

**Papers of Ernie O'Malley**

**P17a**



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## CONTEXT

### Biographical history

O'Malley, Ernest Bernard ('Ernie') (1897–1957), revolutionary and writer, was born 26 May 1897 in Ellison St., Castlebar, Co. Mayo, second child among nine sons and two daughters of Luke Malley, solicitor's clerk, of Co. Mayo, and Marion Malley (née Kearney) of Co. Roscommon. Christened Ernest Bernard Malley, his adoption of variations on this name (Earnán O Máille, Earnán O'Malley, and, most commonly, Ernie O'Malley), reflected his enthusiasm for a distinctively Irish identity – an enthusiasm that lay at the heart of his republican career and outlook.

In 1906 his family moved to Dublin, where O'Malley attended the CBS, North Richmond St. In 1915 he began to study medicine at UCD. Having initially intended to follow his older brother into the British army, O'Malley in fact joined the Irish Volunteers in the wake of the 1916 Easter rising (as a member of F Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade). The latter had a profound impact upon his thinking; O'Malley was to become a leading figure in the Irish Republican Army during the Irish revolution which that rebellion helped to occasion. In 1918, having twice failed his second-year university examination, O'Malley left home to commit himself to the republican cause. He was initially a Volunteer organiser with the rank of second lieutenant (under the instruction of Richard Mulcahy, operating in Counties Tyrone, Offaly, Roscommon, and Donegal. His work in 1918 involved the reorganisation, or new establishment, of Volunteer groups in the localities. Then in August 1918 he was sent to London by Michael Collins to buy arms. During 1919 he worked as an IRA staff captain attached to GHQ in Dublin, and also trained and organised Volunteers in Counties Clare, Tipperary, and Dublin. He had a notable military record with the IRA during the war of independence, and was a leading figure in attacks on Hollyford barracks in Co. Tipperary (May 1920), Drangan barracks in Co. Kilkenny (June 1920), and Rearcross barracks in Co. Tipperary (July 1920). His IRA days thus involved him with comrades such as Dan Breen, Séamus Robinson, and Seán Treacy. In December 1920 O'Malley was captured in Co. Kilkenny by crown forces. He escaped from Dublin's Kilmainham jail in February 1921, to take command of the IRA's 2nd Southern Division (holding the rank of commandant general).

O'Malley's republican commitment had political roots in his conviction that Ireland should properly be fully independent of Britain, and that violence was a necessary means to achieve this end. But the causes underlying his revolutionism were layered. Family expectations of respectable, professional employment combined with a religious background and an enthusiasm for soldiering to provide some of the foundations for his IRA career: as an IRA officer he enjoyed professional, military expression for a visceral catholic Irish nationalism. He also found excitement, liberation from the frequent dullness of his life at home, defiant rebellion against his non-republican parents, an alternative to his stalled undergraduate career, and – in political and cultural Irish separatism – a decisive resolution of the profound tension between his anglocentrism (in, for instance, his

literary and intellectual influences) and his anglophobia.

O'Malley rejected the 1921 Anglo-Irish treaty as an unacceptable compromise. He had spent the 1921 truce period training IRA officers in his divisional area, in preparation for a possible renewal of fighting. He was, in the event, to be a leading anti-treatyite in the 1922–3 civil war. In the Four Courts in 1922, at the start of the latter conflict, he was captured on the republicans' capitulation on 30 June but then managed to escape from captivity. Subsequently he was appointed assistant chief of staff of the anti-treaty IRA and also became part of a five-man anti-treaty army council (along with Liam Lynch, Liam Deasy, Frank Aiken, and Tom Derrig).

O'Malley was dramatically captured (and badly wounded) by Free State forces in Dublin in November 1922. Imprisoned until July 1924, he was during the period of his incarceration elected as a TD for Dublin North in the 1923 general election, and was also a forty-one-day participant in the republican hunger strike later in that year. Following release from prison, he returned home to live with his parents in Dublin. He decided not to focus his post-revolutionary energy on a political career. During 1926–8 and 1935–7 he (unsuccessfully) tried to complete his medical degree at UCD; but increasingly his post-1924 efforts were directed towards life as a bohemian traveller and writer. He spent much of 1924–6 on a recuperative journey through France, Spain, and Italy; and 1928–35 travelling widely in north America. During 1929–32 he spent time in New Mexico and Mexico City; in Taos, New Mexico, he mixed with, and was influenced by, writers and artists as he worked on what were to become classic autobiographies of the Irish revolution: *On another man's wound* (1936) and *The singing flame* (1978).

O'Malley met Helen Hooker (daughter of Elon and Blanche Hooker) in Connecticut in 1933. They married in London in 1935, each rejecting something of their prior lives in the process: he, his Irish republicanism, through marriage to somebody entirely unconnected with that world; she, her wealthy and respectable upbringing, through liaison with a catholic, Irish, unemployed, bohemian ex-revolutionary. They settled first in Dublin then, from 1938 onwards, primarily in Co. Mayo. Burrishoole Lodge, near Newport, was O'Malley's main base until 1954, when he moved to Dublin. Three children were born to the O'Malleys: Cahal (1936), Etáin (1940), and Cormac (1942). Sharing enthusiasm for the arts, Ernie and Helen enjoyed several years of intimacy. But by the mid 1940s their relationship had frayed. In 1950 Helen kidnapped (the word was used by both parents and by all three children) the couple's elder two children and took them to the US. From there she divorced O'Malley in 1952. Cormac remained with his father.

O'Malley's post-American years were devoted to a number of projects. He wrote extensively, including work for *The Bell and Horizon*; he was involved with the film director John Ford in the making of his Irish films (including *The quiet man* (1952)); he gave radio broadcasts (on Mexican painting for the BBC's Third Programme (1947), and on his IRA adventures for Radio Éireann (1953). In the latter year he suffered a heart attack, and his remaining years were scarred by ill health. He died of heart failure on 25 March 1957, in Howth, Co. Dublin, at the house of his sister Kathleen. Two days later he was given a state funeral with full military honours. He was buried in the Malley family plot in Glasnevin cemetery, Dublin.

O'Malley exemplifies some important themes in modern Irish political and intellectual history: his powerful memoirs form part of a tradition of writing

absorbedly about Ireland, while under idiosyncratic emigrant influences which lend the writing much of its distinctiveness; his aggressive republicanism exemplifies a persistent but ultimately unrealisable tradition of uncompromising IRA politics; his unflinching single-mindedness was the condition for much courageous and striking activity, but also lay behind his infliction and his suffering of much pain. Literary, intellectual, and defiantly dissident, O'Malley was the classic bohemian revolutionary. His historical significance lies in his having been both a leading Irish revolutionary, and the author of compelling autobiographical accounts of those years. His memoirs are distinguished from their rivals on the shelf by subtlety, self-consciousness, and literary ambition; in particular, his preparedness to identify motives for Irish revolutionary action, beyond the terms of ostensible republican purpose, renders his writing of great value to historians. Similarly, the large body of archival material left in his name (especially, perhaps, the papers held in UCD archives, and those in the private possession of his children) leaves scholars in his debt. The most striking and evocative visual images of O'Malley are, arguably, the set of photographic portraits taken in 1929 by Edward Weston, and held at the University of Arizona's Centre for Creative Photography; these capture with precision O'Malley's reflective concentration, his piercing earnestness, and his troubled intensity.

Richard English

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E. O'Malley, *On another man's wound* (1936); id., *The singing flame* (1978); R. English, *Ernie O'Malley: IRA intellectual* (1998); C. K. H. O'Malley and A. Dolan (ed.), *No surrender here: the civil war papers of Ernie O'Malley 1922–1924* (2007)

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## Archival history

These papers were held for safekeeping in the Gilbert Library/Pearse Street Public Library for a number of years but were transferred to UCDA under the terms of the O'Malley Trust established in September 1974.

The text below (as well as the 'Additional Information' section which follows) was written as the original introduction to the papers by the cataloguing archivist:

The papers of Ernie O'Malley were originally left in the Central Public Library, Pearse Street, Dublin (now Dublin City Library and Archive). The collection is divided in two for the purposes of arrangement and description, P17a and P17b, with P17b containing the O'Malley's personal writings and research for his books and radio programmes, as well as unpublished drafts. P17a, this section, comprises military and political papers and related printed material which is mainly newspapers. The provenance of much of the material is difficult to ascertain, but it would appear that the bulk of the Civil War material, both Irregular and Free State, was taken by O'Malley from the army archives some time during the 1930s, with the consent of Eamon de Valera. It is clear that much of the Irregular material has been through Free State hands as it has the same annotation and system of arrangement as other confiscated papers. Each bundle of captured documents was given a lot number and then each document was numbered consecutively. Many of these documents are also found to be annotated in red with such comments as 'for I.O. Claremorris' (P17a/41). The earlier material and some of the Command material seems to come from other sources.

It would be a mistake to assume, however, that most of the material in this collection is connected with Ernie O'Malley in his various roles in the IRA, as can be seen from the table of contents. I have left the collection largely in the same order as I found it, changing documents here and there which I felt were misplaced, putting similar material together and dividing large or disjointed folders. The value of the material is limited for a number of reasons. With regard to army orders and memoranda it highlights the republican side. Although it contains many important directives and correspondence it suffers from having had a tumultuous passage through time. To begin with the Irregulars had a haphazard system of record keeping. They were constantly on their guard against being captured by the National Army and so kept their records buried in the ground or in attics, amongst other places. Those documents that were captured were rearranged by the Free State Department of Intelligence which kept files of Irregular activities and case files on individuals, thus copies and also synopses of documents were made.

Ernie O'Malley himself arranged the collection to suit his research needs and it was touched up by Frances Mary Blake at Pearse Street Library. The arrangement in many ways disregarded the provenance of the documents and this causes some problems. I started by listing the material under departments and then changed to subject headings within the same section. It occurred to me that the documents should have been replaced under departments but this would have been a time consuming and maybe a worthless exercise as the subject groups as they are cover important topics such as British Evacuation and Prisoners which are useful as they stand.

Large quantities of the documents are duplicated, but in the interest of preserving the information therein it was decided not to weed them because many are very poor quality carbon copies, becoming difficult to read and may not last indefinitely. There are also numerous acknowledgements which contain little or no information apart from the fact

that a document was received or dispatched. Therefore the large number of documents in some folders cannot be regarded as an indication of their importance.

I decided to put the pre-Civil War material and Irregular Civil War material together because they seem to belong more to the same series, the 'republican' army, while the Provisional Government and Free State Army material seems to form a new series, although some of the same people and positions continued on under the new system. The Field General Headquarters and GHQ Dublin material I have not divided since it is difficult to know when exactly the different officers took up office in Dublin and one is a direct continuation of the other.

It should be remembered when dealing with the papers that the Provisional Government Army was the official name until 6 December 1922, when the Free State officially came into being. This was not always observed in the documents. I have used 'Free State' where it is technically incorrect. To avoid confusion I have employed the term 'Irregulars' when referring to the IRA republicans throughout, unless when quoting, but the term 'IRA' was on occasions used by both sides. But more commonly used, one finds paper headed 'Oglaigh na hÉireann' in correspondence from both Irregulars and Free State. The printed material I have arranged more according to chronological order.

Measurements where they are given are in inches. In most cases only an estimate of the number of documents in a folder has been given. P17a/168 does not exist as this was a mistake made while numbering the folders.

The collection could be a very useful source of information on military matters during the period 1921–23 if used in conjunction with two other collections in UCD Archives, P9 (Con Moloney Papers) and P7a/A/I/I which are the documents accrued by Richard Mulcahy in his capacity as Chief of Staff. For those interested specifically in Dublin, there is a small collection, LA9 (Peadar McNulty Papers), which is a manuscript of a short history of the 'A' Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Dublin Brigade IRA, for the period 1916–23.

**Máirtína Ní Cheallaigh**  
**UCD Archives**  
**June 1979**

The fourth series of these papers (Additional Material) came to UCD Archives with the Frances Mary Blake papers, and the decision was taken to add them as a series of additional material to the original P17a catalogue to the O'Malley papers. Blake had worked on the papers in the 1970s and used her own numbering system (see also her own papers, P244). Her arrangement has been retained and her original reference numbers included in the item or file description. The unnumbered material then follows.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

Commander of the 2 Southern Division (1921–22); Director of Organisation (1922); Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, IRA (June–November 1922): minutes, despatches, operational memoranda, staff lists, and reports on the Southern, Northern and Eastern Command areas (1916–23); Free State Army intelligence summaries of enemy activity (1922–4); material concerning republican prisoners in captivity (1922–5); photographs of members of the IRA (1922–5) and contemporary maps of the Four Courts, King’s Inns and other areas in Dublin (1922–3).

Personal and command notebooks used by Ernie O’Malley during the war period, as well as in later years; notes on many topics including some related to his military interviews; press cuttings.

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## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

### **Access**

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform and digital format.

### **Language**

English

### **Finding Aid**

Descriptive catalogue

## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

### **Archivist's Note**

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Máirtína Ní Cheallaigh in 1979.

The entire list was edited and reformatted by Sarah Poutch in March 2018. The section of additional material was catalogued by Sarah Poutch, also in 2018. Some further editing of the catalogue took place in 2019.

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

### **Allied Collections in UCD**

UCDA P7 Richard Mulcahy

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UCDA P17b Ernie O'Malley

UCDA P244 Papers of Frances-Mary Blake

UCDA LA9 Peadar McNulty

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Irish Republican Army Staff (1921)**

Chief of Staff:	Richard Mulcahy*
Director of Intelligence and Information:	Michael Collins*
Deputy Chief of Staff:	Eoin O'Duffy*
Director of Training:	Emmet Dalton*
Adjutant General:	Gearoid Ó Suileabhain*
Assistant Chief of Staff:	Ginger O'Connell*
Quartermaster General:	[S. McMahon*]
Director of Purchases:	[Harry Boland]
Director of Engineering:	Rory O'Connor
Director of Munitions:	Sean Russell
Director of Chemicals:	Jim O'Donovan
Director of Organisation:	Dermot O'Hegerty* (later E. Price)

### **O/Cs**

1 <sup>st</sup> Southern:	Liam Lynch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Southern:	Ernie O'Malley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Southern:	Michael McCormick
1 <sup>st</sup> Western*:	Michael Brennan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Western:	Tom Maguire
3 <sup>rd</sup> Western:	Billy Pilkington
4 <sup>th</sup> Western:	Michael Kilroy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Northern*:	Gallagher
3 <sup>rd</sup> Northern (Belfast):	Jo McKelvey
4 <sup>th</sup> Northern*:	Frank Aiken
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eastern:	Paddy Fleming
Dublin No. 1 Brigade:	Oscar Traynor
Dublin No. 2 Brigade:	A. McDonnell

\* Pro-Treaty

### **IRA 'Executive' Forces (Four Courts) on 30 June 1922**

Chief of Staff:	Jo McKelvey
Deputy Chief of Staff:	Ernie O'Malley
Acting Adjutant General:	D. O'Leary
Quartermaster General:	Liam Mellows
Assistant Quartermaster:	Dick Barrett
Director of Engineering and Publicity:	Rory O'Connor
Director of Intelligence:	Joe Griffen
Director of Transport:	Andy Doyle
Director of Chemicals:	Seamus (Jim) O'Donovan
Director of Munitions:	Sean Russell
Director of Communications:	D. O'Brien
Assistant Director of Organisation:	Tod Andrews

**IRA Field General Headquarters after 1 July 1922**

Chief of Staff: Liam Lynch  
Deputy Chief of Staff: Sean Moylan  
Adjutant General: Con Moloney  
Quartermaster General: Jo O'Connor  
Director of Organisation: Ernie O'Malley  
Director of Intelligence: Sean Hyde  
Director of Engineering: 'Daddy' Coughlan  
Director of Communications: Jim Maloney  
Director of Medical Services: Dr Con Lucey  
Director of Publicity: Sean McCarthy

