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MEMO:

A meeting is to be held on the 15th August relative to applications from the 4th Northern Division (I.R.A.) when claims to the various ranks will be discussed.

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TAGAIRT

Memo

✓ See attached memo, detailing the Staff of the 4th Northern Div.
+ authorising the Batt. Areas of the 3rd Bde. 4th Northern Div. ~~was~~ was
handed in by Mr. A. O'Hare. (4667)

E. - 6
23/7.

Mr. Sweeney

① Insert Mr. O'Hare's Reform no. in above memo.

② Have copies of the document prepared under the caption
"Record supplied by Mr. Andrew O'Hare. (No. 4667)"
+ attached to the relative Org. file - one copy to go to Mr. O'Hare

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23/7.

ltd
26/7

Mr. Dooly

For attention please.

Enclosed

Attended to
ltd
26/7

P. G. M.
OFFICER IN CHARGE
4 JULY 1936
GRIOBHTHA

Miss McGrath,
Please type 3 copies
as directed (2).

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m.s.c

TAGAIRT

Mr. Survey

I sent out a minute earlier today regarding some information supplied by A. D. Han about the 4th N. Div. There appears to be some additional details in the attached papers which were handed to me by Mr. Dooley. Have these checked with Mr. O'Farrell's memo. & add to his before sending it to the Doylist any supplementary information that may be got from these papers.

8. - 6
23/7/35

Mr. Dooley, for attention per

Carroll

24/7/35

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TAGAIRT 17894

Thomas Rogers

Mary

The Committee are satisfied that this applicant was Batt. S.M. North South Batt. on the date of his arrest in May 1921 and that he was bivisional S.M. ^{4th Battalion Div} on his second critical date. — See applicant's file.

8/2/3/38

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FILE 10. 2.

STATEMENT ON CONDITIONS IN 4TH NORTHERN DIVN. I.R.A.

I would like to bring the following points to the notice of the Pensions Board :-

1. This Pensions Act, as it is framed, certainly favours Volunteers whose work lay in Strong National Districts. A member of the I.R.A. in some parts of the North had as dangerous and as difficult a task in holding steadfast in his district surrounded by armed Specials on all sides, as members of flying columns in the most active parts of the South. In many cases companies numbered about a dozen men scattered amongst a hostile population armed to the teeth, and out every day and night patrolling. In fact many members of the I.R.A. were almost in the same position as spies in a foreign land during war. I can only speak for the 4th Nthn. Division with which I was connected, though other areas in the North worked under similar conditions. The area under control of this division comprised the Northern half of Co. Louth all Co. Armagh and South and West Down. During the Civil War South Louth, Monaghan, North Meath, and most of Cavan were added. The 1st Brigade had four Battalions, three of which operated in areas which were republican; but the 4th Battn. (Newtownhamilton) had mostly a hostile area in which it was more difficult to work. There were three Battalions in the 2nd Brigade operating in Co. Down. Newry and Kilkeel Battns. had mixed areas, but Banbridge Battn. had a very hostile area. There were three Battalions in the 3rd Brigade, and all three had fairly hostile populations to deal with, but especially the Blackwatertown Battn. under Comdt. McGlennon. The conditions under which I.R.A. had to work in these districts was not to be compared with areas in the South and West, where the majority of the people were Republican. Apart from Orangemen, we had to deal with Hibernians, who were fairly strong in the North. They were considered as hostile during both phases of the War for Independence. I would also like to remind you that the program was not started in Belfast, nor in Derry, but in the Banbridge Battn. Area. A house belonging to a man called Smith near Ballyroney was the first to be burned, shortly afterwards the Battn. O/C. (Seamus Monaghan) was forced to fire on a howling mob in defence of his home in the town of Banbridge. The difficulties of carrying out Military operations against British Forces should be taken into account when dealing with claims from these areas. Sean McCoy can verify any statement as to the conditions obtaining in the ten Battalion areas of the 4th Northern Division.
2. My second point is the state of engineering in this Division. In this area we were faced with a big shortage of rifles and had to fall back on other methods of warfare. An example is the capture of Dundalk Military Barracks. In this engagement the Engineers were the chief factor. Every Volunteer in the 4th Nthn. Division was trained as a potential engineer on orders issued by Comdt. General Aiken. Engineering was more than a special service - it was our mainstay, and without it our Division would not have been as effective as it was.

Sgd. Maolseachlainn O Cuinn.

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"Rocklands",
Carlingford,

April 5th 1935.

A Chara,

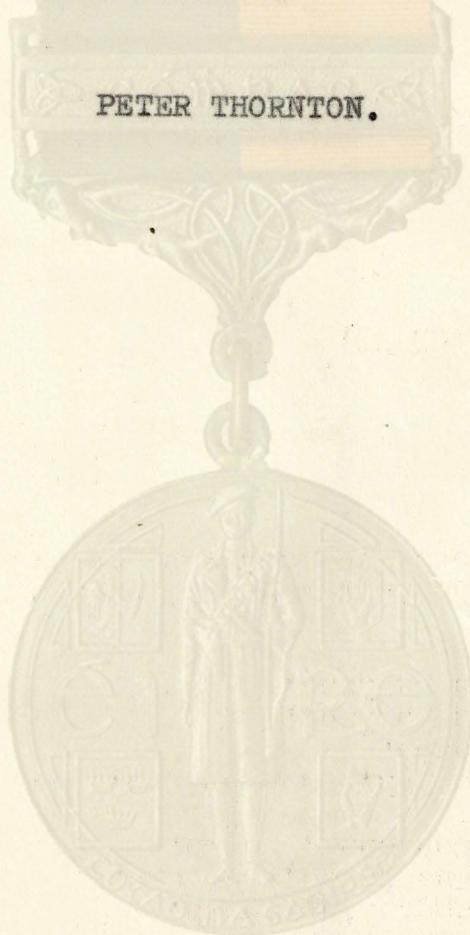
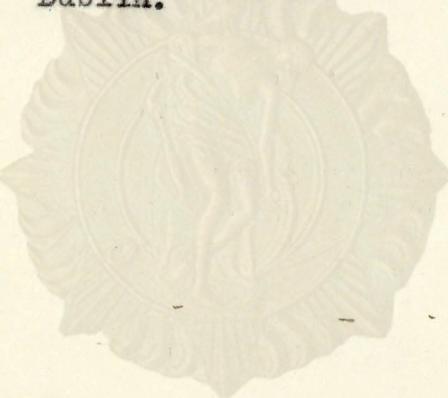
In reply to your letter of the 29th of March, 1935, enclosed are lists of names of members of Cooley Coy. I.R.A. on the 11th July, 1921, and 1st July, 1922, they are as nearly correct as I could possibly make them.

