

The History of the 32nd Dublin Company



The Boys' Brigade

How it all began:

In 1883 the Superintendent of a Presbyterian Sabbath School in Glasgow was experiencing difficulty in holding the interest and attendance of his older boys. In an effort to solve the problem he conceived the idea of The Boys' Brigade and formed the first Company with 28 boys and 3 officers. Thus was born the pioneer movement for boys.

That Sabbath School Superintendent and Elder of the Kirk William Smith, could scarcely have foreseen that from such a small beginning would emerge the present worldwide organisation which has inspired the formation of kindred movements in many lands.

From the beginning the 32nd Dublin Company of the Boys' Brigade was built on the twin pillars of Religion and Discipline. Its object laid down by the founder, still remains as inscribed on the enrollment declaration of the 32nd Company and is as follows:

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline. Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness"

We salute the memory of Sir William Smith and honour all who, under God, have led the Boys' Brigade towards that great end.

The History of the 32nd Dublin Company

On the 3rd March 1900 the 32nd Dublin Company of the Boys' Brigade was enrolled in connection with the Clontarf Presbyterian Church. But let us first go back before that historic date to 1892.

During the Autumn of this year enthusiasm for the Boys' Brigade was spreading rapidly and Clontarf was caught up in this new wave. A company was formed which was connected jointly with the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Churches and was under the joint Presidency of the Rector, Rev Mc N. Bradshaw and our Minister Rev J.L. Morrow M.A. Its title is the 12th Dublin Company and by the close of the session the total strength was three Officers six N.C.O's and fifty Boys.

Among the activities are a Fife and Drum Band and Association football, which, incidentally was played on the ground then adjoining our Church. This ground was, however taken over by Clontarf Rugby Football Club. The weekly parade of the Company is held in the Parochial Hall, Seafield and Howth Road Schools alternately, but was transferred later to the Town Hall, Clontarf.

A large Company, however can become unweildy, and so on 8th November, the 12th Dublin Company is re-enrolled, this time in connection with Clontarf Church of Ireland Church only.

10th November 1899

Just two days after the enrollment of the 12th Company the first parade of the newly formed 32nd Dublin Company was held in the Howth Road Schools under the Captaincy of Dr James Robertson, LL.D., and the Presidency of Rev J.L. Morrow, M.A. Fifteen boys attend, but by the end of the session the total number on the roll has risen to twenty-one.

The history of the 32nd Dublin Company has begun.

1900 - 1910

3rd March 1900

The Company was enrolled on this date , Dr Robertson being Captain. The Companys' first Colour Sergeant was Robert K. Lyle in 1901.

1903 - 04

During the Summer of this year the Company held its first Camp at Rush. A combined camp with the 4th Company (Scots Church). This session was noted for the resignation of Dr Robertson from the Captaincy. Mr John Watson succeeding him. The gymnastic instructor was Sgt Green (British Army), Bandmaster J.H.Lowe Lieutenants W.L. Wardlaw, J. Dallas, and Dr Robertson. A Bugle Band was started and a single stick team performed at the annual demonstration.

1904 - 05

This session concluded with a successful Display at which £21-6-5 was raised. In July the combined camp with the 4th Company was again held at Rush.

1905-06

A Barbell team performed at the Annual Battalion Demonstration the gymnastic instructor was Mr R.B. Milne. The band was under the guidance of Mr Boyne. A combined camp was held at Gormanstown, during the summer.

1908 - 09

Mr R.N. Wardlaw was appointed Lieutenant. Mr J. Dallas succeeded Mr Milne as gymnastic instructor.

1909 - 1910

During the summer the combined camp was held in Delgany. At the end of this session Mr J. Watson resigned the Captaincy and Mr R.N. Wardlaw was appointed in his place. The Lieutenants being Dr Robertson and Mr Ralph Wardlaw. The gymnastic instructor was Sgt Instructor Tubb.

It is interesting to note that during these years gymnastic instruction was undertaken by British Army Personnel. Thus accounting for the very gymnastically orientated Company which is a hallmark of the 32nd Company.

1910 - 1920

From 1914 to 1919 we find many changes in the personnel of the Companys' staff. Most of the Officers are on active service with Her Majesty's Forces together with a large number of Old Boys

1910 - 11

The opening parade of this session had to report "A very good turnout of old members and 7 likely recruits". On the Battalion Demonstration the Company performed Swedish exercises which are reported to have been done exceptionally well. During April the Eleventh Annual Inspection and Gymnastic display was held in the Town Hall, Clontarf. The Inspecting Officer was Lieutenant Col F.H. Mac Mamara of the 5th Royal Dublin Fusiliers. The Battalion Inspection held at Sybil Hill Clontarf was attended by 24 Boys and Officers.