**Later at GHQ in Dublin**

Director of Operations, Sean Dowling  
Organisation and Jail Escapes:  
Quartermaster General: Harry Boland  
Director of Accounts and Records: Austin Stack (also QMG after death of Boland)  
Director of Intelligence: Mick Carolan  
Adjutant General: Tom Derrig  
Assistant Chief of Staff: Ernie O'Malley (until his arrest in November 1924)

**Irish Republican Army (Irregulars)**

List of Commands, Divisions and Brigades as of October 1922

**Southern Command – Liam Lynch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division (10 Brigades)**

Cork Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Brigades  
Kerry Nos. 1, 2 and 3  
Waterford Brigade  
West Limerick Brigade

**2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division (5 Brigades)**

Tipperary Nos. 1 and 2 Brigades  
Mid-Limerick Brigade  
East Limerick Brigade  
Kilkenny Brigade

**3<sup>rd</sup> Southern Division (4 Brigades)**

Tipperary No. 1 Brigade  
Offaly Nos. 1 and 2 Brigades  
Leix Brigade

**Eastern Command – Ernie O'Malley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Division (5 Brigades)**

1<sup>st</sup> (Meath) Brigade (not functioning)  
3<sup>rd</sup> (Athlone) Brigade  
5<sup>th</sup> (Mullingar) Brigade  
7<sup>th</sup> (Kildare) Brigade  
Longford Brigade

**3<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Division (3 Brigades)**

North Wexford Brigade  
South Wexford Brigade  
Carlow Brigade

**Independent Brigades**

Dublin No. 1 (City) Brigade  
Dublin No. 2 Brigade (South Dublin and Wicklow)

**Western Command – Major Gen. Kilroy**

**1<sup>st</sup> Western Division (5 Brigades)**

South East Galway Brigade  
South West Galway Brigade  
East Clare Brigade  
Mid-Clare Brigade  
West Clare Brigade

**2<sup>nd</sup> Western Division (4 Brigades)**

South Mayo Brigade  
Castlerea Brigade  
South Roscommon Brigade  
Tuam Brigade

**3<sup>rd</sup> Western Division (5 Brigades)**

East Mayo Brigade  
North Sligo Brigade  
South Sligo Brigade  
North Roscommon Brigade  
North Leitrim Brigade

**4<sup>th</sup> Western Division (5 Brigades)**

West Mayo Brigade  
North Mayo Brigade  
East Connemara Brigade  
West Connemara Brigade  
North West Mayo Brigade

**Northern Command – Major Gen. Aiken**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Division (8 Brigades)**

Donegal Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Brigades  
Derry City Brigade  
South Derry Brigade  
North Tyrone Brigade  
South Tyrone Brigade

**3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Division (3 Brigades)**

Belfast Brigade  
Antrim Brigade  
East Down Brigade

**4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division (6 Brigades)**

South Louth or North Meath Brigade  
Monaghan Brigade  
Cavan Brigade  
Dundalk Brigade  
Armagh City Brigade  
Newry Brigade

## Abbreviations

G.H.Q.	General Headquarters
F.G.H.Q.	Field General Headquarters
H.Q.	Headquarters
F.S.	Free State
I.R.A.	Irish Republican Army
Prov. Gov.	Provisional Government
O/C	Officer Commanding
G.O.C.	General Officer Commanding
C.inC.	Commander in Chief
C.S., C/S	Chief of Staff
C.G.S.	Chief of General Staff
D/C/S	Deputy Chief of Staff
Asst.C/S	Assistant Chief of Staff
A.G.	Adjutant General
Adj.	Adjutant
Q.M., Q.M.G.	Quartermaster, Quartermaster General
D/M.S	Director of Medical Services
M/O	Medical Officer
D/Intelligence	Director of Intelligence
I.O.	Inspecting Officer
D/Engineering	Director of Engineering
D/Operations	Director of Operations
D/Organisation	Director of Organisation
D/Munitions	Director of Munitions
D/Chemicals	Director of Chemicals
D/Communications	Director of Communications
D/Publicity	Director of Publicity
Bde.	Brigade
C. Ua M.	Conn Ua Maoldhamhnaigh
G.O.S.	Gearoid Ó Suileabhain

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## 1. IRISH REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT

### 1.1 Army Dispatches, Orders, Reports, Communiqués and Acknowledgements

#### 1.1.1 Volunteer GHQ 1921–22

##### 1.1.1.1 Department of Chief of Staff, Adjutant General and other Officers

**P17a/1** 1921

5 items

##### **Circulars from Department of Engineering**

Circulars from the Department under Rory O'Connor. Also includes training memoranda issued by Director of Training Emmet Dalton including orders and the functions of Active Service Units, their motto 'everywhere all the time, but nowhere at a given moment'.

**P17a/2** July–December 1921

18 items

##### **Weekly memoranda from Chief of Staff Richard Mulcahy**

With directions on activities during the Truce, including an order signed by Minister for Defence Cathal Brugha stating that no levy should be enforced on civilians. General orders from Adjutant General Gearóid Ó Suileabháin, including cooperation with the newly formed police force. Dispatches from Quartermaster General Liam Mellows on the manufacture, importation and distribution of arms and ammunition. Also includes an issue to Liaison Officers from E.J. Duggan instructing cooperation with British Army Liaison Officers and reporting of any breaches of the Truce to headquarters (see also P17a/105, 185, 186).

#### 1.1.1.2 Arms Sales

**P17a/3** 6–9 August 1921

2 items

##### **Documents concerning the sale of arms from Germany and America**

Includes details of complications arising out of negotiations in Germany, statements of goods received and financial account of money spent (see also P17a/156).

**P17a/4** August–December 1921

6 items

**Documents concerning the sale of arms from Germany and America**

Includes details of complications arising out of negotiations in Germany, statements of goods received and financial account of money spent (see also P17a/156).

**1.1.1.3 Army Military Council**

**P17a/5** February–April 1922

16 items

**Dispatches from Rory O'Connor**

Dispatches from Council Chairman Rory O'Connor summoning an Army convention to discuss the Treaty including instructions on the selection of delegates and orders to parade and reaffirm allegiance to the 'Irish Republic'. Dispatches from the Assistant Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, Director of Intelligence and Director of Organisation to divisions and brigades on how to act in view of the new circumstances (see also P17a/184).

**1.1.2 The Four Courts Executive**

**1.1.2.1 Department of Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, and other Officers**

**P17a/6** April–May 1922

12 items

**Orders and dispatches**

From Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and from Director of Intelligence Joe Griffin. Notice from Patrick O'Rourke to the Second Southern Division directing the seizure of army property on behalf of army property on behalf of the Army Council, contradicted later by Lynch who ordered cooperation with the Government in taking over land. Draft constitution and rules of Oglaiġ na hÉireann.

**P17a/7** 12 June 1922

1p

**Letter from Richard Mulcahy to Ernie O'Malley (EOM)**

Letter from the Minister for Defence to Secretary of the Four Courts Executive, concerning General Eoin O'Duffy's proposals for a settlement within the two sections of the Army. He regrets the lack of response by the Army in the Four Courts.

**P17a/8** April-June 1922

12 items

**Permits and forms**

Includes a pass to enter and leave the Four Courts, a ticket to the Wolfe Tone Commemorative Concert at the Four Courts, a transport permit, and forms issued by the Brigade Quartermaster for commandeering goods.

**1.1.2.2 Department of Intelligence**

**P17a/9** 1921

7 items

**Department of Intelligence documents**

Captured British Army documents, summaries of IRA activities, details of the Truce in each town and the sympathies of local people, terms of liaison with Sinn Féin and their officers, and details of organisation in case of trouble in the towns. Also includes Commissioner Barron's diary from a visit to the Tipperary, Limerick and Clare areas with details of strengths in the barracks and vehicles available.

**P17a/10** July 1921-January 1922

36 items

**Department of Intelligence documents**

List of reports on IRA ambushes and attacks on fortified posts. Correspondence between HQ and brigades regarding information, mostly from Tuam and West Mayo Brigade, on Dublin Metropolitan Police and Royal Irish Constabulary barracks and officers. Includes a list of RIC and DMP natives of the area with their addresses and parents' addresses. Also includes a rebuff to one Intelligence Officer, accusing him of treating his job as a 'huge joke'.

### 1.1.2.3 Irish Navy

**P17a/11** 1922

2 items

#### **Irish Navy documents**

Recommendations for the establishment of an IRA navy manned by IRA men with nautical knowledge, to serve as the nucleus of a Coastguard rather than a fighting unit. Erskine Childers would be appointed as Commodore.

### 1.1.3 Irregular Headquarters July 1922–23 and post-Civil War GHQ

#### 1.1.3.1 Department of the Chief of Staff, Adjutant General and Other Officers

**P17a/12** October 1922–August 1924

7 items

#### **Minutes and agendas of Army Executive Meetings**

As well as joint Army Council and Government meetings. Includes details of members present, their rank, changes and election of new members, resolutions taken, and report from the Chief of Staff.

**P17a/13** 1922–23

23 items

#### **List of army memoranda**

From Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, and Medical. Copies of many others including details of the duties of O/Cs, Adjutants, and engineers (see also P17a/15-28).

**P17a/14** 1922–23

7pp

#### **Public notices**

Issued by the Army to civilians and newspapers, concerning personal safety and the safety of property. Some were issued by brigades, including the issuing of permits for cars and the fining of newspapers for the use of the term 'Irregular'.

Thirteen files containing general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field

**P17a/14 contd** General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Early files show the lack of organisation and communication after leaving the Four Courts. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/15** 4–31 July 1922

80 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes communications on peace terms between Liam Lynch and Commandant General D. O'Hannigan, Commander of the Provisional Government forces in Limerick. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/16** 1–31 August 1922

70 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes list of active medical students in Cork. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/17** 1–18 September 1922

68 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes a notice informing civilians that giving information to the enemy which leads to the death, wounding or capture of Republican troops will be regarded as spying. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/18** 17–30 September 1922

80 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes reply from Liam Lynch to Sean Tracy, Joe O'Connor and Michael Burke, sympathizing with their desire for peace but stating that it can only be accepted on 'principles which recognise the independence of Ireland'. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/19** October–November 1922

30 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes report from the Official Bulletin on the October Executive meeting (see

**P17a/19 contd** P17a/12) which states 'all members were very emphatic that the Free State was dead...' Also includes a proclamation on behalf of the Army Executive stating that De Valera is President of the Republic and naming a ten man Council of State. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/20** 6–30 November 1922

38 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions (particularly in the Southern Command as Field General Headquarters was in Fermoy until November 1922). Includes documentation on Liam Lynch moving to GHQ in Dublin early in the month, the proclamation of the Provisional Government as illegal, an order to shoot on sight any member of the Provisional Government that signed the 'Murder Bill', and a letter from Lynch to the 'Speaker of the Provisional Government'. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/21** 1–30 December 1922

55 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions. In this file Tomas Ó Deirg (Tom Derrig) signs for the Adjutant General, and from this point on he became Adjutant General to Lynch in Dublin. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/22** 1–31 January 1923

48 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/23** 1–28 February 1923

65 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions. Includes communications between Adjutant General and Cumann na mBan encompassing reports, publicity and distribution, and a dispatch from Chief of Staff to all ranks encouraging them to go on despite the 'supreme crisis' in the struggle. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/24** 1–31 March 1923

77 documents

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch and Adjutant General Con Moloney to divisions. Also includes communications between members of the Executive, especially Lynch and Moloney, on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/25** April–May 1923

23 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings. In this file M. Twomey signs for Liam Lynch after his death, until Frank Aiken becomes Chief of Staff. Includes the ceasefire 'dump arms' order. Also includes communications between members of the Executive on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/26** July–December 1923

12 items

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings. Includes recommendations of all the Army Executive meetings, recruiting, permits for volunteers to leave the country, and recommendations to join Sinn Féin. Also includes communications between members of the Executive on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**P17a/27** 1922–23

48pp

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes. Includes incomplete and undated dispatches, reports and communications.

**P17a/28** 1924–32

34pp

**Irregular HQ file**

Contains general orders, operation orders, memoranda, communications, reports, instructions, and minutes of meetings. Includes order not to swear allegiance to the Free State and precis of correspondence and conversation with the Chief of Staff (1932). Also includes communications between members of the Executive on policy and operations. Directives from the Directors of Communications, Engineering, Organisation, Chemicals and Munitions, and Medical Supplies, as well as financial statements; acknowledgements and occasional reports from divisions to GHQ; and official bulletins compiled by the Adjutant General.

**1.1.3.2 Department of Engineering**

**P17a/29** 1922

18 items

**Drafts of Engineering, Chemical and Munitions Departments memoranda and circulars**

Concerning the manufacture and use of explosives and bombs. Includes some reports on the use of specific guns, e.g. descriptions of the shell for the brass gun at Fermoy and a short history of the Chemicals Department.

**P17a/30** 8–30 July 1922

50 items

**Engineering circulars, orders and memoranda**

To O/C and divisions concerning equipment and duties of Department of Engineering, the destruction of enemy essential services, the construction of guns (some containing diagrams), and some specific orders e.g. coastal defence in 3<sup>rd</sup> Cork Brigade. Also includes reports and correspondence with inspecting engineers and other members of the executive.

**P17a/31** August–September 1922

40 items

**Engineering circulars, orders and memoranda**

To O/C and divisions concerning equipment and duties of Department of Engineering, the destruction of enemy essential services, the construction of guns (some containing diagrams), and some specific orders. Also includes reports and correspondence with inspecting engineers and other members of the executive.

**P17a/32** October–December 1922

55 items

**Engineering circulars, orders and memoranda**

To O/C and divisions concerning equipment and duties of Department of Engineering, the destruction of enemy essential services, the construction of guns (some containing diagrams), and some specific orders. Includes memorandum on the care of explosives. Also includes reports and correspondence with inspecting engineers and other members of the executive.

**P17a/33** 8–13 January 1923

5 items

**Engineering circulars, orders and memoranda**

To O/C and divisions concerning equipment and duties of Department of Engineering, the destruction of enemy essential services, the construction of guns (some containing diagrams), and some specific orders. Includes report to C/S on expenses incurred by the Department on staff and inspecting officers' wages. Also includes reports and correspondence with inspecting engineers and other members of the executive.

**1.1.3.3 Department of Intelligence**

**P17a/34** July–December 1922

4 items

**Department of Intelligence correspondence, reports, memoranda and circulars**

To divisions, units and executive members with lists of enemy posts and spies, and weekly intelligence summaries, especially from Dublin. Communication with Cumann na mBán and information on Free State activities, gleaned from military friends on the Free State side. Includes a letter from Liam Lynch to O/C Southern Division asking for the release of Sean Hyde to take up duty as Director of Intelligence. Also includes operation order from Conn Ua Maoldhamhnaigh on the lack of intelligence for the Chief of Staff, and a list of reliable staff in Dublin hospitals.

**P17a/35** January–March 1923

88pp

**Department of Intelligence correspondence, reports, memoranda and circulars**

**P17a/35 contd** To divisions, units and executive members with lists of enemy posts and spies, and weekly intelligence summaries, especially from Dublin. Communication with Cumann na mBán and information on Free State activities, gleaned from military friends on the Free State side. Michael O'Carolan becomes Director of Intelligence.

**P17a/36** February 1924–January 1925

10pp

**Department of Intelligence correspondence, reports, memoranda and circulars**

To divisions, units and executive members with lists of enemy posts and spies, and weekly intelligence summaries, especially from Dublin. Communication with Cumann na mBán and information on Free State activities, gleaned from military friends on the Free State side. Includes names of men who have taken up government jobs, and a note that Mick Carolan and others are still in danger of being 'done in'.

**P17a/37** 1922–24

27pp

**Department of Intelligence documents**

Dispatches and correspondence from members of the Army Executive, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, Directors of Intelligence and Organisation to division O/Cs concerning prisoners, requests for reports, maps and plans from escaped prisoners, lists of officers and men in prisons, the aiding of escapes and the cooperation of local sympathisers. Includes a summary of the rules for prisoners of war as set out at the Hague Convention and a dispatch from Frank Aiken C/S refusing to make any ruling on whether hungers strikers should continue or not.

