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Memo

The lists beneath regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Bde. 1<sup>st</sup> East Div, were handed in by Mr. J. Harris D.D. He pointed out that 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. of the Carlow Bde ~~is~~ on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1921 became the 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. of 7<sup>th</sup> Bde. 1<sup>st</sup> East Div on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1922 - in preparing the records of the latter he also obtained those of that Bde. for the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1921. They are ~~now~~ attached

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Mr. Blaney  
Mr. Dwyer

Phaw memo. above. The list for 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. Carlow Bde. 11<sup>th</sup> July 1921 are also attached.

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I.R.A. 7th Brigade 1st Eastern Division.

1st July, 1922.

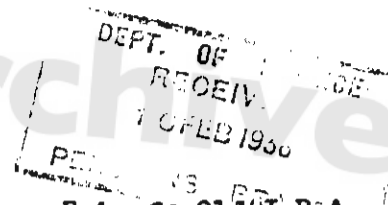
BRIGADE STAFF.

Commandant.....Patrick Brennan, Brownstown, Kilcullen. X  
Adjutant.....Richard Harris, Prosperous.  
Quarter-Master.....Alf Metcalfe, Cryhelp House Dunlavin.  
Transport Officer.....James Harris, Cloncurry, Enfield.  
Engineer.....Patrick McGee, Friary Road, Naas.  
INTERNED.Commandant.....Thomas Harris, Caragh, Naas.

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KILDARE BRIGADE COMMITTEE OLD I.R.A.

MINUTES.



A meeting of the former Officers of the Kildare Brigade Old I.R.A. was held in the Courthouse, Naas, on Sunday 1st December, 1935.

Mr. Thomas Harris, K.D., presided and explained that he had called the meeting on receiving a communication from the Military Service Pensions Board. He read a letter from the Pensions Board asking that a Brigade Committee be set up in each Brigade Area to compile the necessary records and stating that the Committee should consist as far as possible of the former Brigade Staff and Battalion Commanding Officers, this Committee would act on behalf of the Brigade and the Pensions Board would communicate with this Committee on behalf of the Brigade. Copies of Company ~~XXXX~~ Rolls to be submitted to the Brigade Committee for the two dates - 11th July, 1921 and the 1st July, 1922 for verification and accuracy. If Brigade Committee is satisfied that lists are correct they must be certified and forwarded to Pensions Board Office. As soon as those records have been completed to the satisfaction of the referee the Brigade Committee would be asked to submit a list of the best cases from the brigade Area - that is cases in which the committee is satisfied that the applicants had the necessary qualifying service.

It was decided that a brigade Committee be formed on the motion of Mr. James Harris, Seconded by Mr. Patrick Dunne.

The following who were present were appointed on the brigade Committee

Richard Harris, Battalion Vice-Commandant, 1st Period, Brigade Adjutant, 2nd Period.  
Thomas Harris, Battalion O.C., 1st Period, Brigade O.C., 2nd Period.  
Michael Smyth, Battalion O.C., 1st Period,  
Thomas Lawler, Battalion Vice-O.C., 1st Period.  
Arthur Doran, Battalion Vice-O.C., 1st Period.  
James Harris, Battalion Quarter-Master 1st Period, Brigade Transport Officer 2nd Period.  
Patrick Dunne, Battalion Quarter-Master 1st Period, I.O. 2nd Period.  
Patrick Tuite, Battalion Adjutant 1st Period,  
Matthew Cardiff, Battalion Adjutant 1st Period.  
Patrick Kelly, Battalion Quarter-Master 1st Period.  
Patrick McGee, Battalion Lt. of Engineering 1st Period, Brigade Eng. 2nd Period.  
Thomas Dunne, Company O.C., 1st Period, Battalion O.C., 2nd Period.  
James Dunne, Company 2nd Lt., 1st Period, Battalion O.C., 2nd Period.  
Patrick Brennan, Company O.C., 1st Period, Brigade O.C., 2nd Period.  
William Byrne, Company O.C., 1st Period, Battalion O.C., 2nd Period.  
Edward Tracey, Company O.C., 1st Period, Battalion O.C., 2nd Period.  
Alf Metcalfe, Company Lt., 1st Period, Brigade Quarter-Master 2nd Period.  
Michael Ryan, Company O.C., 1st Period, Battalion O.C., 2nd Period.  
John Cullen, Battalion Quarter-Master 2nd Period.

