

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# AN T-ÓZLÁC

JULY 5, 1924.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE publish in this issue the greater part of the "Notes on Military Sanitation" recently issued from the office of the Adjutant General. G.R.O. 72 ordains that "a copy of this pamphlet will be in the possession of every Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army," and that "a copy will be posted in every Barrack Room, Billet, Dining Room, Mess, Recreation Room, Library, etc." This is "all to the good" as our American relatives say, but it is imperative that the pamphlet should not be pigeon-holed and forgotten by those who are ordered to have a copy in their possession, and that it should be something more than a mural decoration in the places specified.

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EVERY soldier must be taught how essential it is to keep things clean in barracks and in camp. It cannot be too often or too emphatically brought to their knowledge that most of the ills to which the flesh is heir are due to dirt of some kind—dirt that gets into our bodies from the air, or the water, or our food, or into our blood. Lockjaw is due to a microbe bred in cultivated soil; typhoid and cholera originate in microbes found in dust and water. Just as wounds which are kept free from dirt usually heal rapidly, so, if we keep our barrack-rooms and our camps, our food and our cooking-utensils clean, we shall escape from many diseases to which we would otherwise fall victims.

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THOSE responsible for the pamphlet in question are deserving of the best thanks of all who have the interests of the Army at heart. We suggest that it should be supplemented by a series of Health Lectures, such as nowadays form part of the training of soldiers in other armies. Whether in barracks or on active service the vital importance of adequate knowledge on this subject cannot be too forcibly stressed. To quote a standard illustration:—In the South African War 18,000 men were admitted to hospital for wounds, while 400,000 were admitted for sickness. And competent authorities state that *half of this sickness was due to ignorance or thoughtlessness.* On the other hand the Japanese troops in the Russo-Japanese war owed their remarkable immunity from sickness to their knowledge of, and their strict adherence to, the laws of Hygiene. The lessons of the recent European War are too fresh in the memory to need recapitulation.

The great point to remember is that one of the most deadly enemies the soldier can encounter—whether in barracks or on active service is DIRT!

AND whilst we are on the subject of dirt it must not be overlooked that there are varieties of dirt—verbal dirt, for instance. Far be it from us to preach, or to insinuate that our soldiers are worse in this respect than the soldiers of other armies—indeed, we think they will compare very favourably—or than the average civilian. There is no doubt, however, that a considerable improvement could be effected in some quarters. Apart from the moral aspect, if men who are in the habit of interlarding their speech with gutter adjectives, would only pause to reflect, they would realise how utterly fatuous such words are. They do not make for emphasis, and they certainly do not elevate the man who persistently uses them, in the estimation of his companions. Quite the contrary.

It might not be a bad idea to institute a "Fine Box" here and there—say a penny fine per "cuss" word. The proceeds could be devoted to the general good of the community owning the box or to some deserving charity.

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IT is proposed to shortly issue forms to all Officers of the Army for the purpose of acquiring the data necessary to the issue of a Commission. They will be required to fill up and sign these forms and it is important to point out that the signature—which may be either in Irish or in the English equivalent—will be the only form of the Officer's name to be officially recognised thereafter in the Army.

## SMOKING CONCERT AT PORTOBELLO.

A very successful Smoking Concert was held at the Garrison Sergeants' Mess, Portobello Barracks, on Friday night, 20th ult.

The Chair was taken at 8 p.m. by the Camp Sergt.-Major and the following artists contributed to the success of the concert:—

"The Merville Orchestra," composed of 4 Brothers Murphy.

Messrs. Pat McNamara, Comedian (Queen's Theatre); T. O'Carroll Reynolds, Basso; Fox, Baritone; Toomey, Baritone; Pat Murphy, Piccolo Solo, accompanied by Merville Orchestra; Comerford, Tenor; W. J. Walsh, Baritone. Local talent was represented by the following:—

Lieut. G. E. Moore, Camp Staff; B.S.M. Jones, 23rd Battalion; Sergt. Sanfey, A.P.C.; Sergt. Brittan, Records; Sergt. Casserly, G.H.Q.; Sergt.-Major McCurrin.

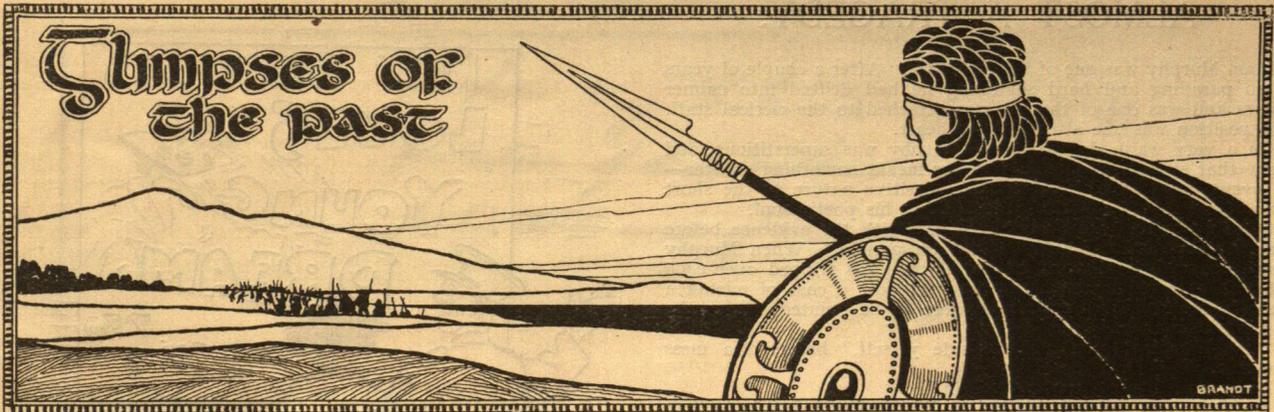
Encores were the order of the evening, and especially so in the case of the "Merville Orchestra," "Mr. Pat MacNamara," and Mr. O'Carroll Reynolds.

Amongst the Officers present were:—Major L. Archer, Army Signal Corps; Comdt. M. Weddick, O.C. 23rd Battalion; Comdt. J. Smith, Army Signal Corps; Lieut. G. E. Moore, Camp Staff.

The Chairman proposed the health of the Officers, which was responded to by Comdt. M. Weddick.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the artists who had assisted to make the Concert a success, and to the President, Sergt.-Major Jones and his Committee for the excellent manner in which they had worked in making the arrangements and in preparing the Mess for the Concert.

The Concert was brought to a close about midnight by the singing of the Soldier's Song, accompanied by the Merville Orchestra.



## A NATIONAL CALENDAR FOR JULY.

Thomas Francis Meagher was drowned near Fort Benton, Montana, on July 1st, 1867.

The Rev. James Porter, author of "Billy Bluff," and a frequent contributor to the columns of the "Northern Star," was executed for the crime of "high treason" at Greyabbey, Co. Down, on July 2nd, 1798. Two of his sons rose to eminence in the service of the United States Government.

Henry Grattan was baptised at the old Church of St. John, Fishamble Street, on July 3rd, 1746.

Arthur O'Connor, the famous United Irishman, was born at Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, on July 4th, 1763.

Aodh Ruadh O'Donnell died at Rome on July 5th, 1608.

Eoghan Ruadh O'Neill landed at Lough Swilly on July 6th, 1642.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan died in London on July 7th, 1816.

Edward Quillinan, "a man, unspoilt, generous and humane," and a poet of no small distinction, died at Loughrig Holme, Ambleside, on July 8th, 1851.

John O'Donovan, the celebrated Irish scholar, translator of the "Annals of the Four Masters," was born on July 9th, 1809.

Kevin Izod O'Doherty, the '48 rebel, was arrested on July 10th, 1848.

Dr. William Mac Nevin, the United Irishman, and President of the "Friends of Ireland" Society, died in New York on July 11th, 1841.

The brothers John and Henry Sheares were tried in Dublin on July 12th, 1798. The devoted patriots were executed outside Newgate Gaol on July 14th, with all the barbarity of the times.

Marshal M. Patrice MacMahon, French Marshal and President of the French Republic, a descendant of the MacMahon Sept, was born at Antrim on July 13th, 1808.

Thomas Dermody, the Clare poet, was born at Ennis in January, 1775, died at Sydenham, Kent, on July 15th, 1802.

Rev. Thomas Parnell, vicar of Finglas, friend of Dean Swift, and Kinsman of Charles Stewart Parnell, died on July 16th, 1718, at Chester, while on his way to Ireland.

Henry Joy MacCracken, the Northern United Irishman, was executed at the Market House, Belfast, on July 17th, 1798.

Sir Cahir O'Doherty was killed at the Rock of Doon on July 18th, 1608. His head was struck off and was spiked over the gate of Newgate Gaol.

"Billy" Byrne of Ballymanus was executed by the English on July 19th, 1798.

Aodh O'Neill, Chieftan of Tyrone, died at Rome on July 20th, 1616.

Colonel Haggerty, the American-Irish soldier, was killed at the battle of Bull-run on July 21st, 1861.

The infamous massacre at Rathlin Island took place on July 22nd, 1575.

July 23rd, 1803, marks the date of Robert Emmet's ill-fated attempt at insurrection. Patrick Sarsfield perished on the field at Landen on July 23rd, 1693.

The English and Dutch troops were obliged to raise the siege of Athlone on July 24, 1690.

Thomas Furlong, the Wexford poet, died in Dublin on July 25th, 1827, and was interred in the old churchyard at Drumcondra.

The Protestant Church in Ireland was disestablished on July 26th, 1869.

John Toler, Lord Norbury, the "hanging judge" of 1798, died on July 27th, 1831, and was interred in the churchyard of St. Mary's.

Ruari O'Donnell died on July 28th, 1608.

The abortive insurrection headed by William Smith O'Brien began on July 29th, 1848, and just one year later the Young Ireland Leaders were transported to the Penal Settlements.

Derry, closely besieged by the Jacobites, was relieved on July 30th, 1689.

The Poor Law Act came into force on July 31st, 1838, and the Encumbered Estates Act was passed just twelve months afterwards.

## ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

Liam Murphy was one of the fortunate. After a couple of years or so parading and hard soldiering he had drifted into calmer waters and was one of the privates attached to the clerical staff. The position was one after his own heart.

On a very warm day in June—Murphy was superstitious, and knew that such unreasonable weather meant something sinister—an event occurred which shook his sensitive nature to the short rib and almost administered the K.O. to his poetic soul.

Some crime had been committed and with the evidence before him the C.O. ordered an identification parade. When Murphy heard the whistle all sorts of fearful thoughts tripped over each other in a rush through his brain. Suppose a case of mistaken identity occurred? Suppose he were to be pointed out as the "wanted" man?

"Hi, Murphy! you'd better hide yerself," bantered a mess comrade.

