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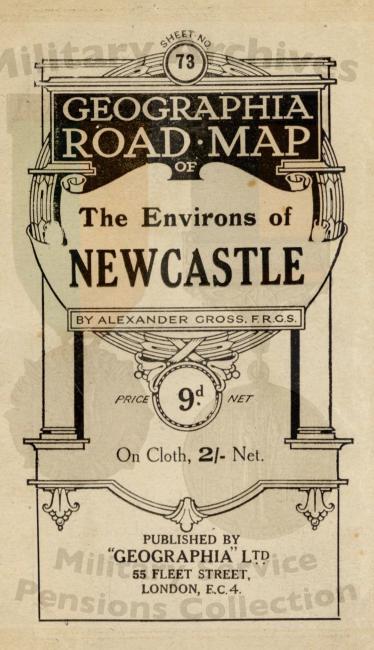
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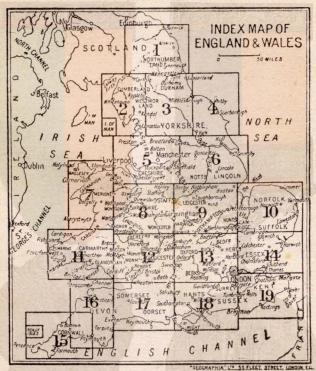




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MICHAEL MCEVOY DESCRIBING EVENTS THAT IN NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 26. 9. 1939.

As far as I am concerned I was sent by the late Rory O'Connor to organise Newcastle-on-Tyne in Decr. 1920. I left Dublin and I had a letter of introduction to Paddy O'Donoghue, Manchester. Paddy O'Donoghue introduced me to four men in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Q. Who was Paddy O'Donoghue?

- A. He was O.C. Manchester. He is in Shelbourne Park.

 I had a letter of introduction to him and he introduced me to four men in Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- Q. That was Decr. '20?

 A. Yes. The four men were :- Dick Purcell, Gilbert Barrington, Joe Connolly and Desmond Fitzgerald. I went there knowing exactly when I left Dublin what I was going to do - to organise the particular area; get as many companies together as possible, and then to carry out whatever I thought was necessary in the area; to appoint the officers and to see that the work was done. I worked from December till March. I had eleven companies in the area.
- Q. Up to March 1921?
- A. March '21. The first time that we caused any stir was in March '21.
- Q. That was the first operation?
- A. The first operations of any in the area, but I believe that the organisation was in being before I was sent there from Dublin. As far back as '19 - the I.S.D.L. I only have that from hear-say.
- Q. There was nothing done there before you went?
- A. No. There was I believe in collecting explosives, arms and things like that under Liam Mellows. That I know nothing at all about. I organised the area.
- Q. Were you there up to the Truce?
- A. No.
- Q. You left it then?
- A. I left it after our first operations.
- Q. In March '21?
- A. March '21 and I left it through a mistake. My Officer Commanding happened to be interned on the Curragh. Gearoid O'Sullivan was acting in his place. I got a letter from him which I can produce if necessary.
- 4. The Officer in charge was on the Curragh?
- A: He was in jail on the Curragh. Rory O'Connor happened to be caught and he was interned on the Curragh and Gearoid was acting in his place. I had an arrangement with Rory before I left this country not knowing where I was going - that I would just organise the Companies and get them into form and when he was to say it was time we were doing something things would happen.

knew before I left here what I was going over for. I did not know who I was associating with and I just kept them in the dark. I applied to Dublin and said everything was O.K. Rory was on the Curragh and Gearoid was acting in his place. I can produce the communication. I have it still, criticizing me because I was so many months there, and this and that and the other. I answered it by having 46 fires on the one particular Saturday night and I came straight home but I left my organisation there perfect. There were four men, as I told you, which I had appointed, and it was more than a Battn. area because ten companies were spread over a big area.

Q. What were the four men appointed as?

- A. Two are dead and one left and one never bothered the country because he came home and I tried to put him into the Four Courts although I was in the National Army at the time and he was not taken in. He cleared away Joe Connolly. There was Barrington, Purcell, Connolly and Fitzgerald. The only man at the present time is Gilbert Barrington.
- Q. What were they in charge of? You had two companies? A. Ten companies.
- Q. How were they apportioned? A. These were the Battn. Staff as I formed them. I regarded them as a Battn. and I appointed them as Battn. Commdt., Vice Commdt. Quartermaster and Adjutant.
- Q. You did not do anything about the Coy. men? A. The Coy. Officers were elected the same as we did in this country at that particular time - the popular vote.

Q. Have you any idea as to which Coy., if any, was the better Did you form any opinion about the Coy. in your opinion? different companies?

- A. The only man that could tell you that would be Hegarty.

 Ask him what compensation did he pay for damage done in that particular area - Dermot Hegarty. He dealt with it and Cosgrave's Government paid compensation. so far as to kk say that it was the best area in Great Britain at the particular time because they were always doing something, and the women were better than the men.
- Q. Before you left there, there was only the one night's operation?
- A. I only carried out the one night's operations and there were 46 different stunts done that particular night.
- Q. After that things continued on, as far as you know, for a while?
- A. Absolutely. I will verify that.
- Q. Have you any idea as to what happened between that and the Truce.?
- A. I came home, as I told you, after the March stunt in '21.
 I was arrested at the Custom House and interned. I was in Arbour Hill and Kilmainham. I got out of Kidmainham on the 25th Oct. and on the 2nd Nov. '21 I was sent back again to England to re-organise it. I got back and I found the Organisation still working. I was there till the 22nd

January, 1922, when I was recalled. the late Rory and he was satisfied. I put my reports before

> Q. If you go back through the period - you were there from December 1920 up to March '21. Have you any particular knowledge of the value of the work in arms and munitions and

things like that?