**P17a/38** 1922–23

11 items

**Reports to General Headquarters**

Giving details of IRA prisoners in the Free State.

**P17a/39** March–September 1923

27 items

**Memoranda to Commanding Officers in prisons and camps**

Many are duplicated in P17a/37. Includes information on developments outside, including a letter of encouragement asking them to 'work on in the name of the Republic'. Accompanied by a

**P17a/39 contd** message from President de Valera, and notice of the Sinn Féin Cumann na mBán scheme to seek employment for released prisoners.

**P17a/40** March–November 1923

26 items

**Dispatches from General Headquarters**

Principally Director of Intelligence to individual officers e.g. EOM, Sean Russell, and Frank Barrett, with information on prisoners, arrests, morale in prisons, and a warning about spies in camps. Includes a letter from EOM to Chief of Staff expressing concern about the willingness of the men to surrender if given a lead, and his refusal to sign 'the form' like Liam Deasy and the Limerick prisoners.

**P17a/41** 1922–24

23 items

**Reports from prisoners and divisions**

Reports on conditions and treatment in prisons and camps, some concerning Free State officers firing on prisoners. Includes demands for rights and privileges from IRA officers, a statement from 'the Women of Ireland' to the Senate and Congress of the United States, a list of prisoners 'murdered' by the Free State, and a prisoner's report on prison conditions in answer to a Red Cross report (see P17a/193). Also includes a statement from James Crofton on conditions in Portlaoise jail: 'at no time during the period (3 months) I was there, were we allowed into the open air'.

**P17a/42** August 1922–July 1923

14 items

**Communications between Adjutant General and Cumann na mBán**

With regard to the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund. Includes the secretary's report and a list of men in the east and south who have needy dependents (see also P17a/144, 145).

**1.1.3.4 Hunger Strike**

**P17a/43** October–November 1923

40 items

**Orders and memoranda from General Headquarters**

Many from the Chief of Staff encouraging the strikers to continue: 'it

**P17a/43 contd** will finally prove that the IRA... can suffer most... and that their sufferings will not be in vain'. Includes notice of Dinny Barry's death, note from the Medical Officer that a prisoner who came off the strike had been given the wrong food, a cable of sympathy from Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne, and appeals from prisoners who had been elected as TDs (including EOM) requesting that they be given the sacraments.

**P17a/44** November 1923–24

15 items

**Dispatches between Cos in 'Tintown' Camps and General Headquarters**

Concerning the progress of the hunger strike and the morale of the men. They refute any rumours that there was conflict within the camp between strikers and those that had come off the strike and state that the Free State authorities were surprised by the solidarity of prisoners in camps. Includes a letter to Miss M. McSweeney again assuring her that the hunger strike had united rather than divided the prisoners.

**1.1.3.5 Courts-martial and Courts of Inquiry**

**P17a/45** 4–24 January 1924

4 items

**Instructions to each released Volunteer**

Instructions to return a statement stating details of their arrest, imprisonment or internment and release. Also includes orders to commanding officers for examining such statements, and a draft of decisions under which court martialing should be carried out.

**P17a/46** February 1923–December 1924

17 items

**Copies of letters**

Copies of letters which passed between Liam Deasy and other prisoners in Limerick prison, drawing up plans for peace, as well as communications with Major General Brennan in Limerick; these were all produced as evidence in their courtmartial. Also includes a letter to Con Moloney for his approval and his refusal, dispatches to divisions condemning Deasy's signing of 'the form for unconditional release', the text of the case between Frank Barrett and Patrick Cussen heard in prison, as well as the verdict of Barrett's court-martial dismissing him from the army.

**P17a/47** March 1923–January 1925

10 items

**Court of Inquiry case**

Regarding the case of Lehane and Mullaney, including evidence and statements to ascertain the circumstances under which they signed the 'form'. The verdict signed by T.F. McMahon, Sean MacBride and M. Twomey orders them to be court-martialed or reprimanded by the Adjutant.

**P17a/48** December 1924–March 1925

6 items

**Letters of evidence**

Produced at the inquiry into attempts at peace moves by certain Cork prisoners in 1923.

**1.1.3.6 Finance**

**P17a/49** 1922–25

16 items

**Lists of expenses from purchases department**

For purchase of arms and explosives, stationery, payments of agents, phone charges, fares and petrol. Purchasing ceased after 1923 except on a local level. There is a note on the absurdity of a specific instance when an officer in Britain had more funds on hand than the Department of Publicity. Also includes an account of wages paid to officers and printing costs, and a bill from Kirkwood and Coy (Glasgow) for stationery.

**1.1.3.7 Communications**

**P17a/50** 1922–23

8 items

**Envelopes**

In which Irregular dispatches were circulated.

### 1.1.3.8 Brigades and Officers abroad

**P17a/51** March 1919–December 1924

24 items

#### **London Battalion**

Summary of organisation and activities, lists of engagements with police to the Chief of Staff, and report on the formation of the Scottish Brigade. Reports on destruction of property and cables copied from the *Morning Post*. Correspondence from Pa Murray, London organizer, on the difficulties encountered and the need for a plan. Also includes dispatches from GHQ.

**P17a/52** September 1921–August 1922

4 items

#### **Belfast**

Dispatches from the Director of the Belfast Trade Boycott and Assistant Liaison officer on the unfair boycott of certain firms including Flannery's and Guinness, and the raiding by British police and 'specials'. Notices from the Four Courts Executive stating the conditions of boycott of Mex, Shell and B.P., and granting permits to certain companies to trade with Belfast.

**P17a/53** November 1924–February 1925

6 items

#### **New York and Boston**

Correspondence between the 'Clan' Military Attaché department in New York and Boston and the Adjutant General at GHQ concerning the problem of ex-army men immigrating from Ireland and setting up new clubs causing friction with the 'Clan'. They suggest that permits should be issued to those willing to join the Clan thus avoiding a split. Includes a list of men from Kerry Brigades to be investigated at GHQ, and a letter from one Pat Houlihan (Feakle, county Clare) asking for funds to meet a bill for arms which caused consternation in America (see P17a/147).

### 1.1.4 Northern and Eastern Command

#### 1.1.4.1 General Headquarters – Communications from Ernie O'Malley

**P17a/54** 20–31 July 1922

10 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/55** 1–31 August 1922

40 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/56** 1–14 September 1922

38 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/57** 15–30 September 1922

45 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/58** 1–30 October 1922

50 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/59** November 1922

15 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

Material originating from EOM as Assistant Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the Northern and Eastern Command. Consists of instructions, orders, reports, acknowledgements and memoranda to command officers and division commanders. Also includes official communiqués with Field GHQ and later Dublin GHQ including reports on munitions operations, organisation, intelligence and the general situation in various divisions, as well as financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán.

**1.1.4.2 Communications received by Ernie O'Malley**

**P17a/60** 55 items

July–August 1922

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from

**P17a/60 contd** Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south.

**P17a/61** 16–31 August 1922

60 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south, a letter from Liam Lynch stating 'we have no notion of setting up a Government', and a letter from Liam Mellowes supporting the idea of a government (see P17a/57).

**P17a/62** 1–14 September 1922

50 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south, and a letter from Liam Lynch stating that de Valera is pessimistic.

**P17a/63** 15–30 September 1922

55 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south, and extracts from the papers found on EOM at the time of his arrest at Ailesbury Road in November 1922 (N.B. for a complete set of the papers taken from O'Malley on his arrest please see the Mulcahy papers, P7a/81).

**P17a/64** 1–14 October 1922

22 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south.

**P17a/65** October–November 1922

55 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, operation orders and official communiques from Chief of Staff Liam Lynch as well as other officers at Field GHQ, especially the Adjutant General and Director of Engineering. Includes communications with members of his own command staff, in particular Tom Derrig, and reports from divisions and brigades particularly in Dublin and the Eastern Command. Also includes reports from Field GHQ on the situation in the south.

**1.1.4.3 Communications with other officers at Command HQ**

**P17a/66** July–September 1922

55 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, memoranda and other dispatches from the Directors of Publicity, Operations and Engineering and the Adjutant Tom Derrig. Includes calls for the prevention of the courts held by the Free State and the continuation of Republican courts, non-payment of income tax, the destruction of anti-Republican newspapers, and engineering orders for mines, explosives and road obstructions (including diagrams). Also includes financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán and Field GHQ.

**P17a/67** October–November 1922

50 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, memoranda and other dispatches from the Directors of Publicity, Operations and Engineering and the Adjutant Tom Derrig. Includes calls for the prevention of the courts held by the Free

**P17a/67 contd** State and the continuation of Republican courts, non-payment of income tax, the destruction of anti-Republican newspapers, and engineering orders for mines, explosives and road obstructions (including diagrams). Also includes financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán and Field GHQ.

**P17a/68** Not dated

45 items

**Assistant Chief of Staff file**

General orders, memoranda and other dispatches from the Directors of Publicity, Operations and Engineering and the Adjutant Tom Derrig. Includes calls for the prevention of the courts held by the Free State and the continuation of Republican courts, non-payment of income tax, the destruction of anti-Republican newspapers, and engineering orders for mines, explosives and road obstructions (including diagrams). Also includes financial statements and communications with Cumann na mBán and Field GHQ.

**1.1.4.4 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Division**

**P17a/69** September–November 1922

24 items

**Reports**

From 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Division (Mullingar) to Command HQ on operations, engineering, communications, staff and strength in division brigades.

**P17a/70** February–December 1923

8 items

**Summary reports**

Reports from all officers of Midland Division (including Meath and North Dublin Brigades) to divisional adjutant. Includes report of a council meeting and dispatches from the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern division adjutant, notably an order to accept the challenge from Sean McKeown and go ahead with the plebiscite putting two issues to the people (executions and the general policy of the Free State government).

**P17a/71** November 1983–November 1984

30 items

**Dispatches**

From Midland Division HQ, including a notice to Volunteers not to

**P17a/71 contd** recognise the authority of Free State and 'Six County' courts, and a list of Sinn Féin clubs in north Meath (eight of whom are represented by the army).

#### **1.1.4.5 3<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Division**

**P17a/72** April–May 1922

2 items

##### **Notices**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Division HQ Military Barracks to all brigades notifying them to give verbal instructions to all farmers and others to not pay rent to landlords or the Land Commission, and asking for statements of all cash commandeered from the Bank of Ireland.

**P17a/73** August–December 1922

19 items

##### **General orders and memoranda**

Sent to North Wexford, South Wexford and Carlow brigades, as well as official operation reports on these areas. Includes communications and reports from these brigades to division HQ and to their battalions. Also includes a report on the number of Republicans, hostile, and neutral people in the battalion areas of the Carlow brigade.

**P17a/74** January–April 1923

38 items

##### **General orders and memoranda**

Sent to North Wexford, South Wexford and Carlow brigades, as well as official operation reports on these areas. Includes communications and reports from these brigades to division HQ and to their battalions. Also includes a copy of the President's request that the Sinn Féin clubs be revived.

#### **1.1.4.6 Northern Divisions**

**P17a/75** July–December 1922

9 items

##### **Communications**

To and from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Divisions, mostly reports to the Adjutant General and a report on enemy strengths and manoeuvres.

**P17a/76** February–March 1923

8 items

**Communications**

To and from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Divisions, mostly reports to the Adjutant General and a report on organisation in Belfast.

**1.1.4.7 Dublin No. 1 Brigade**

**P17a/77** July 1922–April 1923

60 items

**Reports to Command HQ**

On operations carried out by battalions in the Brigade including the abortive attempt to take Oriel House, CID headquarters. Reports from the O/C to the Director of Organisation giving details of encounters with Free State troops and ambushes around the city.

**P17a/78** January–February 1923

5 items

**Public notices**

Issued by the Brigade O/C.

**P17a/79** 1921

2pp

**Summary**

Of the use of explosives from pre-1916 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

**P17a/80** 1922–23

6 items

**Sketch maps**

Used in planning attacks and escapes around Dublin city, and a map of an area between Kildare and Dublin on the river Liffey.

#### 1.1.4.8 Dublin No. 2 Brigade

**P17a/81** April–June 1922

5 items

##### **Communications**

File containing operation summaries, general orders and other communications to battalion commanders. Publicity and engineering reports, including list of blacklisted British goods. Reports on battalion strengths and officers, enemy posts and civilian attitudes. Includes a request for lists of Orangemen and Unionists in Battalion areas.

**P17a/82** June–November 1922

32 items

##### **Communications**

File containing operation summaries, general orders and other communications to battalion commanders. Publicity and engineering reports, including list of blacklisted British goods. Reports on battalion strengths and officers, enemy posts and civilian attitudes.

**P17a/83** March–May 1923

19 items

##### **Communications**

File containing operation summaries, general orders and other communications to battalion commanders. Publicity and engineering reports, including list of blacklisted British goods. Reports on battalion strengths and officers, enemy posts and civilian attitudes.

#### 1.1.5 South Eastern Command

**P17a/84** 1–14 July 1922

10 items

##### **Reports**

Reports from the temporary command set up while EOM, Joe Griffin and others were working in the Wicklow-Wexford area after leaving the Four Courts. Reports on the progress of operations, mobilization, communications, the lack of engineers, and the lack of action by Carlow and Kilkenny brigades. An account of the work done in Carlow in order to cut off the Free State army.

### **1.1.6 Southern Command**

#### **1.1.6.1 General**

**P17a/85** January–March 1923

14 items

##### **Orders and reports**

From Southern Command (also 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division HQ) to divisions and brigades, mostly from Liam Deasy (assistant Chief of Staff), T. Maloney (Intelligence Officer), T. Conway (O/C Communications) and Con Moloney (Adjutant and Deputy Chief of Staff. Includes a report on Con Moloney's arrest.

#### **1.1.6.2 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division HQ**

**P17a/86** 1921

7 items

##### **General orders, operation orders and dispatches**

From the Division O/C, Director of Engineering, Quartermaster, Director of Medical Supplies, Director of Operations and others to Brigades. Reports and communications to Chief of Staff and Adjutant at GHQ and dispatches from GHQ. Includes minutes of meetings, lists of officers and strengths of brigades and battalions, and reports on peace talks.

**P17a/87** July–August 1922

43 items

##### **General orders, operation orders and dispatches**

From the Division O/C, Director of Engineering, Quartermaster, Director of Medical Supplies, Director of Operations and others to Brigades. Reports and communications to Chief of Staff and Adjutant at GHQ and dispatches from GHQ. Includes minutes of meetings, lists of officers and strengths of brigades and battalions, and reports on peace talks. Also includes report from Dr C. Lucey (Director of Medical Supplies) on the lack of supplies, payment and arrangement for the treatment of patients, and health recommendations.

**P17a/88** 1–29 September 1922

63 items

##### **General orders, operation orders and dispatches**

From the Division O/C, Director of Engineering, Quartermaster,

**P17a/88 contd** Director of Medical Supplies, Director of Operations and others to Brigades. Reports and communications to Chief of Staff and Adjutant at GHQ and dispatches from GHQ. Includes minutes of meetings, lists of officers and strengths of brigades and battalions, and reports on peace talks.

**P17a/89** October–December 1922

50 items

**General orders, operation orders and dispatches**

From the Division O/C, Director of Engineering, Quartermaster, Director of Medical Supplies, Director of Operations and others to Brigades. Reports and communications to Chief of Staff and Adjutant at GHQ and dispatches from GHQ. Includes minutes of meetings, lists of officers and strengths of brigades and battalions, and reports on peace talks.

**P17a/90** January–February 1923

40 items

**General orders, operation orders and dispatches**

From the Division O/C, Director of Engineering, Quartermaster, Director of Medical Supplies, Director of Operations and others to Brigades. Reports and communications to Chief of Staff and Adjutant at GHQ and dispatches from GHQ. Includes minutes of meetings, lists of officers and strengths of brigades and battalions, and reports on peace talks.