Mise, le meas,

PETER THORNTON.

To

The Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks,
South Circular Road,
Dublin.



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COOLEY COY. I.R.A.

11th July, 1921.

James Boyle, Captain (deceased) Muchgrange, Greenore.

Peter Thornton, 1st Lieut. "Rocklands", Carlingford,
Thomas Myers 2nd Lieut. (deceased) Crosslaney, Carlingford.
James Murphy, Greenore.
Michael Ferguson (Interned) Castletowncooley, Riverstown, Dundalk.
Patrick Smith, Castletowncooley, Riverstown, Dundalk.
James O'Hanlon, " " "
Patrick O'Hanlon " "
Peter Barry, Glenmore " "
Charles Barry " "
John Murphy, Bush, " "
Matthew Woods " "
Stephen Rafferty, Mullahatina, Carlingford.
Michael Rogan, Monksland, " "
Joseph Rogan, " "
Patrick Larkin, Irishgrange, " "
Patrick Boyle, " "
Michael Boyle, America.
James Boyle "
Thomas Long, Irishgrange, Carlingford.
Patrick McGuinness, Ghan Road, " "
Patrick Eccleston, Mountain Park, Carlingford.
Charles Delaney, Newry Street, " "
James Larkin, Newry Street, Carlingford.
Patrick Savage, " "
Michael Murphy, Castlehill, " "
Patrick Boyle, Mullatee, " "
Bernard Murchin, Muchgrange, Greenore.
William Cunningham, (Interned) Muchgrange, Greenore.
Patrick Rafferty, " "
Hugh Magee, Millgrange, Greenore.
Edward Johnston, " " "
Patrick Shiels " "
Thomas Murphy, America.
Bernard Fearon (Civic Guard Barracks) Westport.
John Rafferty (deceased)
Hugh O'Hanlon, Civic Guard address unknown.
Robert O'Hanlon, Whitestown, Greenore.
Hugh Rafferty, England.
James Rafferty, Ballagan, Greenore.
Bernard Dullaghan, " "
Patrick Trainor, " "
Michael Trainor " "
John Murphy, America.
John McShane, Euston Street, Greenore.
John McParland " "
Hugh Clarke, " "
Michael Carron " "
James Clarke, America.
Edward O'Meara, Great Northern Railway, Works, Dundalk.
William Sharkey, Civic Guard address unknown.
Patrick McCunnan, Killcurry, Dundalk.
Barnard Carkey, Monksland, Carlingford,
Michael O'Hanlon, Castletowncooley, Riverstown, Dundalk.
James White, " " "
Michael McGuiney, Piedmount, Riverstown, " "
Thomas Oliver, " "
Joseph Crilly, England.

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Knockbridge,
Dundalk.

5/5/35.

A Chara,

The following is a list of I.R.A. on the 11th July, 1921 of Louth Knockbridge Coy.:-

Joe McKenna, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
Tom McElroy, Rossmkee, "
James Gaughran, Dunmahon, "
Antony Donnelly, Claremount, "
Pat McArdle, Knockbridge, "
John Belton, Sea Field, Blackrock, Dundalk.
James Byrne, Dunbin, "
Pat Byrne, Carrickmullen, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
J. Murphy, Dublin.
John McGuire, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
J. Garland.
P. Cassidy. U.S.A.
J. Smyth.
Frank Conlon, Dead.
Tom Lanney, Knockabbey, Louth.
Pat Murtagh, "
Pat McCormack, Mullacrew, " In Jail.
Michael McArdle. "
Gerald McArdle, "
Jas. Sweeney, Mills of Louth, Louth.
M. Mathews, Hoarstown, "
Hugh McShane.
Jas. McHugh, Drumgoolin, "
Tom McDonnell, Corderry, "
C. Mullin. "
B. Kirk, Little Ash, Knockbridge.
Mat Conlon, Aroney, Louth, In Jail.
Pat McDonnell, In Guards.
Tom Rogers.
B. Connolly.
Jas. McCartney.
Pat Caragher, Dromiskin,
P. Byrne,
G. Connolly, Louth.

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C O P Y

1st Dec. 4 N. Div.

Wilton House,
Stapleton Place,
Dundalk.

5th Novr. 1935

A Chara,

On going through some old papers I came across the enclosed which is interesting from the point of view of the strength of the Fianna in Dundalk and on which you required information some time ago.

These papers formed part of an Intelligence file which came into my possession on the re-capture of the Military Bks. Dundalk, by the I.R.A. forces in August 1922.

Le meas.

Sgd. Seaghan Gormley

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Mr. J. McCoy.

26 May 1936

There are no satisfactory records of the former
Divisional Staff of the 4th Northern Division, I.R.A.
Perhaps you would be good enough to furnish particulars
of the Divisional Staff of that Division for both
critical dates.

E. J. RÚNAÍ.

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Companies 3rd Batt
of C 5
Knock - Barney Doyle
Tullycorio - Dan Mc Ardle
Ballila - Wm Mac Ivoit
Lawrencestown - Jack Farnan
- Bird. Savage
Lisnagad - Peter Mac Shane
Bambridge - Gerry Mc Court
Loughbrackland
3 - Dan Murrayaghan
1 Dan Mc Cluskin
2 John Bryne

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Company D/C 1. 2nd
Plato

Murray A. Patsk Carey 1920-21
Chas Grant 1921

Murray B. Patsk Pearon 1921-22

Corraps Hugh Gibbons
Patsk Hughes

F

Pete Mulgivern
Jim McNamee
Patsk Rafferty

Glen Mayolridge Patsk McNamee
W. Point.