Liam smiled wanly as he "fell in".

The C.O., the Adjutant, a Corporal and two strangers in civilian attire were out in front of the general parade, and already he felt that their eyes were turned on him suspiciously. A hot, annoying flush stole over his face, and the fingers along the seams of his trousers commenced to vibrate with a gentle rhythm. A stentorian "Shun" from the Sergeant Major made him jump nervously. He was vaguely conscious of a little procession which moved slowly and solemnly along the ranks, scanning each face in turn. Why, oh! why would'nt his equipment stop rattling? Now the procession reached the front rank of his section. Each step they took seemed to cause the ground to vibrate beneath his feet and further agitate his equipment.

They had reached the man in front: valiantly he strove to concentrate his glance "straight to the front at his own height," but one of the strange civilians walking in front of the corporal caught his eye, and in a fever of apprehension Liam's face assumed a deeper hue: the vibration in his fingers became like several jazz-bands and communicated itself to the rest of his body. The others drew near.

"Murphy!" snapped the C.O.

Murphy's mouth opened like that of a dying codfish and a gurgling incoherent sound came from it.

"Murphy!" said the dread voice "fasten those buttons! How dare you appear on parade like that!"

"It—it was'nt"—stammered poor Liam.

"What" cried the C.O.

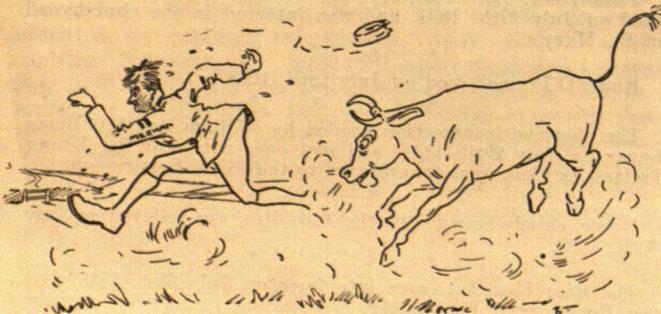
"Ye—yes, Sir!" gasped Liam, and promptly adjusted those thrice accursed buttons.

The procession moved slowly on.

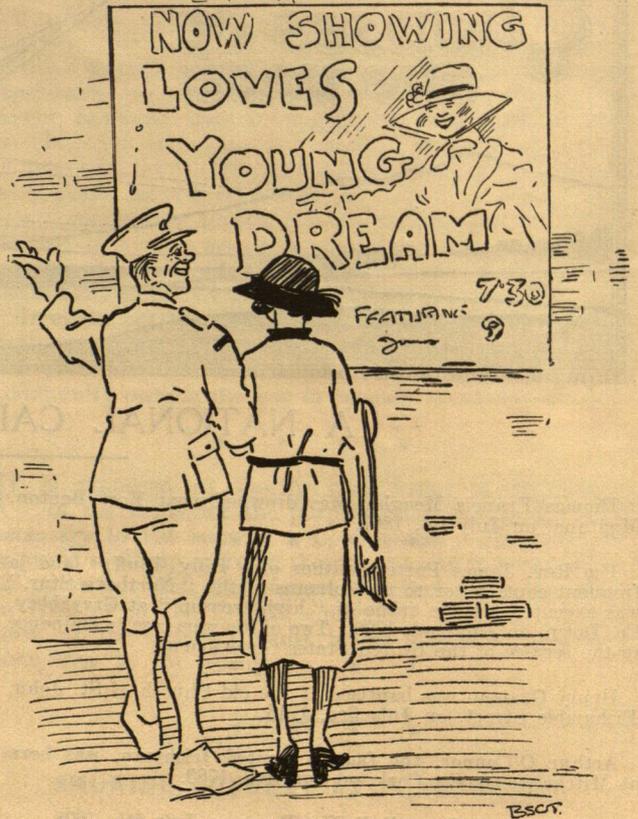
That evening Private Murphy lay on the sunny grass in the Park, and a band in the vicinity lulled his ruffled nervous system into serenity. Visions of better days to come floated before his mental vision and he dozed off to dream of the time when he would enjoy his new Army Pension, and wear proudly all the service medals which had been issued by the authorities through the pressure of a gallant Sergeant in G.H.Q.

J. G. O'L.

## A RECENT INCIDENT NEAR THE CURRAGH.



— WHAT A MEEHAN THING TO DO —



## TROOPS' ASSISTANCE AT CONVENT FIRE.

Captain J. J. Murrin, O.C., "B" Company, 16th Infantry Battalion, Dunmanway, writes enclosing a letter of appreciation received by him from the Sisters of Charity, of The Convent, Dunmanway, for the part the troops took in combating a fire which broke out in their electric laundry at 1 a.m. on the night of the 7th June.

"The majority of the troops were in bed at the time" says Captain Murrin, "and on the alarm being given, by the Guard turning out, the men rushed to the scene minus tunics or socks. No fire appliances being at hand, the men had a hard struggle to get the buckets out of the laundry. On obtaining same the men worked in relays and after an hour's hard work succeeded in getting the fire under control. An N.C.O. and four men remained on the premises to a late hour in the morning in case of a further outbreak. The action of the troops has been much commented on by the civilian population."

The following is the letter referred to by Captain Murrin:—

The Convent, Dunmanway,  
Sunday, 8th June.

DEAR SIR,—We wish to tender you all our hearty thanks for the kind assistance you so promptly and willingly gave us in our trouble last night.

Had it not been for the speed with which the assistance was rendered us the damage would have been very serious.

Our Sister Superior is away at present; if she were here she would share in our feelings of gratitude; so in her name, as well as in our own, I tender you our grateful thanks.

God bless you all,—I remain, Yours sincerely,

SISTER FRANCIS.

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A WOLFE TONE DISCOVERY.

for furnishing the Guard mounted for the protection of that Harbour & Shores with a proper allowance of Fuel & Ammunition

I have the honor  
to be  
Yours  
H. Taylor Secy

Lieut. Gen. Craig  
to

Dublin Castle Nov: 11<sup>th</sup> 1798

Sir (Having laid before Lord Cornwallis the proceedings of a General Court Martial held upon Theobald Wolfe Tone for having acted traitorously and Hostilely against his Majesty's Government I am directed to acquaint you that his Excellency is pleased to confirm the Sentence of Death passed upon the said Theobald Wolfe Tone - but to remit that part of it which directs, that his Head shall be struck off, fixed on a Pike & placed in the most conspicuous part of this City. His Excellency desires the Prisoner may be Executed tomorrow the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst.)

I have the honor  
to be  
Yours  
H. Taylor  
Secy

Major Gen. Praddock  
to

Dublin Castle 12 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1798

Sir I have the honor to enclose a Memorial

Facsimile of the official copy of the letter confirming the sentence of death on Wolfe Tone. The etching represents a page of the British Military Records of 1798, which came to light on the day following this year's Bodestown Review.

## "TALES FROM THE TENTH."

(Specially contributed).

We are very pleased to inform all inquirers, especially "Wanderer," that the "10th" is still in existence, but we have been so busy since the re-organisation, making new friendships and renewing old ones, that we have had not had very much time to peep at the outer Army World (as we are composed of the "Old Line," 7th, 18th, 31st and 39th Battalions, this will be easily understood).

Limerick has been very lucky in getting another first-class Sportsman in Commandant J. Hannon, replacing Commandant L. Walsh. When we knew Commandant Walsh was moving to Templemore we were very downhearted, as he always played the Sportsman in every way, and the Battalion was always tuned up both on the Parade Ground and Sports Field. All we can say now is that Commandant Hannon adequately fills the same bill.

So after all his wanderings the "Wanderer" will wander no more; well the very best of luck to himself and "the Missus," and may his example be largely followed.

We are pleased to note our Curragh Comrades are getting a Dramatic Class together. They will find the various "Tips" C.S.M. O'Farrell learned while with us very useful. The Dramatic Class of the "Old 7th" was very lucky in having the

### MILITARY TERMS IN IRISH.

The following Irish equivalents of military terms appear in the official Irish translation of the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

IRISH	ENGLISH.
Generál.	General.
Lefteanant-Ghenerál.	Lieutenant-General.
Maor-Ghenerál.	Major-General.
Cornal.	Colonel.
Maor.	Major.
Ceannphort.	Commandant.
Captaen.	Captain.
Lefteanant.	Lieutenant.
Dara Lefteanant.	Second Lieutenant.
Maor-Sháirsint.	Sergeant-Major.
Leathru-Sháirsint.	Quartermaster-Sergeant.
Sáirsint.	Sergeant.
Corporal.	Corporal.

assistance of, perhaps, the foremost organiser and manager of Amateurs in Ireland. (Mr. T. Savage, Limerick). Without him the class would not have been the success it undoubtedly was. Our advice to all Army Amateur Dramatic Classes is that, unless they have members with Stage experience, it is a very uphill job, and they would be wise to obtain expert assistance.

The 10th Battalion has taken over the various Stage properties of 7th Battalion, and as soon as the winter is on us, wait and see. At the present time the "Boards" have been forsaken for the "Grass," and all hands are interested in hurling, football, etc. Our luck is in again as Captain Con Brosnan is here—we need say no more.

Our internal economy in the social line is now good. Our Sergeants' Mess is going strong; it required a considerable re-organisation to get it on its feet, but with the experience of the past to help us, the same mistakes will not be made again. The Billiard Table is in fine condition, and our many friends through the service will be glad to know the Crocodile Jabberu & Co. are still holding their ground or rather perches.

Some very good Billiard Players are to be noticed in the Men's Recreation Room, in fact, as "soon as winter comes," the Battalion will be ready to meet all comers, from "Forty Fives" (cards not calibre) to Billiards.

We intend to keep up communication now that we have made a start, and next time hope to have some interesting news.

"COGAN & CO."

## THE WANDERER'S DIARY.

June 26th, 1924.—If any explanation is due from me as to my failure in sending Diary last issue, I render same with glad-some heart:—I had received a hit from the little boy with the bow and arrows who is at present busy around Limerick area. Apropos of this, I am minded that, some fifteen months ago, four Officers met in Strand Barracks, Limerick, and had a lively night. Whether they were then badly hit or not I know not, but the strange truth is that each of them has wooed and won, going to the Altar on the Wednesdays of June. They went in this order:—Lieutenant Bob Cotter, 10th Batt., 4th June, Meself, 11th June, Lieutenant Sean O'Neill, 18th June, Lieutenant Hessian, 25th June.