On the motion of Thomas Lawler, seconded by Patrick Dunne, Thomas Harris was appointed Chairman.

Patrick Dunne was appointed Vice-Chairman, on the motion of Arthur Doran seconded by Patrick McGee.

Michael Smyth was appointed secretary on the motion of Thomas Harris seconded by Thomas Dunne.

A letter was read from Sean Kavanagh late Battalion Adjutant regretting his inability to attend and stating that he would be glad to co-operate in any way with the Committee.

A discussion took place regarding the date of the formation of the 7th Brigade and it was decided that the Area was known as North Kildare 2nd Battalion Area on the 11th July, 1921. Arrangements were being made for the formation of the 7th Brigade but they were not completed at the date of the Truce.

The Battalion ~~XXXX~~ Adjutant at the date of the Truce, Patrick Tuite, produced records of the strength of the

the Battalion at the date of the Truce. The 2nd North Kildare Battalion was comprised of the following companies:-

A. Coy.	Athgarvan,	3 Officers and 36 Men.
B. Coy.	<del>XIV</del> -Ballymore Eustace.	1 Officer and 55 Men.
C	,, Hollywood.	3 Officers and 57 Men.
D	,, Kill.	3 Officers and 50 Men.
E	,, Naas,	1 Officer and 30 Men.
F	,, Newbridge.	3 Officers and 67 Men.
G	,, Prosperous.	3 Officers and 40 Men.
H	,, Robertstown.	3 Officers and 24 Men.
I	,, Two-mile-house.	2 Officers and 22 Men.
J	,, Allen.	3 Officers and 45 Men.
K	,, Allenwood.	3 Officers and 25 Men.
L	,, Glane.	2 Officers and 18 Men.
M	,, Eadestown.	2 Officers and 14 Men.
N	,, Clongorey.	1 Officer and 23 Men.
O	,, Lewistown.	1 Officer and 16 Men.

Active ~~XXX~~ Service Unit. 2 Officers and 20 Men.

Records were not complete in the case of the following companies. Hollywood, Kill, Naas, Glane, Clongorey and Lewistown.

The question of the Rathangan Company which was in the Battalion Area early in 1921 was also left over.

From records it was shown that Rathangan and Bracknagh companies were in the 4th Battalion No. 1. Offaly Brigade for the 1st Period and in the 5th Battalion 7th Brigade for the 2nd Period.

Edenderry Area was in the 4th Battalion 1st Offaly Brigade for the 1st Period and in the 7th Battalion 7th Brigade for the 2nd Period.

The 6th Battalion Carlow Brigade became the 6th Battalion of the 7th Brigade on the 22/11/21.

Signed

T. Harris

15/12/35.

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KILDARE BRIGADE COMMITTEE OLD I.R.A.

M I N U T E S.

A Meeting of the Kildare Brigade Committee of the Old I.R.A. was held in the Courthouse, Naas, on Sunday 15th December, 1935. Mr. Thomas Harris, T.D. Chairman, Presided.

The following members were in attendance:- Messrs M. Harris, A. Doran J. Harris, P. Dunne, P. Tuite, M. Cardiff, B. McGee, T. Dunne, J. Dunne, P. Brennan, W. Byrne, E. Treacy, A. Metcalfe, M. Ryan, J. Cullen and M. Smyth, Secretary.

A letter was read from Thomas Lawler regretting his inability to attend and enclosing a list of names of the Members who were attached to Naas Company prior to the Truce.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st December, 1935, were read confirmed and signed.

(2) On the Motion of Patrick Tuite, seconded by Patrick McGee, the following list of the staff of Kildare 2nd Battalion on July 11th 1921 was approved.

- Commandant.....M. Smyth
- Vice-Commandant.....T. Lawler.
- Quarter-Master.....P. Kelly.
- Adjutant.....P. Tuite.
- Intelligence Officer.....J. Clancy.
- Police Officer.....M. Merlin.
- Lt. of Training.....W. Jones.
- Lt. of Engineering.....P. McGee.
- Lt of Signals.....W. Merlin.