1911 - 12

This session was noted for the institution of the afternoon Company Bible class. Mr S. Feary succeeds Dr Robertson as Lieutenant. During the session the Company team performed Vaulting horse and Swedish exercises. The Inspecting Officer for the Twelfth Annual Display was Capt. S.G. Wheeler Adjut. (Royal Dublin Fusiliers). The programme, it was recorded, "Was up to its usual standard but the audience very thin" The Battalion Inspection was held in Lansdowne Rd.. The total turnout being down with only 16 Boys and Officers present. During the summer the Company experienced an independent camp at Loughshinney, Skerries Co Dublin attended by 8 Boys, 1 Staff Sgt, 2 Officers and 1 acting Officer. The events of the camp being recorded briefly and to the point "Weather stormy, two days wet, remainder showery. Camp a success, Expenses cleared, No casualties.

1912 - 13

At the opening parade the total attendance was, past members and possible recruits in total, 28. Mr A.E. Dallas and Mr A.P. Lyle were appointed Lieutenants. Mr S. Feary resigned. Sgt. Major Murphy succeeded Sgt Instructor Tubb as gymnastic instructor. Camp was again independent and held at Loughshinney.

1913 -14

Most of the Officers were on active service.

1915 - 16

Mr R.H. Feary and Mr A.N. Brown were appointed Lieutenants during this session. A chair-trick team performed at the Battalion Demonstration under the command of Sgt. Major Watkin who succeeded Sgt Major Murphy as gymnastic instructor.

1916 - 17

A "Horse" team performed at the Battalion demonstration. Owing to Army removals a continuous change of instructors took place until 1918. Sgt Major Dillis instructed gymnastics.

1917 - 18

As the Captain had ceased to reside in the district he found it impossible to continue the afternoon Bible Class. Mr D. Watts was appointed Lieutenant and Dr Shepphard conducted an ambulance class. Vaulting horse was again the item at the Battalion demonstration.

1918 - 19

In the middle of the session Capt. R.N. Wardlaw had to announce his resignation as he was going to Australia. At the same time Sgt Major Whitham who succeeded Sgt Major Dillis was removed from Dublin. However vaulting horse was again the item for the Battalion demonstration. Ambulance classes were still instructed by Dr Shepphard.

1919 - 20

Mr A.E. Dallas was appointed Captain. Mr D. Watts and Mr A.M. Brown resign and Mr T.J. Lewis was appointed Lieutenant. The Captain instructed gymnastics. Mr J. Smellie presented a cup to the Company to be competed for annually. Vaulting horse was again the item for the Battalion demonstration. In 1920 we break new ground and visit Sandyford, Co Dublin. for a picnic with the Girls' Brigade.

Even in the earliest days the 32nd Company was renowned for their Vaulting Horse items.

1920 - 21

Mr N.H. Cooke was appointed Lieutenant. The Captain again instructed gymnastics and horse was again the Battalion demonstration item. The success of the previous years "picnic" lead to another trip to Sandyford this time with the aid of a CHAR - A- BANC.

1921 - 22

Rugby football now appears for the first time in our records. A match being played on St Stephens' Day 1921 between the 32nd and 5th Dublin Companies. As a result of this match Mr David G. Baird, a member of Clontarf Football Club, presents the Baird Cup for competition between Dublin Companies, and we believe that this is the first official appearance of the handling code in our Battalion. The annual display was inspected by Col Comm R.D.S. Oldman C.M.G. D.S.O. Sgt Major Brisbane as gymnastic instructor presented a Swedish exercise team to the Battalion demonstration.

1922 - 23

This year seems to have been a busy one. Corporal (later Sgt) Joe Gibson puts our name in the Battalion Awards list for the first time by winning the competition for Battalion Bugler. Dr George Buchanan, a good friend of the Company instructs the Ambulance class. At the Battalion Demonstration the Vaulting horse team win the "Certificate of Merit" for the best item. Thus crowning the previous years efforts. In the Summer the first joint camp with the 12th Dublin Company was held at Conway, North Wales. This camp we understand experienced one of the most violent storms for many years. However this Camp seems to have set the pattern for future camps, inall of which the 12th Company and ourselves are close partners.

1923 -24

Mr A.E. Dallas and Mr N.H. Cooke resigned. T.J. Lewis was appointed Captain J.E. McDowell instructed gymnastics Dr Buchanan gave a second course of Ambulance instructions... For the second session in succession the Company reached the final of the Rugby football competition. The important feature of this session was the resumption of the Company Bible class on a Sunday afternoon. In May the Company held a picnic to Sandyford. In July a combined camp with the 12th Dublin Company was held at Silver Strand Wicklow and here begins our Companys' association with Silver Strand. J.E. Allen and J.A. McIvor started the Life Boy team.

1924 -25

Once again the camp was held at Silver Strand during the July of this year. At the Officers meeting held on 14th September 1924 prior to the new session it was decided that in order to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the enrollment of the Company a Concert was organised. An Old Boys Club was formed in an effort to keep the past-members together. The 25th Celebrations were commemorated by a B.B. service both in the morning and evening. The latter was preached to by the then Captain of the 1st Dublin Company G.W. Shannon and at the Bible class Dr Robertson told the boys something of the early days of the Company.

1925 - 26

The Company won the Baird Cup after many years building up to it. The camp was held at Silver Strand. The Officers decided to tighten up the discipline in the Company this session. A list of rules were drawn up and circulated.