After such a preamble let us to business. While on the honeymoon I availed myself of the opportunity to visit certain parts of the Brigade Area, and was pleased to observe the very fraternal relations presently existing between the Civil Population and the Soldiers at Tralee, Valencia, Waterville, Cahirciveen and Killarney. The Valentia men, splendid in their isolation, devote the bulk of their spare time to perfecting themselves in Athletics, while I heard that Cahirciveen is endeavouring to emulate Gormanston in the Wireless Department. Killarney troops, doubly blessed by glorious surroundings and great Officers, are proceeding apace with the formation of Hurling and football Teams. The Tralee contingent is functioning splendidly in Drill Movements, and I, for one, would delight in a tilt between the B.S.M.'s of the 10th and 14th Battalions.

Everywhere we went in Kerry we saw new buildings arising Phoenix-like, from the ashes of the old ruins.

June 27th, 1924.—A certain very popular Chaplain, Rev. Fr. E. R. McC., has gone a holidaying. Major T. K., for two years a great part of Limerick Command Brains has gone to G.H.Q. Major-General Reynolds has arrived amongst us and seems to like Limerick. Other departures include Lieutenant Cummins, Provost Marshal's Department, Lieutenant J. Clancy of New Barracks, and Capt. T. Wallem, Big-game hunter. To arrivals, the 4th Brigade says welcome, and to departures, "God speed." In view of the prevailing weather, RAIN! RAIN! RAIN! it would be well if the Q.M.G. ordered the issue of either Gum-Shoes or Webbed Feet to Limerick Troops.

June 28th, 1924.—Have just obtained sight of issue No. 10., and have at last unravelled the mystery of the swollen Shannon. It appears within the bounds of possibility that the bathing of corpulent members at G.H.Q. in Anna Liffey affects Sheila's Shannon. We of Limerick are thinking of affiliation with one of the numerous Shannon Rowing Clubs, and then hope to challenge Dublin to a sculling and rowing contest. Please read the word Rowing with the accent on the "O," not on the "OW." However, more of this anon.

THE WANDERER.

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## ARMY'S ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO TONE.

### Military Review at Bodenstown—Impressive Tribute to the '98 Patriot— Oration by the President.

This year's Review at Bodenstown on Sunday, June 22nd, was, if anything, somewhat in advance of last year's.

The ceremony was favoured with beautiful summer weather, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch. The officers and men engaged in the review are to be congratulated on a display which could scarcely be bettered by an Army which had been in existence for generations.

"The military display" declared a civilian eyewitness subsequently, was a wonderful one. The demeanour of the troops, their high discipline and splendid physique were a matter of great satisfaction to all who witnessed the review."

It was the third commemoration of the kind by the Irish Army. The first took place on Bodenstown Sunday, 1922.

The troops taking part in the Review were drawn from the Curragh Training Camp and are principally composed of the 26th and 27th Battalions. They entrained at the Curragh Siding at 10 o'clock this morning under the command of Colonel Padraig Ua Conchubhair, G.H.Q. Staff.

From 5 p.m. on Saturday, 21st June, an Advance Guard of two Officers and 100 rank and file have been on duty around Bodenstown. Their duty was to keep all the roads in the vicinity free from obstruction of any kind, such as hawkers, stands, tents, etc., and to guard the Government property on the ground.

On Sunday the troops detrained at Sallins and marched from the railway station to Bodenstown. The order of march was as follows:

No. 2 Band, Army School of Music.

O.C. Parade and Staff Officers.

Firing Party (1 Officer, 2 N.C.O.'s and 12 Privates) and Buglers (six).

26th and 27th Battalions under Commandant Luke Hegarty.

The Pipers' Band of the Army School of Music.

The Reception Depot Battalion under Commandant Michael Stephenson.

On arrival at Bodenstown the troops formed up facing the saluting base. About twenty minutes before the arrival of the Reviewing Officer the order was given to fix bayonets, and immediately afterwards the Command Officers took post in review order. The Parade Commander then gave the order "Stand at ease—Stand Easy!" and in this position the troops awaited the arrival of the Reviewing Officer.

The President and party arrived at 1.30 and proceeded immediately to the graveyard.

After the President had laid a wreath on the grave the Firing Party discharged three volleys over the grave and the Buglers sounded the "Last Post." At the sound of the first volley the troops in the Review Field presented arms and remained at the present until the final notes of the "Last Post" had died away.

When the President approached the Review Field after the ceremony at the graveyard the troops were brought to attention and presented arms; the band played the "Soldier's Song" and the flag was unfurled.

The Review and March past of the troops followed. Some time was occupied in moving to position, but, presently, headed by the Band, the troops swung past in Column of Companies saluting the President as they passed.

Subsequently the troops advanced in Review Order, coming to a halt ten paces from the saluting base when the General Salute was given and the Band played a few bars of the "Soldier's Song."

The troops then stood at ease while the President delivered the oration.

After the oration the troops were moved to position for dinner.

Subsequently they reassembled and marched past in Column of Route, returning to Sallins railway station where they entrained for the Curragh.

A motor ambulance, detailed by the Curragh Training Camp was in attendance with a medical Officer and Orderlies of the Medical Services.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the troops, the President said they were met there to honour the memory of one of Ireland's noblest soldier sons. Wolfe Tone died in prison 125 years ago, but the seed that he had sown during his short career had borne fruit in their own time.

The spirit of Tone must rejoice that day to see on the plains of Kildare the serried ranks of an Irish Army. Tone was the apostle of democratic freedom and of the rights and liberties of the people. He would exult in that splendid display of men who were devoted to the defence of that freedom and of those rights and those liberties.

The President having referred to the early career of the dead patriot declared that the apostleship of unity which Tone preached was as necessary to-day as it was a century ago. Ireland was relatively much smaller to-day than it was then and had need of every citizen for the task of rebuilding the nation. The lines of division which obtained in Tone's day had happily almost entirely disappeared through three-fourths of Ireland.

"That a remnant still exists," said the President, "is due to the prejudices deliberately fostered for the perpetuation of division and, as disciples of Tone, it is our work to remove those prejudices. It cannot be accomplished in a day. It takes time to soften bitterness and to allay feelings of distrust. But again we have Tone's great perseverance in face of heart-breaking obstacles to cheer us and to encourage us in our task."

Having dealt with Tone's struggle abroad to enlist support for Ireland in her struggle for liberty and with the patriot's capture and death, the President said the heroic story should be an example to them all to persevere in the work of national reconstruction and development.

"Reading the life of Wolfe Tone," he continued, "there is irresistibly borne upon me the close similarity between him and Collins. Like Collins, his object was independence. Like Collins, he believed in work. His diary is a record of unremitting toil. His wide knowledge of Ireland's economic conditions, his political insight, his clear strategy, his undying devotion to his country, his early death in harness, render the similarity more pronounced.

"Like Collins, he was a constructive and practical statesman; like Collins, he was cut off in his prime and at the beginning of his work. Unlike Collins, he never had the happiness of seeing his life's work advanced on the path of success.

"He died when Ireland lay bleeding and broken, with the heartbreak of repeated failure heavy upon him. Collins was spared to see alien occupation terminated over the larger portion of our country, to see the principles of democratic liberty vindicated, to see the army of the foreigner replaced by the army of Ireland, and to look down a vista future of progress towards national reconstruction and national unity which were the ideals of Tone.

"Like Collins, Tone had no illusions. He repeated time and again that Ireland unaided could not beat her enemy by force of arms. He faced facts, even as Collins faced facts. And that is a lesson which we in Ireland sadly need to learn.

"People talk of fighting to the last man. These people forget the words of one of Tone's most illustrious followers, Patrick Pearse: 'Irish nationality is an ancient spiritual tradition, and the Irish nation could not die as long as that tradition lived in the heart of one faithful man or woman. But had the last repository of the Gaelic tradition, the last unconquered Gael died, the Irish nation was no more. Any free state that might hereafter be erected in Ireland, what-

ever it might call itself, would certainly not be the historic Irish nation."

"We are called upon at this stage, not so much to die for Ireland as to live and work for Ireland. When we were called to face the former risk we did it. Let us not be found wanting now in the less heroic but more difficult duty. And let the independent spirit and indomitable will of Tone cheer and encourage us in that task.

"Thus and thus only can we claim to be true disciples of the gospel of united and untiring effort which Tone preached.

"Tone taught that the Irish nation was one and sovereign. If we repeat his teaching we will strive to secure Irish unity and to maintain Irish sovereignty."

The President concluded by congratulating the G.O.C. the Forces and the Officers and men of the Army on their splendid turn-out that day.

#### THE ATTENDANCE.

Amongst the distinguished members of the Civil Administration present were—Chief Justice Kennedy, Mr. Justice Johnston and the Attorney-General.

Amongst the military Officers present were—General Eoin O'Duffy, G.O.C.F.; Lieut.-General Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff; Major-General Hugo MacNeill, Adjutant-General; Major-General Felix Cronin, Quartermaster-General; Major-General Sean MacKeon, Major-General D Hogan, Major-Gen. M. Brennan, Colonel Higgins, Director of Medical Services; Colonel Liam Hayes, Colonel Henry, Colonel R. McDonnell, Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence; Colonel Pdraig O'Connor, Colonel Eamon O'Carroll, Colonel F. Bennett, Col. Sean Quinn, Major Mulcahy, O.C., Artillery; Major Liam Archer, O.C., Signal Corps; Major B. O'Briain, Military Sec. to the Chief of Staff; Major Hunt and Major Sean McCabe (assisting Colonel Pdraig O'Connor), Commandant Moloney, O.C., Air Service; Commandant Cotter, Director of Transport; Commandant D. MacDonnell, O.C., Armoured Cars; Commdt. McAlister.

Major Archer and Captain Nolan were in charge of the traffic arrangements around Bodenstown. Lieutenant Garrett Russell was in charge of the firing party.

Superintendent Noonan, of Naas, was in charge of a force of thirty Civic Guards, and the military police were in charge of Captain Thomas O'Duffy and Lieut. Isaac Foley.

A wreath from the Standing Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal bore the following inscription:—"I mbuan chuimhne ar Wolfe Tone agus ar a shoisgeul O'Choisde Gnotha, Cumann na nGaedheal."

## ARMY REORGANISATION SCHEME

### OUTLINED IN WHITE PAPER ISSUED THIS WEEK.

The new scheme of Army organisation, provided for in the revised Estimates for 1924-5, effects a reduction of 322 Officers, 401 Non-Commissioned Officers, and an increase of 356 men, as compared with the superseded scheme.

It makes provision for the following Army establishment:

- 1,081 Officers,
- 3,237 Non-Commissioned Officers, and
- 14,650 Men.

The revised scheme involves a net decrease in the total Estimates, as printed, of £85,653.

There is an anticipated saving of £68,709 in the pay of Officers, owing to reduction in numbers and revision of rates of pay of certain appointments, but against this is an anticipated increase of £41,781, resulting from an increase in the rate of pay of privates.