The following members of the staff of the Kildare 2nd Battalion were interned prior to the Truce:-

- Thomas Harris.....Commandant.
- Michael Smyth.....do.
- Richard Harris.....Vice-Commandant.
- Arthur Doran.....Vice-Commandant.
- Sean Curry.....Adjutant.
- Sean Kavanagh.....Adjutant.
- Matthew Cardiff.....Adjutant.
- Patrick Dunne.....Quarter-Master.
- James Harris.....Quarter-Master.
- William Jones.....Lt of Training.
- Michael Merlin.....Police O.C.
- William Merlin.....O.C. Signals.

The lists of members of the Companies in the Battalion Area on the 11th July 1921 were submitted to the meeting and the following were approved:-

A. Company Athgarvan, 3 Officers & 36 Men 2 interned. Proposed by M. Cardiff Seconded by M. Smyth.

D. Company Kill, 3 Officers & 50 Men 12 Interned. Proposed by J. Dunne, Seconded by P. McGee.

F. Company Newbridge, 3 Officers & 67 Men 6 interned. Proposed by T. Dunne and Seconded by M. Smyth.

G. Company Prosperous, 3 Officers & 40 Men. Proposed by E. Treacy and Seconded by P. Tuite.

H. Company Robertstown, 3 Officers and 24 Men 1 Interned. Proposed by E. Treacy and Seconded by P. Tuite.

I Company Two-mile-house 2 Officers and 22 Men ,3 interned.  
Proposed by P. Tuite and Seconded by A. Doran.

J. Company, Allen, 3 Officers and 45 Men, 2 interned.  
Proposed by E. Treacey and seconded by m. Smyth.

K. Company Allenwood, 3 Officers and 25 Men.  
Proposed by R. Harris, Seconded by P. Tuite.

N. Company, Clongorey, 1 Officer and 25 Men.  
Proposed by P. Tuite and Seconded by T. Dunne .

It was decided to leave over the following companies until the next meeting of the Committee B. Company Ballymore Eustace, C. Company Hollywood, E. Company Naas, M. Company Eadestown, L. Company Ulane, and O. Company Lewistown.

Lists of members of the following Areas at the 1st July, 1922, were submitted and approved.

Brigade Staff 7th Brigade 1st Eastern Division 1st July, 1922.

Brigade Commandant.....Patrick Brennan.  
Brigade Adjutant.....Richard Harris.  
Brigade Quarter Master.....Alf Metcalfe.  
Brigade Transport Officer.....J. Harris,  
Brigade Engineer.....P. McGee.

Thomas Harris, Brigade Commandant, was interned at the 1st July, 1922.

Sean Curry, Brigade Adjutant resigned on the 29th June, 1922 and Richard Harris was appointed Brigade Adjutant.

1st Battalion Areas of Naas, Kill, Kiltel, Rathmore & Straffan,

5 Officers and 34 Men.

Proposed by J. Harris and Seconded by P. McHee.

2nd Battalion Areas of Droikhead Nua, Rathbride, Clongorey and Athgarvan. 9 Officers and 39 Men.

Proposed by T. Harris, Seconded by W. Byrne.

3rd Battalion, Area of Hollywood and Cryhelp 2 Officers & 19 Men.  
Proposed by T. Harris Seconded by A. Metcalfe.

4th Battalion, Areas of Prosperous, Robertstown, Blackwood, Kilmeague and Newtown Donore. 5 Officers and 29 Men.

Proposed by T. Harris Seconded by J. Harris.

5th Battalion, Areas of Rathangan, Kilcumber, Cushina, Clonbullogue, Brackna. 6 Officers and 34 Men.

Proposed by M. Ryan Seconded by J? Dunne.

6th Battalion, Areas of Kildare, Kilcullen, Maddenstown, Ballysax, and Suncroft. 17 Officers and ~~18~~ 39 Men.

Proposed by J. Harris Seconded by P. McGee.

7th Battalion, Area Carbury 1 Officer and 21 Men.  
Proposed by M. Ryan Seconded by J? Harris. (a)

It was decided to request each company to supply a list of members who have lodged applications for pensions.

The next meeting was arranged for Sunday January 12th at 4 p.m.

Signed Thomas Harris

12/1/36



KILDARE BRIGADE COMMITTEE OLD I.R.A

M I N U T E S.

A meeting of the Kildare Brigade Old I.R.A. was held in the Courthouse Naas, on Sunday January, 12th 1936. Mr. Thomas Harris, T.D. Chairman, Presided and the following members were present:- Messrs. R. Harris, P. Dunne, M. Cardiff, P. McGee, T. Dunne, J. Dunne, P. Brennan, W. Byrne, E. Treacey, A. Metcalfe, M. Ryan, J. Cullen, and M. Smyth, Secretary.