A. I have a very particular case in point. I was coming myself one night from Newcastle to Manchester with two suit cases of gelignite and I had to stop at York and wait three hours for a connection when the bottom fell out of one of the cases and the sticks rolled all over the platform. A police constable came to me and said it was very hard luck. He thought they were sticks of sugarstick. He offered to take a case from the Bks. He came back with a case and we loaded it was into the case again. it up into the case again.

Q. It was a good area for obtaining stuff?

A. Absolutely. It was a mining area and there was one man detailed in each particular Coy. I have a list of the companies as I remember them. These individuals used to come into Newcastle Saturday after Saturday with their supply.

. A man from each Coy. How far had he to go to get it? A. Some of the Companies were fifty miles from Newcastle.

Q. Who financed them?

A. They financed themselves. There was never one penny received from this country for the upkeep of that particular area.

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Q. Would it be the same man from the company? A. One was told off to collect three sticks. Each man would be working in a particular mine.

Q. Was it the same man each time?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you regard him as being the busiest man?

A. Yes.

Q. If we could get that situation - one man was as good as another?

A. I would not think it.

I one man in each Cop amin Q. We can assume every man in the company was working in a mine and produced three sticks per week?

A. Yes.

Q. It is hard for us to make difference between these men as regards service?

A. The only difference I would make was that this individual who was bringing the stuff down had to pay his own way. He had the risk of carrying it.

Q. In these companies would there be other services apart from

the procuring of this ammunition?

We were always at it. If only working a plate window we used to supply the fellow with tools. You can carry anything in your pocket - detonating or anything to get them going. Some fellows would say we will blow up a gas-maine We were always at it. and would do this and that. You mention one individual King - and in my opinion he is gifted with a tongue, but do
not ask him to do anything. Have you many claims from that
particular area and could you give me a list of them and I will try and remember.

There were two women and if anyone won the "V.C." they

should get it.

Who are they? A. Brennans. Nothing was too hot or too heavy for them. They had more stuff in the house than we had in the big dumps here.

Q. How did they get away with it?

A. They did not get away with it. They were not caught but they went bail for a man who renaged his bail and had to sell out. They were not caught but they I have not been there since 1921.

Q. All this North of England area is put together as Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle. The Secretary believes that he can go through all these files and he will find out the people claiming from Newcastle-on-Tyne and get a list of these claims prepared. In connection with the whole thing we expect each area where claimants are from to form a sort of committee?

A. Yes.

The difficulty about Newcastle is there are only a few men deserving?

Yes.

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Q. We had Mr. Barrington here last week and we can supply a list of claimants and we will also use the stuff on King's file?

A. You can take that with a grain of salt. There is no good for you going to him - "that I was on such and such a job" - and it might be 50 miles from where he resides. You would want to know the area.

Q. Would you be willing to meet Barrington and discuss it when supplied with the dope?

A. Yes, absolutely.

Q. When Barrington and you are together we will get dope from both of you and the two of you can get together and find out what is right?

A. I am quite willing. Outside myself and Barrington there was no one else in the company.

- Q. There is a check on dates as regards King's information?
 A. The first operation was about the 20th of March; it was the middle of March anyway. I know I had two casualties and they both got 7 years apiece, and we had 46 operations. that night. his. (hooly got 2; Conny ?)
- Q. Newcastle on the list revealed capture February, 1921, oil stores and stocks of timber?
- A. Yes, I was on that job.
 The first operation was the 28th March.
- Q. Would this (list) be any help to you and Barrington? A. Yes. I think we could not do anything until myself and Barrington get together.

Q. We will supply as far as possible a list of the claimants?

- I came here with a completely clear mind to say A. Yes. nothing only what I absolutely knew. I knew it was the middle of March. After that, up to the Truce and after the Truce the Organisation was started and it was active because Purcell and Barrington after I had left were caught and got 7 years! detention for the raiding of a Magazine in a pithead.
- Q. There was no organisation the same as we had here? A. I had absolute authority.
- Q. It is hard for you or anyone to come along. We are dealing with the rank question more by means of the man. The case will have to be made more on the importance of the man than on the rank. A lot of Irish fellows were over there temporarily?

A. These were all natives in this particular area.

these men had never seen Ireland.

- Q. If you had a case to make of rank for particular people King was supposed to be a Company Captain there? A. Yes.
- Q. And he was not the best man in the company? A. No. If I had my way with him I would give him a certificate for one year's service and say 'There, you are finished'. You will always find a class of man like that.
- Q. Was it the Organisation that dealt with the stuff that was collected?
- A. The main centre for sending the stuff to was Manchester. Everything we received up there was carted down and handed over to Manchester.
- Q. Was it stored in Newcastle first?
- A. For the time being.
- Q. Gelignite?
- A. Gelignite and revolvers.
- Q. How many revolvers?
- A. We used to carry them by cases. Our company would collect a considerable amount and get them sent for a I was in Newcastle and saw a Tan walking around and in their uniform home on leave from this country over there.
- Q. How was that money collected?
- A. Company subscriptions.
- Q. Did you hold any dances?
- A. No. Our men paid so much per week. Our company must be self-supporting.
- Q. King supplied us with a list of "C" Company first?
 A. Yes. He is wrong there. No. 3, Area, Great Britain was the definition.
- Q. In Newcastle?
- A. Rory O'Connor was Director of Engineering and he took it for granted that he being Director of Engineering he did not know he was also O.C. Britain - he added that to make it look big - No. 3, Area Great Britain was the definition.
- Q. "C" Company, 1st Battalion, No. 3. Area? A. It would not work. They were a complete unit.
- Q. He gives his own name as Company Captain. Was Kerrigan a native of Newcastle?
 - A. No; he was an Irishman. You would have to refer to Barrington for these names. I am not interested in individuals. Kerrigan I know alright.
 - I think the best thing you can do with them all is to issue certificates of service.
 - O. We will have to go into it more than that?

