

Tuam Herald

Saturday, September 26th, 1964

ON THE T.V. SCREEN Variety from the Army

Sunday next is the date for the opening of a new series of variety shows called "On Parade." They will be broadcast at 1 p.m. on Sundays, with repeats on the following Saturdays at 8.30 p.m. These shows have an army flavour and will be broadcast direct from Curragh Camp, with the Army Band under the direction of Captain Denis Mellerick providing the musical basis. Comedy will be in the hands of Hal Roche, assisted by Dave Kelly and Eamon Keane; Frances McDermott and Austin Gaffney will appear each week, and for extra value there will be items by the Curragh Musical Society Chorus.



Band of the Curragh Training Camp, 1960's





Comdt. Denis Mellerick
On his retirement in 1980

Comdt. Denis G. Mellerick who retired after over thirty years service. During that time, he was conductor of the Band of the Curragh Training Camp and Command, appearing with his musicians at numerous important national events all over the country. As well as providing music for all the major military occasions in the Curragh area, the Band regularly gave recitals and concerts which further enhanced its high reputation. A gifted pianist, Comdt. Mellerick was founder-conductor of the Curragh Musical Society and was responsible for the many acclaimed productions of the Society, the most recent being "Song of Glory", based on the life of P. H. Pearse. It is to be hoped that Comdt. Mellerick has not laid down his baton, and that he will continue to support the musical life of the county, to which he has so generously contributed. (*An Cosantóir, September 1980*)

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



DEFENCE FORCES SCHOOL OF MUSIC
1923-2023



Band of the Curragh Training Camp



A scene from the "Song of Glory" in 1979

The Curragh Musical Society

PRESENT

FRANK PATTERSON

IN

SONG OF GLORY

A Musical Cavalcade

Based on the Life and Times of P. H. Pearse

(in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund)

**7th, 8th, 9th & 10th Nov., '79
at Gymnasium, Curragh Camp**

Commencing 8 p.m. Sharp

**Featuring: Frank Patterson, Tenor; Eily O'Grady,
Accompanist; The Band of the Curragh
Command**

Conductor: Comdt. D. Mellerick, B.Mus.

**The Nas Na Ri Singers; The Moat Players;
Sylvia Behan School of Ballet; The Droichead
Nua Irish Figure Dancing Class; The Eugene
Nolan Ensemble; The Scoil Muire Choir; Director,
Lt./Col. Con O'Sullivan**

SUBSCRIPTION £2.50

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