P. Mulgivern
Patsk McBarthys
Patsk McColm?

Patsk Keen
Patsk Kostrowitz
T. Burke

Bird. Coll
George Kanes

Hilltown

Lio Cullen

Barnmeen Jim Keenan

Grinan I ned Mr. Governor

Sheeptown James Travers
dead

3rd Batt. Ind Bde.
S/C Seamus Monaghan
J.H. Byrne
Seamus O'Rourke
Y. S/C Bert Greenan.

H

adjistant.
Brian McCavitt.

Q.M. Greenan.

Eng. John Campbell

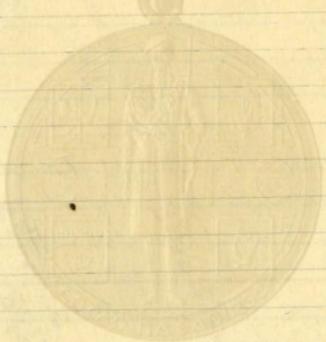
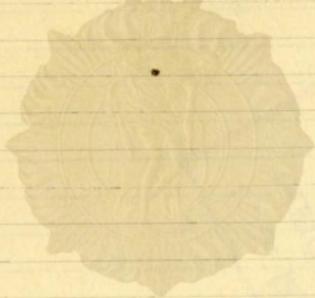
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E. Ballynartur

Thos Cunningham E

F. Handrumont



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2nd Batt 2nd Bde
O/Cs. Dominic O'Herity
Vice Path Casey
Adj't. Ed. O'Sullivan
Qm James Murphy.
Eng

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Kilkel

1st Batt Ind Bde.

O/C Ough O'Hagan 1920-22

@ Chas Cunningham 1922-
-23

Y. O/C Mick. White 1920-22
Jan Colgan 1922-
-23

Q.M. Chas Cunningham
1920-22

Frank Rooney

Adjutant Jim Cunningham

A. atticae Path Jamm O/C

B. Kilkenny James Murphy O/C
Jas O'Rourke O/C

C. Greencastle

Peter O'Dowd O/C
Frank Harpue O/C

D. Kilkel

Jim Morgan O/C's
Tom Morgan O/C's
Path Ryan

D. D. Brugado
Quartermaster ^{mar 14 Feb}
Patk Murray 1921-22
Ned Fitzpatrick Feb 1922

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Engineers
Patk McGuire ~~June~~
~~in Oct 1921-22~~
~~May 1922~~ ~~June 1922~~
~~til Oct 16 22~~

Clerkst. Ned Fitzpatrick

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2nd Brigade
Adjutants July - May-June
W. O. C. W.M. 1921-22

Thos McPolin
from May or June 1922
to 16 July 1922

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2nd Batt Part of Co Down
from Rostrevor to Hilltown
and Rathfriland to
newry inclusive.

3rd Batt Part of Co Down
including Banbridge,
Downore, Guildford,
Scawtah districts

NO 3 BRIGADE

1st Batt Part of Co Armagh
including Armagh City
• Keady • Handbridge
districts.

2nd Batt Part of Co Armagh
including Blackwater tow
ney • Charlemont
and north west Armagh.

3rd Batt Part of Co Armagh
including Lurgan
• Portadown district
and north East part
of County.

~~Book of the 1st and 2nd Brigades.~~

from Ops Duddy & Barr 1921-22

Seamus Monaghan

1-14 Feb 1922

30 Sean Linn 14 Feb 1922

tell about

when he became
Div Op.

Via O/C. Pat Casey 1921-22

Nick Murray
1-14 Feb 1922

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4th N. Division

3 Brigades

10 Battalions

no 1 Brigade

1st Batt - Part of Cavan
from Castlebellingham
to Dundalk

2nd Batt - Part of Cavan
from Dundalk north

3rd Batt - South Armagh
south of a line drawn
from Cootehill to
Pointz pass.

4th Batt - Part of Co Armagh
including Newtown
Whitecross Ballymoyer.

no 2 Brigade

1st Batt - Part of Co Down
from Newcastle to
Portavogie but not
including either

4th N. Division
Quartermaster ^{from}
Sean Jevim Mar 1921
Tom Rogers
Padraig Jevim ^{summers} 1922
ned Fitzpatrick 1922-3
Peter Doyle 1923-4

Engineers

Sean McGarran ¹⁹²¹⁻²
Jimmy Goodfellow 1922
Evers Monaghan 1922
M. ÓCiaran 1922-3

J.O. Sean Jevim ②
Seamus Monaghan ①
Tom Rogers

I think both M O'Hanlon
and Sean Connolly
also held this position
for a period.

Special Service

D/Supplies
ned fitz patrick

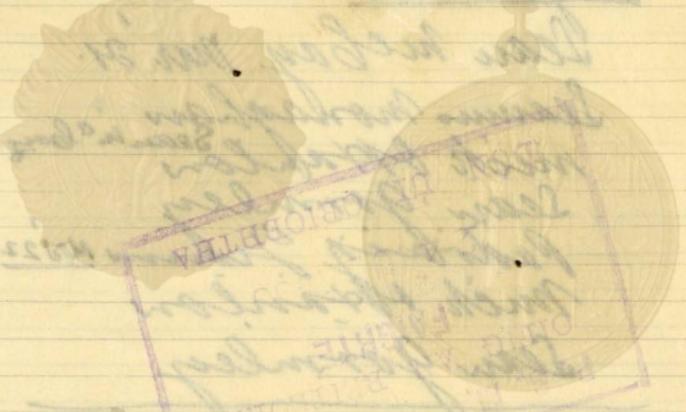
1921-22

D/signalling
jerry Tipping

1921-22

D/medical service

Dr Mackee 1920-22



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HTM N Division
HC's Frank Aiken

March 1921 -
about Oct 22.

Sean Quinn May
about Oct 22 till April 1923

Tom Rogers
May 1923 to '24

Sean MacCoy
1924 & 1925

Adjutants

Sean MacCoy Mar. 21.