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FIVE ARRESTS FOLLOW ORGY OF FIRES AND EXPLOSIVES.
GAS AND WATER MAINS BLOWN UP
STOCTON, CHESTER LE STREET, MONKTON, NORTH SHIELDS,
JARROW, HOUGHTON LE SPRING, WALLSEND & HEBBURN.
250,000 DAMAGE ALONE AT STOCTON.
RAILWAY STATION ALIGHT.

North Mail & Newcastle Chronicle.
Monday May 23rd 1921.

RING OF FIRES
IRISHMEN CHARGED IN NORTH

North Mail & Newcastle Chronicle. Tuesday May 24th 1921.

POST OFFICE FIRED AT ASHINGTON.

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North Mail & Newcastle Chronicle. Tuesday Kay 24th 1921.

IRISHMEN SENTENCED IN THE NORTH
JUDGE TOID TO "CARRY ON" AFTER PASSING SENTENCE
AMID LOUD APPLAUSE IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY.

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North Mail & Newcastle Chronicle. July 4th 1921.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES IN NEWCASTLE HOUSE. DETECTIVES FIND MAN AND WIFE CHARGED. (11)

Newcastle Evening Chronicle October 20th 1921.

HIGH EXPLOSIVES
ALLEGED WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY AGAINST SAFETY OF THE REALM
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SACKS CONVEYED TO NEWCASTLE.

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Newcastle Evening Chronicle. October 31st 1921.

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Newcastle Evening Chronicle. November 1st 1921.

TWO FURTHER ARRESTS IN NEWCASTIE.
PACKAGES MISSED FROM BEDSIDE
SUGGESTED MACHINE GUNS
FOURTH MAN NOT BEFORE COURT. (UNABLE TO TRACE)

(14)

Newcastle Evening Chronicle. November 10th 1921. EXPLOSIVES FIND AT BEDLINGTON

(15)

North Mail & Newcastle Chronicle. December 5th 1921.

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John J. KING. Anthony Mullarkey Thomas Flynn Thomas Joyce

Newcastle Bedlington South Shields Jarrow.

Newcastle Evening Chronicle. Monday March 12th 1923.

IRISH DEPORTEES TRIAL
ART O'BRIEN AND SEVEN OTHERS
SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY CHARGE AT OLD BAILEY
LOCAL MEN IN DOCK

(17)

Anthony Mullarkey Thomas George Flynn Bedlington, Northumberland South Shields.

Newcastle Evening Chronicle. Wednesday July 27th 1923.

IRISH DEPORTEES TRIAL
EVIDENCE FROM SOUTH SHIELDS
"Entry in Flynn's DIARY SHOWS £100 to 0/C. Britain
from Miss Brennen".

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Newcastle Evening Chronicle. Friday June 28th 1923.

IRISH DEPORTEES SENTENCED
MULLARKEY, FLYNN & TWO OTHERS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR
AT OLD BAILEY.

ART O'BRIEN & SEAN MCGRATH SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS.

Evening Chronicle.
July 5th 1923.

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JIFIG AN RÉITEÓRA

IO, Cremore Road, Glasnevin.

3Ist., October, 1939.

Mr. E. Burke. Secretary,

Office of the Referee, Griffith Barracks.

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Dear Sir,

Reference yours of 26th.inst., with enclosures, we have carefully checked the lists of applicants supplied to us by you, and are agreed that the following were genuinely active:-

File No.	Name	Company	
3 5283	Vallely, James Westful	B (Hebburn)	
36637*	Dunleavy, Anthony Smith	D (Wallsend)	
40717	Flynn, Thomas S. Shills	A (Jarrow - So	.Shields Sec)
40860	Flaherty, Martin Javrow	A (")	
42028	Ferris, Liam S Shills	C (Newcastle)	
45159	King, John J.	G (/ ")	
* 45546	Geraghty, J. Wellington Type	D (Wallsend)	
46308	Connolly, Michael Anshabin.	C (Newcastle)	2
46920	Morrissey, Thos. Nemall Lyn	D (Wallsend)	
47184	McAndrew, Edw. Walls and Jyre	D (Wallsend)	
4964I	Philbin, John Jarrow	A (Jarrow)	
53595	McGarry, P.J. Noll unbole	C (Newcastle)	
53598	McCann, Ml. Ballans loe	G (Teeside)	
54775	Durkin, M. Surger	H (Chester-le-	Street)
1/56517	Joyce, Patk. Aday	A (Jarrow) Sue	Mer 9 4/11/24/21
56550	Wynne, Ml. U.S.A.	A (Jarrow)	

During the next few days we hope to be able to check up the records of the remaining applicants on your list, and we shall report again when this has been done. We beg pring to your notice the omission of the following, who are known to have made application;-

Michael Kelly, Stockton-on-Tees (G Coy.) 57474 48207 Sergt. Murphy, Civic Guards, Drimoleague, Co. Cork, formerly C Coy. et C. Macken, Jarrow-on-Tyne, (A Coy.) 544399 Macker off.