Other decreases in expenditure included in the total of £885,653 are—Marriage and Dependents' allowance, £1,221; pay of clergymen, £1,200; medicines and instruments, £183; lodging allowance, £5,064; provisions and allowances in lieu, £14,593; clothing, £5,955; animals and forage £33,528; general stores, £2,482; fuel, light and water, £2,783; barrack service, £4,792; insurance, £44. The only increases shown in the revised Estimates are—Pay of medical service, £141; and conveyance of troops, £3,069.

Under the new scheme of Army organisation the total number of all ranks will be 18,968, the percentage of Officers to other

ranks being 6.04; N.C.O.'s to Privates, 22.8; and Infantry to Army, 68.8.

Three Command Headquarters will be established with 45 Officers and 177 N.C.O.'s and Men.

Provision is made for a General Headquarters with a total personnel of 1 General, 2 Major-Generals, 123 other Officers, and 444 Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

The personnel of other arms of the service for which provision is made under the scheme is as follows:—27 Infantry Battalions, with 486 Officers and 12,582 N.C.O.'s and Men; Curragh Training Camp, 54 Officers, 520 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army Corps of Engineers (Field), 17 Officers, 43 N.C.O.'s and Men; Barrack Maintenance, 27 Officers, 394 N.C.O.'s and Men; Artillery Corps, 15 Officers, 260 N.C.O.'s and Men; Armoured Car Corps, 19 Officers and 187 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army Air Corps, 22 Officers, 133 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army Signal Corps, 12 Officers, 344 N.C.O.'s and Men; Military Police Corps, 22 Officers, 542 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army Medical Service, 100 Officers, 447 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army School of Music, 6 Officers, 213 N.C.O.'s and Men; Army Transport Corps, 39 Officers, 1,103 N.C.O.'s and Men; Extra Units or Staffs, 11 Officers, 250 N.C.O.'s and Men; Military College, 8 Officers, 67 N.C.O.'s and men.

No provision for Cavalry is made under the new scheme.

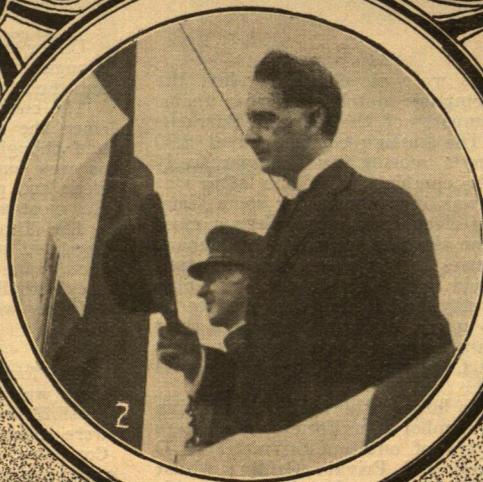
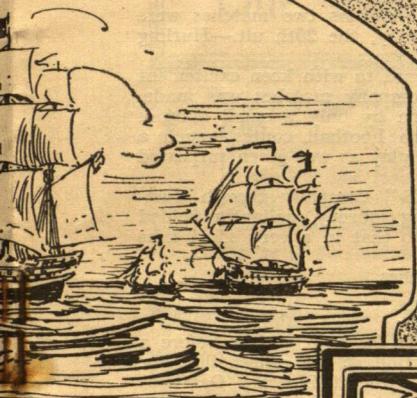




• WOLFE TONE 'COMMEMORATION  
 • BY THE IRISH ARMY

WILLIAM MAC BRIDE.

(1) Portrait of Tone, from the "Hibernian Magazine," taken in Court during his trial. (From the engraving of Wolfe Tone saluting the President. (4) At the graveside (left to right)—Majors-General Cronin, Q.M.G.; MacNeill, A.G.O.C., Curragh Training Camp, and M. Brennan, G.O.C., Southern Command. (5) Left to right—Lt.-General MacNeill, the sounding of "The Last Post."



ORATION AT BODENSTOWN.  
ARMY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 1924.

...raving in the National Gallery.) (2) The President taking the salute; with him is seen the G.O.C.F. (3) Troops  
Adj.-Gen.; D. Hogan, G.O.C., Eastern Command; Sean MacKeon, G.O.C., Western Command; Joseph Sweeney,  
n. Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff; General Eoin O'Duffy, G.O.C.F., and the President at the graveside during

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## TWELFTH BATTALION NOTES.

## MATCHES AT TIPPERARY.

**HURLING.**

Hurling and football matches were played on Sunday, the 29th ult., at Nenagh (inter-Company matches between teams of the 12th Battalion)—D Company of the Thurles Barracks v. H. Company of Nenagh. The hurling commenced at 2.20 p.m.; and though D Company's scoring was comparatively high to that of H Company, the combination of the latter was good in general. The match was in progress for some time, and there was an exhibition of clean, nice play, when a most unfortunate accident occurred on the Nenagh side. Lieutenant McCarthy received severe injuries to the nose, which necessitated his removal from the field. At this stage of the play D Company's scoring was pretty high; and the absence of Lieut. McCarthy to see the game through increased their chances of victory. A Company's score was a solitary point at the final whistle; whilst D Company had 5 goals 2 points to their credit.

The contest was witnessed by a large gathering of the civilian population, as well as a goodly number of uniformed supporters of the rival teams. The players of outstanding merit in D Company were Sergeant Farrell and Private Griffin; whilst Private Kennedy, of the opposing team, played best for his side.

**FOOTBALL.**

The football contest between teams representative of the same Companies might be described as better even than the hurling. It is significant that Privates Byrne, Austin and Kenny shone out more than any of their comrades in A Company. The former comes from the home of many a fine footballer—the "Short Grass" County—and the latter is from Wexford. Privates Enright, Ambrose and Griffin did best for their side. The final score stood:—D Company, 1 goal 1 point; A Company, 1 goal 2 points.

**PENSIONS.**

Speculation is rife here as to the development of the Bill proposed in the Dail in connection with pensions for members of the Army.

**RETREAT.**

Those of us representing Templemore Garrison who were present at the closing of the Retreat (and we were many) could not help feeling proud at the priest's complimentary remarks on the example shown during the previous week by members of the National Army. "He saw them come, morning, noon and evening, regardless of weather conditions."

"In the past," he went on to say, "people were not wont to associate piety with the Army, but what is true of other armies is not to be applied to our Irish Army in this respect." He expressed the desire that the members of the Garrison should become members of the Confraternity to prevent the undoing of the good work of the Mission.

**G.H.Q. COMMAND SWIMMING AND WATER POLO CLUB.**

G.H.Q. Command Swimming and Water Polo Club, although in existence only a few weeks, is progressing by leaps and bounds. The membership has passed the half-hundred mark, and recruits are still coming in. In fact, so numerous are the swimmers and would-be swimmers becoming that new arrangements will have to be made in the near future to secure that all receive adequate facilities for practice.

This week witnessed the ranks augmented by a detachment of swimmers from Baldonnel, who came in by lorry to attend the practice. Some of them should prove very valuable additions to the Club.

Under most favourable climatic conditions two matches were brought off at Tipperary on Wednesday, the 25th ult.—Hurling and Football.

The contests had been looked forward to with keen excitement since the first suggestion of inter-company matches was made, and though the victorious party won by only a small margin, as was expected—particularly in the Football contest—such a clean and praiseworthy exhibition of play as was given surpassed the most sanguine expectations.

The Templemore Garrison or "B" Company though dust-begrimed and weary after their long journey, gallantly fielded their team immediately on arrival, so that in a very short time the football match was under way.

Below we give details of the matches.

**FOOTBALL.**

The football match was in progress for a long time before a score was registered. I might mention at the outset that the possibilities of victory for "C" Company (Tipperary Garrison) were enhanced by the absence of Sergeant Jack Mullan of "B" Company. The Tipperary forwards assailed the Templemore posts repeatedly but Captain Lehane, the Battalion M.O., who was between the bars, by his coolness and skill saved the situation every time. He is worthy of the best traditions of the one-time famous Macroom Football Team, from which district he hails.

Commandant Liam Walsh did much useful work in centre field, and increased the defence on his side by his placing of the players.

Vol. Willie Somers played a very good game. He is very swift and very sure and never shirks his man.

Vol. McCarthy played in his usual good style as full back.

Vol. Christy McDonnell who is yet in his 'teens is a most promising footballer. All he requires to make him eligible for any combination of Army footballers is plenty of practice, and association on the Gaelic field with footballers already trained.

Of the opposing team "C" Company, Tipperary Garrison). Privates Scanlan, Enright and O'Sullivan should give a good account of themselves in the forthcoming Command Championships. Perhaps it is more than a coincidence that all three come from the "Kingdom."

At the finish of the game the score stood:—

Templemore	...	1 goal
Tipperary	...	1 goal, 1 point.

It was in the closing stages of the match that Tipperary made the goal which, so to speak, "saved their bacon."

The match was refereed by a member of the Garda Siothchana from Tipperary.

**HURLING.**

Vol. Bentley was the most brilliant player representing "B" Company. He is both strong and swift and is a sweeping striker. His combination play is the outstanding feature. He makes it a point to pass the ball to his companions on every occasion, in particular to Sergeant Ayres who is a dashing forward.

Lieutenant Graham made a determined fight for the ball all through the match. Corporal Garrett made an exceptionally sound defence. And Sergeant Paddy Cusack was the proverbial "stone-wall" playing full back, ably assisted by Vol. Maher.

The score was:—

Tipperary	...	1 point.
Templemore	...	3 goals, 2 points.

"Ginger" O'Loughlin of "C" Company played a great game for his side. Vol. Hamilton had some fine play to his credit too. Vol. Cusack is a very fleet forward and might be regarded as "the right man in the right place." C.Q.M.S. McKenna was on the scoring line and did some splendid play for his side. This Battalion can be reckoned on to make a name for itself in the athletic Arena in the near future.

"ROSSCARBERY."

**DRAFTING OF CHARGE SHEETS.**

Accused persons will in all cases be charged under such Sections, numbered 32 to 69, of the Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, as are appropriate to the offences, and not under the sub-sections to Section 80 of the said Act.—G.R.O. 72.

## Our Information Bureau.

*When in doubt write to AN T-OGLACH.*

**BUT**

*Be brief.*

*Write on one side of the paper only.*

*Do not expect a reply by Post.*

*Send your full name and address.*

*Remember that anonymous letters are ignored.*

### Pay Accounting.

"Old Soldier" (Portobello). In a short time it is anticipated that a process of pay accounting will be in operation which will enable you to do as you state. The present system does not afford any opportunity of so doing.

### Ration Allowance.

"Sean" Wexford (1) See answer to P. McMahon, Curragh above. (2) No, payment will be issued only to the actual date of discharge from the Army.

"Volunteer," Curragh. Yes, for re-attested men. "Old Timer," Mullingar. The grant of 28 days' Ration allowance is not admissible to re-attested men.