Seamus Monaghan Sean MacCoy.
Mick O'Hanlon

Sean Gormley

Padraig Tadhg Nov 22

Mick O'Hanlon

Sean Gormley

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|--------------------|--------|
| Long Horned Lizard | 37 |
| Leslieon | 26 |
| B. Bridgi | 26 |
| Desmognathus | 9 |
| Tulleyiorius | 10 |
| Knock | 27-135 |



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4th Northern Div. Staffs.
Off Frank Aiken March '21 - Oct '22
Sean Grimes Oct. '22 - May '23.
Tom Rodgers. May '23 - '24.
Sean Mc Coy 1924 - '25.
Adjutants:-
Sean Mc Coy. Mar. '21.
Seamus Monaghan.
Sean Mc Coy.
Tom O'Hanlon.
Sean Gormley.
Padraig Ó Cuinn '20-'22.
Tom O'Hanlon.
Sean Gormley.
Dr. Dr. S.:-

Sean Ó Cuinn March 1921.
Tom Rodgers.
Padraig Ó Cuinn 1922 Sunies.
Tom Ó Sé '22-23.
Peter Boyle. 1923-24.
Engineers:-
Sean Ó Gáirean 1921-22.
Jimmy Goodfellow. 1922.
Tom Monaghan '22.
Tom Ó Cuinn 1922-23.

J. G. S.
Sean Ó Cuinn (2)
Seamus Monaghan (1).
Tom Rodgers.
There both Tom O'Hanlon & Sean Gormley also held this position for a period.
Special services.

Of supplies.
Tom Ó Sé '21-22.
Of Signalling.
Jerry Tipping 1921-22.

Of medical services.
Dr. Mc Kee 1920-22

Director of Transport
Peter Boyle. '22
Director of Training
Andy O'Kee. '22

No 3 Brigade. 10 Battalions.
No 1 Brigade:- 1st Batt. Part of Co. Louth from Castlebellingham to Dundalk.
2nd Batt. Part of Co. Louth from Dundalk to Drogheda.
3rd Batt. Boats Armagh. South of Lough Neagh from Crossmaglen to Poyntzpass.
4th Batt. Part of Co. Armagh including Newtown, Whitecross, Ballybofey.
No 2 Brigade. 13th Batt.
1st Batt. from Newcastle to Roscrea. but not including Limerick.
2nd Batt. from Roscrea to Hilltown & Rathfriland to Newmarket.
3rd Batt. Part of Co. Down including Banbridge, Downpatrick, Guildford, Dromore districts.
No 3 Brigade:-
1st Batt. Part of Co. Armagh including Armagh city, Keady, Tandragee District.
2nd Batt. Part of Louth, including Blackwaterstown, Moy, Charlemont and parts East Armagh.
3rd Batt. Part of Co. Armagh including Larne & Portadown districts and parts East part of county.



HAGGARDSTOWN AND DUNDALK I.R.A.

4th Nthn. Division.

PRE TRUCE AND POST TRUCE HAGGARDSTOWN.

| NAME. | PRESENT ADDRESS. | RANK. | ADDITIONAL REMARKS. |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| White, Michael. (Dead.) | of Dublin Rd., Haggardstown, In occupation Ann St., old R.I.C. Bks. | O.C. | 30th June, 1921 to 30th June, 1922. Arrested August 1922. |
| McCabe, Owen | 12, MacSweeney St., Dundalk. | 1st. Lieut. | Arrested August, 1922. |
| McGeough, Nicholas | Chapel Street, Dundalk. | O.C. of Transport | 12th July, 1921, to date of arrest August, 1922. |
| Hardy, Nicholas | Dublin Rd., Haggardstown, | Private | to 30th September, 1923. |
| White, Patrick (Dead). | Dublin Rd., Haggardstown, | Private | to date of Arrest August, 1922. |
| Brennan, John | Cockle Hill, Blackrock, Dundalk. | Private | to arrest September, 1922. |

JOSEPH MARY COTTER.

2nd April, 1935.

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The 4th Northern Division was organised as a Division in March, 1921. The staff appointed then was as follows:-

O/C.
Adjt.
Q.M.

F. Aiken
John McCoy
Sean Quinn.

John McCoy was wounded and captured by Crown Forces on 23rd April, 1921. He was replaced by Seamus Monaghan as Divisional Adjutant.

The Divisional Staff on 11th July, 1921 was as follows:-

O/C.
Adjt.
Q.M.
Engr.
Training

Frank Aiken
Seamus Monaghan
Sean Quinn
Sean McGauran
Tom McPolin

There were changes made in the Divisional Staff in mid-Jany. 1922, as follows:-

O/C.
Adjt.
Q.M.
Engrs.
Chemist
Training
Transport

Frank Aiken
John McCoy
Thomas Rodgers
Seamus Goodfellow
Sean McGauran
Thomas McPolin
Peter Boyle.

Michael O'Hanlon was appointed Divisional I.O. some time about April, 1922.

The staff on 1st July, 1922 was as follows:-

O/C.
Adjt.
Q.M.
I.O.
Engrs.
Chemist
Training
Transport
Signals
Med. Services

Frank Aiken
John McCoy
Padraig Quinn
Michael O'Hanlon
Eiver Monaghan
Ned Fitzpatrick
A. O'Hare
Peter Boyle
Jerry Tipping.
Dr. James McKee

Thomas Rodgers, Div. Q.M. broke his leg when returning to Dundalk from an operation in the Six Counties in March, 1922. He was replaced by Padraig Quinn as Div. Q.M.

Seamus Goodfellow and Sean McGauran went off the Div. Staff after the Army Split in March, 1922, and were replaced by Eiver Monaghan and Ned Fitzpatrick. Thomas McPolin went to the 2nd Brigade and was replaced by Andy O'Hare.

Up to the outbreak of the Civil War (28th June) ^{all} the Division, with the exception of two Battalions of the first Brigade, had been recognising the Old G.H.Q. - Beggars Bush H.Q. The 1st and 2nd Battalions, First Brigade, gave allegiance to the Four Courts Executive from about April, 1922. When the Civil War broke out the Division as a whole decided not to take part in the War but to work for a truce so that negotiations could proceed which, it was hoped, should lead to a settlement.

I proceeded to Dublin on 6th July, 1922, on a peace mission and appealed to the pro-Treaty leaders to call a truce and summon the Dail to discuss terms for unity. I went from Dublin to Limerick and interviewed Liam Lynch and other Republican leaders. I met with little success. On my return to Dublin on 14th July, 1922, I got a request from Richard Mulcahy for myself and the other members of my staff to meet him in conference at Portobello Bks. on the next day, Saturday 15th July. This conference took place. The whole situation was discussed, especially our attitude to Mr. Mulcahy's H.Q. from the outbreak of the Civil War. This meeting did not disclose much grounds for hopes of a settlement of the war. The talk was adjourned on the understanding that I would put in writing our peace proposals for submission to Mr. Griffith and Mr. Collins.

