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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1915.

### Headquarters' Bulletin

The Central Executive of the Irish Volunteers met at Headquarters on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., Professor Eoin Mac Neill, President, in the chair, and again on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., Commandant P. H. Pearse, Director of Organisation, in the chair.

At each meeting reports were received from the members of the Headquarters' Staff, from the Finance Secretary and from the Treasurers, and the necessary orders made.

The Executive desires to impress upon Company Officers the desirability of making determined efforts to complete the armament of their units, and of utilising to the full the increased facilities for training afforded by the spring months. It also desires to point out that valuable training can be secured even in the absence of a skilled instructor.

Headquarters, 41 Kildare Street,  
Dublin, 10th Mar., 1915.

#### THE IRISH FLAG.

Every Company of Irish Volunteers is to provide itself with an Irish Flag, which is to be carried on recruiting marches, at church parades, etc. The authorised flag is a plain gold harp on a green ground, and no other flag, except authorised regimental colours, is to be carried by bodies of Irish Volunteers. Companies should be exercised in saluting the flag.

P. H. PEARSE,

Director of Organisation.

Headquarters, 41 Kildare Street,

Dublin, 10th Mar., 1915.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are made by Headquarters:—

##### Headquarters' Staff.

The following members of the Headquarters' Staff to be Commandants, unattached: Captain P. H. Pearse, Captain The O'Kahilly, Joseph Plunkett, Bulmer Hobson.

##### DUBLIN BRIGADE.

Captain T. Sheehan to be Brigade Chief of Engineering, with rank of Commandant.

##### 1st Battalion.

Captain Edward Daly to be Commandant.  
Captain Pierce Beasley to be Vice-Commandant.

Lieut. James O'Sullivan to be Adjutant.  
Volunteer Gearoid O Griobhtha to be Quartermaster.

##### 2nd Battalion.

Captain Thomas Mac Donagh to be Commandant.

Captain Thomas Hunter to be vice-Commandant.

Instructor Eimar O'Duffy to be Adjutant.

Coy. Secretary Michael O hAnnrachain to be Quartermaster.

##### 3rd Battalion.

Captain Ed. De Valera to be Commandant.

Captain John Fitzgibbon to be Vice-Commandant.

Captain Patrick Begley to be Adjutant.  
Volunteer James Byrne to be Quartermaster.

##### 4th Battalion.

Captain Eamonn Ceannt to be Commandant.

Lieut. Cathal Brugha to be Vice-Commandant.

Lieut. James Murphy to be Adjutant.  
Lieut. James Kenny to be Quartermaster.

P. H. PEARSE,

Director of Organisation.

Headquarters, 41 Kildare Street,  
Dublin, 10th Mar., 1915.

#### NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

##### ARMS.

The need for every Company to put whatever money it has at its disposal into arms is obvious. Some Company Treasurers talk very complacently about the balances they have to credit, but no Company ought to have any balance to credit. All the money we have or can raise should be expended forthwith on the one purpose for which Volunteer funds are intended, the completion of our armament. Beyond the mere routine expenses for rent, stationery, etc.—and these should be cut down to a minimum—there is, and must be, no claim on our resources except the one. Every penny we can command must be put into arms and ammunition. We shall then be in a real sense a force of Volunteers, and shall be in a position to intervene with effect when we are called upon to do so in pursuance of our fundamental object—the securing and the safeguarding of Irish rights and liberties. Let it be understood that our aim is exactly what it was in the

beginning, and that our immediate business is to put ourselves in a position to be able to act in pursuance of our aim should action become necessary. Neither now nor in the future do we intend to go off on any side issue. For the moment, then, the programme is: arm and train.

##### WHERE TO GET THEM.

When urged to arm themselves Companies sometimes ask, "But where are we to get arms?" Where there is a will there is a way. They surely do not expect us to publish lists of our depots in the Press. Only the Anti-Home-Rulers of Ulster can afford to do that. It ought to be sufficient to say that it is still possible for Volunteer Companies to arm. At every moment from the start of the movement up to the present arms have been available for every Company that has been able to pay for them. Sometimes the exact pattern that people happen to fancy may not be on the market, but we cannot afford to be fastidious.

##### TRAINING.

Several rural Companies have reported to Headquarters that training is at a standstill for want of an instructor. Such Companies show an extraordinary failure to grasp the realities of the situation. By far the most important and necessary part of Volunteer training can be had nearly as well in the absence of an instructor as in the presence of an instructor. As has been so often insisted on in the orders and notes sent out by Headquarters, the three essentials are Marching, Marksmanship, and Scouting. No instructor is required for any of these. Marching can be practised on any Sunday or week-night, and an instructor is quite unnecessary. A competent instructor will, of course, be able to give many useful hints on rifle-shooting, but it is indubitable that one can make himself a good marksman without any instructor at all. As for scouting, it is a thing which can be learned but cannot be taught. An instructor can only give hints; the scout must train himself. The only part of our training for which an instructor is necessary is formal foot-drill, and this, though valuable, is by far the least important item in our programme. In a word, the excuse that training is at a standstill for want of an instructor cannot be accepted as valid. Again and again we insist that for the really essential part of our training the local leader who has his head properly screwed on is just as competent as, in many cases more competent than, the ex-army man. Indeed, apart from some half-a-dozen men of exceptional ability and devotion, it may very well be questioned whether our ex-military trainers are able to give us value for their salaries. Some member of the Headquarters' Staff are strongly of opinion that money might well be saved on instructors' salaries and devoted to arming. Once and for all, Headquarters will not accept the excuse that training cannot be carried on in a district for want of an instructor.