"Chess" (Fermoy) No action towards payment can be taken until the leave appears in Battalion Orders. The insertion in Orders is the duty of the O.C. and the case should be brought to his notice.

"Puzzled" (Boyle). No issue of Ration allowance has been made to any N.C.O. or man since 1/4/'24 except for period of leave.

P. McMahon (Curragh). The grant of 28 days' pay and allowance has not been extended to men who have re-attested.

### Rank Pay.

W. Byrne, Boyle. (1) Rank pay can only be issued from the date the appointment takes effect as published in Battalion Orders. (2) Rank Pay 4/- additional Pay 9d. per diem. (3) Yes. On the O.C.'s recommendation. (4) To your O.C.

"Crossbarry" Curragh. (1) The Issue of additional pay under D/O 30 has not been extended to clerks employed in your present capacity. (2) Additional Pay for this period can be issued only on the recommendation of the Command Pay Officer in whose area you were serving at the time.

### Arrears of Pay.

"Necka" (Waterford). A full statement of claim should be submitted to the Officer i/c Arrears, Pay Section, Portobello Barracks, who is at present dealing with all similar cases.

"Old Timer" (Templemore). (1) Ration allowance is issuable for period of ordinary leave and sick leave only. (2) It may be difficult to establish such a claim now. If it is possible to have the facts certified by responsible officers the claim could be submitted to Arrears, Pay Section, Portobello Barracks. (3) We do not understand this question.

Martin Nealon (Limerick). You should re-submit your case to the officer i/c. Arrears, Pay Section, Portobello Barracks.

Patrick McGrath (Limerick). We are having your case investigated.

### Proficiency Pay.

Vol. Douglas (Galway). (1) In the absence of information as to the capacity in which you are employed it is impossible to state why the issue of additional pay is withheld. (2) Payment has not been extended to any soldier employed on clerical duties at Battalion Headquarters.

Vol. Williams (Curragh). The rate of additional pay sanctioned in respect of members of the Transport Corps is in accordance with the recommendations received from the Director of Transport. Representations should be made in your case to your O.C.

### Claims.

Stephen Brennan (Coleraine). Details of any arrears of pay should be submitted to Chief Pay and Accounts Office, G.H.Q.

Vol. O'Sullivan (Finner Camp). A full statement of your case should be submitted to the Chief Pay and Accounts Office, G.H.Q.

### Marriage Allowance.

Vol. L. Dolan. Marriage allowance under the existing regulations cannot be issued in your case.

### Back Pay.

Constant Reader (Belfast). We are having the case investigated.

### Dependants' Allowance.

Vol. J. Boyle, Enniscorthy. Application should be made to the Officer i/c Dependants' allowance, Portobello Barracks, by the Dependant with a view of securing the details of any payments made.

### Civilian Clothes.

"Billy" (Kilkenny)—(1 and 2) We are not aware of any legislation providing for the appointments mentioned. Pay in all cases must be in accordance with the rates for the various ranks laid down in Defence Order 30. (3) Permission to wear plain clothes off duty in their own station may be given by G.O.'s C. Commands to N.C.O.'s and men of good character and by O.'s C. Battalions and Camp Commandants when on leave away from their own stations. (4) This is as yet an unauthorised decoration.

### Horse Transport.

"Rossa" (Claremorris)—(1) The position is that, at the moment, Horse Transport is not a Corps. It is attached to Battalions, vide G.R.O. 16. (2)—There is no Grade Pay for Horse Transport drivers at present.

## OFFICIAL NEWS.

### RETURN OF HORSE TRANSPORT—PERSONNEL, HORSES, VEHICLES.

A Return will be submitted to the QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, through the usual channels, by Officers Commanding Battalions, Corps and Services, giving the following information concerning Horse Transport personnel, vehicles and horses under their command:

The Return must be made under the following heads:—

- (1) Nominal Roll of Personnel, showing Rank, Army No. and location, and indicating individually such men as have passed through a course of training at Remount Depot.
- (2) Roll of Horses, giving Army No. and location.
- (3) Roll of vehicles, indicating type and Army No. and deficiencies or defects, if any.
- (4) Inventory of harness and grooming equipment, indicating condition.
- (5) Description and location of any captured horses.

Return must be submitted in triplicate so as to reach the Quartermaster General not later than 8th July, 1924.—(G.R.O. 73).

### CASUALTIES— MILITARY HOSPITALS.

When a patient dies in a Military Hospital or is "brought in dead" the Officer in charge of the hospital will immediately notify the Area Adjutant, and will apply to the Area Quarter-master for a coffin and habit, giving the measurements of the deceased and the particulars required for the breast-plate, viz. full name, age, date of death. The Quartermaster will supply the coffin, habit, properly inscribed breast-plate, and fittings, and deliver them to the hospital mortuary.

On receiving notification from the Area Adjutant as to the time at which the escort will arrive to take over the remains for removal from the Hospital, the Officer in charge of the Hospital will arrange that the corpse is properly clothed with habit, etc., placed in the coffin, and the coffin closed before the actual arrival of the escort.—(G.R.O. 73).

### PRIVATELY OWNED MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES.

Officers who own motor cars or motor cycles will within one month from the date of this order report to the Command Transport Officer, or his representative, and produce their receipt for the Road Tax and Insurance Policy covering such vehicles against Third Party Risks. The Command Transport Officer or his representative will record the fact that he has seen these documents, noting the date on which the Tax Certificate and policy expire, so that arrangements may be made to ensure that they are renewed as may be necessary. The Command Transport Officer will render a quarterly return, commencing 1st July, 1924, of all such vehicles, certifying that the Road Tax and Insurance Premium have been paid, to the Officer Commanding, Transport Corps, G.H.Q.—(G.R.O. 73).

### NOTICE.

Examination for Posts as Clerical Officers (confined to Army candidates) July, 1924. The upper limit of age for this examination has been extended from 30 to 35 years.

### PAYMENTS TO "AN T-OGLACH."

All remittances for sales, etc., should be made payable to THE MANAGER, "AN T-OGLACH." Postal Orders and Cheques should be crossed "& Co." CASH SHOULD NOT BE SENT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE. IF CASH IS FORWARDED THE ENVELOPE SHOULD BEAR A REFERENCE NUMBER.

Attention should be paid to the Post Office Regulation which allows NOT MORE THAN THREE STAMPS on any Postal Order, and only up to the value of FIVEPENCE.

# ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

## Second Annual Convention—Important Proceedings at G.H.Q.—Praise for Executive Council—Election of Officers—Scheme of Organisation—Army Representatives at the Olympiad.

The second annual Convention, Army Athletic Association, was held at General Headquarters, Parkgate, on Thursday, June the 19th, 1924, Major General D. Hogan, Chairman, presiding. Other delegates present being:—Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, vice Chairman; Major General F. Cronin, Hon. Treasurer; Major T. McGrath; Captain O'Brien, and Comdt. Colgan, Secretary. Eastern Command:—Rev. S. Pigott; Colonel E. O'Carroll; Comdt. Fox; Captains McCarron; Brannigan; Murphy; Lieut. Lannigan; Southern Command:—Rev. Father McCarthy; Colonel Byrne; Comdts. Kingston and Hannon; Western Command:—Rev. Father Feeley; Captains O'Donnell, Whelan, O'Doherty and Lieut. Cowan; General Headquarters Command:—Comdt. Mackey; Lieut. Tully; Curragh Command:—Colonel Quinn, Lieut. Staines.

Letters regretting inability to attend, and promising support to the Association, were read from General Eoin O'Duffy, G.O.C., Lieut. General McMahon, C.S., Major General H. MacNeill, A.G., and Colonel Austin Brennan.

The minutes of the first Convention were read and adopted. The Secretary's report on the working of the Association for the period April, 1923—June, 1924, was as follows:—

### Secretary's Report.

A CHAIRDE,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the Army Athletic Association since its inception on the 24th April, 1923.

I desire to state that the causes responsible for the delay in the submitting of my report were due to circumstances with which you are already acquainted.

Whilst not in a position to report any remarkable successes, I would point out that owing to the many difficulties to be surmounted, the Executive Council deserve much credit for carrying to a successful conclusion the numerous Championships and Competitions outlined at our first Convention.

Our chief difficulties lay in the provision of Sports' fields, and necessary equipment for our members.

The few Sports' fields available in the different centres were mere quagmires. Equipment we had none. The credit for equipping our teams is due to the members of our Association, who contributed a sum of £10,000 for this purpose, all of which was expended in Ireland.

A further difficulty confronted us by way of debts incurred by a former Army Sports Association, amounting to close on £1,000, and this legacy our Association inherited.

Within three months of the birth of the Organisation, the Executive Council had by dint of hard work placed it on a firm basis. Athletic material was at our disposal, but due to lack of finance our activities were held up.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held in the month of June, 1923, the Council decided to approach the Army Council for financial assistance. The latter received our deputation, and were fully convinced that our Organisation was most essential for the healthy development of the Army Forces. The Army Council then made a grant of £7,000 to enable us to continue our work. Fortunately by careful administration we found it necessary to avail ourselves only of £5,000 of this sum.

Being thus saved from the menace of extinction, the Executive Council set to work, and Battalion and Command Championships in each event were brought off.

Our first public venture was made on Sunday, 15th July, at Croke Park, when a Hurling, Football and Tug-of-War Tournament was held. From an athletic and financial view-point we were most successful, and as a result the sum of £236 12s. 4d. was placed to the credit of the Committee, Wounded Soldiers' Comforts Fund.

The All-Army Championships were decided in Dublin, commencing on August 25th, and continuing each day until September 2nd. 1,100 Army athletes took part in those competitions.

Scarce had our Championships concluded when our Chaplains, who at all times have been most helpful to us, presented for competition in Hurling the Commands a beautiful Silver Challenge Cup. The example set by the Chaplains was emulated by the Officers of the Medical Services, who presented a like trophy for Inter-Command Football. Both competitions were brought to a successful conclusion.

By arrangement with the Central Council, G.A.A., it was decided that the winners of the All-Ireland Championships in Hurling and Football should play the pick of the Army each year.

I am proud to be in the position to state that the Army Football team played and defeated the Champions (Dublin).

The Hurling match was not played, Kilkenny for some reason unexplained refused to meet our team. I am confident were our Hurlers given the opportunity, our honour on the Hurling field should have been most worthily upheld.

On the recommendation of the Boxing Sub-Committee, the Executive Council appointed Tancy Lee Boxing Instructor to the Army at a salary of £300 per annum.

I feel it is unnecessary to attempt to justify the Council's decision. The honour attained by our boxers speaks for itself. The Army Boxing Team succeeded in annexing six Irish Boxing Championships, and by virtue of their titles, six Army Boxers have been called upon to represent Ireland in the Tailteann and Olympic Games, 1924.