One of these rules reads as follows:

"Members shall always salute their Officers when they meet them or go up to address them, either on or off parade and shall always use 'Sir' when addressing an Officer"
One such rule that no longer survives.

1926 -27

The Company's Rugby team once again won the Baird Cup. Inverkip, Scotland, was the scene of our 1927 Camp, this time we were joined by the 27th & 12th Dublin and the Gourock Companies who invited us.

1927 - 28

On our invitation the Gourock Companies camped with us (ie: 12th, 27th & 32nd Companies) at Silver Strand, Wicklow.

1928 - 29

Mr T.J.Lewis resigned the Captaincy and Mr N.H. Cooke was appointed his successor. We again camped at Inverkip as in previous years.

1929 - 30

Mr N.H. Cooke found that due to pressure of work he would have to resign the Captaincy, the vacancy was filled by the reappointment of Mr T.J. Lewis as Captain. The Annual Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. Over the years this had become the venue for all our Displays. At the end of the session Mr Lewis intimated he would no longer be able to carry on as Captain. Camp was held with the 12th Company at Silver Strand, Co Wicklow.

1930 - 1940

1930 - 31

Mr T.J.Lewis resigned the Captaincy and appointed Mr R.P. Dawson as his successor. Mr N.H. Cooke was gymnastic Instructor. The Annual Sports was well supported. Sergt Hoy won the 100 yds Senior Championship Cpl S.H. Polden won the mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Senior Handicap races. We were runners up for the Plunkett Cup, the winners having $13\frac{1}{2}$ points to their credit to our 13 points. We camped during July at Silver Strand Wicklow along with the 12th & 27th Companies and the Gourock Company. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall on the 17th April. Dr James Bell ScD being the Inspection Officer.

1931 - 32

Mr N.H. Cooke resigned and Mr N.E. Dawson was appointed to instruct gymnastics. A set of Company rules were drafted printed and inserted in each members card. The first inter Battalion Rugby match was played at Leith and Sergt Deane and Pte J. Cuthbertson were selected from the Company for the Dublin Battalion Team. Our item on the Battalion Demonstration was "Vaulting Horse" and the Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall on 21st April. Sir Robert Tate, K.B.E. FTCD being Inspecting Officer. The Company reached the final of the Baird Cup but were defeated by the holders, the 1st Dublin Co.. Camp was held at Treaddur Bay North Wales with the 12th Dublin Co. This was our first visit there.

1932 - 33 (Brigade Jubilee Year)

During this session activities were much the same as usual. We again camped with the 12th & 27th Companies at Loughshinney Co Dublin. The previous camps at Loughshinney were in 1912 & 1913 some 20 years previous. The Camp was reported to have been a most successful one, the weather being hot. The Jubilee Celebrations of the Boys' Brigade held in Glasgow in September was attended by three Officers and six Boys from the Company. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall on 5th April with Major Drummond as Inspecting Officer.

1933 - 34

Various items of training were carried out. The Battalion Demonstration was again the Vaulting Horse. A combined camp was held at Trearrdur Bay and was reported to be very successful from every point of view. The Rugby XV were unlucky to be beaten in the final of the Baird Cup by the 1st Co. who scored a try in the last 5 minutes of play. The Inspecting Officer for the Display was Capt E. Vance Mason. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall on the 25th April.

1934 - 35

The number of Boys on the role was 30, the largest in the Company since 1927 - 28. Owing to Mr N.E. Dawson having to carry out business throughout the country the gymnastics were instructed by the newly appointed Lieutenants Mr E.Hoy and Mr S.H.Polden. Ambulance, Signalling and Buglers classes were held all through the session. It was a successful session even though only two boys attended camp at Greystones, the chief reason for this being that it was not possible for our Officers to attend.

1935 - 36

This session opened on 1st October without any changes to our staff except for the appointment of Mr C.E. Polden and G. Russell as Staff Sergeants. 26 Boys attended our opening parade and the attendance throughout the session was exceptionally good. Camp deserves a special mention. The venue was Portsmouth where one of Lord Nelsons' famous ships the "Implacable" (This ship was captured from the French fleet during the Napoleonic wars and was known as the Foudroyant) was to be our Camp. The Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert was anchored nearby. The Camp easily adjusted to a Naval routine and was highlighted by a visit to His Majestys' Dockyard where an inspection of H.M.S. Renown, a Submarine and Nelsons own ship Victory were an experience not easily repeated.

1936 - 37

This session Mr R.P. Dawson resigned the Captaincy and Mr R. McClure was appointed. We had a good session and the Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall where Mr J.J.Lewis was the Inspecting Officer. Camp was held at Treaddur Bay in combination with the 12th Dublin Co.