**1.1.6.3 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division Intelligence**

**P17a/91** August 1921–April 1922

9 items

**Circulars, acknowledgements and orders**

From the inspecting officer (Command HQ) to the Division I/O and from the Division I/Os and O/Cs to brigades. Intelligence reports from division to Command and reports from brigades with details of the latest enemy moves. Occasional communications with GHQ including suggestions for the establishment of a 'Crime Special Department'.

**P17a/92** July–December 1922

50 items

**Circulars, acknowledgements and orders**

**P17a/92 contd** From the inspecting officer (Command HQ) to the Division I/O and from the Division I/Os and O/Cs to brigades. Intelligence reports from division to Command and reports from brigades with details of the latest enemy moves. Occasional communications with GHQ including suggestions for the establishment of a 'Crime Special Department'.

**P17a/93** January–May 1923

42 items

**Circulars, acknowledgements and orders**

From the inspecting officer (Command HQ) to the Division I/O and from the Division I/Os and O/Cs to brigades. Intelligence reports from division to Command and reports from brigades with details of the latest enemy moves. Occasional communications with GHQ including suggestions for the establishment of a 'Crime Special Department'.

**1.1.6.4 Personal Notes**

**P17a/94** July 1922–April 1923

2 items

**Notes**

Breakdown of code for sending messages, and notes on officers and strengths in Limerick and Waterford Commands. Copies of orders and memoranda from GHQ, including notes on the duties of officers.

**P17a/95** 1922–23

32pp

**Notebook**

Breakdown of code for sending messages, and notes on officers and strengths in Limerick and Waterford Commands. Copies of orders and memoranda from GHQ, including notes on the duties of officers.

**1.1.6.5 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division – Brigades**

**P17a/96** March 1922–March 1923

30 items

**Orders and dispatches**

From Waterford and West Limerick Brigades to battalions, mainly forwarding instructions from GHQ. Reports to Division HQ on

**P17a/96 contd** organisation, operations, enemy strengths and stations, weekly reports and summaries with minutes of meetings. Communications from Division HQ.

**P17a/97** July 1922–March 1923

60 items

**Orders and dispatches**

From Cork Brigades Nos. 1 and 2 to battalions, mainly forwarding instructions from GHQ. Reports to Division HQ on organisation, operations, enemy strengths and stations, weekly reports and summaries with minutes of meetings. Communications from Division HQ.

**P17a/98** July 1922–July 1923

20 items

**Orders and dispatches**

From Cork Brigades Nos. 3, 4 and 5 to battalions, mainly forwarding instructions from GHQ. Reports to Division HQ on organisation, operations, enemy strengths and stations, weekly reports and summaries with minutes of meetings. Communications from Division HQ.

**P17a/99** May 1922–March 1923

40 items

**Orders and dispatches**

From Kerry Brigades Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to battalions. Includes a message from Kerry No. 1 to Free State troops laying down conditions under which the Red Cross will be treated with respect.

**1.1.6.6 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division**

**P17a/100** September 1921–March 1922

45 items

**Correspondence to and from EOM as O/C**

Dispatches from GHQ departments including orders from Adjutant Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain on how to proceed if the Truce was terminated. Reports from Mid-Limerick, Kilkenny and Tipperary brigades on organisation and mobilization, including names of company and battalion officers. Letters and telegrams concerning the suspension of officers by GHQ, suspension of recruiting and routine work, and the evacuation by the British Army. Also includes

**P17a/100 contd** communications between Adjutant General, Director of Engineering, Director of Intelligence and other division officers, GHQ and brigades.

**P17a/101** March–December 1921

35 items

**Correspondence to and from EOM as O/C**

Dispatches from GHQ departments including orders from Adjutant Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain on how to proceed if the Truce was terminated. Reports from Mid-Limerick, Kilkenny and Tipperary brigades on organisation and mobilization, including names of company and battalion officers. Letters and telegrams concerning the suspension of officers by GHQ, suspension of recruiting and routine work, and the evacuation by the British Army. Also includes dispatches from the Adjutant to brigades on behavior during the Truce and complaints of ambushes and bad behavior from the British Army.

**P17a/102** January 1921–May 1922

15 items

**Correspondence to and from EOM as O/C**

Dispatches from GHQ departments including orders from Adjutant Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain on how to proceed if the Truce was terminated. Reports from Mid-Limerick, Kilkenny and Tipperary brigades on organisation and mobilization, including names of company and battalion officers. Letters and telegrams concerning the suspension of officers by GHQ, suspension of recruiting and routine work, and the evacuation by the British Army. Also includes some daily intelligence reports from Limerick, and a report on the handing over of Kilkenny to the Provisional Government.

**P17a/103** July–December 1922

30 items

**Correspondence to and from EOM as O/C**

Dispatches from GHQ departments including orders from Adjutant Gearoid Ó Suilleabhain on how to proceed if the Truce was terminated. Reports from Mid-Limerick, Kilkenny and Tipperary brigades on organisation and mobilization, including names of company and battalion officers. Letters and telegrams concerning the suspension of officers by GHQ, suspension of recruiting and routine work, and the evacuation by the British Army. Also includes a number of reports to Chief of Staff at Field GHQ, and a list of movable staff and sub-commands, and their officers.

**P17a/104** 20 December 1923

2 items

**Report**

Two copies of a brief report of a division council meeting, giving strengths in brigades.

**P17a/105** July 1921–January 1922

40pp

**Adjutant's monthly reports**

With reports from liaison officers, lists of officers and men, casualty reports, arrests, executions and courts-martial, recruiting, organisation, council meetings, ambushes and raids. Also includes a newspaper cutting with an account of the shooting of Cummins, 'convicted spy'.

**P17a/106** 1922

7 items

**HQ documents**

Documents from 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division HQ at the Glenworth Hotel in Limerick during the occupation of the city, including lists of food and bedding, telegrams from the Western Divisions, and a map of the city with IRA, Free State and British posts marked.

**1.1.6.7 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Brigades**

**P17a/107** July 1921–December 1922

13 items

**Dispatches and reports**

From East Limerick, Tipperary No. 3 and Kilkenny brigades. Includes statements by Michael Crotty, Dan Breen and William Allen on specific attacks.

**P17a/108** January–February 1923

12 items

**Dispatches and reports**

From Mid-Limerick and Tipperary Nos. 1 and 2 brigades.

**1.1.6.8 Personal notes**

**P17a/109** July–December 1921

66pp

**Notebook**

Notebook of Con Moloney, Adjutant, with copies of orders issued by himself, orders and memos from GHQ, and notes on organisation, training and drilling, intelligence, equipment, operations and so on. Includes detailed account of division companies, battalions, brigades, ammunition supplies and explosives, and telephone numbers and addresses used to contact battalions.

**P17a/110** July–December 1921

5 items

**Loose leaves**

Notebook of Con Moloney, Adjutant, with copies of orders issued by himself, orders and memos from GHQ, and notes on organisation, training and drilling, intelligence, equipment, operations and so on.

**P17a/111** July–December 1921

6 items

**Loose leaves**

Notebook of Con Moloney, Adjutant, with copies of orders issued by himself, orders and memos from GHQ, and notes on organisation, training and drilling, intelligence, equipment, operations and so on.

**1.1.6.9 3<sup>rd</sup> Southern Division**

**P17a/112** August–December 1922

40 items

**Orders and memoranda**

To Leix and Offaly brigades from division HQ. Reports from brigades on operations, staff, battalions, ammunition, and enemy posts. Also correspondence with the Adjutant General, GHQ, and the Director of Engineering, Southern Command.

**P17a/113** 1–19 March 1923

14 items

**Orders and memoranda**

**P17a/113 contd** To Leix and Offaly brigades from division HQ. Reports from brigades on operations, staff, battalions, ammunition, and enemy posts. Also correspondence with the Adjutant General, GHQ, and the Director of Engineering, Southern Command.

**P17a/114** 2 January 1925

4pp

**Inspection report**

For Leix and Offaly brigades from Staff Captain to Director of Communications.

**1.1.7 Western Command**

**1.1.7.1 Command HQ**

**P17a/115** 1922–May 1923

32 items

**Reports**

On operations, Engineering, communications, publicity, and strengths, sent to GHQ particularly from Sean Hyde O/C. Orders from Command HQ to Divisions including engineering memoranda from Sean O'Callaghan. Includes reports from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Division to Connemara sub-command, and names and addresses of reliables for leaving supplies.

**1.1.7.2 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Division**

**P17a/116** July–September 1922

11 items

**Communications on engineering**

Between Frank Barrett O/C, Peadar O'Loughlin Adjutant, Michael Vaughan Director of Engineering 1<sup>st</sup> Western, Tom O'Grady Assistant Director of Engineering O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Western, and Michael Kilroy. Includes some correspondence with the Director of Communications and Quartermaster, and a note of Free State posts from West Clare. Also includes a brigade dispatch to divisions detailing duties of QMs, and some monthly reports.

**P17a/117** September 1922–August 1923

4 items

**Communications on engineering**

**P17a/117 contd** Between Frank Barrett O/C, Peadar O'Loughlin Adjutant, Michael Vaughan Director of Engineering 1<sup>st</sup> Western, Tom O'Grady Assistant Director of Engineering O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Western, and Michael Kilroy.

**P17a/118** September–November 1924

2 items

**Communications on engineering**

Between Frank Barrett O/C, Peadar O'Loughlin Adjutant, Michael Vaughan Director of Engineering 1<sup>st</sup> Western, Tom O'Grady Assistant Director of Engineering O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Western, and Michael Kilroy.

**1.1.7.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Western Division**

**P17a/119** August 1922–March 1923

22 items

**Divisional HQ dispatches**

To Command and brigades. Reports and diaries of activities from brigades. Includes instructions to member of the county council to openly condemn the Free State executions at the meeting of Sligo County Council.

**P17a/120** 1924–25

2 items

**Divisional HQ dispatches**

To Command and brigades. Includes a complaint that GHQ has become divorced from the country, and unaware of the difficulties or organisation.

**1.1.7.4 4<sup>th</sup> Western Division**

**P17a/121** July–December 1922

45 items

**Dispatches, reports and minutes of meetings**

Sent to GHQ and Command HQ. Summaries of operations and the Adjutant's official bulletins to all battalions and columns. Includes medical reports from Dr G. Tubridy Division Medical Officer, with names of acting doctors.

**P17a/122** November 1921–December 1922

16 items

**Brigade reports**

Giving thorough details of departments, officers and regulars, battalions and operations, monthly reports from Quartermaster East Connemara, and dispatches to and from Division HQ and Command HQ. Includes a report on dumps and ammunitions from the West Connemara brigade.

**P17a/123** June–November 1922

74 items

**Brigade reports**

Giving thorough details of departments, officers and regulars, battalions and operations, monthly reports from Quartermaster East Connemara, and dispatches to and from Division HQ and Command HQ. Mostly from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

**P17a/124** January–April 1923

45 items

**Brigade reports**

Giving thorough details of departments, officers and regulars, battalions and operations, monthly reports from Quartermaster East Connemara, and dispatches to and from Division HQ and Command HQ. Mostly from 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

**P17a/125** September 1923–May 1925

10 items

**Brigade reports**

Giving thorough details of departments, officers and regulars, battalions and operations, monthly reports from Quartermaster East Connemara, and dispatches to and from Division HQ and Command HQ.

**1.1.7.5 Miscellaneous**

**P17a/126** 6 February 1936

1p

**Witness summons**

To the Mayo Circuit Court in a case arising out of the Damage to Property Act 1933, in which the 4<sup>th</sup> Western Division was involved.

## 1.2 Lists and Chronologies of Events

### 1.2.1 Lists of Officers, Men, Battalions and Sympathisers

**P17a/127** 1910–24

19 items

#### **Dublin No. 5 Battalion**

Lists of men in the Battalion giving rank. Names and addresses, occupation and particulars of service included.

**P17a/128** July 1922

2 items

#### **Leitrim and North Roscommon Brigades**

List of staff officers, men, companies, and battalions.

**P17a/129** 1922–23

10 items

#### **Northern Brigades; Waterford, Carlow, Monasterevin and Cork Brigades**

Breakdown of commands and Divisions, lists of officers and men in the Northern Brigades, also Waterford, Carlow and Monasterevin, many men from Cork and other miscellaneous lists.

**P17a/130** 1922

24 items

#### **Four Courts**

Names of men and officers attached to the Four Courts in June 1922. Certificates giving Roll of Honour to deceased soldiers, names and addresses for lines of communication, dumps and agents, and sympathisers in Ireland, England, Europe, USA and Australia. Also names of European Press contacts and Republican women in Leinster. See also P17a/145, 146.

**P17a/131** 1916–33

12pp

#### **Files in custody of the Second Bureau**

List of files involved. Also includes list of military books and their prices, a list of brigade reports and other reports received in 1921, and a list of dates of issue of *An tÓglach*.

**P17a/132** 1914–26

20 items

**Chronologies**

Of important events and activities connected with brigades in Dublin, Tipperary, Cork, Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon.

**1.2.2 Specific Military Actions**

**P17a/133** July 1920–June 1921

17 items

**Reports on specific military actions**

Reports from IRA soldiers and civilians during the Black and Tan and Civil Wars. Includes some letters received by EOM in later years. Many of the incidents occurred in Cork, Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Terenure in Dublin. Also includes a description of the taking of Kenmare by an Irish-American on holiday there.

**P17a/134** August 1921–February 1923

9 items

**Reports on specific military actions**

Reports from IRA soldiers and civilians during the Black and Tan and Civil Wars. Many of the incidents occurred in Cork, Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Terenure in Dublin.

**1.3 Republican Organisations Affiliated to the Army**

**1.3.1 Sinn Féin and Dáil Éireann**

**P17a/135** 13 February 1985

13 items

**Dispatches, communications, notices and proclamations**

From Sinn Féin HQ and Dáil Éireann, especially with regard to the army and the 'Republic', including proposals for Sinn Féin to take control as the legitimate Dáil and proclaim all Provisional Government sanctions illegal unless sanctioned by the Dáil. Also includes a copy of Arthur Griffiths' pledge of allegiance to the Republic until such time as the people could choose, and the Collins-de Valera pact. Notice to Sinn Féin branches to pick delegates who would 'uphold the Republic' to attend the Árd-Fheis.

- P17a/136** September–December 1922
- 8 items
- Dispatches, communications, notices and proclamations**  
From Sinn Féin HQ and Dáil Éireann, especially with regard to the army and the 'Republic'.
- P17a/137** January 1923–March 1925
- 40 items
- Dispatches, communications, notices and proclamations**  
From Sinn Féin HQ and Dáil Éireann, especially with regard to the army and the 'Republic'.
- P17a/138** 2–21 November 1921
- 2 items
- Letters to Cathal Brugha and David Lloyd George**  
From the Irish Delegation, 22 Hans Place, London.
- P17a/139** March–August 1923
- 6 items
- Messages to the people and to the army**  
From President Eamon de Valera and later the acting-President Patrick Ruttledge, including the announcement of the ceasefire (see also P17a/25).
- P17a/140** 22–24 February 1923
- 4 items
- Peace negotiations**  
Between Sinn Féin and the neutral IRA Members Association, including de Valera's objection to a truce but his readiness to discuss peace.
- P17a/141** 1923–24
- 4 items
- Message from President Patrick Ruttledge to the Sinn Féin Ard-Fheis**  
'Triumph alone will end the struggle of the Irish nation'. Also includes a *Republican Daily Press* report to the Ard-Fheis (1924) from

**P17a/141 contd** the Secretary Robert Brennan expressing a wish to remain independent but with the support of Sinn Féin, as well as an official statement from the Political Prisoners Committee.

**P17a/142** 19 March 1923

2pp

**Letter from Austin Stack**

Written from Sinn Féin HQ on Suffolk Street, the letter concerns the organisation of Kerry men in Dublin to help in his relief programme.

**P17a/143** [1921]

5pp

**Address by Eamon de Valera**

Part of the address given at Liberty Hut, Washington DC, making a case for self-determination in Ireland and claiming recognition for the elected government of the Republic of Ireland.

