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ONE HAD A WITCH DOCTOR'S STICK

Joyful Return of Limerick Soldiers From The Congo

Scenes of animation and joy were witnessed at the Limerick Railway Station shortly after 1 o'clock to-day when 25 of the 3rd Brigade units, mostly from the local 12th Battalion, who served with the 32nd Battalion of the U.N. Peace Force in the Congo, returned. All had souvenirs of their six months' activities in the Congo, where, during their stay, only six showers of rain fell. One of the men had a witch doctor's stick as a grim reminder of what they came across in that troubled country. Others had swords and bows and arrows.

LONG before the train arrived from Dublin carrying the bronzed and delighted Limerick soldiers, wearing their now familiar blue berets, their kith and kin had assembled at the terminus to give them a heart-warming welcome. Tears of delight fell in some cases as mothers shrugged their sons and as wives and children clasped their loved ones in happy reunion. The Mayor (Councillor P. Kelly) and Ald. D. O'Malley, T.D., were there to welcome them. At the station, too, were Lieut./Col. J. Dundon, Executive Officer, 3rd Brigade; Comdt. J. O'Callaghan, Transport Officer, and Capt. Paul Darcy.

Between to-morrow and Wednesday some 50 more soldiers back from the Congo and with the 33rd Battalion will arrive in Limerick.

Among the early arrivals at the station was Mrs. Hussey, of Crecora Ave., Ballinacurra Weston, whose second eldest son, Andy, came home. Andy, during his duties in the Congo, picked up a monkey, which accompanied him everywhere. He wanted to bring it to Ireland but was forbidden to do so.

EXCITED YOUNGSTERS

As the train pulled in to the siding, youngsters enraptured in the excitement of the moment, gave railway porters some worry by jumping the rail track to reach the platform, of the incoming train. There was a general surge to the train as the doors swung open. Soon, the "who's who" was over and the tension of the moment was gone. Like all his comrades-in-arms Pte. Martin Behan (32), of 21 Castle Barracks, Limerick, looked very well, but had a U.S.A. flying jacket

THE YOUNGEST

Pte. Andy Foran, 8 O'Callaghan Ave., Kileely, was greeted by his mother and seven-year-old sister, Patricia. He brought back a transistor set and a bow and arrow as mementoes. He bought two swords in Nigeria on the homeward journey. He remarked: "It was very rough when we first got to the Congo. But we got used to it and it was a great experience." And his mother said: "If they never brought back anything except themselves, we are delighted to see them. Andy is a very good lad. He sent home £30 at Christmas time for the kids."

Pte. Paddy Mullins, of 53 St. Munchin Street, St. Mary's Park, had a piece of ivory in his baggage, and when asked about the fate of Tooper Browne, said: "Nobody knows what happened to him."