1937 - 38

We started this session with practically a new staff. All the Officers except the Captain resigned due to pressure of business, or moving elsewhere. The positions were partially filled by a former N.C.O. R. Giddings, and the appointment of G.W. Green as Lieutenant. Mr R.C. Jones was promoted to Staff Sergeant. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall with Mr Joseph Miller a member of the Belfast Battalion Executive as Inspecting Officer. The Lord Mayor Alderman Byrne also attended. On Sunday 10th April the company hired a S.N.R. Bus and travelled to Belfast to take part in the Belfast Battalion Jubilee Celebrations and it is reported that they had a "splendid time".

1937 - 38 contd.

This year saw the start of the Bugle Band again under the direction of Mr Joe Foote. We also started Semaphore signalling and won the "Certificate of Merit" within the Battalion. Our camp was held at Castlerock Co Derry with the 12th Company and we had a most enjoyable time except for one very unfortunate accident. Pte. G. Newell a member of the 12th Co fell off the Cliffs and was fatally injured, he died on August Monday 1-8-38 We broke camp the next day and both Companies attended the funeral.

1938 -39

One new Officer enrolled this year, Mr J Foote (ex 7th Co) There was a very successful Display in the Y.M.C.A. Hall with Mr MacVicker as Inspecting Officer. The Lord Mayor was also at the Display. On the following Sunday morning Mr MacVicker preached from the Pulpit of Clontarf Presbyterian Church and is reported to have given an inspiring address on the B.B. at home and abroad. Our combined camp with the 12th Co. was held at Wharf Bay, Anglesea. Mr McClure was C.O. Also during this year Sgt. R. Ferguson won the Battalion Bugle.

1939 - 40

The staff remained unchanged from the previous year and a successful session was completed. Our Display was held in a packed Abbey Lecture Hall and was reported to have been one of the most successful Displays ever seen in Dublin. We were fortunate in securing Sir John Maffey, The British Representative in Ireland, as our Inspecting Officer. Lady Maffey presented the awards. The sad point of the year was the death of the Chaplain The Very Rev Dr J. L. Morrow who died on the 6th May 1940. Rev Morrow was with the Company since its enrollment some forty years previous. The Company paraded at the funeral and preceded the cortege out of Clontarf. We had no camp this year on account of the war situation. On a brighter note the Company won the Sports cup, The Semaphore Certificate of Merit and were second in the Efficiency cup. Pte. W.Buchanan won the Battalion Bugle.

1940 - 41

This year the Company for the first time ever started the session without a President . The Rev J. Murray Moore our new Minister was eventually appointed and proved himself a very able President. Sgt Sterling was promoted to Staff Sgt. and the rest of the staff carried on as usual. We started soccer this session, we entered a team for the Duckett Cup and finished in 3rd place in the Battalion. We also for the first time brought the Squad Drill Shield to Clontarf. The Inspection was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall with Mr H.J. Scott the Battalion Adjutant as Inspecting Officer. We also added to our collection of trophies this session the Mannix Shield for Morse Signalling and the Plunkett Cup for Sports. This was the first time in the history of the Company that we possessed three Battalion Trophies in the one session. We held a very successful Camp with the 12th Company at Carlingford Co Louth.

1941 - 42

This session Mr McClure resigned the Captaincy and Mr S.N.Greene was appointed in his place. Mr J.K. McLean was appointed Lieutenant and we had a most enjoyable camp in Greystones with the 12th Company. Our Football team won the Duckett Cup and Lord Holmpatrick was our Inspecting Officer at the Display.

1942 - 43

This session saw Lieutenant McLean leaving to join the Royal Artillery and Mr W.J. Bothwell was appointed as a Lieutenant. It was a momentous session being one in which we published 'Bugle Call' the Company magazine. It was published monthly at 4d per copy. Mr Bothwell was the Editor and Staff Sgt. Oak was the assistant Editor. Unfortunately it only lasted for the session as the expenses were too heavy and income too light. Mr David Gray an American Minister inspected the Company at the annual Display. We held our Camp at Skerries with the 12th Company. Pte J.McCully won the Battalion Bugle.

1943 -44

The session started with an increased number of Boys' Mr F.W. Stirling was appointed a Lieutenant and Mr M. Browne returned to the Company as an Officer. We won no trophies this year except for Pte. J.McCully winning the Battalion Bugle for the second year. Mr G.W. Greene resigned the Captaincy at the end of this session and Mr Foote was unanimously appointed to the position. A most successful Camp was held in Cootehill, Co Cavan with the 12th Company. Major MacColl (Canadian Trade Commision) acted as Inspecting Officer at our Display. A "Rally and Bring and Buy Sale" was organised in aid of a new floor fund. It raised £65.

1944 - 45

The Company functioned as usual this session. Warfilms were shown one night and the Old Boys organised a dance in St Georges Hall. Our Inspecting Officer for the Display was Mr R.M. Smyllie (Editor of the Irish Times). We went to Camp with the 22th Dublin and 3rd Lurgan Companies at Silver Strand Co Wicklow and it was reported that there was a "Wonderful spirit of Comradeship".