On the night of the 15/16th July the then Col-Comdt. Dan Hogan, O/C. 5th Northern Division, took possession of the town of Dundalk, including the Military Barracks. There was no resistance offered at the Military Barracks - Divisional H.Q. I was made a prisoner, together with all my officers and men, in the Barracks. On Sunday 16th July, I asked for and obtained permission to go, on parole, to Dublin to see Mr. Mulcahy re the invasion of our Divisional area. Mr. Mulcahy informed me that he knew nothing of the intended invasion. He refused to order the withdrawal of 5th Northern troops from Dundalk or to respect our neutrality any longer. I returned to Dundalk and later went into Dundalk Gaol as a prisoner to join my officers and men who were prisoners there. I remained in Dundalk Prison until the morning of the 27th July when John McCoy in charge of a party of our men attacked the prison and rescued myself and over 100 other prisoners who were detained there.

On 23rd July John McCoy as acting Div. O/C. called a meeting of all available senior officers, representing the whole Division as it existed prior to Army Split, to consider the situation caused by attack on Dundalk on 16th July. It was decided at the meeting to depart from the neutral attitude towards the Civil War and to take military offensive action against the Treaty forces. It was also agreed that because of our previous neutral attitude from the start of the Civil War, that the Treaty Forces H.Q. get forty eight hours' notice of the Division's change of attitude towards them before active military operations should start. A Divisional Staff was also appointed to take charge of the Divisional armed forces. The 48 hours notice referred to above was given and had elapsed before the prison was attacked on the 27th July.

On the 27th July, after the attack on the prison and my escape therefrom, I found that John McCoy and two of the Divisional Officers who escaped from the prison with me, had been captured.

After 27th July I had to fill the vacancies caused by the capture of John McCoy and Andy O'Hare, Div. Staff Officers. I also felt it necessary to inform pro-Treaty Army H.Q. through Peter Hughes, T.D. that I had decided to attack their forces in Dundalk. My first activity in the Civil War apart from the escape from Dundalk Jail was the attack on Dundalk town on 14th August, 1922.

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I should like to draw the attention of the Referee and his Advisors to the following important points in connection with the second critical date for officers and men in the units:-

- A. The 1st and 2nd Battns. 1st Brigade, and 1st Brigade Staff took their orders from Four Courts Executive from end of March, 1922.
- B. The rest of Division & 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 1st Brigade, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Brigade, and Divisional Staff (as shown on 1st July 1922) took orders from the old G.H.Q., Beggars Bush, up to the outbreak of the Civil War on 28th June, 1922.
- C. The whole Division as already stated declared a neutral attitude in the Civil War from its commencement up to the 16th July 1922. The 1st Brigade staff and 1st and 2nd Battalions, 1st Brigade, resisted the attack on Dundalk by Col-Comdt. D. Hogan on the 16th July. The rest of the Division with Divn. Staff did not resist D. Hogan's invasion but maintained a neutral attitude.
- D. The officers and men not captured in Dundalk Military Bks. on 16th July from the units giving allegiance to the Divn. Staff at the outbreak of the Civil War, took no part in the Civil War until 27th July 1922.
- E. The officers and men from the 4th Northern Division with me in Dundalk Prison from 16th to 27th July 1922 had no activity in the Civil War until the 14th August 1922.
- F. All operations against the Crown Forces in Northern Ireland were called off from the outbreak of the Civil War on the 28th June, 1922, and were not resumed for at least 2 months.

Frank Aiken
26-7-37

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FOURTH NORTHERN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL STAFF AT VARIOUS DATES.

| | 11th July 1921 | 1st July 1922 | Staff appointed on 23.7.22. | 14th Aug. 1922 |
|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Officer Commanding | Frank Aiken | Frank Aiken | John McCoy | Frank Aiken  |
| Adjutant | (John McCoy (in military custody) (Seamus Monaghan | John McCoy | Sean Gormley | Ml. O'Hanlon  |
| Quartermaster | Sean Quinn | { Thomas Rodgers (in hosp.) <i>Padraig Quinn</i> | Thos. Rodgers | Paddy Quinn  |
| Intelligence Officer | Seamus Monaghan | Michael O'Hanlon | Patk. Lavery | |
| Engineer | Sean McGauran | Eiver Monaghan | Eiver Monaghan | E. Monaghan |
| Chemist | - | Ned. Fitzpatrick | Ned Fitzpatrick | N. Fitzpatrick |
| Training | Thomas McPolin | Andy O'Hare | Thos, McPolin | Jerry Davis |
| Transport | - | Peter Boyle | - | Peter Boyle |
| Signals | - | Jerry Tipping | Jerry Tipping | Jerry Tipping |
| Organisation | - | Jerry Davis | - | Sean Gormley |
| Med. Services | - | Dr. James McKee | Dr. James McKee | Dr. James McKee |

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FOURTH NORTHERN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL STAFF AT ~~VARIOUS DATES~~

11th July 1921.

Officer Commanding

Frank Aiken

Adjutant

{ John McCoy (in military
custody)
{ Seamus Monaghan

Quartermaster

Sean Quinn

Intelligence Officer

Seamus Monaghan

Engineer

Sean McGauran

Chemist

-

Training

Thomas McPolin

Transport

-

Signals

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Organisation

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Med. Services

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LURGAN BATTALION ATTACHED TO NEWRY BRIGADE.
next 4th Battn. 2nd Brigade 4th Nthn. Divn.
then 3rd Battn. 3rd Brigade 4th Nthn. Divn.

Officers:- Richard Duffy, Comdt. 1920 until about Aug. 1920.
M. Murney V/Cmdt.
B. McCann Adjt. until arrest about Mar 1921.
H. McShane Q.M. do.

M. Murney Comdt. from Aug. '20 until arrest
about March 1921.

Sean McConville Comdt. from Feby. 1921 until 1922;
then acted in that position
and also as Bde. Vice Comdt.

Joseph Lynch,)
Dan Hendron &) Acted during short periods of
Chas. Magee) 1921 & 1922 as Vice-Comdts.