The Minutes of the Last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

<sup>a</sup> The lists of members of the following companies in Kildare 2nd Battalion Area on the 11th July, 1921, were submitted to the meeting and approved.

B. Company Ballymore Eustace 1 Officer 55 Men 5 interned.  
Proposed by M. Cardiff Seconded by P. McGee.  
C. Company, Hollywood 3 Officers and 57 Men.  
Proposed by A. Metcalf Seconded by A. Doran.  
E. Company, Naas 1 Officer and 30 Men 12 interned.  
Proposed by J. Dunne seconded by P. Dunne.  
M. Company Madestown, 2 Officers and 14 Men 4 interned.  
Proposed by P. Dunne seconded by J. Dunne.

Lists were not available of L. Company Clane and O. Company Clongorey which were in existence prior to the Truce. The strength of the Clane Company was 2 officers and 18 men and Lewinstown Company 1 officer and 16 Men according to pre-truce battalion records.

The Native Service Unit was formed in April 1921 consisted of Commander Martin O'Neill, Ballymore Eustace Company and Vice-Commander Thomas Lawler, Naas Company and 20 men, a complete list of which was not available. The number on the Active Service Unit are included in the Battalion and Company Lists. <sup>a</sup>

The following resolution was adopted on the Motion of Richard Harris Seconded by Patrick Brennan:-

"That the Secretary be instructed to submit to Pensions Board a List of Brigade Battalion and Company Officers together with lists of members of companies as approved by the Committee."

<sup>b</sup> On the Motion of Patrick Dunne, Seconded by M. Cardiff, the following resolution was adopted:)

"That the Secretary be instructed to forward to the Pensions Board the following list with a view to having them called before the board:-

Thomas Harris.....	Battn O.C. Pre-truce.	
Michael Smyth.....	do.	do.
Richard Harris.....	vice-O.C.	do.
Arthur Doran.....	do.	do.
Matthew Cardiff.....	Battn Adjt.	do.
Patrick Dunne.....	Battn. Quartermaster Pre-truce.	
James Harris.....	do.	do.
William Jones.....	Lt. of Training Battn.	do.
William Merlin.....	Lt. Signals	do.
Patrick McGee.....	Battn Engineer.	do.
Thomas Wilmot.....	O.C. A. Company	"
Simon Nolan.....	Lt. A. Company,	"
Patrick Kelly.....	Lt. A.D. Company	"
James Dunne.....	Lt. D. Company.	"
John Traynor.....	O.C. D. Company	"
Thomas Dunne.....	O.C. F. Company	"
John Cox.....	O.C. F. Company,	"
Edward Treacy.....	O.C. G. Company	"
Thomas McKugh.....	Lt. G. Company.	"
Edward Page.....	Lt. G. Company	"

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Andrew Byrne.....O.C.I. Company Pre-Truce.  
James Byrne.....do. do.  
Michael Fitzgerald.....O.C. J. Company do.  
Patrick Walsh.....Lt. K. Company do.  
John Lynam.....O.C. N. Company do.  
John Hubbard.....Lt. M. Company do.  
Michael Kelly.....Lt. E. Company do.  
Michael Byrne.....Lt. E. Company do.  
J. Halpin.....Lt. C. Company do.  
Alf Metcalfe.....Lt. C. Company do.

Patrick Brehnan.....7th....Brigade O.C. 1 - 7 - 22  
Edward Vaughan.....1st..Battn V.C. do.  
Patrick Woods.....1st..Bat..Company O.C. do.  
James Kelly. do. do. Lt. do.  
A. Fitzpatrick. do. do. Lt. do.  
James Houlihan....2nd Battn. do. O.C. do.  
Thomas Murphy. 4th Battn. Battn Q. Master. do.  
Michael Ryan. 5th Battn. do. O.C. do.  
Joseph Ryan. do. do. Adj. do.  
John Cullen. do. do. Q. Master. do.  
William Byrne. 6th Battn. do. O.C. do.  
Denis O'Neill. do. do. Vice-C. do.  
William Howe. do. Company O.C. do.  
Eamonn Moran. do. do. Lt. do.  
Hugh Kelly. do. do. Lt. do.  
James Mackay. do. do. Lt. D. do.  
James Collins. do. do. Eng. do.  
Patrick Quinn. do. do. O.C. do.  
John Breslin. do. do. O.C. F. do.  
William Gannon. do. do. Lt. F. do.  
Liam Burke. 7th Battn O.C. do.

