

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN

anxiety in his sole utterance on the subject is for the Irish Party. Special messages and messengers are flying around to choke off honest expression of opinion. Mr. Redmond is himself destroying and demoralising his party, and he might have learned by now, if he is capable of learning, that his manufactured votes of acquiescence in ruinous taxation will profit him and the Party no more than the futile votes of confidence hitherto supplied to order. It all goes back to Mr. Asquith's adroit management, and the preparations since 1909.

So the Right Honourable Mr. Justice Boyd has retired from the Bench. He was very vigorous when last heard from, and the newspapers do not say that he is broken down in health. I recommended him for a peerage with the title of Lord Boyd of Crossmaglen, but the Government has been content to reward his faithful services with a baronetcy. That is the worst of being only a bitter Whig. If he had been a renegade Home Ruler like Lord O'Brien he would have been a lord too. Sir Walter Boyd, Bart., will now have leisure to write his memoirs, being no longer engaged in reproving perjury and fabrication and unconscionable juries. A full and true account from him of the Crossmaglen Conspiracy, as a chapter in the history of Liberal Government in Ireland, would sell like hot cakes. What has appeared in The Irish Volunteer is not nearly so interesting as what has still to be disclosed. But why did Sir Walter retire? Eoin Mac Neill.

WHERE AND WHEN TO DRILL IN DUBLIN.

Recruits may enrol in the Dublin Brigade at any of the undermentioned drill centres:—

- Companies. BATT. I. A. Monday, 8 p.m., Colmcille Hall, 5 Blackhall Street. B. Monday, 8 p.m., 41 Parnell Square. C. Thursday, 8 p.m., 41 Parnell Square. D. Friday, 8 p.m., Colmcille Hall, 5 Blackhall Street. E. Thursday, 8 p.m., 25 Parnell Square. G. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Colmcille Hall, 5 Blackhall Street.

- BATT. II. B. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Father Mathew Park, Fairview. C. Wednesday, 8 p.m., 25 Parnell Square. D. Sunday morning, 11 a.m., Father Mathew Park, Fairview. E. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Father Mathew Park, Fairview. F. Thursday, 8 p.m., Father Mathew Park, Fairview. G. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Lamh Dearg Hall, Glasnevin, at Botanic Avenue.

- BATT. III. A. Monday, 8 p.m., Camden Row and 41 York Street. B. Tuesday, 8 p.m., No. 144 Gt. Brunswick St. C. Thursday, 8 p.m., Camden Row and 41 York Street. D. Thursday, 8 p.m., Thorncastle Street, Ringsend. E. Monday, 8 p.m., Cullenswood House, Oakley Road. F. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Dalkey and Dunleary, 71 Patrick Street, Kingstown.

- BATT. IV. A. Monday, 8 p.m., Larkfield, Kimmage. B. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Larkfield, Kimmage. C. Thursday, 8 p.m., Larkfield, Kimmage. D. Friday, 8 p.m., Larkfield, Kimmage. E. Monday, 8 p.m., Rathfarnham. F. Monday and Thursday, 8 p.m., Emmet Hall, Inchicore. G. Tallaght and Clondalkin, Monday and Thursday.

Sympathisers with the movement who cannot join a Company may enrol themselves in the Irish Volunteer Auxiliary.

Forms of application for membership can be procured from The Irish Volunteer Headquarters, 2 Dawson Street.

There are the following Special additional Drills for Recruits:— Saturday afternoon, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Father Mathew Park, Fairview; Camden Road, and Larkfield, Kimmage Road. Sunday mornings, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., same centres.

THE DUBLIN BRIGADE.

ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 16th 1916.

- 1. First Aid and Signalling Classes as usual. 2. Usual Lecture for Officers on Tuesday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. 3. The Engineers of 3rd and 4th Battalions will parade at Kimmage on Saturday, 15th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

M. W. O'REILLY, Deputy Adjt.

ARMS BALLOT.

Cumann na mBan Executive are holding a Drawing for Arms on Wednesday, April 19th. Eoin Mac Neill has kindly consented to draw the winning numbers.