All these were active.

Yours faithfully,

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IO, Cremore Road, Glasnevin. 9th., November, 1939.

Mr. E. Burke,
Secretary,
Office of the Referee,
Griffith Barracks.

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Dear Sir,

Further to our letter of 3Ist.ult., we are now in a position to confirm that the undermentioned applicants were active:-

Company Name File No. A (Jarrow) Patrick Gilhooly 33584 A 11 Patrick J. Keaney 34216 C (Newcastle) John Bradshaw 37043 D (Wallsend) 3996I Richard Devlin D John Callaghan 40593 Michael Cuddihy 41003 Michael Flynn 4I07I B (Hebburn) Patrick Linehan 450IO D (Wallsend) 45546 John Geraghty A (Jarrow) Patrick Kerrigan 46314 A (Jarrow) Daniel McCann 48097 A (Jarrow) Daniel McNally 48645 3 -51597 John Craney

Please note that in out previous report, we included in error the name of Patrick Joyce, File No. 56517. This man was not active, the had opportunities. His name was confused with that of Thos. Joyce, was O.C. "A" Company.

There are several applicants from D Company (Wallsend) of we are doubtful, as these men in some cases were known by appearance rather than name. McAndrew, File No. 47184, who was O.C."D" Company, could help us in reaching a final decision on these cases, if you could arrange for his attendance in Dublin.

Yours faithfully,

Included in list in letter of 31/10/39 Elsamington de Clichael Moor,

RO/610

9 November 1939

A Chairde.

I am directed by the Referee to refer to your letter of 21st ultimo and to state that it is noted that (57474) Michael Kelly, Stockton-on-Tees, also had service with Tyneside Division. With reference to Sergeant Nurphy I am to point out that this applicant's name appeared on the list accompanying my letter of 26th ultimo opposite the reference number 48207.

As regards C. Macken, Jarrow-on-Tyne, I am to state that no application appears to have been received from Tyneside area under that name, but an application has been received from a Michael Macken, 21 Springwell Rd., Primrose, Jarrow (Ref. No. 44399) who claims to have had service with A/Company (Jarrow).

I am to add that the following, in addition to those shown on the list accompanying my letter of 26th ultime had service in the Newcastle-on-Tyne area and, together with Michael Kelly (57474), and Michael Macken (44399), should be added to the list already furnished:

45075 Malia. Ml. Pro & Post Truce

39813 Murphy, Patk.

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Messre. G. Barrington & Michael McEvoy.

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IO, Cremore Rod.,
Glasnevin,
Dublin.
25th., November, 1939.

Mr. E. Burke,
Secretary, Pensions Pd.,
Griffith Barracks.

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Dear Sir,

In accordance with the request made by the Board, Mr.McEvoy and I have arranged a connected narrative of activities in Tyneside Division up to the date of the arrests of Purcell and myself in Oct., 1921.

This account is not exhaustive, but, we believe, includes some mention of the principal happenings in the area. From the rough map accompanying the memorandum it will be seen that the extent of the area covered about 70 miles by 40.

In amplification of the information contained in ours of 3Ist.,October and 9th.,November, we give below the dates on which individual applicants took part in operations, with a note also of the extent to which they assisted in getting supplies of munitions. Fi;e No. Name

Company

Operations

Munitions

35283	Vallely, Jas.	B(Hebburn)		Carrying
36637	Dunleavy, Anthony	D(Wallsend)	28/2/2I 27/3/2I 22/5/2I	-
40717	Flynn, Thos.	A(Jarrow)	28/2/2I,27/3/2I, 22/5/2I	Getting & Carrying
40860	Flaherty, Martin	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	Getting
42028	Ferris, Liam	C(Newcastle)	28/2/2I,27/3/2I, 8/4/2I	Carrying
45159	King, John	C(Newcastle)	27/3/21,8/4/21	Carrying
45546	Geraghty, John	D(Wallsend)	27/3/21,22/5/21	?
46308	Connolly, Michael	C(Newcastle)	27/3/21,8/4/21	Getting
46920	Morrissey, Thos.	D(Wallsend)	27/3/21,22/5/21	
47184	McAndrew, Edw.	D(")	28/2/2I,27/3/2I, 22/5/2I	Getting & Carrying
4964I	-Philbin, John	A(Jarrow)	28/2/21,27/3/21	Carrying
53595	McGarry, P.J.	C(Newcastle)	27/3/21,8/4/21	Getting
53598	McCann, Ml.	G(Stockton)	27/3/21,2/4/21	Getting & Carrying
54775	Durkin, Martin	H(Chester-le-		
		Street)	27/3/21,22/5/21	Getting & Carrying
• 56517	Joyce, Patk.	A(Jarrow)	NIL	-
56550	Wynne, Ml.	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	Carrying
44399	Macken, Michael	A(Jarrow)	28/2/2I,27/3/2I, 22/5/2I	Getting & Carrying
39813	Murphy, Patk.	E(Ashington)	27/3/2I,22/5/2I. I5/I0/2I	Getting & Carrying