### 1.3.2 Cumann na mBán

**P17a/144** July–November 1922

35 items

**Reports to Adjutant Tom Derrig, Northern and Eastern Command**

Concerning communications, distribution of literature and supplies, posting of bills, and organisation. Reports of meetings, especially at Ringsend, list of members and sympathetic people working in Dublin hospitals. Correspondence relating to the production of the *Republican Bulletin* and publicity. Also includes a letter from the Publicity Department to the *Daily Mail* editor Mrs O'Driscoll, who claimed the IRA was not fighting for the Republic.

**P17a/145** 1923

3 items

**Reports to Adjutant Tom Derrig, Northern and Eastern Command**

Concerning communications, distribution of literature and supplies, posting of bills, and organisation.

### 1.3.3 IRB and Clan nan Gael

**P17a/146** 1921–23

2 items

**IRB circular**

To all county centres with new general orders. Includes notice of circle, county and division elections, 'De Valera and Clan na nGael', an article denouncing him as an enemy of Ireland for splitting the Irish race and attempting to destroy the Irish Republican Organisation in America by misusing money given to him by Clan nan Gael.

**P17a/147** 1920–22

6 items

**Correspondence**

Between Harry Boland, Luke Dillon, and Monsignor Power concerning the rift between the IRB and Clan na nGael, and the IRB's efforts to break up their meetings. Includes a proclamation in support of the Free State government.

### 1.3.4 Fianna Éireann

**P17a/148** 1924, 1926

3 items

**Reports on Fianna convention and meetings**

From the Adjutant of Dublin No. 2 Brigade concerning organisation, leadership, and the handbook 'Fianna Éireann – Boy Scouts of Ireland'.

## 1.4 Statements

### 1.4.1 General

**P17a/149** December 1920–November 1951

20 items

**Statements on Irish independence and the formation of the Republic**

Statements on the above and the participation of individuals in the various armies and wars from 1916–23. Some statements made in later years in letters to EOM as part of his literary research. Includes extracts from Newman, Arnold, and Stuart Mill in which they state that Ireland should be given her independence, and a letter from the Holy See asking for an end to the strife.

**P17a/150** 1936–45

10 items

**Statements on Irish independence and the formation of the Republic**

Statements on the above and the participation of individuals in the various armies and wars from 1916–23. Some statements made in later years in letters to EOM as part of his literary research. Includes recollections of Mrs Woods, or St Enda's, 131 Morehampton Road, Dublin on her connections with Liam Mellows and Sean Etchingham while they stayed in her house, her acquaintance with Michael Collins and her involvement with Cumann na mBán.

**P17a/151** 1924

2 items

**Statements on Irish independence and the formation of the Republic**

Statements on the above and the participation of individuals in the various armies and wars from 1916–23. Some statements made in later years in letters to EOM as part of his literary research. Includes a statement on the crises within the army from members of the Western Command, asking all old IRA members who had received commissions in the army to resign.

**P17a/152** 1922

25 items

**Statements on Irish independence and the formation of the Republic**

**P17a/152 contd** Statements on the above and the participation of individuals in the various armies and wars from 1916–23. Some statements made in later years in letters to EOM as part of his literary research. Includes publicity statements, a letter from Sheila Barry and Mary Coyle stating that they had been assaulted by Free State soldiers while putting up notices, and a note stating that Mrs Cathal Brugha did not want Free State representatives at her husband's funeral.

**P17a/153** 1922

2 items

**In reply to the Bishop's Pastoral**

By an unknown priest. See also P17a/163.

**P17a/154** December 1936–January 1952

14 items

**Statements made to the Pensions Board (established under the Military Service Pensions Act 1934)**

By members of the old IRA giving details of their involvement in the army from 1916 to the end of the Civil War, giving names of witnesses and referees. Many of the applicants had served in Brigades abroad, particularly in England. Includes a statement by Kathleen Barry Moloney giving details of her activities as a courier bringing dispatches from Dublin to the Southern Division, and also within Southern Division.

#### **1.4.2 Arms Purchases**

**P17a/155** 1924

4 items

**Extracts from statements made to the Purchases Department, GHQ**

Concerning their biggest purchase of arms during the occupation of the Four Courts. The attack on the Four Courts left them unable to pay when some shipments had already arrived, and small lots were sold. Includes a legal advisor's statement and an account of the amount spent by Briscoe in deposits and the loss of £500 through defrauding.

### 1.5 Notebooks

**P17a/156** 1925–26

5 items

#### **Jotters**

Notebooks belonging to Madge Clifford (later Mrs John Comer) while working as secretary to Liam Mellows, Michael Collins and Liam Lynch. Includes a note from Cormac O'Malley.

**P17a/157** 1922

2 items

#### **Notebooks**

Belonging to EOM while working in 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division. Includes notes on divisional council meetings and his meeting with Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows and Seamus Robinson to discuss setting up an army executive.

### 1.6 Semi-official and Personal Letters

**P17a/158** December 1919–November 1921

14 items

#### **Staff members of the army**

Including Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, Harry Boland and Cathal Brugha. Includes a letter from EOM to Captain G. Plunkett concerning the lack of spirit and enthusiasm of the men, and their lack of military knowledge. Also includes a letter from A.H.K. Wandesfore, Director of Castlecomer Collieries to WT Cosgrave concerning outrages against two English managers during the Truce, and plea for the life of Volunteer Pat Moran from Dr W.J. Walsh, Bishop of Dublin.

**P17a/159** July–December 1922

30 items

#### **Correspondence**

Includes a letter from Charles Diamond, Scotland, offering his assistance in publishing.

**P17a/160** February 1923–May 1924

5 items

#### **Correspondence**

Includes Tom Barry's resignation to the Chairman of the Executive Council.

**P17a/161** 1921–24

28 items

**Correspondence**

Between Irregulars and their families and friends and some fellow soldiers making reference to the troubles, and passing on information. Includes a letter from Mary Comerford, Cumann na mBan, to her mother.

**P17a/162** [23 October 1923]

1p

**Letter to Mrs O'Malley**

From Michael Kilroy consoling her with hopes of an early end to the hunger strike and the release of Ernie whom he says is fairly well. He expresses surprise at the release of Paddy Fleming.

**P17a/163** August 1922–December 1923

25 items

**Letters**

From prisoners to family, friends and fellow soldiers giving news of their arrests, conditions and organisation within the prisons and camps. Includes copies of the *Sniper*, a magazine produced and circulated in Mountjoy, and a reply to the Bishop's Pastoral by a prisoner, Frank Gallagher.

## 2. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FREE STATE

### 2.1 Army Reports, Dispatches, Memoranda and Communique

#### 2.1.1 Department of Intelligence

##### 2.1.1.1 General communications

**P17a/164** March–December 1922

50 items

**Correspondence to and from the Director of Intelligence Major General Tobin and other members of GHQ staff**

Reports and acknowledgments from the Department of Military Statistics, many with regard to publicity and reports, and translated cypher messages from Commands. Communication with Captain Moynihan of the Criminal Investigations Department exchanging information on republicans and their whereabouts, including a list of premises in Dublin to which warnings were served (see also P17a/185 and 186).

**P17a/165** January–July 1923

28 items

**Correspondence to and from the Director of Intelligence Major General Tobin and other members of GHQ staff**

Reports and acknowledgments from the Department of Military Statistics, many with regard to publicity and reports, and translated cypher messages from Commands.

**P17a/166** August–December 1922

55 items

**General and operation orders**

Memoranda, reports and minutes from Commander-in-Chief Richard Mulcahy to the Director of Intelligence.

**P17a/167** 13 August 1924

2pp

**Report from Captain P.J. O'Higgins, Southern Command**

Points out the inaccuracies in an article in the *Morning Post* (29 July 1924), namely that the republicans were not gaining ground, unemployment and poverty had been exaggerated, the farming community were sick of politics, and some Protestants had in fact left the area.

**2.1.1.2 Irregular intelligence**

**P17a/168** Number not used in original catalogue

**P17a/169** July–December 1922

50 items

**Intelligence file**

Dealing with Irregular forces and sympathisers, official daily intelligence reports on their strengths, position, attacks, summaries of their propaganda sheets, translations of cypher messages on individuals, escapes, and arrests. Includes a note stating that information gleaned from the papers found on EOM showed that there was no leakage from the Department of Intelligence.

**P17a/170** January–November 1923

42 items

**Intelligence file**

Dealing with Irregular forces and sympathisers, official daily intelligence reports on their strengths, position, attacks, summaries of their propaganda sheets, translations of cypher messages on individuals, escapes, and arrests. Mostly from Southern, South Western and Kerry Commands. Includes a list of Irregulars captured by the 4<sup>th</sup> Western Division.

**P17a/171** 1924–25

9 items

**Intelligence file**

Dealing with Irregular forces and sympathisers, official daily intelligence reports on their strengths, position, attacks, summaries of their propaganda sheets, translations of cypher messages on individuals, escapes, and arrests. Includes a list of surviving battalions of the IRA, the personnel and organisation of the Dublin No. 2 Brigade, and a report on Sinn Féin election candidates.

**P17a/172** July–November 1922

19 items

**Intelligence file**

On Irregular activities, manoeuvres and supplies of ammunition, etc. in Command areas, especially Kilkenny, Waterford, South Tipperary and parts of Cork. Includes translated cypher messages and messages to the Publicity Department concerning Irregular attacks on the army.

**P17a/173** January 1923–March 1924

24 items

**Intelligence file**

On Irregular activities, manoeuvres and supplies of ammunition, etc. in Command areas, especially Kilkenny, Waterford, South Tipperary and parts of Cork. Includes translated cypher messages and messages to the Publicity Department concerning Irregular attacks on the army.

**P17a/174** September–October 1922

4 items

**Weekly intelligence summaries**

For the Dublin district, from Major General Byrd.

**P17a/175** December 1922–January 1924

14 items

**Reports on Irregular finances**

Reports on finances seized and notices to close their bank accounts, and to take account of monies seized. Includes a notice to banks to inform the Director of Intelligence of Irregular money being held.

**P17a/176** 1922–23

28 items

**Precis of documents captured from Irregulars**

Some of which were found on Tom Derrig and EOM, including dispatches from Liam Lynch, Oscar Traynor and Sean Moylan. Copies of Irregular orders and intelligence on the Free State discovery of their dumps, captured at Hollybank Road.

**2.1.1.3 Northern Ireland intelligence**

**P17a/177** June–December 1923

66 items

**Information on Irregular and Unionist activities in the six counties**

Reports on the border and Northern forces' activities particularly around the Pettigo Beleek area and B Special infringement on Free State territory. Communications from the Boundary Bureau, St Stephen's Green. The appointment of Colonel Commandant Conroy

**P17a/177 contd** as Director of Intelligence in the north, and his reports. Includes a report on the Northern elections and the indication that the Fermanagh-Tyrone area was in favour of inclusion in the Free State.

**P17a/178** November 1923–January 1924

14 items

**Information on Irregular and Unionist activities in the six counties**

Reports on the border and Northern forces' activities particularly around the Pettigo Beleek area and B Special infringement on Free State territory. Communications from the Boundary Bureau, St Stephen's Green.

**P17a/179** January–August 1924

50 items

**Information on Irregular and Unionist activities in the six counties**

Reports on the border and Northern forces' activities particularly around the Pettigo Beleek area and B Special infringement on Free State territory. Communications from the Boundary Bureau, St Stephen's Green. Includes correspondence on the possibility of tapping Northern forces' wireless messages.

**P17a/180** 26 June 1922

2 items

**Report on Captain Killeen's visit to Kesh**

Report on the visit for a meeting with British Staff Officers including 'Specials' to discuss the establishment of a 'Neutral Zone' in the Pettigo-Beleek area.

**P17a/181** July 1922–February 1924

20 items

**Documents captured mainly from by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Division from RIC barracks**

Many deal with the Northern Government's reaction to the policy and statements of the Free State. Communications between the RUC, Minister for Home Affairs and the Prime Minister concerning the safeguarding of Ulster against the Free State, letters from business people and loyalists expressing their fears, including anxiety about the sale of airplanes to the Free State by the British Government.

#### **2.1.1.4 British and Scottish intelligence**

**P17a/182** December 1922–June 1923

30 items

##### **Lists of Irregulars living in Britain**

Mainly in London, and also the charges against them. Details of Scottish Companies Irregulars active in Glasgow, including women. Communication between the Procurator Fiscal, Mr Whiskard of Scotland Yard, and the Director of Intelligence.

#### **2.1.1.5 Intelligence file covers**

**P17a/183** 1923–24

17 items

##### **File of old file covers**

Covers used to hold intelligence on Irregulars. Some contained information on activities and some were individual case files.

#### **2.1.2 Departments of the Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff and other officers**

**P17a/184** January–June 1922

16 items

##### **Memoranda from Richard Mulcahy, Chief of Staff (and later as Minister for Defence)**

Instructions on reorganizing the army, instructions for Quartermasters, and proposals for an Army Council agreed to by the Four Courts Executive in June 1922. Communications between Eoin O'Duffy and Cormac Daly on the latter's replacement as O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Division. Notice to O/Cs that anyone attending the March Convention automatically severs their connection with the IRA (see also P17a/5).

**P17a/185** September 1922–September 1923

18 items

##### **Reports, general orders and dispatches from Richard Mulcahy, Commander in Chief**

To Government ministers and Army Council staff. Some are from Sean MacMaghamhna. Translated cypher messages from Commands including General O'Duffy in Limerick. Includes correspondence with the Automobile Association on car permits. See also P17a/164–166.

**P17a/186** July 1922–February 1923

21 items

**General orders and memoranda from Commander in Chief**

On the repair and protection of railways, including correspondence with the Minister for Home Affairs, reports on railways attacked or needing protection, and a list of Great Southern and Western lines open to traffic.

**2.1.3 Department of the Adjutant General**

**P17a/187** August–December 1922

27 items

**Dispatches and memoranda from Gearóid Ó Suileabháin, Adjutant General**

Including a census report of army staff. Reports to the Adjutant General on the work of their departments from the Medical, Purchases, Munitions, Chemicals, Mapping, Printing, Chaplain's and Marine Departments. List of inquiries and courts-martial being held from the Judge Advocate.

**P17a/188** 19–23 February 1923

22 items

**Dispatches and memoranda from Gearóid Ó Suileabháin, Adjutant General**

Reports to the Adjutant General on the work of their departments from the Medical, Purchases, Munitions, Chemicals, Mapping, Printing, Chaplain's and Marine Departments. Includes a list of men being investigated.

**2.1.4 Army Finance Office**

**P17a/189** 1922–23

5 items

**File of financial material**

Documents dealing with estimates of yearly army expenditure, payment of officers, regulars, civilians and officiating chaplains, as well as dependents' allowances. Correspondence with the Commander in Chief, the Treasury and the Department of Intelligence on army finances, including the cost of medical services.

## 2.1.5 Prisoners

### 2.1.5.1 GHQ orders and memoranda

**P17a/190** September 1922–November 1923

21 items

#### **General orders to prison staff**

Regarding the running of prisons, dealing with prisoners and juvenile prisoners, draft of the internment orders from the Judge Advocate General, Cathaoir MacDaibhid, and internment camp regulations. Forms for the detention of prisoners under the Emergency Powers Act (see P17a/217), messages and reports on prisoners from Commands, and an order from W.T. Cosgrave on the establishment of military courts.

**P17a/191** September 1922–February 1923

30 items

#### **General orders on courts-martial and executions**

Reports on courts in session, arrests, executions, sentences and queries about trials. Copy of circulars to be sent to the next of kin of those executed. Includes a newspaper cutting, 'a hideous reminder of the worst of the Free State crimes' regarding a bill for whiskey supplied to the firing squad at Dundalk.