Entry is £1, and the Drawing is open to all Volunteer Companies. Also to Cumann na mBan Branches on the understanding that the arms are given to the local Volunteers.

First Prize consists of 20 Guns; second and subsequent prizes of 10 Guns each up to the full amount of £100.

Tionól do bí ag Comairle Snéda Féinne Fáil ina nOúrbhoite cráchnóna D. Céadaoin, an Saol Lá ve'n mí ro, agus an Ceann Ceta Pádraic Mac Piaráis agus ina tiaró rin an tOíbe Eoin Mac Néill, Uachtarán, ina gceannur.

Do roghuicéad a lán neke do bain le himteacsaib na tOimríní agus le cúppáib Áppála agus Áigisio.

Do hainmuicéad foinnt oirisead. Oúnbhoite na Féinne, Át Cluac, 5 Áib, 1916.

AINMIISTE.

SluaS CORAISE—AN CéAD CÁT. An Ceaptaen Seán Ó Muiréada cum beit ina Lear-Ceann Ceta.

An Lear Ceaptaen Seán Ó Nualláin, ve Complact A, cum beit ina Ceaptaen agus ina Consantóir do'n Ceann Ceta.

An Lear-Ceaptaen C. Ó Sormáin, ve Complact D, cum beit ina Ceaptaen ar an gComplact rin.

An tOglac Seán Mac Eoinin cum beit ina Ceaptaen.

An Ceann Roinne Roibeard Langford cum beit ina Lear-Ceaptaen foctair ar Complact C.

Míre, Pádraic Mac Piaráis, Ceann Ceta, Rianairde an Oiruisce.

Oúnbhoite na Féinne, Át Cluac, 5 Áib, 1916.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

THE EASTER MANŒUVRES.

It is hoped that Commandants and Company Commanders everywhere are making suitable arrangements for the Easter Manœuvres. The word manœuvres is perhaps too ambitious a description of the kind of operations which Headquarters has in view. The exercise is really intended as a test of our power to get our men together in full numbers and with full equipment. In the better organised Brigade Districts, such as Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, and Wexford, a field operation of some little magnitude should follow; and in some of these cases bivouacs to extend over one of the nights of the Easter Holidays are being arranged for. Elsewhere a route march or a concentration of two or three local corps will perhaps be sufficient. The Brigade Commandants in every well-organised area, and in the less well-organised areas the Battalion Commandants or Company Commanders should think out a useful scheme for the local command.

EQUIPMENT.

Company Commanders should get their men into the habit of turning out with full equipment on all occasions of public parade. Full equipment means not only full arms and ammunition but bandolier or pouch, haversack, water-bottle, mess-tin, knapsack, overcoat, and all the paraphernalia mentioned in the Leaflet on the

The Central Executive of the Irish Volunteers met at Headquarters on Wednesday evening, 5th inst., Commandant P. H. Pearse and subsequently Professor Eoin Mac Neill, President, in the chair.

Various arrangements were made with regard to the movements of Organisers, to Equipment, and to Finance.

Certain appointments of officers were sanctioned.

Headquarters, 2 Dawson Street, Dublin, 5th Apr., 1916.

EASTER MANŒUVRES, 1916.

General Orders.

1. In connection with the Easter Manœuvres ordered in General Orders of 3rd April, 1916, one-day or two-day bivouacs may, at the discretion of Brigade or Battalion Commandants, be arranged in suitable localities.

2. In cases where it is not possible to arrange for field operations, route marches or concentration of neighbouring units will be held.

3. While the point of mobilisation may or may not be announced to the Companies beforehand, in accordance with local conditions, an effort will be made to send the mobilisation order to every individual Volunteer, so as to test each Company's ability to get into immediate touch with all its members.

P. H. PEARSE, Commandant, Director of Organisation.

Headquarters, 2 Dawson Street, Dublin, 8th Apr., 1916.

Field Service Kit issued by Headquarters. It is important that our men should accustom themselves to marching with all their baggage, and that they should make themselves adepts in the art of disposing their baggage about their persons with the maximum of speed, comfort, and convenience. Similarly, the Company Equipment should be always on the spot, and though not necessarily to be carried on every parade, at least always available when required.

