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Introduction

The Moss Twomey Papers were donated to University College Dublin by Fr Maurice Twomey in August 1984.

The collection consists largely of IRA general headquarters archives for the period 1922-36, though the overwhelming bulk of the papers comprises the archives of the Chief of Staff and Adjutant General, 1922-26. Later material, particularly after 1932, is generally associated with sympathetic organisations such as the Republican Press [P69/224-245].

The structure of the archives of the C/S and A/G are very similar and consist of organic files falling into two main categories: communications with other headquarters departments and occasionally with government ministers such as the President and Minister for Defence; and communications with army units. This material forms the core of the collection, documenting the policy, and the operational and organisational condition of the IRA, both nationally and locally, from the later stages of the civil war onwards.

Besides the communications between the C/S and A/G and other headquarters officers, a more limited amount of the archives of these other officers' departments also survives, primarily of the Director of Intelligence [P69/189-199] and the Quartermaster General [P69/206-216].

It is difficult to draw distinctions either in terms of organisation, quantity or content between the archives of the two main departments. They are entirely complementary. Communications between both the C/S and A/G and other departments self-evidently concern the specific responsibilities of those departments. And if it is possible to draw any distinction between the communications of the C/S and A/G with army units, it would be based upon the fact that the A/G exercises certain clear functions: in relation to transfers, discipline, communications, medical services, liaison with the civilian population, support for prisoners' dependants, keeping the C/S informed on strengths, personnel, health, discipline, and morale. These responsibilities are heavily reflected in the A/G's communications with units as well as in other material within the archives of the A/G's department.

For example, material relating to the general problem of volunteers emigrating will be found in those files dealing with the Foreign Reserve List [P69/167-192] for which the A/G is responsible; as well as in communications with units, seeking to establish with local officers the service histories and bona fides of men who had emigrated and were claiming republican antecedents with sympathetic organisations abroad.

It is more difficult to isolate emphases in the C/S's communications with units, concerned as they are with all aspects of the army. But a strong

focus of interest in this material will be actual reports of operations, most probably detailed reports on individual operations rather than the weekly and fortnightly summaries of operations regularly submitted by most units.

The organisation of both the C/S and A/G's archives is relatively straightforward. In both cases, besides the files of communications with other officers and units, there is an amount of general and unsorted communications [P69/38-55, 143-158]. It is a safe assumption that this material was simply not absorbed into the more structured files as a result of contraction of the organisation and inevitable slippage in administration. Its description as general and unsorted should not be taken as a qualitative assessment. Extremely valuable is to be found in the unsorted communications of both officers. To take only one example, one file [P69/40] contains communications between the C/S and Ernie O'Malley, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, including extensive reports by O'Malley in September 1922 on the military situation throughout the country.

The C/S's occasional correspondence [P69/55-61] is more in the nature of reasonably isolated subject files, while the A/G's consolidated communications [P69/122-142] would appear to represent a change in filing practice within that department which lasted for one year only, 1924-5.

Relatively little reorganisation of files has taken place in processing the collection. Arrangement by and large reflects discernible original filing practice. Individual files have been rationalised internally to facilitate their use; but such reorganisation was limited to re-establishing chronological order. As with all organic files, the earliest documents are at the back of the file and chronology is in reverse.

The collection as it was accessioned was very much as it had been 'dumped' during the period of its creation and use. The majority of files consist of a number of sections dumped at various times. Each of these sections will have a title sheet indicating the date of dumping and usually containing an original reference number. Consolidated files were stored in heavy manila envelopes, the labels of which have been retained.

There is very limited but, where it occurs, very dramatic evidence of previous access to the collection. The presence of thoroughly rusted paper clips and pins was pervasive. In consulting a limited number of files, someone had adopted the effective, if rather drastic expedient of drawing what would appear to have been a very sharp blade through the top left hand corner of the complete contents of each file, removing a couple of hundred rusty attachments at one fell swoop. Fortunately, very little text, usually confined to reference numbers, has been lost where this occurs.

The provenance of the collection would appear to be reasonably straightforward. The papers were almost certainly stored for a period in the basement of 24 Upper O'Connell Street, the tobacconist and confectionery run by Twomey until the early 1960s. Custody would appear to have passed naturally to Twomey's son, Fr Maurice Twomey, on his death in 1978. Given its uncertain existence as the working records of an underground military organisation, the collection is in surprisingly good physical condition.