J.J. Murray Adjt. from April 1921 till 1922.

J.P. Kearns Q.M. do.

| <u>COMPANY STRENGTHS:</u> | | <u>July '21.</u> | <u>1922.</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| A. Coy. | Lurgan | 40 | 50 |
| B. Coy. | Aghagallon | 18 | 24 |
| C. Coy. | Derrymacash | 20 | 38 |
| D. Coy. | Derrytrasna | 20 | 30 |
| E. Coy. | Maghery | 30 | 44 |
| F. Coy. | Portadown | 11 | 24 |
| Mullavilly Outpost from above | | 4 | 7 |
| G. Coy. | Clonmore & Annaghmore | 14 | - Transferred to Blackwatertown Battalion. |
| H. Coy. | Lurgan (North St.) | - | 70 New Coy. formed 1921. |
| G. Coy. | Milltown | - | 35 do. do. 1921. |
| | | 157 | 322 |
| Battalion Staff | | 4 | 8 |
| | | 161 | 330. |

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Lurgan Company was originally formed in 1918 (early) and was attached to Armagh. It was originally formed by Rev. J.J. Lennon and Seamus Garrett and was re-organised under S. O'Reilly, Armagh, in 1919.

OFFICERS:

Lurgan Captains

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| S. Garrett | 1918 |
| Jos. Burke | 1919 |
| Ed. Matthews | 1919 until May 1920. |
| Richard Duffy | 1920 until promoted Bn. O/C. |
| Jos. Maguire | July 1920 until March 1921. |
| Jos. Lynch | March 1921 until |
| M. Casey | XXXXX 1921 until 1922. |
| P. Thornbury | 1922 until arrest 1923. |

Derrymacash Company formed 1919

| | | |
|---------|--------------|------------------|
| Captain | Jas. McHeown | until Dec. 1921. |
| | M. McCarron | from Dec. 1921. |

Derrytrasna -

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Dan Hendron | 1919 until 1921. Promoted Bn. Vice Comdt. |
| Jas. McGeown | 1921 until finish. |

Aghagallon -

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Chas. Magee | 1919 onwards. |
|-------------|---------------|

Maghery -

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| John Donnelly | 1917 |
| P. McAlinden | 1918 to 1920 |
| Frank O'Donnell | 1920 onwards. |

Portadown -

| | | |
|------------|------|-----|
| J. McAneny | 1920 | do. |
|------------|------|-----|

Annaghmore & Clonmore -

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| John Mullen | 1919 to 1920. |
| P. O'Neill | 1920 to 1921 |
| Jas. McKeown | 1921 onwards |

Milltown -

| | | |
|-----------------|------|-----|
| John McKavanagh | 1921 | do. |
|-----------------|------|-----|

Lurgan, North St.

| | | |
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| Aloysius Haughey | 1921 | do. |
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1918 Easter June 9. I.R.A. Parade and Fianna at Proclaimed meeting. Flag erected outside barrack.
Beechpark raid. Arms captured. 2 Volunteers captured and identified. Sentence for same. Arrangements made to deal with witness who was removed to Belfast under police protection.

1920 Easter. Raid on Allen's cancelled.

Sept. General raid for arms. Volunteer wounded. Transferred to Belfast Hospital. (Good many arms captured). Volunteer wounded in Belfast. Escorted to Manorhamilton. Frank O'Hagan's car.

1920 to 1922. Boycott enforced (very important).

1920 Dec. 9. Birches Barrack and Courthouse burned.

1921 Jany. 1 Aghagallon mails taken from Postman Sommerville.
Mch. 3 Train held up and mails captured three miles outside Lurgan
May 5 Aghalee mails taken from Postman Malone
May 19 Breadvan burned at Derrymacash - Driver J. Hughes.
McKeown's motor breadvan burned off Aghagallon Road.
Inglis' breadstore and vans raided and damaged. Alarm raised - job not completed.

June 3 Cars seized for election purposes and later returned to owners. Three "B" Specials held up for arms - one revolver taken. Special held up for arms, resisted, was shot and died later. Armed escort sent with employees of Filbin Bros. to Dungannon. Raid on Ruddell's for utensils for dump construction. Utensils taken from G.N.R. for Battalion work.

1921 - July) Threatening letters received by Nuns. Volunteer guard
to) put on Convent of Mercy, Lurgan.
1922 - April)

1921 Buffer ends seized from G.N.R. (Aldergrove, Moira U.V.F. Dump. Execution and Aghagallon Patrol - cancelled during this year).

1922. Jany. Town under guard - arrangements to derail train if pogrom commenced.
Feby. Wholesale kidnapping plans. Vol. Robinson shot dead at Derryloiste.
Apl. 23 Patrol ambushed at Derrytrasna - three wounded.
May 14 Patrol ambushed at Derrymacash - three wounded.
Aug. 15 Dundalk captured. - Distribution of Divisional arms.
Sept 11 North Louth explosions. Four bridges wrecked. Border plans. Active service unit formed.
Nov. 4 Language collection. Laying of mine on Lurgan-to-Derrymacash Road. Raid on Heaney's for arms.

1923. Barrack burned by Fianna.

1921. Feby. Raids on B. Specials' homes. Derrytagh North (Bay Shore) Resistance by occupants led to fight.
Dispatches continuous from 1918. Wire cutting continuous from 1920. Entire town isolated end of May or early June 1921.

NOTE:- Lurgan handled dispatches for entire North Eastern Units including some Monaghan and Cavan.

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Knockbridge,
Dundalk.

5/5/35.

A Chara,

The following is a list of I.R.A. on the 11th July, 1921 of Louth Knockbridge Coy.:-

Joe McKenna, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
Tom McElroy, Rossmkee, "
James Gaughran, Dunmahon, "
Antony Donnelly, Claremount, "
Pat McArdle, Knockbridge, "
John Belton, Sea Field, Blackrock, Dundalk.
James Byrne, Dunbin, "
Pat Byrne, Carrickmullen, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
J. Murphy, Dublin.
John McGuire, Knockbridge, Dundalk.
J. Garland.
P. Cassidy. U.S.A.
J. Smyth.
Frank Conlon, Dead.
Tom Lanney, Knockabbey, Louth.
Pat Murtagh, "
Pat McCormack, Mullacrew, " In Jail.
Michael McArdle.
Gerald McArdle, "
Jas. Sweeney, Mills of Louth, Louth.
M. Mathews, Hoarstown, "
Hugh McShane.
Jas. McHugh, Drumgoolin, "
Tom McDonnell, Corderry, "
C. Mullin. "
B. Kirk, Little Ash, Knockbridge.
Mat Conlon, Aroney, Louth, In Jail.
Pat McDonnell, In Guards.
Tom Rogers.
B. Connolly.
Jas. McCartney.
Pat Caragher, Dromiskin,
P. Byrne,
G. Connolly, Louth.