1945 - 46

Two new addition to our staff. Staff Sergeant R.Oak was appointed to Warrent Officer and Sergeant A. Dyas to Staff Sergeant. Our B.B. Week total was £34-12-6 , a new record. Dr J.M. Lyle (First session Old Boy) addressed Old Boys at the Christmas Bible class. Wing Commander G.V.R. Johnson D.F.C., UK Air Attache (an old boy of the 1st Glasgow) was our Inspecting Officer for our Display in the Abbey Lecture Hall The 12th Dublin and 3rd Lurgan Companies once again accompanied us to Silver Strand for our Camp which again was most enjoyable Cpl. J.McCully scored the "Hat Trick" by winning the Battalion Bugle for the third time.

1946 - 47

Mr Cecil Watts was appointed as Ambulance Instructor. The Company presented a War Memorial in the form of a Baptisimal Font to the Church on 30th March. The Font was unveiled by Pt's Alex White and John Halliwell. The inscription on the font reads as follows:

— This Font —
 —The Gift of the 32nd Dublin Company, The Boys' Brigade —
 —To the Children of the Church—
 — in dedicated —
 —In Humble Thanksgiving' for the safe return from —
 —war of all those who went from the Congregation —
 —and the Companys' ranks to serve that peace might live—
 30-III-47

The Rt. Rev The Moderator of the General Assembly Dr T.Byers was our Inspecting Officer at our Display in the Abbey Lecture Hall . It was not possible to arrange Camp this year

1947 -48

Mr R.Oak was appointed Lieutenant. Our B.B. week raised £43-0-3, breaking our previous record. The Vice-President of the Battalion Mr R.M. Wolfe was our Inspecting Officer at our 48th Annual Display. We camped at Dundrum, Co Down with the 12th Dublin and 3rd Lurgan and 3rd Portadown Companies which was very successful. We won the Ambulance Shield for the first time.

1948 - 49

Mr J.A. Foote resigned the Captaincy and Mr W.J.Bothwell was appointed in his place. Mr J. McCully, Mr David Laird and Mr Alfred Branigan were appointed Warrent Officers. Lieutenant R.Oak resigned. B.B. week raised £45-11-0 another record. Our Inspecting Officer Mr W.A. Sheldon T.D. travelled from Donegal to the Abbey Lecture Hall for our Display. Camp was held at Frearddur Bay North Wales with the 12th Dublin Co. and was a magnicifent success. During the session the Company presented the Schools with an Electric clock and the Company contributed £66-15-9 towards the re-flooring of the Schools. We won the Ambulance Shield for the second year.

1949 - 50 The Companys' Jubilee Session

The Companys strength this session was 33 Boys. The staff of the Company was as follows: Captain N.J. Bothwell, Lieutenants J. McCully, D. Laird. Warrent Officers J McBairn, D. Stirling, Staff Sergeant W.H. Cooke, Colour Sergeant G. Wheeler. We won the Ambulance Shield for the third year in succession. The Jubilee Inspection was held in the Mansion House on Friday 3rd March 1950 at 7.45pm. At this there was a parade of the Old Boys near the end of the show. The Inspecting Officer was Mr T.J. Lyons (Captain of the Company 1923 - 30). Other Jubilee Events took place, namely the Old Boys and Friends Dinner in the Royal Hibernian Hotel. A Thanksgiving Service in Clontarf Presbyterian Church was preached to by the Rev Robert K.Lyle M.A. (An Old Boy and the Companys first Colour Sergeant). At another Thanksgiving Service attended by the Company and Old Boys, the Company was presentd by the Old Boys, with a new Colour. The Old Colour was laid up in the Clontarf Presbyterian Church. In 1955 it was presented to Rev. L.J.Atkinson who brought it to Australia to be used as the Colour of the 1st Renmark Company. During the session a 16 page Jubilee Souvenir was published giving the history of the Company. The Camp was a joint one with the 12th Dublin Co. held at Treaddur Bay. Mr Maybury (Captain of the 12th Co) was C.O.

1950 - 51

The Fifty First Annual Inspection and Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. The Inspecting Officer was Mr R.A. Cuthbertson (Ex Lieutenant). The Camp was held with the 12th Dublin Co at Treaddur Bay for the third year in succession. Mr Bothwell was the C.O. At the end of the session Mr Bothwell resigned the Captaincy and was later appointed as Vice President of the Company. Mr Campbell Collins was appointed Captain in his place.

1951 - 52

Mr Erskine Childers, the then Minister for Posts & Telegraphs was our Inspecting Officer for our Display which was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. The Camp was held at Dunoon, Scotland. The site was not good and it rained practically all the time except for two days. Despite this camp was enjoyed by everyone of the Boys present.

1952 - 53

Our Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall and was inspected by Dr J.K.L. McKeon Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Ballywalter, Co Down was the venue for our Camp with the 12th Dublin Co. In March we held a variety concert organised by Lieutenant T. McBain jointly with Lieutenant Murphy of the 12th Co.

1953 - 54

We changed over to the new style Haversack this session and the Boys were asked to contribute two shilling towards the cost. The Inspecting Officer at our Display was Alderman A.Byrne T.D. The Battalion Inspection this year was held in Lansdowne Road R.F.C. at which we performed a Vaulting Horse item with the 12th Dublin Co. The Camp was held at Treaddur Bay with the 12th Company.