ARMOURING.

One of last week's notes deserves to be repeated and emphasised. It is that all rifles, revolvers, and automatics in the possession of Volunteers should be tested, and any defects observed in them remedied. It should also be made certain that the bayonets fit the rifles in every case. Many guns have some slight defect which the Company Armourer can easily make good. Another point to be seen to is that every man has cleaning apparatus for his gun.

THE UPWARD WAVE.

The cause of the Irish Volunteers is now sweeping up on a wave of public sympathy similar to that which followed Howth and Bachelor's Walk. In Dublin many hundreds of recruits have joined the ranks within the past ten days. Now is the time for every officer and every man to put whatever manhood, whatever power of hard and concentrated work is in him, into the task of completing our organisation, training, and equipment. The country expects great things of us, and the way to answer the call of the country is to set our teeth and work.

Cumann na mBan

We hope that everyone will remember to support our concert for the Defence of Ireland Fund on the 16th, at 41 Parnell Square. It will begin at 8, and it is expected to be one of the best concerts of the whole season. We hope the object of the concert will appeal to all, even those who would prefer to hear no more music for the present. Tickets can be had at 2 Dawson Street from Miss Maeve Ryan, or can be had at the door on the night of the concert.

The Branch at Fairview wishes to announce that they now meet at the Fr. Mathew Park, at 8.30 on Monday and Friday.

We would suggest that Branches in remote districts should act as distributing agents for national literature, Cumann na mBan tracts, Tracts for the Times, etc. They could order supplies of them and sell them throughout their district.

Several new Branches have affiliated since our last issue: Ballyroe (near Tralee), Donoughmore (in Cork), Newbridge (Co. Derry), Chapelizod, and Enniscorthy and Killarney have restarted. Any Branches that have started and have not yet written to Headquarters ought to communicate at once with us, as we have much valuable information to give.

We hope Branches all over the country are trying to collect money for the Defence of Ireland Fund. They should get up entertainments wherever possible, as the public is always willing

How a French Section said "Merde!"

There is a tradition that when the Anglo-Prussian cavalry at Waterloo called on Gen. Cambronne's rallying-squares of the Old Guard to surrender, the General replied "The Guard dies; it does not surrender." Now this was quite true, but it was not what the General said. In the French Army they know that what he actually did say was "Merde!" This is a hard-earned expression of derision, and is the one ever since used in the French Army by any detachment that means to fight to a finish. In the recent fighting around Verdun there occurred the latest example.

Two machine-guns commanding a ravine up which the Germans were about to advance got jammed, and there was no possibility of getting more immediately: it was necessary to gain a little time. A lieutenant called for fifteen riflemen to gain the time with, and led them to the gap where the machine-guns had been. All but one were to lie down in readiness, one to keep firing into the attacking enemy as fast as he could. The others were to succeed him one at a time.

The first soldier had only fired three shots when he was killed, and the second only managed five. The third had better luck and managed to empty his magazine twice. The others continued with varying fortune. By the time fresh machine-guns were got into position there were only three men still alive. But in the result an

essential requisite for the so-named guerilla divisions is facility of motion. For so-called surprises, which are made only at short distances, the enemy is too far off.

"With my small army I must by no means engage in any war on the frontier; for this would be to abandon it in detail, and with it at the same time our country. This is my conviction. I am very sorry, honoured President, that this conviction of mine is diametrically opposed to what you anticipate from the guerilla war. With what hearty good-will would I accede to the carrying out of all your projects, were it in any way possible under the existing local circumstances.

"The defile of Nádas is said to be a pass which might be rendered impracticable with little labour. For the last six days, under the protection of a strong brigade, considerable forces have been working at it; and the whole result obtained is, that if this point be left by us to-day, the enemy will restore the road in two days' time. And soon this point must be quitted, because the men cannot endure the fatigue much longer. One-third of the brigade is unfit for service from want of footwear; 500 men are already ill. Half of those who can do duty are constantly at the outposts, day and night, under the open sky, and not even the Honvéd soldiers have cloth garments."

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