Fi No	o. Name	Company	Operations	Munitions
57474	Kelly, Michael	G(Stockton & Middlesbrough)	17/3/21, 22/5/21 I	Carrying
33584	Gilhooley, P.	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	
34216	Keaney, P.J.	A(")	27/3/21,22/5/21	
37043	Bradshaw, John	C(Newcastle)	27/3/21, 8/4/21	Carrying
3996I	Devlin, Richard	D(Wallsend)	27/3/21,22/5/21	
40593	Callaghan, John	D(")	27/3/21,22/5/21	Getting
41003	Cuddihy, Michae	1 "	27/3/21,22/5/21	
41071	Flynn, Mich.	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	
45010	Linehan, Patk.	B(Hebburn)	27/3/21	
46314	Kerrigan, Patk.	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	Getting
48097	McCann, Danl.	A(")	27/3/21,22/5/21	11
48645	McNally, Danl.	A(Jarrow)	27/3/21,22/5/21	
51597	Craney, John	A(")	27/3/21,22/5/21	

· As regards Ml. Melia, File No. 45075, we know that the Bde. Commdt. had a good opinion of him, but we cannot state what activities he took part in.

A similar difficulty arises in connection with other applicants from Wallsend area. We have not communicated with McAndrew, as, after consideration, we decided that it would be unwise.

Yours faithfully,

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Organisation:

About October, 1919, a start was made by R.J. Purcell, J. Connolly and G.F. Barrington, who formed companies at farmer. Hebburn, Wallsend and Newcastle-on-Tyne. Each Company was instanted to raise funds by members' contributions, collections, ceilidhe, etc. The officers were appointed by the area Council, which at this time consisted of the 3 men named above. Arms and explosives were purchased or collected, and stored by the Area Quartermaster (G.F. Barrington), sometimes at his own home in South Shields, but generally at an office rented for the purpose by him in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

down to Leeds or Manchester by G.F.Barrington and R.J.Purcell and handed over to Liam McMahon for despatch via Liverpool. There would be about twenty guns in this lot. (The doubt as to destination of this first consignment arises from the fact that other journeys were made to the same man later).

The collection of arms, ammunition amd explosives continued throughout the year, and increased as new Companies were formed. The material was taken to Liverpool by Purcell, Barrington or Connolly, or was collected by a messenger from Liverpool or Manchester.

In November, 1920, Rory O'Connor visited the area, met the Brigade Staff, and arranged to send over M.McEvoy to confirm appointments, inspect the Companies and report.

The organisation now consisted of:-

Brigade Commandant.........R.J.Purcell

" Quartermaster..G.F.Barrington

" Adjutant......Jos. Connolly (later superseded)

A Company (Jarrow)....O.C. John Connolly ("
Lieut. J. Philbin ANA 49641

Strength: about 40 men

B Company (Hebburn)....O.C. Jas. Connolly

Lieut. Jas. Conroy.

Strength: about 25 men

C Company (Newcastle) ... O.C. John King

Lieut. Ed. Kerrigan

Strength: about 20 men

D Company (Wallsend) O. C. E. McAndrew

Lieut. Thos. Morrissey

Strengtheabout 35 men

E Company (Bedlington) . . O.C. A. Mullarkey

Lieut. P.Murphy /

Strength: about 30 men

F Company (Consett) John Larkin O.C.

James Melody Lieut. (later O.C.)

Strength: about 30 men

The above represented the state of the area at the time of M.McEvoy's arrival towards the end of I920. The strength of these Companies was increased considerably after operations began in February, I92I, and

* James

new Companies were formed between January and March, 1921, as under:G Company (Stockton-on-Tees)....O.C. W. Whelan

Lieut. M. Kelly

Strength:about 40 men

This Company included Middlesbrough and Thornaby-on-Tees
H Company(Chester-le-Street)....O.C. J.O'Neill

Lieut. M. Durkin

Strength: about 30 men

I Company (Thornley&

Wheatley Hill).......O.C. M. Tunney

Lieut. McCarroll

Strength: about 30 men

Lieut. - Durcan

Strength: about 25 men

The total Area strength by the end of March, 1921, had reached over 480 men.

Operations:

The first operations of an incendiary nature were carried out on the 28th., February, 1921. The places chosen by the Brigade Staff 28/1/11 for these operations were the Bonded Stores and neighbouring Oil Stores on Newcastle Quayside and the Timber Yards at Tyne Docks (South Shields).

The Companies selected were A,B,C, and D. During the week or so prior to the date fixed, Purcell, Barrington and Connolly, accompanied by M.McEvoy inspected the places in pairs, and decided on the method to be adopted and the men to be employed.

As regards the Stores and Warehouses, the men from the 4 companies met at the Labour Hall in Newcastle. Arms were given to the leaders of each party of four, bolt-cutters to another, petrol and cotton waste to a third of the party, and a gun to the man accompanying him.

Owing to arms having been consigned to Liverpool shortly before this, Barrington had been obliged to go to Manchester to bring back 40 guns and ammunition, and Purcell collected the bolt-cutters from the same source.

Each job was to be carried out in the following manner:— At the agreed time two men from each group of four were to proceed to their appointed position, one of them carrying bolt-cutters and the other gun and torch. Ten minutes were allowed for making entry, when the second two men were due to appear, with petrol, etc.

In every case, entry was made, but in one case alarm was given and police interference led to the arrest of a man named Salmon. In two other cases a fire was started, but the Oil in the stores being of a heavy grade damage done was not great. In another case, the second pair failed to arrive.