In other branches of Sport where Army athletes have clashed with other associations, our representatives have worthily upheld our prestige.

The Executive Council recommend that the Hurling and Football Championships be played on the following basis:—

- Brigade Championships to be Inter-Battalion.
- Command Championships to be Brigade Battalion Champions v. Brigade Battalion Champions.
- All-Army Championships to be the Selected of each Command.

It is also recommended that not more than two representatives from each Battalion should be entitled to enter for athletic and field events in the All-Army Championships.

I would recommend to the consideration of the Convention the necessity of appointing immediately a Trainer for athletic and field events. The athletic material is at our disposal, and I feel confident that with scientific training, Army athletes will take their rightful place in the athletic world.

I would also recommend that a Standardised Ball Court be erected at each Brigade Headquarters, and so develop an interest for this fine Irish game amongst our members.

In conclusion I desire to offer grateful thanks to the Commissioners, Officers and men of the Civic Guard and Dublin Metropolitan Police Forces for their kind co-operation, and to the Officials of the Gaelic Athletic Association for their kindly advice and able assistance.

I personally thank each member of the Executive Council and the various Sub-Committees for their unselfish work so unsparingly given at all times. To the Press thanks also is due for the prominence given to our various athletic functions during the year.

Mise, le meas mor, PADRAIC O COLGAIN,  
*Runaidhe, Cumann Cleas-Lut an Airm.*

After a discussion the Executive Council's recommendations as to the mode of playing the Championships, and the Secretary's recommendations *re* athletic training and erection of Ball Courts were transferred for discussion to the Agenda.

Colonel J. Byrne, moving the adoption of the Report, said that the Executive Council deserved much credit for the work accomplished during the past season under the most trying difficulties. Commenting on the many honours gained by Army athletes, he contended that given further opportunities in other athletic spheres, the Army would be successful. Lieut. Cowan seconded the adoption, which was passed unanimously.

Major General Cronin, Hon. Treasurer, presented his balance sheet, together with the Auditor's report. Both, on the motion of the Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan, seconded by Colonel Byrne, were adopted.

### Auditor's Report.

The Report of the Auditors, Messrs. M. J. McNally and Co., 21 Anglesea Street, Dublin, covered the period from the 7th August, 1923, to 3rd June, 1924, and contained the following:—

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT.—Your total receipts from every source as set out in this Account were £6118 12s. 11d., of which £23 1s. 7d. was drawn as a loan from other funds for petty cash purposes, etc. The different items of expenditure, and the cash balances available, are shown on the credit side of the Account. The latter were as follows:—

Cash at Bank	...	£ 231 12 3
Gate receipts held in trust by Major-General Hogan	...	£1034 7 8
Amount of affiliation fees held in trust by Colonel Cronin	...	£ 56 15 4
Amount due	...	£ 44 16 0

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.—The total receipts from Government Grants (less grants paid to various commands), affiliation fees, and gate receipts, amounting to £4,084 2s. 4d., have been credited to this Account. The fixed charges apportioned and working expenses incurred, amounting to £2,774 4s. 0d., have been charged against this Income, leaving a surplus of £1,309 18s. 4d. As the office salaries have not been paid out of the funds with which we are dealing, we have not taken same into account.

The different items are set out in some detail in the Balance Sheet; it is hardly necessary, therefore, for us to comment exhaustively on same. You will observe, however, that the excess of assets over liabilities was £1,309 18s. 4d., and is the amount shown as the surplus of the Income and Expenditure Account. The concern, therefore, appears to be well in funds.

We have included no figure in the Balance Sheet to represent the value of prizes, cups, etc., on hand at the 3rd June, 1924. We would suggest that at the end of the next audit period, a certified stock of all prizes owned by the A.A.A. should be taken; the total value could then be included in the next Balance Sheet.

In conclusion, we wish to draw your attention to the desirability of having the cups and prizes insured, as we understand that no policies have yet been taken out for them.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next dealt with.

Major General Hogan, outgoing Chairman, was unanimously elected on the motion of Major T. McGrath, seconded by Colonel Byrne. Major General Hogan, returning thanks for the confidence reposed in him by the delegates, said that during the past season he found it very difficult to attend the many meetings of the Executive Council, but he had greater hopes of giving the Association more of his time this year.

Comdt. Colgan, proposing Rev. T. J. O'Callaghan as vice Chairman, said that Father O'Callaghan had been the most hard-working officer the Association had during the past season. Notwithstanding the many calls made on him by various Sub-

Committees, he had organised the golfing section of the Association. Colonel O'Carroll, having seconded the proposal, Father O'Callaghan was unanimously elected.

Major General Cronin, who was proposed for re-election as Treasurer, intimated to the Convention his desire of being relieved of the position. The reason which made this decision imperative was his new military duties.

On Major General Cronin's motion, seconded by the Rev. S. Pigott, Major T. McGrath was elected Hon. Treasurer.

Comdt. Colgan was elected Secretary on the motion of Major General Hogan, seconded by Colonel Byrne.

The Scheme of Organisation was passed in the following form:—

### SCHEME OF ORGANISATION FOR ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The name of the Association shall be:—

"THE ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION."

#### 1. SPORTS.

The Sports which the Association will cater for are:—Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball, Running, Cycling, Weight-throwing, Jumping, Swimming, Rowing, Boxing, Rounders, Tug-of-War. (B.) Gymnastics, Billiards and Chess.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP.

Every member of the Army shall be considered a member of the Army Athletic Association.

#### 3. BASIS.

For its purposes the Army shall be divided into five Commands, viz., Eastern, Southern, Western, Curragh, and General Headquarters.

A Command shall be composed of all Brigades and attachments stationed therein. In the case of the General Headquarters Command the following Units are attached thereto for athletic purposes:—

Personal Staffs,  
Chief of Staff,  
Adjutant General,  
Quartermaster General.  
Headquarters Section,  
Army Medical Services,  
Military Police,  
Transport,  
Engineers (Barrack Services),  
School of Music,  
Air Force and Artillery.

#### 4. STATUS.

- Each Battalion shall have the status of a Club.
- Each Brigade shall have the status of a County.
- Each Command shall have the status of a Province.

#### 5. COMPETITIONS.

- Inter-Battalion, Brigade, and Command Championships shall be held each year.
- Hurling an football Championships shall be played on following lines:—
  - In the Eastern, Southern, Western and Curragh Commands Brigade Championships shall be on Inter-Battalion lines. Winning Battalions to play off for Command Championships. For this purpose attachments at Command Headquarters may be graded as an extra Battalion.
  - In the General Headquarters Command, Championships shall be Inter-Departmental.
- Not more than two representatives from each Battalion shall be entitled to compete in All-Army Championships.

#### 6. COMPOSITION OF TEAM.

The Company or Unit to which the man belongs on the opening day of the Competition (and the date for which the draws for the Championships are made, will be considered the opening day of the Competition) is the only Company or Unit for which the man can play, except he is transferred by the Executive Council.

#### 7. COMMITTEES.

- Each Brigade shall have a Committee consisting of one representative from each Battalion, together with Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, elected at meeting assembled by such representatives.
- Each Command shall have a Committee consisting of one delegate from each Brigade, together with Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary elected at meeting assembled.
- The Army Executive Athletic Council shall consist of two representatives from each body recognised as a Command, together with Chairman, one Vice-Chairman, and one Hon. Secretary, elected at meeting assembled.
- Brigade, Command, and Executive Committees may delegate the work of organising the different sports above-named to Sub-Committees, who in all cases will be subject to the Brigade, Command, or Executive Council.

#### 8. PLAYING RULES.

The rules of the parent body of each Sport shall govern the Competitions.

#### 9. REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION.

A Referee's Association shall be formed in each Command, and only such referees shall officiate in Championship Matches.

### THE RESOLUTIONS.

The first Resolution taken was that the question of granting the Army Athletic Association the status of a province be taken up at the next G.A.A. Convention.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided on Colonel McGrath's motion to defer the matter to the next Army Athletic Convention, which will be held prior to the holding of the G.A.A. Congress (usually held on Easter Sunday).

The second Resolution that the Army Athletic Association cater for all games was proposed by Colonel Byrne, and seconded by Comdt. Kingston.

On the motion being put to the meeting, it was defeated by 18 votes to 6.

The following Resolutions were also passed:—

- That the Government be approached with a view to providing lands for Sports purposes, where such are required.
- That the equipping of Gymnasia be taken up immediately.
- That the Army authorities be asked to supply light jersey and pants as part of kit to each N.C.O. and man for the purpose of taking part in outdoor sport.
- That arrangement be made whereby Officers and other ranks are rendered eligible to compete at athletic and other Sports meetings which are held under the auspices of the various Amateur Associations.

### EVERY SOLDIER A MEMBER OF A.A.A.

The following motion standing in the name of the Eastern Command was adopted on the motion of Father Pigott, seconded by Father McCarthy:—

That every member of the Army be considered a member of the Army Athletic Association. That the Company or Unit to which a man belongs on the opening day of the Competition and the date on which the draws for the Championships are made will be considered the opening day of the Competition) is the only Company or Unit for which the man can play, except he is transferred by the Executive Council.

Where the legality of a player is questioned, the Records Office report on his location will be accepted as final.

The following Resolution, proposed by the Rev. Father McCarthy, seconded by the Rev. Fr Pigott, was accepted and adopted:—

Disciplinary action taken against any of our members by any Body playing similar games under similar rules will not be binding on the A.A.A., the latter Body reserving the right to take such action against its members.

The following proposal by Comdt. Colgan, seconded by the Rev. Father O'Callaghan, was accepted and adopted:—

That the Executive Council be empowered to appoint a Standing Committee from amongst its members to deal with administrative work.

The Convention, after transacting the above business, adjourned. The first meeting of the Executive Council was at Portobello Barracks on Monday, the 30th of June, 1924.

### BOXERS' DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE.

#### SPECIAL MESSAGE TO READERS OF "AN t-ÓGLACH."

The Irish Amateur Boxing Champions, who will represent Ireland at the Olympic Games at Paris, leave Dublin to-morrow, Sunday, July the 6th. The time of departure is 8.10 p.m. via Westland Row, Dun Laoghaire-Holyhead-London.

It is expected the team will reach Paris on the evening of July the 8th. Their Headquarters during the Games will be the Hotel Prince Albert or Hotel Victorie.

This Irish Boxing Team holds the attention of Army men more than the athletic or other teams. With two exceptions the Team is all-Army.