It was decided to leave the calling of the next meeting to the Chairman and the Secretary.

Signed Thomas Harris

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY 7TH BDE.  
COMMITTEE, 1ST EASTERN DIVISION, ON 26TH JANUARY,  
1936.

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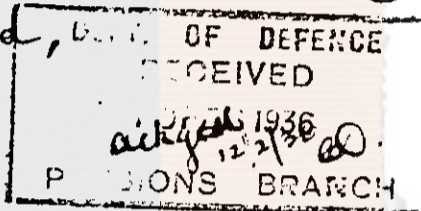
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Old G.R.A., - Kildare Brigade Committee,  
7th Artillery Place

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bo - Kildare  
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Secretary

Military Service Pensions Board,  
Parkgate  
Dublin.



Schara,

I enclose herewith copies of  
minutes of meetings of Brigade  
Committee of the Old G.R.A. for  
this area, together with list of  
Brigade, Battalion and Company  
Staffs - with full membership  
of companies on 11th July 1921  
and 1st July 1922.

I enclose also copies of  
the last dispatches on Organisation  
and activities sent to G.H.G.  
prior to the June by Kildare II  
Battalion. The copies of the original  
dispatches were kindly given

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to me by Commandant Patrick  
Juite, Archer Barracks, Dublin,  
who was adjutant of North  
Kildare II Battalion on 11/7/21.

yours faithfully

W. Smyth

Hon. Sec.

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5 January 1937

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the particulars or organisation records for the 7th Brigade (Kildare), 1st Eastern Division, I.R.A., furnished by your Committee in February last, and to state that according to a letter (copy enclosed) submitted by Mr. T. Harris, E.D., it would appear that the records forwarded for the 1st July 1922 contain only the names of those persons "who mobilised on July 1st July 1922, and were on active service on the second critical date". In this connection I am to state that the records for the 1st July 1922 should contain the names and addresses of all officers and volunteers who were members of their respective units on that date, notwithstanding that any of them may have ceased to be active on that or an immediate subsequent date.

I am, accordingly, to inquire whether the names of any officers and/or volunteers who were members of their respective units in the Brigade on the 1st July 1922, are omitted from the particulars of organisation records furnished in February last and, if so, I am to request your Committee to be good enough to submit, at the earliest possible date, a certified statement showing for each unit in the Brigade the names and, as far as may be possible, the present addresses of such officers and/or volunteers.

In this and in all cases where certified particulars are requested I am to state that the certificate of accuracy should be signed by at least two members of your Committee in addition to the Secretary.

I am to add that consideration of the applications which have been received from former members of the Brigade has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

*E. J. O.*  
RÚNAÍ

Mr. M. Smyth,  
7th Artillery Place,  
Droichead Rua,  
CO. KILDARE.

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22 January, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of the 5th instant (copy enclosed) and to inquire if you are now in a position to furnish the information requested therein.

Mise, le meas,

*[Signature]*  
RUNAÍ

Mr. M. Smyth,  
7th Artillery Place,  
Droichead Nua,  
Co. Kildare.

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Dildare Brigade Committee - I.F.A.

7, Millery Place

Dunchead Row  
Co. Wick  
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Secretary

Pension's Board

Griffith Barracks

Dublin

Schara,

with reference to your letter of 5th  
January last concerning the list of names  
forwarded to you on 5th February 1936, I  
now enclose a further list of names  
for the first and 6th Battalions. There  
are no additional names to be added  
to second, third, fourth, fifth and  
seventh Battalions. The lists already  
sent for those Battalions include all  
those who were members on 1-7-22.

Enclosures filed  
on all Batt. files  
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of MacGabhann  
Kinnaird

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Vildere Brigade Committee S.R.A.

7th Brigade, 1st Eastern Division, S.R.A.

Strength on 1st July 1922

1st Battalion	85
2nd "	48
3rd "	21
4th "	34
5th "	40
6th "	61
7th "	21
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J. Harris  
Chairman,  
8-2-37

J. Dunne

m. Smyth

Secretary

8/2/37

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