Twomey's presence throughout the collection is very significant; though he rarely appears in his later role as Chief of Staff [but see P69/185]. Inspection reports from Twomey to the then C/S are regular and frequent {eg P69/47, 108, 112, 113}; some files contain policy material from him [eg P69/146]; and one file consists entirely of communications between him and the A/G [P69/144]. In addition, there is a limited amount of semi-personal material in the collection [P69/221-223].

A word of caution is necessary about dating. A practice was adopted in 1926 and continued into 1927, of deliberately misdating documents, presumably to mislead government intelligence in the event of the material being captured. The initiative would appear to have originated with the Director of Intelligence but never gained universal usage. This results in the rather self-defeating circumstance of documents dated 1923 or 1924 by the sender being stamped 1926 or 1927 by the recipient. Where deliberate misdating has occurred, attention has been drawn to it in description. Examples of the practice are to be found at P69/12, 39, 41, 167, 171, 193.

The research value of the collection is very much centred on the military campaign from late 1922, and later attempts to preserve some form to the army in the post-war period in the face of the gradual drift abroad. But it is not without substantial interest for political developments throughout this period: the emergence of Fianna Fáil and proposals to secure republican unity for the 1927 general election campaign [eg P69/48]; the 1932 [P69/52] and 1933 [P69/55] election campaigns and the army's assessment of Fianna Fáil's failure to implement republican policies in government [eg P69/186]. These are specific indications of subjects on which substantially more documentation is to be found in the collection.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations will be found in common usage in the papers and in this list, though they may be extended in the list when they first occur. Less common abbreviations will be extended on each occasion they occur within the list.

AAC/S	Acting Assistant Chief of Staff
AARIR	American Association for the recognition of the Irish Republic
A/G	Adjutant General
C/S	Chief of Staff
D/COMMS	Director of Communications
D/E	Director of Engineering
D/F	Director of Finance
D/I	Director of Intelligence
D/MS	Director of Medical Services
D/P	Director of Publicity
D/S	Director of Signalling
GHQ	General Headquarters
IRPDF	Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund
M/D	Minister for Defence
O/C	Officer Commanding
O i/c	Officer in Charge
QMG	Quartermaster General

I. CHIEF of STAFF

A. Orders and Directives, 1922-26

- 1 July-December 1922 Original handwritten file copies of **General Orders 1-13** (July-December 1922) and **Operation Orders 1-9** (July-August 1922). General Orders and supplementary notes refer to organizational matters, the discipline of troops and relations with the civilian population. Operation Orders cover the logistics of the campaign. [Originally kept in a lever arch file]. 27pp

- 2 July 1922-March 1923 File containing copy incomplete series of memoranda and orders from the C/S to O/Cs Commands, Divisions and Independent Brigades. Includes **Operation Orders** (July 1922-January 1923), **General Orders** (July 1922-March 1923) and **Memos 1-11** (August 1922-March 1923) dealing with all aspects of the campaign including operations, reprisals, relations with the Civic Guards and the civilian population, intelligence, the destruction of newspapers, the treatment of prisoners, and reaction to peace moves. The file also contains copies of **Routine Orders 1** and **4** and copies of other occasional directives mainly concerning the compilation and submission of reports and diaries of operations, and the maintenance and dumping of records (September 1922-January 1923). 100pp

- 3 January-July 1923;
January 1925-April 1926 File entitled **Miscellaneous Copies (Spare) of General Orders, Memos etc.** containing signed and unsigned copies of orders, mainly from the C/S, but including some from the A/G, to O/Cs, Commands, Divisions and Independent Brigades. Orders concern the Foreign Reserve List, the emigration of officers and volunteers, and opportunities for employment in France; negotiations with the Free State authorities and the cessation of resistance; the reorganising of Sinn Féin and the Fianna; the safeguarding of munitions and documents; recruitment and the disposition of inactive or unattached senior officers; and the organization of employment bureau at battalion level. 55pp

- 4 April-July 1923 Copies of **General Orders, Special Army Orders** and **Orders of the Day**.
Orders mainly concern the enactment of the cease fire and dump arms orders, with directions, for example, for the supervision and checking of dumps. Included is a handwritten draft by Frank Aiken of a Special Army Order concerning the suspension of offensive operations (27 April 1923, 1p)
10pp
- 5 February-July 1925 Copies of **General Orders and Directives**. Mainly directives to GHQ Departments informing them of the details of reorganization and the scope and names of reorganized units. Other directives to independent units and members of GHQ Staff concern the submission of reports; training; the safeguarding of documents and munitions; and the attitude to be adopted by volunteers to Free State and Northern Ireland parliaments and courts.
35pp