This party was in charge of Barrington, who, accompanied by M.Macken(A Company) made successful entry to an Oil Store. He was to have been followed by Joseph Connolly(Bde.Adjutant) and John Connolly (O.C. A Company) but these two failed to appear. These two men were quietly dropped after an enquiry was held, and David Fitzgerald took Connolly's place as Brigade Adjutant; Philbin replaced John Connolly as O.C. A Company.

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The attempt of the Timber Yards at Tyne Docks was completely successful. So far as can be recalled at this date, only three men were engaged: Jas.Connolly(O.C. B Company), Thos.Flynn(A Company -South Shields Section) and J. Kane (A Company - South Shields Section).

In all I9 or 20 men took part in these first operations, including M.McEvoy(G.H.Q.), R.J.Purcell(Bde.Commdt.), G.F.Barrington (Bde.Quartermaster), Jos. Connolly (bde. Adjutant), the officers of Companies A, B, C & D, and seven men of whom E. Kerrigan, E. Costelloe, (both of C Company), T. Flynn and J. Kane(both of A Company) were part.

A second visit to the area had been paid by Rory O'Connor in February about a week before the attempt was made, and he approved our plans. M.McEvoy was recalled to Dublin early in March.

On March 27th., the second series of operations was under-27/3/1/ taken. All companies were engaged and all were successful. The Press Farmfine had ascribed the previous fires to a "flying column", so on this occasion the 38 fires were started in 20 different districts, scattered over three Counties, at 80'clock precisely. All these jobs were of the same character, namely, burnings of barns, haystacks, outhouses, sheds, etc. Their chief military value lay in their effect on the Insurance Cos., and the evidence of a widespread organisation in England

There were three or four casualties, among them being Jas. Conroy(Lieut. B Company), A. Morley (G, Company) and another member of G Company whose name we cannot at present recall. Conroy was armed when taken, and was sentenced to 7 years P.S. Mortey was given 2 years' hard labout, and his companion a similar sentence.

Shortly after these events a raid on a magazine at Middlesbrough was carried out by G Company. The magazine was entered by lifting off the roof in its entirety, but stocks had run low at the time, and the haul was not a big one. M.McCann(sergt. G Company) fired at, and missed, a policeman, was caught and later sentenced to Penal Servitude.

In the March burnings, over IOO men were engaged, and in the magazine job 6 men.

At a date shortly before McCann's arrest, Whelan and he put the Electrical Circuit controlling the Power supply to Stockton out of action by breaking acble connections at a place just outside the town. This was not a planned job, but was a case of seizing an opportunity when it offered.

On 8th., April, 1921, the Aerodrome at Gosforth (a suburb of Newcastle-on-Tyne) was burned down, two planes being destroyed in the hangar. The plans for this job were prepared by Purcell and Barrington, who inspected the structure and surroundings a few days previously. It was arranged that a fire would be started at Benton a little earlier so as to keep the Gosforth Fire Brigade occupied while the Aerodrome was going up. This job, in which 5 haystacks were burned, was performed by John King(O.C. C Company) and mine or ten men. The Aerodrome burning was done by E.Kerrigan(Lieut. C Company), E. Costelloe, (N. C.O. C Company) and four men.

The next large-scale operations were carried out on the 22nd., May, 1921. All companies had been instructed to prepare plans which were submitted to the Brigade Council.

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The Company areas were visited by the members of the Brigade , the objectives being inspected and the Company arrangements checked. On the eve of the job, Company Officers were called to a meeting of the Brigade Council held in the Irish Club, Newcastle, where they were given final instructions and supplies of arms, gelognite, detonators, cable and batteries. Over 40 jobs were successfully undertaken. There were no failures, but five arrests.

"A" Company (Jarrow) blew up a Gas Main at East Jarrow, which put the town of Jarrow in darkness, leaving it without street lights for a couple of days, as well as cutting off supplies to Works and dwellings. The two men in charge of this job were John Ward and Martin Flaherty. The same Company was also responsible for farm fires at Monkton and North Shields.

B Company, C Company and D Company combined in the cutting down of telegraph poles, by means of chain saws, along a stretch of about 4 miles between Hebburn and Wallsend, completely breaking telegraph and telephone connection by the eastern route from London to Scotland. For nearly a week the system was dislocated. The officers and a large number of men from the three companies were engaged on this job (John King, O.C. C Company - doubtful).

P.o. askington E Company (Bedlington, Ashington & Cowpen) set fire to the Post Office at Ashington, and started a number of farm fires around Blyth.

F Company(Consett) was responsible for farm fires at Chopwell, Ebchester and South Moor. The O.C., John Larkin, was arrested. This Company also set fire to the Railway Station offices and the bridge over the line at Annfield Plain.

G Company (Stockton & Middlesbrough) blew up the watermain from which the towns of Stockton, Thornaby and Middlesbrough drew their supplies. The officers of the Company, W. Whelan and M. Kelly were in charge of this operation, which formed part of a larger scheme. It was intended, once the water supply had been cut off, to fire a big joinery works and timber yard at Thornaby, which was expected to ignite the adjoining Tramway sheds. The Joinery works was set going, but the fire did not spread.

W. Whelan who directed these operations is at present with the Army Corps of Engineers at Collins Barracks.

H Company (Chester-le-Street) started seven or eight farm fires at Houghton-le-Spring, Lanchester and Stanley.

I Company (Thornley & Wheatley Hill) carried out farm fires at Thornley & Shildon.