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I.R.A. - 5th Northern Division

Date 3/8/22.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT (GENERAL)

Re: Enemy Camps, etc.

No. 1 - Omeath: This Camp is the headquarters of the Irregular Forces 4th Northern Division. They occupy the Coastguard Station, the Strand Hotel and Mr. John Quinn's private residence. All those houses lie between the railway line and the seashore. As you pass along the Newry road to Omeath going towards the Six Counties there is a fine private house belonging to a man named Mr. Carroll. It is in this house that the Intelligence Officers and Propaganda Agents work; there is also a score of privates billeted here. The total strength of the Irregular forces in Omeath and district I would estimate at 200 men as they have been reinforced from the Six Counties within the last week. Their fighting strength I would say is 80 privates armed with rifles and about 20 officers. In addition to the rifles they have about three Thompsons and one Lewis Gun. For some time past all the men are standing to from about MIDNIGHT and patrolling the roads with the exception of a few officers. They have outposts of four armed men at each on the Carlingford road, the Newry road, and the back road which runs thro' the mountains and overlooks the village. There is a danger of mines being laid on the leading roads to the village as there is a large quantity of explosives in "Dumps" around the village.

No. 2: Tipping's

Wood or Bellurgan: This is at present headquarters of the Dundalk Brigade and is only used as an outpost as the Officers of this are mostly in Omeath. The men here are responsible for the blocking of the roads, holding up trains, and breadvans, etc. This Brigade has a Thompson Gun, about 80 rifles, some revolvers and ammunition, but all the men connected with this Brigade are not in this area.

No. 3 -

Ravensdale and Dungooley.

These outposts are at the moment, I believe, vacated. The men in these Camps have been formed into Flying Columns and are lying about in the vicinity of these camps and some of them have gone to Omeath.

No. 4 - Fianna or Boy Scouts.

This organisation has about 400 members. There are about 150 of these armed with sniper rifles, revolvers and shotguns. The most active of these are located about Blackrock village and district with the exception of a few who are not generally known and knock about town.

The following are the 4th Northern Division (Executive) Staff:

Divisional Commandant
" Adjutant
" Q.M.
" Asst. Q.M.
" Engineer
" Transport
" Officer
" I.O.

Fras. Aiken
Sean Gormley
Fras Rodgers
Patk. Quinn
Iver Monaghan
Peter Boyle
T. McCrave.

Dundalk Brigade No. 1

Brigade Commandant
" Q.M.

P. McKenna
John McGuill

Battalion Commandants of No. 1 Brigade.

Felix Dawe
Sean Kennedy

Newry Brigade No. 2.

Brigade Commandant
" Q.M.
" Adj.
" Engineer
" M.O.
" I.O.

John Quinn
Ed. Fitzpatrick
T. McPolin
M. Quinn
Patk. Laverty
Patk. Laverty and Patk. Hughes.

Battalion Comdts. of No. 2 Brigade.

M. Fearen
Chas. Boyle.

Battalion Comdts. of No. 3 Brigade.

C. McGannon

Propaganda Dept.

P. Murney.

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4th Northern Div. Staffs.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <u>O/Cs</u> | Frank Aiken Sean Quinn Tom Rodgers Sean McCoy | March 1921 - October 1922. Oct. 1922 - May 1923. May 1923-24. 1924-25 |
| <u>Adjts.</u> | Sean McCoy Seamus Monaghan - <i>R. 15. 29/5/36</i> Sean McCoy Mick O'Hanlon Sean Gormley Padraig Quinn Mick O'Hanlon Sean Gormley | March 1921. Nov. 1922. |
| <u>Q.Ms.</u> | Sean Quinn Tom Rodgers Padraig Quinn Ned Fitzpatrick Peter Boyle | March 1921 Summer 1922. 1922-23 1923-24. |
| <u>Engrs.</u> | Sean McGauran Jimmy Goodfellow Eiver Monaghan M. O Cuinn | 1921-22. 1922 1922 1922-23. |
| <u>I.Os.</u> | Sean Quinn (2) Seamus Monaghan (1) Tom Rodgers | ((I think both M.O'Hanlon & Sean Gormley also held (this position for a period |
| SPECIAL SERVICES: | | |
| D/Supplies. | Ned Fitzpatrick | 1921-22. |
| D/Signals. | Jerry Tipping | do. - <i>R. 15. 6/7/36.</i> |
| D.M.Services | Doctor McKee | 1920-22. |
| D/Transport | Peter Boyle | 1922. |
| D/Training | Andy O'Hare | 1922. |

No. 3 Brigade - No. 1 Battn.

No. 1 Brigade - 1st Battn - Part of Co. Louth from Castlebellingham to Dundalk.

2nd Battn - Part of Co. Louth from Dundalk North.

3rd Battn - South Armagh. South of line drawn from Crossmaglen to Poyntzpass.

4th Battn - Part of Co. Armagh including Newtown, Whitecross, Ballymoyer.

No. 2 Brigade - 1st Battn.

Part of Down from Newcastle to Rostrevor, but not including either.

2nd Battn. From Rostrevor to Hilltown and Rathfriland to Newry inclusive.

3rd Battn. Part of Co. Down including Banbridge, Dromore, Guildford, Scarva districts.

No. 3 Brigade.

1st Battn. Part of Co. Armagh including Armagh city, Keady,
Tandragee District.

2nd Battn. Part of Armagh including Blackwatertown, Moy,
Charlemont and North East Armagh.

3rd Batt. Part of Co. Armagh including Lurgan and Portadown district and North east part of county.

H.Q. 4th Northern Division,

July 17, 1922.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN.