B. Communications with Government and Army

i. With Government and GHQ Departments, 1922-6

a. Minister for Defence

- 6 March-October 1925 Communications between the C/S and M/D on all matters affecting the administration of the army including the relationship of the M/D with the Army Council with particular reference to responsibility for army affairs. Also includes financial material relating to debts and the settlement of accounts, such as copy letter from the C/S to the M/D confirming the amount to be paid to Ernie O'Malley to enable him to go abroad to recuperate (19 June 1925, 1p); details of allowances to full-time officers and estimates of expenditure of GHQ Departments; material relating to the abolition of the Finance and Accounts Branch and the redistribution of its responsibilities (May 1925, 5 items). Non-financial material includes a report from [Moss Twomey], Inspection Officer, to the M/D on the political situation and Sinn Féin organization in Northern Ireland (20 May 1925, 4pp); Defence memo listing the powers and responsibilities of the individual members of the General Staff (March 1925); and material relating to the Fianna, recruiting, and republican prisoners in British jails.
91pp

b. Assistant Chief of Staff

- 7** January 1923 Note from Ernie O'Malley, Assistant Chief of Staff, Hospital Wing, Mountjoy Jail, to the C/S (9 January 1923). He has been informed that he is to be tried and wishes to know the position with regard to taking legal advice.
 'If I do not hear from you I will refuse to recognise their court. As I may be removed from here and this may be the last chance I may have of writing to you I would like to be remembered to the members of the staff and my comrades. Another bit of lead won't do me any harm'.
 Communications between the C/S and other staff officers concerning publicising O'Malley's position and taking hostages in case of his impending execution; and copy letters from the C/S to O'Malley (10 items).
 O'Malley to the C/S:
 'For myself I have not the slightest doubt as to what the outcome of the trial will be and I have been expecting it but I thought I might get the time to be physically fit' (10 January 1923, 3pp). 'They are going to try an invalid to frighten him and I rather think they know I have faced death too often to be afraid of it now. I give their Army Council the credit of doing this to produce an effect rather than by reason of their personal hatred' (14 January 1923, 3pp). 13 items

c. Adjutant General

- 8** August 1924-July 1925 Communications between the C/S and the A/G on organizational and operational matters including:
 arrangements for meetings and for tours of inspection of divisions and brigades; copies of reports from divisions, brigades and battalions, forwarded to the C/S by the A/G;
 disciplinary matters and the holding of inquiries and courts martial, including that of Frank Barrett;
 the resignation and appointment of officers; applications from volunteers for permits to leave Ireland, and the problem of volunteers leaving without permission;
 territorial reorganization and reassignment of units; the revised scheme of organization (January, April 1925); the proposed General Army Convention (April 1925);
 the treatment of anti-treaty prisoners as criminals by the Free State authorities; cases of hardship of ex-prisoners; the work of the IRPDF and the reconstruction committee;
 the selection of army men as candidates for election; reaction

- 8 contd** to the selection of Oscar Traynor as a Sinn Féin candidate after he had given an undertaking to the Free State authorities as a condition of his release from prison; the question of volunteers as members of Dáil Éireann and county councils; routine financial matters and monthly grants; copy of the A/G's report on Britain and material relating to club organization there (November 1924, 6pp).
[File originally dumped in five separate sections, overlapping in subject and chronology; contents rearranged in simple chronological order]. 354pp

d. Quartermaster General

- 9** September-October 1922; December 1922-April 1923 Communications between the C/S and the QMG. Those for the earlier period relate mainly to logistical matters including the importation and distribution of arms and ammunition; the testing of grenades, the construction of armoured cars and the manufacture of trench mortars; but also include material relating to arrangements for inspections, financial matters, and attempts to withdraw money from Land Bank accounts. Material from the later period, after the appointment of a new QMG, relate much more to financial matters with the new QMG's attempts to finalise his predecessor's accounts, and include regular financial reports and statements as well as general reports on the operation of munitions and chemicals departments; occasional reports such as statements of material imported and distributed; communications concerning the possibility of bringing in arms by sea, including landing by submarine and meeting a steamer on the New York-Cobh route; and references to communications from [Seán] Moylan referring, inter alia, to the situation in the U.S.
144pp
- 10** June 1923-September 1925 Communications between the C/S and the QMG mainly concerning financial matters, arms, and the procurement of military, engineering, and arms manuals and publications. Includes communications with four successive QMGs during the period, concerning aspects of divisional and brigade accounts and accounting procedures, items of divisional and brigade expenditure, and QMG departmental expenditure; lists of monthly grants and allowances; communications between the QMG and divisional and brigade quartermasters concerning expenditure; reports from the QMG to the C/S, in tabular form, of arms held by divisions and brigades; handwritten list of arms