1954 -55

The Joint Camp was held for the first time at Port Erin, Isle of Man. The Battalion Show was held at the National Boxing Stadium and we performed on the Parallel Bars.

1956 -57

Our Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. Rev F.H. Welshman B.A. who was taking up duties for two years as assistant Minister to Mr Murray Moore was our Inspecting Officer. The Camp was again held on the same site in the Isle of Man. B.B. week raised £80. There were extra Summer activities this year including cricket matches and trips down the Bull Wall

1957 - 58

This session we lost Lieutenant G.B. Wheeler. He emigrated to North Rhodesia. Staff Sergeant T. Brett left us to go on a world tour. Camp was held at Benllech Bay. Anglesey.

1958 - 59

This year the Baird Cup was again brought back to the Company. Mr Moore was so delighted with the result of this competition that he treated the entire 15 to a film at the Killester Cinema. The Company put on two items on the Battalion Demonstration, Pyramids and Parallel Bars. The Inspecting Officer for our Display was Lieut Col R.W. Bunworth (Army H.Q.). Mr Cambell Collins resigned the Captaincy and Mr Eric Ryan was appointed as the new Captain. Camp was combined with the 12th, 1st and 22nd Dublin Companies and was held at Rhosnieyer, North Wales. B.B. week raised £72.

1959 - 60 Diamond Jubilee Session

Our Diamond Jubilee Display was held on 8th April in the Mansion House with the Rt Rev Dr A.B. Smyth as Inspecting Officer. The staff consisted of the following: Lieutenants D. Oak, W. Cooke, Warrent Officer J.P. Brown and Staff Sergeants E.B. Dawson and John Mitchell. In December six Senior Boys represented the Company at the funeral of Mr Shannon, former Battalion President for many years.

There was also an Old Boys Diamond Jubilee dinner held in the Royal Hibernian Hotel. A Beetle drive was held in aid of Company funds. The evening cost 2/6 per person. The Company beat the 1st Dublin Company in the final of the Baird Cup.

1960 - 1970

1960 - 61

We began the session with 20 Boys and 6 Staff. At the Christmas Bible Class Mr Tom Brett handed over to the Company a book which he brought from Australia. A gift from the 1st Renmark Co. L/Cpl Norman Leeson was awarded 1st place in the Battalion N.C.O.'s Proficiency Cert and Cpl David Haisley won the Battalion Bugle - it was 15 years since the 32nd had last held it. A Jumble sale was held in October in aid of Company funds, it raised £50. A new rule was passed prohibiting boys from smoking whilst on the school premises and Officers would attempt to dissuade boys from smoking. Our Inspecting Officer was His Honour Judge Deale. The Band was again functioning Camp was held at Benllech Bay, and we were joined by 1 Officer and 4 Boys of Carrickmacross Company. Lieutenant Billy Cooke was C.O. The Company was bequeathed £25. which was used to buy a new gym mat.

1961 - 62

David Haisley won the Silver Bugle for the 2nd year running. Colour Sergeant Albert Stuart represented the Battalion at the F.D.F.. International Camp at Marselishev, Denmark. The Band played at Lansdowne Road for the Brigade Council and David Haisley played the Last Post at the closing. The Display was poorly attended due to a bus strike. Camp was held at Port Erin Isle of Man.

1962 - 63

The cost of the Boys uniform went up this year to 10/8. The Company was beaten in the final of the Baird Cup. The Display was held in the Metropolition Hall, the Inspecting Officer was Dr Robert Nixon, a member of the Stormont Parliament. We began Wayfaring classes this session. Camp was again held at Port Erin, Isle of Man.

1963 - 64

The Boys sang Carols at the Christmas Nativity play performed by the 5th Company Girls Brigade. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall and we got extensive press coverage as our Inspecting Officer was Colonel R.G. New Director of Army Engineering. The 5th Company G.B. and the 32nd Lifeboys Team also took part in the Display and as usual the music was provided by the 14th Company. Camp was held at Port Erin, Isle of Man.

1964 - 65

Mr Eric Ryan retired from the Captaincy and the Minister of the Church, Rev S.J. McCollum took over in his place. B.B. week raised the highest amount at the time £82-15-4. A very successful Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall Captain W.R. Cuffe Smith of Aer Lingus was our Inspecting Officer. The 5th Co Girls Brigade, 32nd Life Boys and 8th Dublin Scout Troop took part in the Display. St Georges Brass Band provided the music. Camp was held at Benllach Bay. The C.O. was Lieutenant D. Oak. A new cup was presented to the Company by Mrs McCrum in memory of her late husband, The Samuel McCrum Memorial Cup for Scripture Knowledge.

1965 - 66

Rev McCollum retired from the Captaincy and Mr W. Durie took over as Captain. B.B. week raised £98. The Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall and the Dean of St Patricks Cathedral, Rev J.W. Armstrong was our Inspecting Officer. Camp was held at Shanklin Isle of Wight for the first time. The Officers decided to hold a parents evening in May to meet the boys parents formally.