Position of the 4th Northern Division from January, 1922, to
July 17th, 1922, 3 p.m.

Jan., 1922.—As a result of a letter of Commdt.-Gen. Rory O'Connor and Commdt.-Gen. Liam Lynch and other officers to the Minister for Defence demanding an immediate Convention of the I.R.A., a meeting of Div. Commdts. and H.Q. Staff was held. At that meeting I proposed that, as at that time if a Convention was held a split was inevitable, the Convention should not be held until after the publication of the Constitution, and then we would be able to see if we had to split and with whom we had to split. The meeting ended in Commdt.-Gen. Rory O'Connor and Minister of Defence agreeing that the Convention should be held in March.

The Convention in March was proclaimed by the President of Dail Eireann, on the advice of the Minister of Defence. Commdt.-Gen. O'Connor and Commdt.-Gen. Lynch and the other officers called on all delegates to attend. No representative of the 4th Northern Division attended, and the night before I wrote asking Commdt.-Gen. O'Connor to postpone it until after the Constitution was published.

The Convention was held, and the Executive formed. Only one Brigade Staff and two Batts. of that Brigade went over to the Executive. The Div. Staff and the rest of the Division decided to remain under the Dail Ministry of Defence until the publication of the Constitution, unless they were asked to do something that they could not honourably do.

On the 6th July I wrote the Minister of Defence to ask him to call a truce, so that the Dail might get at the Constitution, and to call a Convention of the Army. He said he could not see his way to advise the Government to do so. I told him then that, if ordered, I would not attack the Executive forces; but, on the other hand, I thought that the Executive should quit, and if I had to leave his Army I would not fight him, because that fight would only ruin the country without gaining any ground for the Republic. When leaving him I said I would try and get Commdt.-Gen. Lynch to quit.

On leaving the Minister of Defence I went South to see Commdt.-Gen. Lynch. I saw him the 8th July, and put to him that he could do more for the Republic by propaganda than by fighting men of the old Army, most of whom thought they were doing the best for the Republic, and who would never countenance the King as in the Constitution, and also that, although he had the moral right to fight, it was bad tactics, since he could only fight for a few months or years, without any chance of a successful revolution. I failed in my mission and returned to my division.

When I reached my Divisional H.Q. I found there orders to attack the Executive forces in my area, and also an order for myself, Div. Staff and Brigadiers to report at G.H.Q. on Saturday, July 15th.

On Friday, July 14th, I met all (including Executive) Brigade and Batt. Commdts. and Div. Staff. We agreed that if the Provisional Government did not give the Anti-Treaty parties, civil and military, a constitutional way of carrying on for the Republic, such as withdrawing the oath for admission to Parliament, we would give them no support, moral or material. On that day, July 14th, I ordered all arms and war material in the Division to be concealed, and that if we finally broke with G.H.Q. all military posts and camps were to be evacuated, the Divisional organisation to be kept intact along Volunteer lines until—an ordered state of government obtaining in the South—we could attack the North, with a chance of getting an united Ireland, which was always the immediate job to us as revolutionaries.

We reported as ordered to the Minister of Defence and laid our views before him. He told us his position, and the Government's, and advised me to give more detailed plans as to how I thought the position could be fixed up, and also to write a memo. to the members of the Government on the subject. I returned to our barracks to do so.

I wrote the memo. that night, the 15-16th July, and at 5.30 on the morning of the 16th I awoke with two Thompson's at my nose.

An officer who had been reduced for inefficiency, some men who were under arrest for drunkenness, opened the gates, and so—Brilliant Victory of National Army! 300 Irregulars arrested! Not a shot fired!

I got parole that evening and went to the Minister of Defence and demanded my own release and that of my officers and men, and that the full truth be published, so that it could not be said that 300 of the I.R.A. meant to fight, and were such military fools or such cowards as to be arrested without firing a shot.

The Minister of Defence assured me—and I believe him—he did not know our barracks was to be attacked on that particular morning. He told me also that G.H.Q. had information that some of my officers had arranged at a meeting to attack Government troops. I told him that they had got an untrue account—from an officer who had been reduced—of that meeting, which simply decided that they would not take any part in the fighting, and would protect their area and keep law and order in it. I told him also that however Dick Mulcahy might dislike it—that if the Minister for Defence attempted to govern, without the consent of the best people, he would be driven to use rotten men and means.

He asked me to get my arrested officers to sign an assurance that, if released, they would not attack the Government or destroy life or property. I told him that, although I could assure him they would not do so, I was sure they would not sign any guarantee unless the Government withdrew the oath of allegiance to the British King from the Constitution, that there would never be peace in the country while it (the oath) was in it. Before I left he sent on orders to the Officer I/C. of his troops in Dundalk Barracks that my officers were to be treated as officers confined to quarters, and that I was to get parole to try and fix up the mess that had been made of the situation.

To-day (Monday, 17th July) I applied to Officer I/C. here for parole to visit my men outside. He refused. I asked by what authority. He said not by O/C., 5th men outside. He refused. I asked him to press that officer for my Northern Division, but by the officer over him. I asked him to press that officer for my parole and to inform the Minister of Defence. I guaranteed to him, in writing, that if I got parole I would accept absolute responsibility for all that would occur in my Divisional area, three hours afterwards.

At 3 o'clock he came and told me that my request for parole had been refused, and that my officers who had been arrested were to be sent to prison. I asked him was the Minister of Defence aware of that. He said not. I said, then, that I washed my hands of the whole business, and declared if anyone was killed in this area, on one side or the other, that the officer over the O/C., 5th Northern Division, was guilty of murder. Finally, I besought him (the O.I.C.) not to attack our men further without the sanction of the Minister of Defence.

Now, there must be no ill-will borne to the men who attacked this barrack. They did not know the circumstances, and, from a military point of view, it was a nice, well-organised bit of work, carried out well. But I ask all my men, for the country's sake, not to join the Army of the Government with that oath in the Constitution, no matter what the pay may be, or that the alternatives to joining are starving or going back to Ulster to fight at a time that the disordered state of Southern Ireland ensures failure.

The best thing to do for the country's sake is to put your trust in God and keep your powder dry, and make sure you don't lose it.

Bail o Dhia orraibh uilig.

Mise,

FRANK AIKEN, Laoiseach,
Ceann Roinne.