### 2.1.5.2 Reports on prisons, prisoners and deportees

**P17a/192** July 1922–November 1923

15 items

#### **Reports to the Adjutant General and Department of Intelligence**

From the military governors in Maryboro, Mountjoy, Portlaoise, Newbridge, the Curragh, and 'Tintown A', concerning the manning and equipping of prisons, men arrested, prisoners' correspondence, the hunger strike at Newbridge, and the transfer of dangerous prisoners from 'Tintown A'.

**P17a/193** July 1922–October 1923

17 items

#### **Reports from jails throughout the Free State**

On prisoners including some whose dependents receive allowances, prisoners released, and statements made for and against prisoners. Includes a report on the discovery of a tunnel at Mountjoy, and the

**P17a/193 contd** Publicity Department report on the International Committee of the Red Cross Mission in Ireland claiming that prisoners received prisoner-of-war treatment.

**P17a/194** February 1923–March 1924

20 items

**Names of prisoners**

Giving their prison numbers, notes on the dates of their release or transfer, and the hut officers in charge. Lists of dangerous prisoners and their addresses and where they are detained. Lists of prisoners who signed the 'form of undertaking' during the hunger strike. Lists of valid diets as supplied by the Medical Officer and the number of men taking them. Names and addresses of those who were detained by Military Intelligence in 1924, including EOM.

**P17a/195** 18 March 1923

15 items

**Correspondence between the Department of Intelligence and British MPs**

On the deportment and internment of political prisoners from Britain and Scotland. Lists of those deported, as well as letters of protest from deportees to the Right Honorable W.C. Bridgeman MP and Lord Novar, Secretary of State for Scotland, and to the Adjutant General.

**2.1.6 British evacuation**

**P17a/196** January 1923–January 1924

50 items

**Command reports**

Reports from Commands on the progress of the evacuation, with a comprehensive list of posts occupied by each unit of the 'National Troops' giving numbers of officers and regulars in each.

**P17a/197** April 1922–February 1924

15 items

**File of evacuation documents**

Documents relating to the evacuation of barracks by the British Army and the Free State takeover, including correspondence with British Army officers and lists of troops needed for the takeover.

### 2.1.7 Command reports

**P17a/198** September–November 1922

50 items

**Official daily reports to GHQ from South Western Command**

Reports under the following headings: Section I – Our posts, strengths, equipment, etc.; Section II – Reports on operations, reconnaissance and patrols; Section III – Objectives for the next 24 hours; Section IV – Irregular positions and strengths in areas; Section V – Irregular activities; Section VI – Communications; Section VII – Transport.

**P17a/199** September–October 1922

5 items

**Official daily reports to GHQ from Kerry Command**

Reports under the following headings: Section I – Our posts, strengths, equipment, etc.; Section II – Reports on operations, reconnaissance and patrols; Section III – Objectives for the next 24 hours; Section IV – Irregular positions and strengths in areas; Section V – Irregular activities; Section VI – Communications; Section VII – Transport.

**P17a/200** October–November 1922

2 items

**Official daily reports to GHQ from Kerry Command**

Reports under the following headings: Section I – Our posts, strengths, equipment, etc.; Section II – Reports on operations, reconnaissance and patrols; Section III – Objectives for the next 24 hours; Section IV – Irregular positions and strengths in areas; Section V – Irregular activities; Section VI – Communications; Section VII – Transport.

**P17a/201** September–October 1922

29 items

**Official military reports to the Commander in Chief**

Mostly from the Eastern Command and including summaries of personnel, equipment, transport, staff, regulars, cooks, rifles, ammunition and grenades.

**P17a/202** October–November 1922

25 items

**Official military reports to the Commander in Chief**

Mostly from the Eastern Command and including summaries of personnel, equipment, transport, staff, regulars, cooks, rifles, ammunition and grenades.

**P17a/203** November–December 1922

30 items

**Official summaries of the Command reports**

Summaries drawn up by the Department of Military Statistics under the headings of strength, posts held, details of activities, results, Irregulars, Irregular activities, losses, attitudes of the general public, and general remarks. Transport summaries and daily bulletins on the military situation to GHQ staff. Includes a chronology of events for November and graphs showing the number of army and Irregulars killed and wounded, and attacks and ambushes.

**P17a/204** September–December 1922

35 items

**Official summaries of the Eastern Command reports**

Summaries drawn up by the Department of Military Statistics under the headings of strength, posts held, details of activities, results, Irregulars, Irregular activities, losses, attitudes of the general public, and general remarks. Transport summaries and daily bulletins on the military situation to GHQ staff.

**P17a/205** November–December 1922

15 items

**Official summaries of the South Western Command reports**

Summaries drawn up by the Department of Military Statistics under the headings of strength, posts held, details of activities, results, Irregulars, Irregular activities, losses, attitudes of the general public, and general remarks. Transport summaries and daily bulletins on the military situation to GHQ staff.

**P17a/206** 10–16 December 1922

2 items

**Official summaries of the Southern Command reports**

Summaries drawn up by the Department of Military Statistics under

- P17a/206 contd** the headings of strength, posts held, details of activities, results, Irregulars, Irregular activities, losses, attitudes of the general public, and general remarks.
- P17a/207** November–December 1922  
4 items  
**Official summaries of the Kerry Command reports**  
Summaries drawn up by the Department of Military Statistics under the headings of strength, posts held, details of activities, results, Irregulars, Irregular activities, losses, attitudes of the general public, and general remarks.
- P17a/208** May 1923  
2 items  
**Weekly Army General Surveys**  
On the situation in the country in general, compiled from reports and issued by the General Officer Commanding reports and statistics.
- P17a/209** June 1923  
5 items  
**Weekly Army General Surveys**  
On the situation in the country in general, compiled from reports and issued by the General Officer Commanding reports and statistics.
- P17a/210** July–November 1923  
5 items  
**Weekly Army General Surveys**  
Fortnightly reports.
- P17a/211** July–December 1922  
23 items  
**Reports from Southern Command to GHQ departments**  
On specific incidents and minutes of meetings. Includes regular publicity reports from Kilkenny.
- P17a/212** July–November 1922  
3pp  
**Reports from Eastern Command to GHQ departments**  
On specific incidents and minutes of meetings.

**P17a/213** October 1922–February 1924

7 items

**Reports from South Western and Kerry Commands to GHQ departments**

On specific incidents and minutes of meetings.

**P17a/214** September 1922–March 1923

5 items

**Reports from Western Command to GHQ departments**

On specific incidents and minutes of meetings.

**P17a/215** 6–18 July 1922

4 items

**Account of the situation in Limerick**

From Major General MacManus to the Commander in Chief, referring to the low morale of the troops, the need for guns, and enemy posts. Includes a letter to the OC of 1<sup>st</sup> Western Division on the desirability of avoiding bloodshed, but this could only be assured with Liam Lynch's acceptance of the sovereignty of the people and of the authority of the National Parliament.

**P17a/216** 1922

2 items

**Maps of the counties and towns of Ireland from Dublin southwards**

One annotated showing the Southern and Kerry Commands. The Free State army strengths in barracks are marked in red and the Irregular strengths in the surrounding areas are marked in blue.

**P17a/217** December 1922–January 1923

6 items

**Orders from the OC 3<sup>rd</sup> Western Division**

Ordering troops to report to Boyle, county Roscommon for an inquiry into an incident at Strokestown. Includes some statements.

**P17a/218** May–November 1922

3 items

**Operation orders**

Orders on manoeuvres and passwords, and general orders on Command conferences to discuss conduct, issued from Kilkenny HQ. Also includes a travel permit issued at Cahir barracks to a Miss Moore.

## **2.2 Free State Government Affairs**

### **2.2.1 Constitution**

**P17a/219** 20–23 January 1922

2 items

**Letter from General Michael Collins to C.J. France, Irish Committee for Relief in Ireland**

Requests that France act as a member of the Committee set up to draft the Constitution. Includes the reply of acceptance. See also P17a/223.

### **2.2.2 Navy and Air Corps**

**P17a/220** July 1922–23

2 items

**Letter to the Minister for Defence from Mr D. Fawcett, Ministry of Home Affairs**

Lists all the vessels controlled by the Irish Lights Commission. Notice to the Director of Intelligence to say that daily services from Dublin and Cork would be continued by the British and Irish Steam Packet. Also includes a letter from D.C. Harrison, Aircraft Disposals Limited, London, to Commandant General W.T. McSweeney, Baldonnell with details and cost of lessons for two of his pilots.

**P17a/221** June–August 1923

17 items

**File of letters relating to the visit of J.L. Fawsitt, Department of Industry and Commerce, to the United States of America**

Relates to his affront to Linsay Crawford of the Immigration Shipping Department, and his embarrassing the government by dealing with 'unauthorised matters' without seeking definite authority, including

**P17a/221 contd** direct shipping lines between Ireland and the USA. Includes material on his subsequent dismissal by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Seamus McGrath.

### **2.2.3 Emergency Powers**

**P17a/222** 1923

5 items

#### **Copies of the Public Safety Emergency Power Bills**

Includes the detention order for Cecil O'Malley and also notice of a meeting to set up a Central Contracting Committee through which contracts would be placed by government departments.

### **2.3 Letters**

**P17a/223** January 1922–November 1923

10 items

#### **Correspondence between C.J. France (American Committee for Relief in Ireland) and Mr Villard of *The Nation***

France informs Villard that he has accepted a position on the committee to draft the Constitution, and they discuss the position as special correspondent on Irish affairs, and the difficulty of getting information from de Valera, Griffith and Collins. Recommendations to the American Committee for Relief in Ireland HQ that further funds should be sent for the White Cross rather than withdrawing his service from Ireland.

**P17a/224** May–December 1922

10 items

#### **Letters of praise and discontent to members of the Free State army**

Includes letter from Commandant A. Lawlor to his other boasting of his 'wonderful shot', and a letter from Margaret Collins O'Driscoll in the *Daily Mail*. See also P17a/144, 265.

**P17a/225** January 1923–March 1924

12 items

#### **Letters of praise and discontent to members of the Free State army**

Includes private negotiations on peace terms with Irregulars.

## 2.4 Statements

**P17a/226** 1922

4 items

**Statement on the taking over of Army barracks by Emmet Dalton**

Also includes a hospital statement on the condition of Thomas Wynne and a statement on the mass support for Collins and McKeown in Ballyhaunis, as well as peace discussions between Mick O'Brien, [Ennis] and [Byrne]. See also P17a/196, 197.

**P17a/227** 2 January 1923

2pp

**Apology from Edward Kenny, Nadnaveigh**

States that the £4 reported missing after a search on his house by the National Army had later been found.

## 2.5 Fianna Fáil

**P17a/228** 16 May 1926

15pp

**Text of a speech delivered by Eamon de Valera**

At the inaugural meeting of Fianna Fáil, with an introduction and appendices comprising of extracts from his earlier speeches.

**P17a/229** 1932-51

2 items

**Fianna Fáil memorabilia**

A 1932 election poster with a list of ex-servicemen and the gratuities they receive, and a commemorative 1951 calendar from the North Cork branch of Fianna Fáil.

### **3. PRINTED MATTER**

#### **3.1 1903–59**

##### **3.1.1 Irish publications**

**P17a/230** April 1916–December 1919

102pp

##### ***Chronology Part III, Section I***

Volume of the publication of the Bureau of Military History and Department of Defence, listing important military and political events which took place from the Easter Rising to the Truce, as selected from various sources including many entries from Irish and English newspapers. Its primary purpose being to serve as a source of reference for specific dates and sequences of events. The dates listed above are those discussed in this volume.

**P17a/231** January–December 1920

312pp

##### ***Chronology Part III, Section II***

Volume of the publication of the Bureau of Military History and Department of Defence, listing important military and political events which took place from the Easter Rising to the Truce, as selected from various sources including many entries from Irish and English newspapers. Its primary purpose being to serve as a source of reference for specific dates and sequences of events. The dates listed above are those discussed in this volume.

**P17a/232** January–July 1921

511pp

##### ***Chronology Part III, Section III***

Volume of the publication of the Bureau of Military History and Department of Defence, listing important military and political events which took place from the Easter Rising to the Truce, as selected from various sources including many entries from Irish and English newspapers. Its primary purpose being to serve as a source of reference for specific dates and sequences of events. The dates listed above are those discussed in this volume.

**P17a/233** April 1921–April 1922

32 items

##### ***An tÓglach***

**P17a/233 contd** List of issues of the 'official organ of the Irish Volunteers', including some copies. Also includes an issue of the Staff Journal, and technical notes on war and equipment.

**P17a/234** February–May 1922

5 items

***An tÓglach* and an issue of *Stop Press***

*Stop Press* condemns the Collins-de Valera pact.

**P17a/235** December 1921–July 1922

4 items

**Irish publications**

Includes:

- supplement to the *Irish Bulletin* reviewing the signing of the Treaty (8 December 1921);
- the *Freeman's Journal*, including a report on Craig's position (5 April 1921);
- the *Separatist*, including a report on the outcome of the June election (1 July 1922);
- the *Western People*, including an article on the storming of the Four Courts (8 July 1922).

**P17a/236** Not dated

2 items

**'Escape from Mountjoy'**

Typed copy of the article originally published in the *Kerryman* and written by Paddy Rigney on his escape, and a retelling by C. Smith who claimed it was inaccurate and misleading.

**3.1.2 Foreign press**

**P17a/236a** 3 June 1921

1p

***The Police Gazette***

Issue contains descriptions of wanted Irish rebels, including a description and photograph of EOM.

**P17a/237** 1916–December 1921

13 items

**Cuttings from international newspapers**

**P17a/237 contd** Cuttings from British , American, Italian and Irish newspapers covering such news as the peace negotiations in London, the bishops' views on Ireland and the Pope's wish for peace, and the grief of Pearse's bride-to-be.

**P17a/238** September 1920

6pp

**'Sinn Féin Courts in Operation'**

By W.H. Brayden, barrister-at-law, Dublin and taken from the *Journal of the American Bar Association*.

**P17a/239** 17 December 1921

4pp

***Irish World***

The *American Industrial Liberator*, New York edition, giving the text of the Treaty and of de Valera's speech rejecting it.

### **3.1.3 Leaflets and pamphlets**

**P17a/240** November 1918–March 1921

10 items

**British and Unionist propaganda**

Includes extracts from a letter from Lloyd George to Bonar Law and between Lloyd George and de Valera, as well as a summary of proposals for the Government of Ireland Act 1920 from the Unionist Anti-Partition League and Irish Dominion League under Horace Plunkett.

**P17a/241** 1916–21

7 items

**Republican propaganda material**

Including a Sinn Féin election leaflet from 1920 and pamphlets arguing Ireland's viability as an independent country.

### 3.2 Free State/Republican struggle, 1922–26

#### 3.2.1 Republican material

**P17a/242** 1918

2pp

**Broadsheet published by the Irish Progressive League**

The League, of 229 Lexington Avenue, New York, reprints statements alleging brutal and inhuman prison conditions in Ireland.

**P17a/243** 1918–22

13 items

**Propaganda published by Irish-American organisations**

Mainly news bulletins issued by the Friends of Irish Freedom National Bureau of Information. Also includes material from the Irish Progressive League and the American Committee for Relief in Ireland.

**P17a/244** 1922–23

c30 items

**IRA public notices and Dáil Éireann proclamations**

Dealing with matters such as informing, robbery and looting, transport permits, and the registration of dogs.

**P17a/245** 1922–23

c25 items

**IRA and republican anti-Treaty propaganda**

Mainly relating to hunger strikes and prison conditions. Includes handwritten draft of 'The Cease-Fire Order and the new position it creates', which deals with the terms of settlement proposed by the anti-treaty side (May 1923, 6pp).

**P17a/246** 1922–23

c50 items

**IRA and republican anti-Treaty propaganda**

Includes pamphlets, handbills, cartoons and posters.

**P17a/247** 1923

6 items

**Irish-American anti-Treaty propaganda**

Includes four copies of Irish Legation Circular for International Justice and Peace, issued by Laurence Ginnell, envoy of the Republic (January–April 1923, 4pp each). Also includes a leaflet from the MacSwiney Club of Pittsfield Massachusetts, and an Irish Relief Mission appeal for funds for republican prisoners' dependents (October 1923, 4pp).

