

(Scots Greys) were also made a Grenadier corps, but no further formations of mounted Grenadiers were proceeded with in the French and British Armies.

The improvement in fire tactics, due to the suppression of the matchlock by the flintlock musket, was probably mainly responsible for the abandonment of the grenade, which ceased to be carried by the Grenadier as part of his equipment, and was only occasionally used in siege operations.

It was used with good effect by the British Grenadiers in the combined naval and military raid on the French port of St. Malo in 1758. As late as 1775 an English traveller who witnessed a review of a Swiss regiment in the service of the King of Naples relates that their Grenadiers performed their exercise with sham pasteboard grenades filled with some detonating mixture. Some of these missiles, falling by accident among the spectators, threatened damage to the ladies' dresses, but the gentlemen protected their fair companions by dexterously catching the falling grenades in their hats.

Stories of Grenadiers.

It is said that our first Guards were given the title of Grenadiers after Waterloo to commemorate their having encountered and routed the Grenadiers of the Old Guard in that final ruin of their Imperial Master's hopes and glories.

An officer of the Grenadier company of a Swiss regiment in the service of Napoleon has left it on record in his memoirs that he would have been frozen to death after the passage of the Beresina but for a change of dry under-clothing which he had carried packed inside his bearskin cap.

When a mutiny among the Sepoys of Sir Hector Monro's army in Oude had been suppressed, many of the mutineers were sentenced to be blown from guns. While they were being tied to the guns two of them appealed to the officer superintending the execution, pleading that they were Grenadiers, and therefore claimed the right to be blown from the guns on the right of the battery, and their request was granted.

Grenadiers Gilt Chain "Wings."

At one time the Grenadiers had the badge of a bursting grenade on all their appointments, and they wore "wings" instead of the epaulettes worn by other troops. The crescent-shaped wings worn by Grenadier officers were of gilt

chain edged with three rows of gold bullion for the captains, with two rows for subalterns. A pair of wings cost more than the coat they were worn on; their price was ten guineas for a captain, seven guineas for a lieutenant or ensign.

The bearskin cap had been discontinued for Grenadiers early in the reign of Queen Victoria, at the same time that it was given to the battalion companies of the Foot Guards, who had until then worn the shako. It had long been the custom, however, for Fusilier regiments to copy the Grenadier companies in the details of their dress and equipment, and these regiments still retain the caps and the badges peculiar to Grenadiers. The Scots Greys also still wear the bearskin cap to remind us that they were once reckoned as Horse-Grenadiers.

The Grenadier Guards are now the only corps which bears the title in the British Army; there are two Grenadier regiments in the Indian Army, and a regiment of the Canadian Militia has also the title of Grenadiers. In the French Army to-day the name is obsolete; but the Italian Army has two regiments of Grenadiers, the 1st and 2nd Granatieri di Sardegna which are recruited from men of exceptionally fine physique. Russia boasts a whole Army Corps composed of Grenadier regiments, which form an intermediate class between the Guards and the Line.

As the siege warfare of the 17th century evolved the Grenadier, the trench warfare of the present day has evolved the bomb thrower. As the South African War saw the revival of the mounted infantry soldier, so the present war has witnessed the re-employment of the Grenadier.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why a certain officer who used to take his lady friend up the river every evening last summer in a boat, stopped so suddenly.
(Stopped what?—Ed.)

Why a certain officer used to take his lady friend out on horse back and then stop so suddenly or did the horse get tired.

(We imagine he said whoa!—Ed.)

Why a certain officer used to call so often at a certain shop and look with anxious eyes in an easterly direction.

(We feel sure the reason is that the shop was on the west side of the street.—Ed.)

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Woman Unknown, Last Seen at The Engineer Training Depot, St. Johns, P.Q.

Up to the present the Secret Service and Detective departments have been baffled by the disappearance of a woman whose identity is not known.

The only evidence at hand at present is in the shape of some articles of woman's toilet and a wisp of hair. The hairpins referred to, and identified by the Farrier Sergeant of the Engineer Training Depot at St. Johns are of a particularly massive type and were recovered in front of the smith's forge at the depot; and the mystery may have remained for ever hidden had not the Colonel noticed these articles lying in the snow. Upon calling the Farrier Sergeant's attention the Colonel remarks that he (the Sergeant) acted in a peculiar manner, presently going down on his knees presumably to ask pardon but later to inspect the hairpins. On further looking around (the Colonel by this time was suspicious) a wisp of hair was found caught in a splinter of a piece of lumber and a splotch of blood near by on the wood.

Upon the Colonel remarking that things looked suspicious the Farrier Sergeant commenced to talk hurriedly in a foreign tongue and has been known to act peculiarly ever since. Further evidence seems impossible to obtain just now in spite of the united efforts of the two departments mentioned.

The Staff Sergeant has not been examined yet but his every movement is watched. It is believed that the letter he wrote to "Knots and Lashings" last week was the product of a mind tangled with distress and tortured by this awful discovery.

"Knots and Lashings" has been approached by the Sergeant who has made the demand that we print in our "rag", as he terms our paper (another sign of a disordered mind) a letter he intends to write.

Should this letter appear in this or a future issue we would ask our readers to bear with the Staff Sergeant in his distressful condition with this "Sword of Damocles" hanging over his head.

For the purpose of identifying, if possible, the woman in question, the wisp of hair and piece of lumber are on exhibit in the "Sports" notice board near the entrance to the Recreation room.

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