J Company (Sunderland) carried out similar work at Penshaw and Hylton.

Except where indications to the contrary have been given, Company officers invariably took part in the operations. From the outset, valuable assistance was given by Cumann na mBan, in carrying arms after a job, in covering operations such as cutting of telephone poles, and in getting funds.

In June, 1921, the Brigade Commdt. and Bde.Q.M. were called to Dublin for reports to the D.P. and D.E. In July R.O'C visited the area. In August, 1921, the Brigade Commandant and the Brigade

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Quartermaster were again called to Dublin to meet Cathal Brugha, Minister for Dence, and submit plans which had been prepared on the assumption that the Truce would break down. The plans included the destruction of the High Level Bridge at Newcastle and of the Transporteur Bridge at Middlesbrough, the destruction of the Waterworks at Cleadon(source of the water supply to South Shields, Harton and Tye Dock), and fires at Timber yards in Stockton, Hartlepool and on the Tyne, and in certain factories such as the Alkali Works at Hebburn and Wallsend.

Rory O'Connor visited the area and, accompanied by M.McEvoy, and inspected these sites along with the Brigade Commandant and Quartermaster.

Munitions:

As already stated, the opening activities of the Brigade consisted in the collection of arms and explosives, which were transferred to Liverpool periodically, either directly or via Manchester. As soon as operations were started, that is, at the end of February or early in March, 1921, the Brigade Quartermaster was called to Dublin and given instructions and cash by Liam Mellows for the purchase of arms, it being understood that gelignite, blasting powder, detonators, etc. were obtainable without cost.

Each Company Quartermaster was responsible for seeing that his Company contributed its share of these materials, which were brought in to Newcastle, South Shields or Jarrow for storage. At this time, David Fitzgerald had replaced Connolly on the Brigade Staff, and he was active in getting supplies. Through Fitzgerald, we obtained the use of a vacant house in Jarrow, which ultimately became the main dump.

Purchases of arms were made from seamen and ex-soldiers by Purcell, Barrington, Fitzgerald, T. Flynn, M. Macken, Jas, Connolly, or the Bde. Quartermaster was put in touch with the seller by one or other of the remainder of those mentioned. Companies bought arms for their own use at their own expense.

In some instances arms were got by capture, as in the case of three machine guns which were removed from Saltwell Park, Gateshead. The main difficulty here was one of transportation, for which purpose a horse and cart had to be hired from a shady character in Gateshead, who took them down to Jarrow at night after the job was done.

Half a dozen rifles were removed in similar fashion from the Drill Hall at Gateshead. Both jobs were performed by Kerrigan and Costelloe of C Company, the arrangements having been made by Purcell and Barrington (Brigade Commdt. and Q.M.). was Trophies in the Rublic Parts.

This job was done in March, 1921, but the machine guns were taken in July or August of that year.

Altogether about £1200 was expended on arms for Ireland between March and October, 1921. After the arrest of the Brigade Q.M. in that But 21 month the work was continued by D. Fitzgerald and T. Flynn, the latter being appointed Bde.Q.M. soon after the arrest. Rory O'Connor came to Newcastle along with M.McEvoy to arrange a rescue which was mistimed by 24 hours) and to appoint officers to replace Purcell and Barrington(O.C. and Q.M.)

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E Coy. October 1921

The arrests of R.J.Purcell and G.F.Barrington arose from an operation which had been carried out at Bebside Colliery, Northumberland, in the Ashington-Bedlington area. A raid was carried out by the two officers and 4 men of the Company on the Colliery magazine, The job was timed so that the sacks of explosives would be ready to load on to a taxi hired by Barrington in Newcastle for the purpose. Everything went according to plan, and the taxi was brought to the house of a man named Margetts, who had been of occasional use in getting arms. It was intended to remove the material to the dump at Jarrow, but before this could be done, Margetts had been given away by his wife corroborated by a spying neighbour. he attempted to make a case for himself by telling all he knew, with the result that Purcell and Barrington were arrested next day and later sentenced to 3 years' P.S.

During the truce, a Director of the Armstrong) Whitworth firm was introduced to the Q.M. and gave information of a cargo of arms lying at Antwerp, which could be got out through the agency of a man with an address at Sielk St., Antwerp. It would be piloted out of the harbour, but we were to find a crew. Full details of this offer were put before the D.P., but the cost (about £2,000) was considered too high in relation to the risk of failure.

The following carried material from Tyneside to Liverpool at various times between April, I920 and October, I92I:-M.McEvoy, R.J.Purcell, G.F.Barrington, D.Fitzgerald. On several occasions a messenger came to Newcastle to collect. The work continued after the date mentioned, but the details are not known to the writer.

Of the total strength of the Brigade, less than IO% appear to have submitted claims for pensions under the I924 Act, but some others served in the National Army and have been awarded pensions under the Act of I924. Among these are:-

Sergt. Salmon, Civic Guards (captured, Newcastle, Feb., 1921)

Sergt. E. Kerrigan, Civic Guards

E. Costelloe, National Army

John Ward, National Army - now in Dublin

W.Whelan, Commdt.National Army(ex-Capt. G Company) - now in Dublin Thos. Joyce, National Army(ex-O.C. A Company)

The widow of R.J.Purcell (formerly O.C. Tyneside Bde.) is in receipt of a pension from some source, but Purcell did not join the forces. Information of activities subsequent to the arrest of Purcell and Barrington can be got from T.Flynn of South Shields, who took over the duties of Q.M..Mullarkey, who became O.C., is in America. Flynn, who was over there, probably knows his address.