**P17a/248** 1924

3 items

**Old IRA leaflets and news cuttings**

Including committee member names and appeals for better allowances and pensions for Old IRA men and their dependents.

**P17a/249** February–July 1923

70 items

**Daily Bulletin**

Giving reports on murders, imprisonment and ill-treatment of republican soldiers, women and children. Also includes details of political developments including reports on Free State negotiations in London, letters from de Valera, and prisoner statements including the answer to the Red Cross report.

**P17a/250** July–November 1923

60 items

**Daily Bulletin**

Giving reports on murders, imprisonment and ill-treatment of republican soldiers, women and children. Also includes details of political developments including reports on Free State negotiations in London, letters from de Valera, and prisoner statements including the answer to the Red Cross report.

**P17a/251** July 1922–February 1923

47 items

**Poblacht na hÉireann**

Reporting on activities, losses, army orders and proclamations, and the treatment of prisoners. Includes some southern editions.

**P17a/252** October–December 1923

19 items

**Sinn Féin 'Daily Sheet'**

With news of hunger striking from prisons and camps around the country and 'the voice of the people' at home and abroad.

**P17a/253** 23 December 1922

4pp

**Republican War Bulletin (typed copy)**

Includes a tribute to Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellowes, Joe McKelvey and Richard Barrett.

**P17a/254** 2 August 1922

3 items

**The Torch**

Republican news from around the country, including the arrest of Frank Aiken and his men in Dundalk, and the death of Harry Boland.

**P17a/255** October 1922–July 1923

2 items

**Éire – The Irish Nation**

With articles by Piaras Beasláí and Countess Markievicz. Also includes the Scottish edition of *Stop Press*.

**P17a/256** 1923

6pp

**Extracts from the report by the Red Cross**

Extracts from the report of the enquiry on the treatment of prisoners, and comments by Albinia Brodrick of the Prisoners' Defence League, printed in an American newspaper. See also P17a/193, 249.

### 3.2.2 Free State material

**P17a/257** October 1922–1923

10 items

**Leaflets and pamphlets produced by the Free State**

Includes a draft of the constitution, recruiting notices, and an appeal to the people to contribute to the Treaty fund.

**P17a/258** 1923

5 items

**Printed election speeches**

Made by Jasper Tully (independent, Boyle county Roscommon), Pat Mullooney (Cumann na nGaedhael, Kiltrustan, Strokestown, county Roscommon), and Michael Mullane (Sinn Féin). See also P17a/241.

**P17a/259** 31 October 1924

18pp

**'Three Years Hard Labour'**

A booklet by Kevin O'Higgins TD, dealing with Ireland 1918–21, which was the text of an address to the Irish Society of Oxford University.

**P17a/260** September–October 1922

20 items

***Iris an Airm***

The official newssheet of the Free State Army in typescript form, and printed issues from the Limerick Command edition. Deals with news from all Commands on ambushes, Irregulars, damage to property, and so on. See also P17a/198-211.

**P17a/261** October–December 1922

11 items

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The official newssheet of the Free State Army in typescript form, and printed issues from the Limerick Command edition. Deals with news from all Commands on ambushes, Irregulars, damage to property, and so on. See also P17a/198-211.

**P17a/262** 5 July 1922

4pp

**Truth**

'War issue' with Free State propaganda refuting what it calls 'war lies' which were printed in the Irregular *War News*: 'the men of 1916 fought for the Irish Nation, the 'Irregulars' are fighting against it'.

**P17a/263** October 1923–December 1926

c50pp

**Scrapbook of press cuttings**

Contains many reports on Free State army and government, various actions by the republicans in the south, north and in Britain during 1926, and the new Public Safety Bill. Also contains reports on the discovery of the body of Noel Lemass and the subsequent inquest, and the trial of James Murray and Joe Mack who were accused of the murder of policeman Joseph Bergin.

**P17a/264** January–November 1925

10 items

**Extracts from the *Irish Times* and the *Irish Independent***

Typed copies relating to the trial of James Murray and Joe Mack.

**P17a/265** August–October 1922

c210pp

**'War Diary' – extracts from the *Irish Press***

Gives a daily account of military and political occurrences. Possibly compiled by EOM.

**P17a/265a** June–December 1922

14 items

**Irish and English newspaper reports**

On Irish affairs both north and south, including a reply to Michael Collins' sister Margaret Collins O'Driscoll (see also P17a/224).

**P17a/266** February 1923

15pp

**Extracts from the *London Times* and the *New Statesman***

**P17a/266 contd** On the problems of reaching a peaceful solution between the Free State and die-hard republicans, written in EOM's handwriting.

### 3.3. Post-Civil War Newspapers

**P17a/267** October 1924–January 1945

7 items

#### **Newspapers**

Includes:

- the *Monitor* covering de Valera's release and speech in Cork (October 1924, 1 item);
- *Sinn Féin*, article on Anglo-Irish political relations (20 December 1924, 1 item);
- the *Anti-Imperialist*, the official organ of the Anti-Imperialist Vigilance Association (November 1926, 1 item);
- *An Phoblacht*, with a copy of the Republican Army Political and Economic Plan, and Dr Kinane's opposition which declares them a 'sinful and irreligious' society (19 January 1935, 1 item);
- *Prisoners' Plight* (26 January 1935, 1 item);
- *Saoirse Éireann* – the 'Wolfe Tone weekly' (6 September 1939, 1 item);
- *News and Views*, extracts of world news taken from a variety of papers. Editor is John Brennan (26 January 1945, 7 items).

**P17a/268** 1925–45

7 items

#### **Irish Times and Irish Press reports and editorials**

On the question of the Republic.

**P17a/269** 1924–48

8 items

#### **The Challenge, Solicitors' Journal, New Statesman, the Globe**

Press cuttings from these as well as some Irish papers on the life, career and death of Erskine Childers.

**P17a/270** 1933–57

18 items

#### **News cuttings**

On Irish heroes, places and events including Liam Mellows, Father Albert, Kevin Barry, the Easter Week widows, Treaty negotiations, Bodenstown pilgrimages, and the First Dáil.

- P17a/271** 1930s–50s  
19 items  
**Readers' letters on Irish men of note**  
Including James Connolly, Eamon de Valera, and George Bernard Shaw.
- P17a/272** 1937–56  
8 items  
**Obituaries**  
For Thomas Henry, Sean Ó Catháin, James McGuinness, Ellen Humphreys, Madeline French-Mullen and others.
- P17a/273** February 1952  
8 items  
**Articles from the *Irish Press***  
From the series 'The Connaught Rangers' on their allegiance to the Irish Republic and the mutiny in Jullundar, India.
- P17a/274** May–July 1956  
7 items  
**Articles from the *Sunday Press***  
On famous jail escapes during the years 1919 to 1921.
- P17a/275** 1930s–50s  
10 items  
**Press cuttings**  
On topics of Irish historical interest.
- P17a/276** 1903–59  
30 items  
**Cuttings of book reviews**  
Mainly of Irish historical interest or by Irish writers.

**P17a/277** 1933–57

11 items

**Cuttings and pages from books**

Including Dorothy Macardle's *The Irish Republic*, F. O'Donoghue's *No Other Law* and Frank Gallagher's *The Four Glorious Years*.

**4. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**

**P17a/278** c1925–1950s

23pp

**Personal papers**

Covering note from Catherine Walston of Thriplow Farm, Cambridge stating that these are the only notes she has in her possession but will look to see if there are any more. Includes handwritten general notes by EOM, receipts, financial calculations, a postcard from the Libreria de Cultura in Rome, a list of books from 'Helen's room', a page of notes on his children and 'the question of divorce', and a copy of an article titled 'Ireland's Crisis Sharpens' by Brian O'Neill (*New Masses*, 10 April 1934). Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 1.

**P17a/279** 1922–24

26pp

**Military papers**

File of handwritten and typescript notes and associated material dating from O'Malley's time imprisoned after his capture in November 1922. Includes a signed letter from Frank Aiken regarding the proposed terms of settlement with the Free State (11 May 1923, 1p), the 'Daily Bulletin' (15 June 1924, 1p), copies of *Poblacht na hÉireann* (13 January 1923 and 20 November 1923, 2pp), the *Daily Sheet* (31 October 1923, 1p), and the *Republican Bulletin* (9 November 1923, 1p). Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 2.

**P17a/280** 3 June 1921

7pp

**The Police Gazette (or Hue-and-Cry)**

Copy of the gazette in which information is sought on the whereabouts of EOM after his escape from Kilmainham jail. Features black and white portrait and profile photographs of O'Malley. Includes three pages copied from the issue. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 5.

- P17a/281** 1950s  
16pp  
**Notes**  
Notes made by EOM from military papers dating from 1922. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 8.
- P17a/282** 1950  
4 items  
**Notes**  
Notes made by EOM on a variety of topics. Consists of a small notebook, a school copybook and two sets of loose pages. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 21.
- P17a/283** 12 August 1924  
7pp  
**Minutes of Executive meeting held 10–11 August 1924**  
Copy of the minutes of the meeting attended by Eamon de Valera, EOM, Peadar O'Donnell, and Seamus Robinson, amongst others. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 41.
- P17a/284** July–November 1922  
84pp  
**Military papers**  
Papers from EOM's time as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff and Officer Commanding of Northeast and Eastern Command, consisting of communications sent by O'Malley. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 42.  
Includes:  
  - analysis of intelligence opportunities (not dated, 2pp);
  - dispatch to O/C Dublin from the Southeast Command updating on activities and plans (14 July 1922, 1p);
  - dispatch to Chief of Staff at General Headquarters asking for clarification of the military and national policy 'as we are in the dark here' and asking for other particulars (21 July, 2pp);
  - circular to all O/Cs outlining what should be done with regard to communications, destruction, obstruction, and attacks (24 July, 3pp);
  - handwritten note from O'Malley to the Acting O/C of 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern discussing four men (Daly, Cunningham, Fitzgerald and Kelly) who are English purchasers' agents who wish to be attached to a flying column (13 August, 1p);
  - dispatch to Chief of Staff at the Field General Headquarters giving comprehensive update of the current situation (24 August, 4pp);
  - interviews with Longford and West Cavan brigades giving full updates of their activity, armaments and organisation (1

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- P17a/284 contd** September, 2pp) and with Athlone (4 September, 1p) and Dublin No. 2 (6 September, 1p) brigades;
- dispatch to O/C 1<sup>st</sup> Southern mentioning that 'peace talk and peace negotiations must be definitely hit on the head' (9 September, 2pp);
  - extensive thirty-nine point update sent to the Chief of Staff at GHQ. Duplicates of several pages are also included (22 September, 7pp);
  - extensive twenty-three point update sent to the Chief of Staff at GHQ (c24th September, 5pp);
  - handwritten notes for an Executive meeting in October (4pp);
  - interviews with 5<sup>th</sup> Mullingar brigade giving full updates of their activity, armaments and organisation (7 October, 3pp);
  - circular to all O/Cs listing questions which could be asked when inspecting areas and when attending staff meetings and battalion councils (27 October, 5pp);
  - dispatch to Command Director of Intelligence asking for a list to be obtained of men who have ill-treated prisoners, the names of whom will be circulated to all units with instructions that they be shot on sight. Included will be McKeown, Lalor and Emmet Dalton (30 October, 1p);
  - partial letter to unknown recipient(s) discussing the will of the people and the desire of the IRA to 'go forward to ultimate victory, unafraid... of English guns in the hands of the Merrion St. Imperialists' (not dated, 1p);
  - other routine dispatches, circulars, notes and acknowledgements.

**P17a/285** July–November 1922

41p

**Military papers**

Papers from EOM's time as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff and Officer Commanding of Northeast and Eastern Command, consisting of communications sent to O'Malley. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 43.

Includes:

- list of obstructions around Newtownbarry from R. O'S., O/C Obstructions (10 July, 1p);
- instructions from O/C Liam Lynch with regard to the attitude TDs ought to adopt at the meeting of An Dáil on 9 September, as well as other updates, 1p);
- dispatch from Lynch requesting a recommendation for the post of Director of Organisation, and discussing jail escapes (7 September, 1p);
- copy of a letter from D. O'Carroll, Seamus Kirwan and Donald O'Hannigan appealing for a truce (not dated, 2pp);
- report of operations at Blessington on 1 July (23 September, 3pp);
- report of an attack on a Free State post at 15 Upper Fitzwilliam Street (6 October, 1p);
- other routine reports, dispatches, notes and acknowledgements.

**P17a/286** July–October 1922

44pp

**Military papers**

Papers from EOM's time as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff and Officer Commanding of Northeast and Eastern Command. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 44.

Includes:

- notes on operations tours circulated to all O/Cs by EOM as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff (20 July, 4pp);
- circular to all O/Cs listing questions which could be asked when inspecting areas and when attending staff meetings and battalion councils (27 October, 5pp);
- circular to all units regarding training (2 November, 4pp);
- comments on the operations report from the Dublin brigade by Liam Lynch (17 September, 2pp);
- reports from Dublin battalions forwarded to O'Malley by Lorcan O'Briain, Vice O/C Dublin 2 brigade (7 October, 2pp);
- other routine circulars, dispatches, notes and acknowledgements.

**P17a/287** August 1921–March 1922

7pp

**Military papers**

Papers from EOM's time as O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 46.

**P17a/288** 1923

5pp

**Civil War documents**

Copy of Richard Mulcahy's statement with regard to the Emergency Powers Act 1923, and a copy of the standing orders for internees at internment camps. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 47.

**P17a/289** March 1923–March 1924

9pp

**Personal and other documents**

Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 48.

Includes:

- copy of a letter sent by Joe McKelvey to EOM from Mountjoy jail (24 August 1922, 2pp);
- covering letter from Captain S. Ó [Muircheartaigh] of the Criminal Investigation Department to Richard Mulcahy, Commander in Chief, forwarding a letter from EOM which was found on a Mrs

- Gordon. The letter is not included (12 March 1923, 1p);
- copy of a letter sent by Mutt (Madge Clifford) to O'Malley, the original of which was found on O'Malley at Mountjoy (27 June 1923, 2pp);
- memo from Frank Aiken to O'Malley which was also found on him at Mountjoy (27 June 1923, 1p);
- original holograph letter from Marion O'Malley, Ernie's mother, to Richard Mulcahy in which she states that should any of her three imprisoned sons die, she will 'take steps to have you indicted in their murder' (1 November 1923, 2pp);
- typed extract from the *Donegal Vindicator* (published 16 February 1924) calling for EOM's release, which was circulated to Free State departments (6 March 1924, 1p).

**P17a/290** September–December 1921

20pp

**Handwritten notes**

Pages of notes handwritten by EOM during the Truce period while he was O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division. Includes lists of men in various battalions and other organisational notes. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 82.

**P17a/291** September 1956

5 items

**Notebooks**

Four personal notebooks from later years containing some of EOM's notes from his interviews with War of Independence and Civil War veterans, as well as on other topics. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 99.

Includes:

- first notebook written in ink, both ends of which have been used. Names and placenames mentioned include Tom Scanlon (Ballina), O'Brien (Nenagh), Sean McGrath, and Peter Hunt and Jim Hunt of Sligo. Also mentions the Plunkett Column and contains a map in pencil of Holloway Rd and Highgate Hill ([1950s], 44pp);
- second notebook's cover reads 'Earnan O'Malley, Burrishoole Lodge, Newport, county Mayo' and also bears the name 'Brian [Dineen]'. The inside cover has some names and telephone numbers inscribed. Names and placenames mentioned include Una Joyce (Dungarvan), Micky Fitz (Tipperary town), Joseph [Gurathy], [Kilmeena], Brody Malone, Paddy Horkan (Clifden), Bernard Nulty, and Father Geraghty. Both ends of the notebook have been used and some notes have been made regarding word counts in articles ([1950s], 46pp);
- third notebook, both ends used, cover reads 'Land Earnan O'Malley'. Contains notes on acreage under tillage, rents and taxes, and mentions Carrowkeel, amongst other topics ([1950s], 46pp);

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- P17a/291 contd**
- fourth notebook, both ends used, cover bears EOM's name as well as those of Dennis Quill and Dan Flavin. Includes notes on names, expenses and other topics (September 1956, 46pp);
  - typed list of question and notes on the War of Independence, with some ink annotations (not dated, 5pp).