Our boxers are fully alive to the importance of their engagements, and to their numerous admirers and to the readers of "An tÓglach" in particular, they send this message:— COPYRIGHT MILITARY ARCHIVES

"We feel deeply honoured at being the first Irish Boxing Champions to be called upon to uphold our country's honour. We are going to Paris quietly confident of success, but should defeat be our lot, then we assure you we will accept such as sportsmen do. When battling against our opponents, the thoughts of being the Army's and Ireland's representatives shall stimulate us, and you may count on us giving of our best."

A brief sketch of the Irish Boxing Champions may be of interest to readers of "An tOglach."—

**JOHN CHARLES KIDLEY** (Light Heavyweight Champion): Was born at the Curragh, Co. Kildare, 27 years ago, his father being a Welshman and his mother Irish. Kidley has resided at the Curragh since childhood, and has been boxing for two years.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH MURPHY** (Middleweight Champion): First saw the light of day in Cork City on September 5th, 1903. Is a most artistic boxer, and has two years' experience.

**PATRICK ELBIE DWYER** (Welterweight Champion): Is a native of Thurles, Co. Tipperary, and is a typical son of that famous county. Is 27 years of age, and is fighting five years.

**JOHN PATRICK KELLEHER** (Lightweight Champion): Was born in Cork City 22 years ago. Is a boxer and fighter, and carries a sleep compeller in either mitt.

**Maurice Doyle** (Featherweight Champion): Is the "Star of the Irish Team" Hails from Cork City, has not yet reached his majority and is undefeated.

**RICHARD M. HILLIARD** (Bantamweight Champion): Is a student at Trinity. Hails from the Lakes of Killarney district, aged 22, is a tireless boxer.

**MYLES PATRICK McDONAGH** (Flyweight Champion): Hails from the "Black North." Was born in Falls Road District, Belfast City, 18 years ago. First donned the gloves 10 months ago at a Curragh Tournament.

**PATRICK JOSEPH LENEHAN**, Ireland's second Welter Representative, hails from Prussia Street, Dublin City, is aged 26, and is equally at home on the racecourse or padded arena.

**DANIEL FLAHERTY**, Ireland's second representative in the Bantam class, also hails from Cork City. His first fight was in an Inter-Command Tourney at Mical Barracks, Cork, December, 1923. He was unlucky to lose the Bantam Championship to Hilliard. Is a real doug fighter.

The Army will also be deeply interested in the doings of the Irish Water Polo Team.

The outstanding player in this lot is Comdt. M. A. O'Connor, the Army Swimming Champion. Comdt. O'Connor is recognised as the greatest half back playing. His obstructive methods in a recent International was the means of gaining the honours for Ireland.

In our issue of the 14th July we hope to have full report on the activities of our boxers in Paris.

#### HOW THE FRENCH AMATEUR BOXERS TRAIN.

The French amateur boxers, four in number for each category, joined, on Sunday, the 15th ult., the Joimille Military Physical Culture School. The French War Office has put part of the building at their disposal. Sporting journalists are invited by the French Government to attend daily at the School. Luncheons are supplied to those reporters from Government funds, as well as conveyances to and from the school.

#### IRISH OLYMPIC BOXING TEAM.

Tourney at Portobello before Departure for France.

(Specially Contributed.)

Notwithstanding the heat of Friday evening, June 27th, a large crowd, representing a house of about £80, was present at the Gymnasium, Portobello Barracks, to witness the Boxing Tourney organised to raise funds for the Irish Olympic Boxing Team.

Taken all round the fare, whilst of a high order, could not compare, from a fistic viewpoint, with similar tournaments organised by the A.A.A.

Some disappointment was caused by the non-appearance of several of the original selections, and in this respect we would advise the I.A.B.A., and A.A.A., to frame rules to deal with those people who await the last moment before notifying the Officials of their intention to be absent.

Nevertheless, the programme was excellent, and we had an opportunity of seeing most of the Irish Olympic and Tailteann

Team in action, and the form displayed by the team raises high hopes for their success in Paris.

The chief events were the bouts between Kelleher and Wright, O'Flaherty and Hilliard, and McDonagh and Joynet.

The pride of place must be given to the latter pair. It is many years since such a sparkling display was witnessed in Ireland. Both boys, not yet out of their teens, gave an all-round scientific display. Should McDonagh live up to his form of Friday night in the Paris Contests, the best of his opponents will need to travel.

O'Flaherty outpointed Hilliard in every round. Both boys had met in the final of the Amateur Championship. Hilliard succeeded in catching the Judge's eye then, but his opponent on Friday night made the task of the Judges easy by holding the upper hand all through. Hilliard in our opinion looked to be in bad shape. Let us hope that Friday's lesson will awake in him the necessity of training conscientiously for his Paris undertakings.

Kelleher easily outpointed Wright of Liffeside. The latter is a really good boy, and we predict that with ordinary luck he will be a stiff proposition for the very best in a few months' time. We would like to see Kelleher make better use of his fine, straight left. At times on Friday he seemed so anxious to make a fight of it that he almost forgot that the straight left is a powerful weapon of offence. Kelleher is a fine young lad who, when he uses his brains, is formidable.

The O'Connell and Rooney bout was marked by plenty of hard hitting. There was too much clinching to allow the fight to be exciting or enjoyable. The decision was a draw.

The Army also gave us a very promising novice in young Tracey, who unfortunately collided with his opponent and cut an artery. Whilst the bout was in progress he more than held his own against the crafty Metcalf.

Sergeant Dwyer outfought—whilst not extending himself—the St. James's representative, J. Ronan.

Sergeant Duggan won over Powderly, Midland Athletic, who retired in the second round.

Kidley showed, by his exhibition with Sergeant Delaney, that his form is excellent.

All told, the tournament was highly successful, and gave much needed practice to the Olympic Team.

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Each game was keenly contested. The results were as follows :

**DOUBLES.**

Capt. McCarthy and Capt. Armstrong (G.H.Q.) beat Comdt. Smyth and Lieut. Mulrooney (P'bello.) 6-8, 6-3, 6-2.

Major Hodnett and Lieut. Doherty (G.H.Q.) beat Capt. Doherty and Lieut. Quane (P'bello.) 2-6, 6-3, 9-7.

Col. Henry and Major O'Briain (G.H.Q.) beat Major Dunne and Capt. Chisholm (P'bello.) 6-1, 6-2.

Major Woods and Lieut. Kirwan (P'bello.) beat Capt. Donovan and Lieut. Tully (G.H.Q.), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

**SINGLES.**

Major O'Briain (G.H.Q.) beat Capt. Chisholm (P'bello) 6-2, 6-2.

Capt. McCarthy (G.H.Q.) beat Lieut. Mulrooney (P'bello.) 6-0, 6-3.

Col. Henry (G.H.Q.) beat Major Dunne (P'bello.) 6-1, 6-4.

Capt. Armstrong (G.H.Q.) beat Comdt. Smyth (P'bello.) 8-6, 2-6, 6-4.

Lieut. Quane (P'bello.) beat Lieut. Doherty (G.H.Q.) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Capt. O'Doherty (P'bello.) beat Capt. Donovan (G.H.Q.) 5-7, 6-0.

(Decider : Capt. Donovan scratched.)

**FOOTBALL MATCHES AT PORTOBELLO BARRACKS.**

The Assistant Q.M. of 23rd Battalion writes :—"From the reports of our Football Matches on the 28th and 30th May appearing in 'An t-Oglach' it looks as if your correspondent was misinformed or that he has mixed up his returns with some other matches. The 'narrow margins' were as follows :—The scores at match on 28th May were—27 points to 7. (Narrow margin, 20 points). Scores at match on 31st May, 9 points to 4. (Narrow margin, 5 points)."

We have communicated with the Officer who supplied the report in question and he states that the references to the matches were inaccurate, though made in perfect good faith. We are quite sure that our friend the Assistant Q.M. of the 23rd will realise that the error was inadvertent on our part and accept our regrets. Editor, "An t-Oglach."

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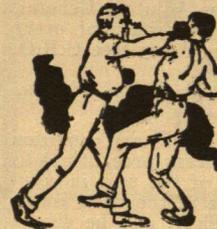
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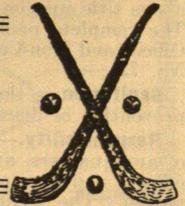
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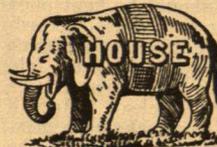


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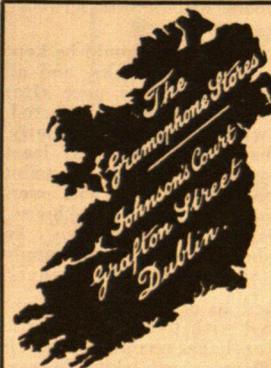
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## NOTES ON MILITARY SANITATION

The following extracts are taken from a pamphlet under the above title just issued from the Office of the Adjutant-General. The complete pamphlet should be in the possession of every Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army (see G.R.O. No. 72):—

**Sanitation** is the application of the laws of Hygiene for the prevention of disease, and the preservation of health.

**Responsibility.**—The responsibility for the sanitary condition of any quarters, and the observance of sanitary precautions by officers and men rests on the Commander of the unit in occupation. The Medical Officer, and he alone in the unit, is the competent adviser of the Commanding Officer, and he should receive every assistance in the performance of his duties.

**Sanitary Diary** is a book kept by the Medical Officer in which he enters defects in Sanitation. The book is forwarded to the Commanding Officer concerned, who records in it the action taken to abate the nuisance, and returns it to the Medical Officer. Where the medical recommendation cannot be carried out, the officer concerned must send a written explanation to the Command Adjutant and the Command Medical Officer within 14 days.

**Barracks.**—The **eave gutters** should be cleaned out each Autumn or oftener if necessary. Blocked gutters mean damp rooms. The stairs and passages inside buildings must be kept clean, and the walls and passages of rooms should be white-washed frequently.

**Barrack Rooms.**—**600 cubic feet** is the allotment per man, and there should be a clear space of at least **3 feet 6 inches** between each bed. At night the windows should be kept open to within 3 inches from the top on one or both sides, according to the weather conditions. Each morning when the men have dressed they should double their mattresses, and fold their blankets on top. The windows will be fully opened. An orderly man will be detailed to keep the billet clean. He will sweep out the room, collecting the rubbish in a sack and removing it to the incinerator. When the weather permits, the mattresses and bedding should be hung out in the open and exposed to the sun and wind.

**Spitting.**—The usual path for the transmission of Tuberculosis is by dried spittle, which, becoming dust, is inhaled from the air, and consumption, more or less rapid, results. It is therefore a highly dangerous practice, and will be prohibited. Breaches of this Order should be severely dealt with.

**Dry Scrubbing,** favouring the inhalation of dust, is forbidden. Floors will be dusted with a damp cloth or sprinkled with tea leaves or damp sawdust before sweeping. Weather permitting, the floors should be scrubbed with soap and hot water once a week.