A rough sketch map of the area accompanies this memorandum, and indicates the location of the companies and the points at which operations were performed, except where one name has been used to cover two or three adjoining points(e.g. Benton includes, E.Benton, Longbenton, and Little Benton).

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It will be seen that the organisation of Companies and keeping in touch with them, when formed, involved a great deal of travelling over long distances on the part of the O.C. and Q.M. who undertook most of this work, with the assistance of M.McEvoy, when he was in the area, and D.Fitzgerald. The acquisition of arms also necessitated journeys as far afield as Hull, where a Company was formed during the truce for this purpose alone. Purcell and Barrington arranged this less than a week before their arrest. Saturday and Sunday were spent in Hull, and the following day they crossed to Grimsby with the same object, but were unsuccessful in finding any Irishman there of the right kind. The Hull company probably proved useful later, as the man whom we placed in charge was very sound – an elderly man of the name of Hughes(?) who lived in Prime Street.

Scotland Yard had two men in the Newcastle area from April to October, I92I, to keep observation on Purcell and Barrington, as was stated in evidence at their trial (which was undefended). They were detected soon after their arrival, but their presence led to much additional trouble and expense. The latter consideration bore heavily on Barrington, who depended on his salary as schoolmaster, Purcell being more fortunately placed as an Organiser for I.S.D.L.

Money is understood to have been sent to England for expenses of operations in Tyneside area, but it was never called upon, as the area was entirely self-supporting in that respect.

Events from I922 onward are not dealt with here, as whatever part was taken in these later activities by individuals can be confirmed in most cases from other quarters.



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from Miss MARY. A. BARRINGTON

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B Cc pany (Hebburn) about 25 men. Capt. Jas. Connolly. X 1st Lt. .. Conroy. X Succeeded by P.McGivern. 2nd Lt.T. Moriarty. D.Fox. P. Linehan. Patk. Gorham (? Arrested with Connolly after farm fires of 26 Mar. 1921 but mot listed anywhere). C Company (Newcastle) about 20 men. Capt. John King. X 1st Lt. Ed. Kerrigan. X 2nd.Lt. J.Brennan. X Liam A. Ferris. X Patk. Murphy. x John Bradshaw. X Quinn. > Martin Burke (?) (oy) Patk. J.McGarry. X Jas. Vallely.X E. Costelloe. X P.Mc Laughlin. V Ml. Connolly. (2) - Mc Manus. X - Duffy. X D Company (Wallsend) about \$5 men. Capt. Jas. Conroy. X(Arrested) Act. Capt. E. McAndrew. X lst Lt. P.O'Flanagan. Was T. Morrissey Xwho became Adjt. 2nd. Lt. - Lappin. Ml. Melia. X E. Gavaghan. X Francis Berney. Patk. Moran. John Geraghty. X Ml. Brennan. Jas. Hanley (Dunleavy's alibi) John Callaghan. X Con Hooley X Jas. Mullarkey. Y do. Manus Conway. Jas. Lavin. x(? 2nd. Lt.) Jas. Murphy.X Thos. Conway. Mat. Murray. Ml. Keogh. Frank Coughlan. Martin Neylan. Pat Keoch. Matt. Coughlan. John Neylan. John Lawlor. J.W. Coughlan. Patk. O'Hare. Thos. Lynch. Ml. Cuddihy. X J. C. Mc Alindon Arrested - Syrs / Patk. O'Keefe. X Thos. Dean. Pat. O'Mara. Tugh No Auley. Jas. Devlin X Owen Rock. John Mc. Farland. Rich. Devlin. Ml. Ryan. A. Dunleavy (Arrested but proved alibi). O. Salmon. X (Arrest Thos. Mc Intyre. John Fitzpatrick. John Tinnock. Ml. Mc Ternon. John Finlay - Mc. Kenna. (? J. McKeon) Jas. Gallagher. about 35 men. E Company (Bedlington and Cowpen).

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2nd Lt.R. Healey. X

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  2nd.Lt. F.McLean *(became Capt) /T.Loughlan. ★
   Omr. Wm. Lynam. Y
   Sgts. David Cullen. Y Henry Joyce.
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                          Hugh Molaghan.
   Frank Judge.
                                                  Frank Quinn.
                           Thos. Murphy.
   Ml. Loughran.
                          John Molaghan.
   Thos. Kerrigan.
   G Company (Stockton-on-Tees) about 50 men.
   Capt. Liam Whelan X(Arrested 5 yrs). Succeeded by M. Kelly.
   lst Lt. M.Kelly X Succeeded by ML. Geraghty.
   2nd Lt. Ml. Geraghty. Succeeded by Ml. Fitzgerald.
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   P. Burke.
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                           Pat Heagney.
   John Carne.
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   R.Coleman.
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   J. Coughlan.
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   J. Devine.
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                           John Kenny.
   P. Duffey.
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                           W. Logan.
   Martin Dunne.
                           Pat Kilcoyne. X
                                                    Pat. Regan.
   L. Dwyer.
                           Martin Lynskey (Arrested) F. Regan
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    R. Gibboms.
                            W.Mc Nicholas.
    J. Gormley.
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    J. Hannon.
                            J. Mcrhilips.
    P. Hanmon.
    H Company (Chester-le-street) about 30 men).
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    I Company (Thornley and Wheatley Hill) about 30 min
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