

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 regi-

ments 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.

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SPRING STYLES AT THE E. T. D.

Although winter is over, storm windows seem to be popular, especially among our N.C.O.'s, as since S.M. Gibson took such a liking to Ikey's Tortoise Shell Specks, he himself has invested in a pair, although he did not see his way clear to get tortoise shell.

The uses for these ornamental decorations, have not been so urgent as yet that they have to be worn on P.T. fatigues, but Church Parades are considered sufficient. (Lucky Boy).

Friend Ikey.



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