**P17a/292** 1918–22

9 items

### **Military papers**

Set of military documents. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 112.

Includes:

- notebook, with its inside cover having an illustration of the semaphore alphabet and containing messages to local organisers as well as EOM's own notes. In one he signs as O/C Offaly (May 1918, 40pp);
- envelope containing carbon copy of handwritten dispatch number 54F from EOM to Captain Plunkett, (5 December 1919, 6pp);
- Field Message Book written by EOM as an IRA Staff Captain, containing carbon copies of about 80 messages including memos and instructions written by EOM to various Brigade Commanders and others either before, during or after his local inspection of an area. Relates to Monaghan and Tipperary areas (January–May 1920, c80pp);
- a Hely's Duplicate Order Book used for sending messages, the originals being kept and the carbon copies sent, mainly to Tipperary and Limerick battalions but also to GHQ (13–July 1921, c100pp);
- envelopes used by EOM to sort notes by brigade areas under his command ([1921], 7pp);
- envelope containing EOM messages and notes from 9 July 1921 to July 1922 (c150pp);
- card index of documents in the EOM deposit made to the National Library of Ireland by Cormac O'Malley in 1963 and which remained there until 1974. Its reference number in the Library was MS 10973 (1963, 25pp);
- Frances Mary Blake's partial index to the EOM orders ([1977], 9pp).

**P17a/293** October 1970

3 items

### **Taped Interviews**

Tapes of Cormac O'Malley's interviews with Sean Lemass and Sighle Humphreys, Madge Clifford and Jack Comer, and Sighle Humphreys, George Gilmore and Peadar O'Donnell. Originally listed by Frances Mary Blake as file number 113. See also Papers of Frances Mary Blake (P244/40).

**P17a/294** September–December 1921

21pp

**Notes on army organisation and finances**

Handwritten notes for training lectures during the Truce on firing, visual training, and tactical tours. Notes on his expenses on his trip to London as O/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division, and a comparison with the higher expenses of Tom Barry in October 1921, and EOM's negative comments thereon. Also includes a commercial invoice from J.C. Stevens of London for 'Mr Lehane' for the purchase of certain items for a total of £15.0.0.

These sheets are stored in mylar sleeves for preservation reasons. This is the first of the files in these papers not to follow Frances Mary Blake's original numbering system; the rest follow.

**P17a/295** Number not used

**P17a/296** 1921

45pp

**Military manual**

Óglaigh na hÉireann military training manual titled 'Engineering Handbook (No. 1)'. This is a photocopy, the original having been given to Paul O'Dwyer for the O'Dwyer Cheshire Home, Bohola, county Mayo, in 1979.

**P17a/297** 1922–2003

5pp

**Republican doctors and medical staff**

Notes on Republican doctors and medical staff in Dublin hospitals, including a typed list of 'Reliable Staffs' in Dublin hospitals, a handwritten list of doctors, marked '34/2, and '31' in blue pencil, and a handwritten document which begins: 'the following are a list of friendly doctors (13)' and is marked '34/3' and '32' in blue pencil. Includes a handwritten, undated list of publications. Also includes a printed email from Cormac O'Malley to Anne Dolan discussing these references to anti-Treaty medical personnel in Dublin (29 December, 2003, 1p).

**P17a/298** September–October 1922

26pp

**Notebook**

Pocket notebook containing notes on Cumann na mBán meetings

**P17a/298 contd** and activities. The name of Geoffrey O'Donnell appears on the inside cover.

**P17a/299** November–December 1923

9pp

**Óglaigh na hÉireann documents**

Copy of dispatch sent to all O/Cs requesting information on area boundaries (24 November 1923, 1p), copy of intercepted document (dated 6 December 1923) titled 'Scheme: Irish Republican Prisoners Dependents Fund' per Kathleen Barry, General Secretary of the Fund, copies of letters to Archbishop Mannix from Barry and Radroag O'Ruitlus, and two other copy dispatches to all brigades regarding reports and organisation (28 November, 1 December 1923, 3pp).

**P17a/300** June–November 1924

7pp

**Óglaigh na hÉireann documents**

Reports and dispatches. Includes:

- list titled 'Arms Return' listing the quantity of arms in the area (possibly Mullingar) as of Christmas 1923 (30 June, 1p);
- C/S to each government department discussing communication between civil and army departments. Initialed by Frank Aiken (21 August, 1p);
- two copies of a dispatch from C/S to A/G on 'Communication between Civil and Army Depts'. Initialed by Frank Aiken (11 September 1924, 2pp);
- dispatch from C/S to all departments on 'Departmental Reports and Staff Meetings', initialed by Frank Aiken (10 October 1924, 1p);
- dispatch from C/S to all departments on army communications. Initialed by Frank Aiken (10 October, 1p);
- dispatch from Director of Finance to heads of all departments. Initialed by Director of Finance, 'MacK' (14 November, 1p).

**P17a/301** January–February 1925

14pp

**Óglaigh na hÉireann documents**

Reports and dispatches. Includes:

- dispatch from A/G (P.O.M) to Director of Intelligence, Director of Engineering, and Commandant M[oss] T[womey] informing them of their appointment to a sworn Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances which led to the signing of an enemy form of undertaking by members of the Leixlip Volunteers in Mountjoy jail (28 January, 1p);

- P17a/301 contd**
- monthly organisational report from Adjutant Midlands Division to A/G initialed 'S.O'C' (4 February, 4pp);
  - A/G (P.M.) to D/O Fianna reporting on activities and communications (6 February, 1p);
  - summary of troop strengths (c1925, 1p);
  - series of short page dispatches on troop strength reports (c1925, 7pp);
  - Adjutant Scottish Brigade on Brigade Council Report (21 February, 1p).

**P17a/302** February–December 1925

47pp

**Óglaigh na hÉireann documents**

Reports and dispatches. As well as routine communications this file includes:

- dispatch from Command Intelligence Officer J. Keane for Southern Command to Director of Intelligence at GHQ discussing Ted O'Sullivan of Bantry, county Cork (28 February 1925, 1p);
- routine dispatch from O/C Scottish Brigade to A/G (3 March 1925, 1p);
- routine dispatch from 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division to A/G (5 March 1925, 1p);
- dispatch from C/S to O/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Western Division reprimanding him for not replying to an earlier communication, as well as discussing other matters (9 March, 3pp);
- dispatch from Commandant Moss Twomey to C/S regarding the Waterford dispute (10 March, 2pp);
- dispatch from Captain Tomas Ó Dálaigh, Inspection Officer, to Director of Engineering regarding the report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Division (10 March, 1p);
- routine dispatch from A/G to Adjutant Scottish Brigade (10 March, 1p);
- routine dispatch from A/G to O/C 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division (11 March, 1p);
- two copies of monthly report from Mid-Limerick 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (11 March, 2pp);
- dispatches from Frank Aiken to A/G regarding the court of inquiry into the Leixlip Volunteers (12 March, 2pp);
- dispatch from A/G to P[ax] Whelan, C/O 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Division, money being held in an unnamed bank (12 March, 1p);
- dispatch from A/G to Commandant M[oss] T[womey] on the Waterford dispute (12 March, 1p) and a reply to same (14 March, 2pp);
- draft dispatch from C/S on the organisation of auxiliary Volunteers (not dated, 2pp);
- dispatch from A/G to O/C 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Division on the O/C's resignation (27 March, 1p);
- unsigned report on a battalion council meeting held the house of Charles Barry, Harbour Row, Cobh, county Cork (not dated, 1p);
- copies of general orders numbers 25 and 26 from C/S Frank Aiken. Stored in mylar for preservation (17 June–1 July, 4pp);

- P17a/302 contd**
- report on Tirconnail battalion (19 June, 1p);
  - coded handwritten message on which EOM has noted 'capt[ured] 8 August in [Headford] ) 1p);
  - dispatch from S. Lalor O/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Company to O/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade on the destruction of petrol (27 December, 2pp).

**P17a/303** [1953]

23pp

**Military notes for Raids and Rallies**

Notes and an index relating to EOM's work on his book *Raids and Rallies*.

**P17a/304** 24 October 1949

7pp

**Notes and letter**

File containing a holograph letter by EOM addressed 'to whom it may concern' and discussing the ranking attributable to men attached to the Dublin ASU in 1921-22 (24 October 1949, 2pp), note on the organisational areas during the Civil War, a printed map of Ireland on which EOM has coloured in red and labelled divisional areas, and a sketch of the area of the Four Courts and its surrounding streets with some notes on some of Mulcahy's instructions on the reverse.

**P17a/305** 22-30 June 1922

24pp

**Pocket notebook**

Notebook containing notes and writings made in the Republican headquarters at the Four Court regarding military barracks, staff meetings and list of executed IRA personnel. Also contains notes on GHQ staff meetings (29-30 June) and one dated 2.30pm on 30 June, which was ninety minutes prior to the surrender of the Four Courts by O'Malley. Last page lists members of IRA Executive, June 1922. The cover is missing.

**P17a/306** November 1951-March 1952

29pp

**Pocket notebook**

Green covered notebook containing notes on general thoughts, activities and expenses. Includes ten pages of military interviews in the middle section, relating in part to Battalion 4 of Tipperary 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade. Also includes two pages of notes by Helen Hooker.

**P17a/307** [1946–48]

108pp

**Pocket notebook**

'Rutland Scribbling Tablet' brand notebook. Contains general thoughts and notes on family members and military. Names mentioned include Lorna Reynolds, Honor Tracy, John V. Kelleher, Louis LeBrocqy, Cathal O'Malley, Helen O'Malley, and Beatrice Kirkwood. Includes military interview notes and notes on Liam Deasy and Father Tim Traynor. Cover page is almost detached.

**P17a/308** 1938–39

108pp

**Notebook**

Red leather-covered notebook containing notes on archaeology and folklore, an interview with Madge Clifford Comer, and other notes on military matters. Also includes notes on paintings (French, Irish and American) owned by EOM as well as lists of expenses and books.

**P17a/309** 1948–57

145pp

**Notebook**

Pocket notebook listing names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals whom EOM had interviewed or wanted to speak with for his military interviews. Also includes loose cards with notes about names of people interviewed, with notations in red pencil. The notebook has a burgundy coloured cover and the spine has detached from the pages.

**P17a/310** 1950s

40pp

**Notebook**

George Hughes Stationers' brand 'telephone jotter' containing notes on EOM's military interviews on the War of Independence and Civil War, shopping lists and other general information. Names noted include Sean Connolly, Andie Cooney, Mick Tierney, Frank Henderson, TJ Morrissey, George Power, Bee Raleigh, [Mairgreed] Murphy, Sean Magennis and Luke Duffy.

- P17a/311** 1950s  
75pp  
**Notebook**  
Contains notes on EOM's military interviews on the War of Independence and Civil War with particular reference to his preparation for his Radio Éireann radio lectures 'Raids and Rallies' in February 1953. Includes 'McEoin notes on Sean Connolly' and notes on James J. Brady.
- P17a/312** 1950s  
50pp  
**Notebook**  
Contains notes on EOM's military interviews on the War of Independence and Civil War as well as telephone number and addresses of veterans to be interviewed. Specific names mentioned include Jimmy Green and John Raleigh. The notebook's cover is missing.
- P17a/313** February–May 1923  
35pp  
**Notebook**  
Dark blue notebook not written by EOM. Consists of nineteen songs or ballads written in pencil by Mairghéad Ní Fearchellaigh (Margaret Farrelly). She has also written 'Mountjoy/Kilmainham' in the book. Also contains names and addresses of twenty four women, probably Cumann na mBán members.
- P17a/314** Not dated  
c150pp  
**Notebook**  
Marbled blue hardback notebook. The inside cover reads 'F. O'Keefe A. Co. Hut 11. Room 1' and the opposite page reads 'the property of Ernie' in EOM's writing. The remainder of the notebook contains a handwritten (not by EOM) military manual.
- P17a/315** September 1922–February 2004  
10pp  
**Press clippings**  
Scrapbook of press clippings made by Mrs Erskine Childers (Molly Childers). Also includes a printed email from Cormac O'Malley listing

**P17a/315 contd** this and the following items. The scrapbook cover reads 'British Press Sept 23 1922'.

**P17a/316** 26–29 September 1922

38pp

**Press clippings**

Scrapbook of press clippings made by Mrs Erskine Childers (Molly Childers). The scrapbook cover reads 'British Press Sept 26–29 1922/Kevin O'Higgins criticized for his 'under duress' speech' in ink.

**P17a/317** September–October 1922

6pp

**Press clippings**

Folder of press clippings collected by Molly Childers, the cover of which reads 'British Press Sept 30–Oct 4 1922/Some interesting things/Morning Post shows Mulcahy Emergency Law brings us back to exactly same state as under Black & Tans'.

**P17a/318** October 1922

10pp

**Press clippings**

Scrapbook of press clippings made by Mrs Erskine Childers (Molly Childers). The scrapbook cover reads 'British Press October 5–1922 Amnesty/Ulster judge in Quarter Sessions states R.O.I.A. [?] & for whole of Ireland' in ink.

**P17a/319** October 1922

13pp

**Press clippings**

Scrapbook of press clippings made by Mrs Erskine Childers (Molly Childers). The scrapbook cover reads 'British Press October 12–13 1922/Morning Post on Bishops!!' in ink.

**P17a/320** October 1922

18 items

**Press clippings and copies of publications**

Includes:

- five copies of 'Republican War Bulletin' (6–10 October);
- two copies of 'The Nation' (14 October);

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- two copies of 'Freedom' (15 October);
  - sheets of pasted newspaper clippings with handwritten dates on the pages (8 items, 15–16 October);
  - loose newspaper pages 3 items)

**P17a/321** October–November 1922

40pp

**Press clippings**

Scrapbook of press clippings made by Mrs Erskine Childers (Molly Childers). The front cover notes the dates of the cuttings as well as topics covered: Ulster and elections, Boundary Commission, and British election and the Treaty.

**P17a/322** October–November 1922

73pp

**Press cuttings and other assorted material**

File of material including newspaper cuttings, copies of *The Irish Nation*, *The Nation*, *Freedom*, *Poblacht na hÉireann* and the *Daily Bulletin*, as well as typed observances and notes. Includes a handwritten page (possibly by Molly Childers) headed 'Private Diary' and noting events of 3 and 4 November [1922]. Also includes a pamphlet bound by thin green ribbon and titled 'Free State Freaks'. This features caricatures of Alfred Cope ('the power behind the Freaks'), W.T. Cosgrave ('jester in chief to the Freak State'), Richard Mulcahy (depicted as Lady MacBeth and 'haunted by dreams of prisoners murdered by his troops'), J.J. Walsh, Ernest Blythe, Desmond FitzGerald ('liar in chief to Publicity Department Slave State'), and Seán Ó Muirthile ('late of "Kill-and-main-em" Gaol').

**P17a/323** January–April 1923

4 items

**Miscellaneous documents**

A file of documents which was deposited in UCD by Cormac O'Malley in 1991. Includes

- *Poblacht na hÉireann* number 132 (11 January, 1p), which a letter from an imprisoned EOM to Liam Lynch and its reply has been reproduced.
- Also includes a typed diary entry for 12 and 14 January 1923 in which EOM discusses his wish to write more about the war but he doubts that he 'will be able to finish this before the others finish me' (1p),
- a copy of a letter found during a raid on 8 Lansdown Terrace on the person of Mrs Gordon and which is from EOM to Sheila [Sighle Humphreys] (21 February, 2pp),
- and finally a copy of a document found on Seamus O'Donovan in July 1923 which was sent to him by EOM (7 April, 1p).