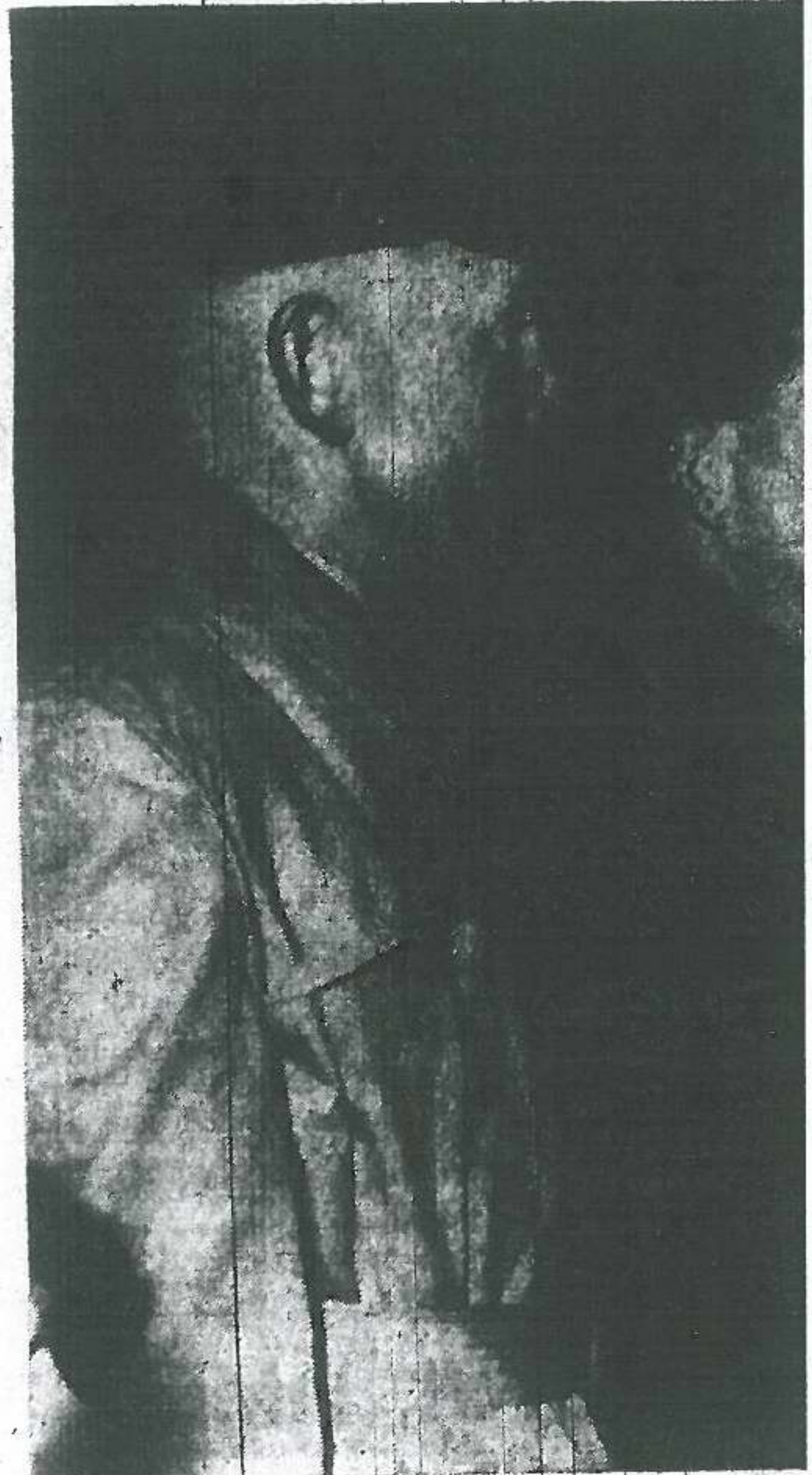
Twenty-five-year-old Cpl. T. O'Flaherty, of 39 Talbot Avenue, Prospect, told about their experiences in Kivu Province to which they were first assigned. "The natives there did not want us to leave and were sorry that we were going," he said.

THE WITCH DOCTOR'S STICK

One of the outstanding souvenirs, not withstanding the sight of Balubas' primitive bows and arrows here and there, was the carved witch doctor's stick with the snake or dragon head. This was the proud prize of Pte. Michael Dundon, of Assumpta Park, Island Road, who said: "I got it from a witch doctor in Kilubi in Katanga."

Lieut. Art O'Riordan said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

WELCOME



Mr. P. Kelly, Mayor of Limerick, greeting Lieut. Arthur in picture are Lieut.-Col. J. Dundon

**A HIGHLY
ENJOYABLE
RECITAL**

**Sentimental
Journey
Limerick**

A GOOD attendance obviously enjoyed every moment of the classical programme of music and song in Amharciann na Felle, O'Connell St., last night. Veronica Dunne, the distinguished soprano, and Anthony Hughes, whose piano forte virtuosity has for long been acclaimed, were the artistes. The applause was so loud and sustained at the conclusion of each offering that patrons clamoured for encores, and these were graciously given.

That the festival hall is doing much to foster high-class music and singing and, therefore, contributes its share to culture of the arts in a practical way was a thought to be gleaned from this magnificent recital.

SKILFUL TECHNIQUE

The celebrated pianist, Anthony Hughes, put the attendance in a good frame of mind by his skilful technique in the playing of Bach's Toccata in G. Minor. Most of Veronica Dunne's choice selections had an amorous underlying theme, and she opened with the difficult Mas-

For three people a non Airport, last ever single-engine aircraft stage of a sentimental they were returning the city of their birth time since they left 3

Mr. Bennett Halpin scientist from South was born in Janesboro explained the flight. invented a new type and radar direction-for small aircraft, called A.D.A.S., and was at a practical test.

Mr. Halpin spoke a Irish to Mr. John pilot of the plane the Hampshire Flyer discovered that not Irish but that his Itxboro' Road, a few from where the inventor It was then that make the test flight Airfield, the headqu Shannon Aero Club, Limerick City. Mr. sisters, Mrs. Martin Mrs. Mildred Sharma trip and as the aircraft