1966 - 67

The Company won the Plunkett Cup for sports. The name of the "Life Boys" was changed to "The Junior Section" this year. The Senior boys again went to the Glen of Imaal for a weekend. Sgt R. Garrett presented a cheque for £500.00 to the Dean of St Patricks Cathedral in aid of the Brigade International Extension fund. The money was raised as part of the events to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Dublin Battalion. Camp was held in the Isle of Man this year. A very successful Display was held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. Mr C. Graham Secretary of the N.I. District was our Inspecting Officer.

1967 - 68

The session began with 26 Boys. B.B. week raised £110. The Display was again held in the Abbey Lecture Hall. Mr James Duke M.A. (Headmaster of St Andrews College) inspected the Company. Captain Durie was our delegate at Brigade Council in Belfast. Camp was held in Port Erin, Isle of Man.

1968 - 69

More gymnastic equipment was purchased this year including a trampete and vaulting frame. The Company applied for affiliation to Comhairle le las Oige as it was thought to be a useful organisation. In October/November we entertained, instructed and were responsible for the Rev A.E. Madala (C.C. A.P. Malawi) as this was part of his training under the I.E.F. scheme. The First Aid team under Sergeant Tommy Moloney won the Battalion First Aid Shield. Camp was held at Port Erin, Isle of Man. The C.O. was Curate McClatchie (12th Dublin Co). A very successful Display was inspected by Garda T. Casey.

1969 - 70

The Companys' staff numbered twelve. Orienteering became a popular activity in the Company and this enthusiasm was led by Warrent Officer R. Garrett. The Company won the Boydell Shield for P.T. and during March we travelled to Lurgan to play a Soccer match. As this was our 70th session we asked an ex Captain of the Company, Mr R.P. Dawson to be our Inspecting Officer. To mark Captain Duries 50th year in the Boys' Brigade Lieutenant A. Stuart presented him with a Parker Pen set at the Display on behalf of the Company. Summer Camp was held at Port Erin, Isle of Man. Lieutenant K.Lewis was C.O. and for the first time since 1940 we had a band at Camp.

1970 - 1980

1970 - 71

The Company Band took part in St Patricks Day Parade. Slides of the last years camp were shown at the parents evening. A new style of uniform was introduced this year and was to be phased in. A candlelight supper and cabaret was held in February in aid of camp funds. The Easter weekend for Seniors was held in Connemara. We retained the Boydell Shield for P.T. Camp was once again held in the Isle of Man. The Inspecting Officer at the Display was Rev J.A. Fullerton.

1971 - 72

Our Bugle Band won a plaque in the St Patricks Day Parade. The Company won the Boydell Shield for the 3rd year running.. Camp was held at Rozel, Jersey in July 1972, 41 Boys and 10 Officers attended. A Jumble sale raised £200. for the camp fund. Our Display was held in April and Dr S.E. Poyntz. was our Inspecting Officer.

1972 -73

The seniors went to Glenmalure Youth Hostel in January for a climbing weekend, the Easter weekend was held at Black Valley Youth Hostel in Kerry at a cost of £5 for Officers and £3 for Boys. Camp was held at Shanklin Isle of Wight. Mr Durie resigned the Captaincy and Mr Albert Stuart was appointed in his place. Mr K.Lewis was appointed Officer in charge of the Company Section. Rev. J.L. Wynne became our new Company Chaplain. A new horse and spring board was purchased. The Officers hut was, by a miraculus piece of engineering lowered by a crane into the Howth Road Schools.

1973 - 74

A presentation was made to Mr W. Durie at the annual parents evening. He was appointed Vice President of the Company. Mr W. Cooke was also appointed Vice President. A Jumble sale was held to raise money for the camp fund, which raised £285. An Old Boys committee was formed to organise events for our forthcoming 75th Anniversary. Camp was held at Port Erin, Isle of Man. Lieutenant D.Oak and R.Garrett started the 1st Malahide Junior Section. For the first time ever we won the Hubbard Clark Cup for swimming and came 2nd in the Boydell Shield. The Display was held in the D.C.M. and was inspected by Mr Ian Morrison, Director of the Bank of Ireland.

1974 - 75

The opening parade of the 75th session was held on 13th September 1974. The senior frame team took part in 2 outdoor shows in Fairview Park and Sundrive Road. We introduced the new uniform this session. Four members of the Band, D.Mills, M. Hughes T. Anderson and B. Gilbert played a fanfare to welcome Santa Clause to Switzers. A Photograph was published in "Inniu". Unfortunately our camp cook, Mick Flynn passed away this year. The Easter weekend trip went to Donegal this year. Our Annual Display was held on Friday 11th April, in Mount Temple School. Our Inspecting Officer was Lord Elgin, Brigade President. There was a parade of old boys, during the display and they presented us with a new Company colour and the old one was laid up in the Church. The Company presented Lord Elgin with an engrave piece of Waterford Crystle in honour of the occasion. An Old Boys dinner was held on Saturday 12th April an St Lawrence Hotel and a thanksgiving service was held on Sunday 13th April. The whole weekend was a great seccess. The G.B. presented us with a copy of the Living Bible in honour of our 75th Anniversary. Mr & Mrs Doolin stated that they wished to present a new trophy to the company, their offer was gladly accepted. Camp was held at Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