**Food.**—The necessity for absolute cleanliness in the handling and preparation of food is insisted on. Food will not be kept in barrack rooms. Any place where food is stored must be kept clean, well ventilated, and fly-proofed. The hands and clothes of all persons handling food must be scrupulously clean.

**Dining Halls.**—Dining-rooms separated from the cookhouse will be provided, and the tables will be washed with soap and water directly after each meal. Floors will be wet-scrubbed daily in fine weather.

**Cookhouses.**—Cookhouses and cooking utensils should be kept clean and orderly. Tables, utensils, chopping blocks, and all food receptacles and dish-cloths will be cleaned at once after use. Tea kettles and milk cans should be frequently inspected, and milk cans should be scalded with boiling water daily. Shelves, drawers, and cupboards should be washed at least once a week with hot water and soda. Clothing or toilet articles must not be kept in the cookhouse. Washable overalls should be worn by all men employed in the cookhouse, and no one should be admitted unless employed therein. In the vicinity of the cookhouse there should be an ample supply of soap, nail-brushes and towels for the use of the personnel.

**N.B.**—Men should not be permitted to act as Cooks, Mess Orderlies, or in any capacity connected with food, if they have ever suffered from Typhoid Fever, or have recently been ill with any infectious fever, or if suffering from skin disease.

**Food Refuse** should be placed in non-leaking swill tubs fitted with lids on hinges. The liquid and dry refuse must be kept separate. These tubs should be whitewashed **daily**, both inside and outside, and should be raised on a stand a foot above the ground in order that fouling of the ground can be promptly detected and dealt with. Swill tubs will be emptied daily.

**Ashes and General Refuse.**—These should be removed to the incinerator and burnt daily. Papers and cigarette packets scattered around barracks spoil their appearance. They should be collected daily by a man with a sack and a pointed stick and taken to the incinerator.

**Incinerator.**—Every barrack and post should have its own incinerator. It should be of an enclosed pattern. The Medical Officer will advise on the construction.

**Latrines** should be scrubbed with a 1 per cent. Cresol Solution, particularly the top and undersides of the seat and the floor underneath. The regulation toilet paper will invariably be supplied. In the basins of water closets the outgo neck and trap become encrusted with urine deposits; they should be cleaned occasionally with "Spirits of Salt" applied on a cloth attached to a stout wire.

**Drains and Manholes.**—All grease traps, slop gullies, and gullies taking the discharge from sinks should be cleaned out once a week. The covers of manholes should be lifted weekly, and the manholes inspected to see that the channels and benching are clean. If deposits are noticed, the drain must be thoroughly flushed. Soil pipes must be covered with a suitable grating.

**Sanitary Squad.**—Every Unit must provide a Sanitary Squad consisting of an N.C.O. and a variable number of men. Where there are 500 men or over, the number is usually 2 per cent. of the strength. In small posts there should never be less than two men. The Sanitary Squads should be excused all guards and parades. They will be permanently employed on Sanitation. The Medical Officer should supervise their work: he is responsible to the Commanding Officer that it is properly performed.

**Cleanliness and Kit Inspection.**—Company Officers will carry out weekly a Personal Cleanliness and Kit Inspection. They will note that hair is kept short, feet clean, clothing in good repair and in accordance with issue as shown on equipment card, and that boots are in good order. Boots with defective soles which let in the wet lower the vitality and are a menace to health. Each man should have and use a tooth brush. The teeth should be brushed twice daily—in the morning and before going to bed at night.

**Barrack Inspection.**—While the Orderly Officer should inspect the barracks each day, it is recommended that the Commanding Officer in person should visit all parts of the barracks each week. At this inspection he should, if convenient, be accompanied by the Medical Officer and the Quartermaster.

**Medical Inspection.**—The Medical Officer will inspect all men weekly for venereal disease, lice, and scabies. Special instructions are issued to Medical Officers relating to Inspection, and it is of the utmost importance that Commanding Officers should ensure that all men are paraded.

**Baths.**—Officers Commanding Units will arrange that weekly bathing parades are held, and that every man in the unit has a weekly bath. The bath book must be kept by each Company. If proper baths are not available, they must be improvised.

**Infectious Disease.**—A few of the common paths by which Infectious Fevers spread are:—

Typhoid—Flies, dirty hands, contaminated food.

Typhus—Lice, personal uncleanness.

Tuberculosis—Spitting, overcrowding, insufficient ventilation.

Cerebro Spinal Fever—Overcrowding and insufficient ventilation.

Diphtheria—Overcrowding and insufficient ventilation.

Measles—Overcrowding and insufficient ventilation.

Mumps—Overcrowding and insufficient ventilation.

Scarlet Fever—Overcrowding and insufficient ventilation.

**FROM OUR READERS.**

We invite contributions to this column. Letters should be of general interest. Write on one side of the paper only. Name and address should be enclosed, not necessarily for publication. Anonymous contributions ignored.

**QUERIES FROM CUSTUME BARRACKS.**

To the Editor of "An tOglach."

A Chara,—Information sought by the Western Command H.Q.'s includes the following:—

Is it true that the Fruit Ration due to the Garrison Sergeants' Mess is being allowed to accumulate for the purpose of analysis, when large enough?

Who is responsible for the good behaviour and splendid order kept in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess? Is it the Battalion Sergeant-Major? Or is it due to the rumour that the Caterer is a Jack Johnson in disguise? I am told, on a show of hands, that the rumour has gained priority, thereby saving a lot of unnecessary blood-spilling.

Who graded the Battalion Mascot "Poor Johnnie Sweeney" "C"? Is it true that the Brigade Provost Staff are clamouring for his retention or detention?

Is it true that owing to the shortage of cabbage ration in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess a noted C.Q.M.S. has to retire to the Thatch for his greens?

Is it to record the Minutes at the Meetings in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess that a proposal for a clock was put forward? We are moving with the time.

Who is the dark horse in the Heavy-Weights at Custume Barracks? Is it Who it, is it? Who was on the Derby winner, and was it Fox rode it?

Who was responsible for the row created in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess at dinner last Friday? Some say it was the Fish. "So say all of us."

The removal of all fowl from Barracks has been ordered some time back. Who is responsible for their appearance in the eggs of late?

Mise, "ROBS."

**20,000 PEOPLE HEAR ARMY BAND.**

Under the above caption the "Irish Independent" of Monday, June 23rd, published the following:—

"Remarkable scenes were witnessed at Dun Laoghaire yesterday evening, in connection with the visit to the township of the Army No. 1 Band. For some hours prior to the performance, people began to assemble in the neighbourhood of the bandstand, and when the famous musical combination arrived on the Pier, it was estimated that an audience numbering upwards of 20,000 had gathered. The crowds extended along the Pier in close formation, and Queen's Road and spaces immediately outside the railway station were thronged with enthusiasts who could not get nearer to the musicians. Numerous popular selections were given, including Col. Fritz Brase's "Irish Fantasia, No. 1," and the delightful weather-conditions enabled the various pieces to be heard with extraordinary clarity and sweetness."

It might also be mentioned that large numbers of people in sailing boats, rowboats and other craft, specially embarked in order to hear the Band at a closer approach than the dense crowds on shore permitted.

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Gaelic.

RABAS AS BAILE BUADAIN DÓ DOIMNIAIS ?  
 UÍOS, NÍ RABAS. UÍOS AR UÍUITÉ.  
 NÍ RABAS ANSO IN AON COR DÓ DOIMNIAIS.  
 UÍOS AS CÚIRT FIOSRACÁM 'SAN IARÉAR.  
 AR CUAIS SE GO D.B. A SÉAMAIS ? CUAS.  
 AN BRÉACA TÚ AN PARÁD ? CONNAC.  
 CIONNAS A TAITH SÉ LEAD ?  
 CAO BA UÍOIS LEAT DO'N PARÁD.  
 O, BÍ SÉ AR FEADAS. UÍ SÉ GO BREAS.  
 TÁ ANA ÉIREDEAMAINTE AS TUL UOS NA PEARAIB.

TÁ GO DEIMH.  
 LIOSTÁLAITE NUA DOB' EAD A BRUMÓR.  
 UÍODAR ÉAR NA BEARTAIB (GO HIONGANTAC).  
 AN BRUAIR TÚ SEIC AN MEIÉIM PÓS ?  
 AR VEINEADÓ DONGEARRA SIAR ANN ?  
 DAMEADÓ AN CÁM IONCUIM AS.  
 AN BRUAIR TÚ DO LIÚNTAS ÉIOE ?  
 FUARAS CÚPLA MÍ Ó SHIN É.

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 CÓR NA SCÁRR NARMÉA.  
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PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

Roush ig Bwalla Booin day dhownig ?  
 Vees, nee rouss. Veess err dootay.  
 Nee rouss un su in nay kur day dhownig.  
 Veess ig koort fissra kawn sun eeurhur.  
 Err koosha gu B.B. a hee ommish ? Koouss.  
 Vocka thoo a porraudh ? Kunnuck.  
 Kunnussa hahin shay lath ?  
 Koddh bu ghoe lath dun for raudh ?  
 O, vee shay err ouss. Vee shay gub braa.  
 Thaw anna hyred oont a dhull dhussna  
 farriv.

Thaw gud dine.  
 Lissthaulaha noe dub baha vurra voor.  
 Veedur horrna bartiv (guh hoonthuck).  
 Voor thoo shecka vehiv foess ?  
 Err dinug ain yarra sheeur oun ?  
 Bwanug a kawn inkum ass.  
 Voor thoo dhu loonthuss aida ?  
 Fooruss koopla mee oh hin nay.

TAIR MEE MILLUTHA.

Core, urdhun nauss, musskaid, coe yillee  
 ossa.  
 Sherraveesh deel lish, sherraveesh  
 lanoonuck.  
 Sherraveesh renna, err herraveesh kug gool.  
 Duss skorrug lenna herraveesh, rawtee paw.  
 Ain thawn, ain thawin, kiggiruckth.  
 Core nug gaur norrumha.  
 Dull list all shay, tesh teekth ay.

ENGLISH.

Were you at Bodenstown last Sunday?  
 I was, I was not, I was on duty.  
 I was not here at all on Sunday.  
 I was at a court of enquiry in the West.  
 Did you go to B. James, ? I did.  
 Did you see the Parade ? Yes.  
 How did you like it ?  
 What did you think of the parade ?  
 O, 'twas excellent, 'twas fine.  
 There is great credit due to the men.

There is so.  
 The majority of them were new recruits.  
 They were tip top (wonderful).  
 Did you get your cheque for June yet ?  
 Were there any deductions ?  
 The Income Tax was deducted.  
 Did you get your uniform allowance ?  
 I got it a few months ago.

MILITARY TERMS.

Corps, Artillery, a rifle, organisation.  
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