1975 - 76

As usual we took part in the St Patricks Day Parade. We won the Boydell Shield, Soccer League, First Aid Shield, Patrick Shield for Table Tennis and for the first time since 1941 we won the Lewis Crosby Shield for Squad Drill. We managed to come third out of 220 entries in the Brigade Top of the Form competition. The final was held in the Town Hall at Northampton after a civic reception which was attended by local dignitaries. The annual Display was again held in Mount Temple. The Inspecting Officer was Lord, McDermott, P.C. MC LLD. Brigade President in Northern Ireland. David Mills was the first winner of the new Doolin Bugle Trophy. Camp was held at Margate this year.

1976 - 77

The soccer team won the Duckett Cup for the first time since 1940. Our good friend from the Scouts Sammy Morton agreed to run an 8 week First Aid course for us. This session we bought a Belllyre for the Band. The Inspecting Officer at our Display held in Mount Temple School was Mr George Wheeler B.A. Brigade Commisioner. We attended the 85th Anniversary celebrations of our friends the 12th Company. Camp was held at Lake, Isle of Wight.

1977 - 78

19 Boys and 2 Officers went to Liverpool to see a soccer match and play table tennis against the 32nd Liverpool Co. A First Aid weekend was held in the Glen of Imaal in April run by Sammy Morton. A Battalion superstars competition was held in June. Officers from our Company went to Sutton to held the 34th Company with their P.T. classes. Camp was held at Margate in July.

1978 - 79

On the Battalion show this year we put two items, drill and high vaulting on show. We also provided the Colour parties for the National and Battalion Colours. Unfortunately, our oldest surviving member Colonel Lyle passed away this year. We won the Lewis Crosby Shield, The senior individual table tennis competition and we also won the swimming gala and reached the fifth round of the Volleyball competition. Finally we won the Conor Cup. It was a very successful year in that respect. The Inspecting Officer at our Display in Mount Temple School was Rev. J. Payne. Camp was held at Lake, Isle of Wight.

1979 - 80

This year the seniors New Year weekend was held at Glenmalure Youth Hostel, Wicklow. The Camp Jumble sale raised £600. The Easter weekend was held at Black Valley Youth Hostel, Co Kerry. We held the first Inter-Squad Top of the Form quiz. We also held an N.C.O.'s training course which was attended by 11 Boys. We presented a cheque for £150.00 to the Conquer Cancer Campaign. Mr A.E. Wheeler was the Inspecting Officer at our Display. Camp was held at Margate.

1980 - 81

We bought a new expedition tent this year. Unfortunately we heard that the Battalion President Mr J.W. Bridle passed away in July. Twenty-two Officers and Boys attended the summer weekend at Tiglin Youth Hostel. We disposed of many diseased trees in the Church grounds this year. During this year we also had more bad news that Mr McIvor (Joint Founder of the 32nd Life Boys) had also passed away. Bowling and squash events were organised for the seniors. Camp was held at Lake, Isle Of Wight. Mr E. Ryan (Former Captain) was our Inspecting Officer at our Display. Mr Robert Williamson left the 32nd to take over as Captain of 1st Malahide Company.

1981 - 82

Mr R. Garrett took over as Captain this session. Presentations were made to Mr K.Lewis and Mr M.Stirling at parents evening in recognition of their service to the Company. Five Officers attended an Officers basic training course at Rathmore House, Larne. The seniors held a 70 mile sponsored cycle for B.B. week. Miss V. Bothwell has agreed to start a "Robins" section with the help of Miss G.Bothwell. They started in the New Year. Five Boys from the Company took part in the Battalion cross country run. Two Boys travelled to Belfast with the Battalion Soccer team. We won the Conor Cup again this year. The Inspecting Officer at our Display was Mr Peter Brown. Camp was held at Great Yarmouth.

SESSION 1982-83

The 1982-83 Session heralded the arrival of the Centenary Year, the B.B. having been founded in Glasgow in 1883. The Company entered the Session with its greatest ever membership. The inexorable advance of the computer overtook the Company with attendance and inspection marks and badge records being processed by John Garrett's computer, which also printed this report.

Pte. Derek Shaw read the lesson at the Founder's Day Service. Our Inspection and Display took place in Mount Temple School with Comdt. Arthur Cronhelm as Inspecting Officer. The Republic of Ireland District organised a Centenary Show in the R.D.S. in May at which our band and gymnastics team performed to a high standard. Camp was held for the first time in Torquay where a heat wave guaranteed its success.

A number of Boys and Officers attended a weekend of Centenary Celebrations in Glasgow in August. The scale and quality of the various events made a deep impression on all those fortunate enough to be there and will act as an impetus as we prepare to commence our second century of The Boys' Brigade.

R. Garrett



Captain