- 10 contd** in the QMG Department's control (July 1923, 1p); copies of QMG memos on training, army debts, and the duties of divisional and brigade quartermasters; communications concerning the ordering and stocking of books by the QMG and lists of books received from Britain; report from the QMG on organization in Britain (January 1925, 3pp); letters of resignation and appointment. 196pp

e. Director of Intelligence

- 11** July 1922-July 1923; January-November 1924 Mixed file of material consisting mainly of communications between the C/S and D/I, but also containing other intelligence material, such as the A/G's communications from the Acting D/I, added at a later date. These consist of extensive summaries and extracts from reports, mainly from 2 Southern and 1 Western Divisions on all aspects of the military campaign in those areas.
- C/S communications from the D/I contain intelligence relating to:
- government courts, revenue, police and army, with personal details on judges, income tax officers, civil servants, intelligence and army officers, as well as information concerning buildings such as bonded warehouses and army and police posts and strengths;
 - the organization and morale of republican prisoners, transfers from one jail to another, and the prospective release of prisoners; lists of sentenced men;
 - information received from informants on anticipated enemy action, particularly sweeps, and on the interrogation of captured volunteers and information given by them.
- Includes general Department of Intelligence reports on the general state of the intelligence service throughout the country and copies of departmental communications to divisions and brigades, as well as copies of some captured documents.
- Also includes reports on the Free State Army mutiny (March-May 1924, c.20pp) containing a strict injunction from the C/S to the D/I not to attend a formal meeting with Joe McGrath TD, a meeting arranged by 'Darby'.
- Other copy communications from the C/S include comment on developments generally as well as suggestions and instructions on intelligence activities, the behaviour and discipline of prisoners, attacks on newspaper premises, and the use of invisible ink and carrier pigeons for intelligence purposes.
- 301pp

- 12** February-August 1926 File of communications between the C/S and D/I, mainly of a routine nature relating to intelligence gathering. Included are copies of Intelligence Department circulars and memos to unit intelligence officers on matters such as recruitment of influential well-placed sympathisers; enquiries about the *bona fides* of individual men and women; a list of arms at various locations in the U.K. (March 1926, 1p); a list of people prohibited from entering Northern Ireland (1p); notes on Free State intelligence activities since 1922 (July 1926, 2pp); communications concerning jail releases and escapes, extracts from letters from prisoners in Maryboro Prison (July 1926, 4pp) and copy of an A/G memo on the treatment of prisoners in Free State jails (February 1926, 2pp).
[Researchers should note unreliability in dating arising from the apparently deliberate subterfuge of dating 1926 documents as 1923] 69pp

f. Director of Organization

- 13** August 1922-April 1923 Communications between the C/S and the Acting D/O concerning general organizational matters including: the procurement of maps; lists of commands, divisions and brigades throughout the country with details of staffs and occasional statistics of strengths; the ratification of appointments of staff officers; circulars from the Department of Organization to the O/Cs of divisions concerning the submission of regular reports; South Wexford Brigade general report (January 1923, 4pp); material relating to the reorganization of areas, particularly Ulster, to the formation of a Civilian Auxiliary Corps, a scheme for establishing a prison, and the reorganization of the Fianna.
[The label on this packet of documents indicated that it contained material from a number of different GHQ officers; but it consists almost exclusively of the above. Very occasional other communications include circulars and instructions from the Directors of Munitions, Chemicals, Communications, and Medical Services]. 167pp

g. Director of Engineering

- 14** July 1922-February 1923; August 1924-September 1925 Communications mainly between the C/S and the D/E, covering the period indicated but concentrated overwhelmingly between September 1922 and February 1923. Also included in the earlier material are some communications between the A/G and the D/E. Communications consist largely of reports on engineering matters, principally the destruction of bridges and railway lines, the manufacture and laying of mines, the disruption of enemy communication routes, the blocking of roads, mine attacks on armoured cars, and the availability of explosives and trained men.
- Reports are of various kinds including reports direct from the D/E to the C/S, usually consisting of extracts from communications from command and divisional Engineering Inspectors, particularly from the Western and Southern Divisions; direct reports from Command Field Engineering Inspectors to the C/S on organization, staff, explosives and operations, and the extent of Free State Army posts in the area; copies of Engineering Orders and other directives issued by the D/E to Divisional Engineers, and of memos on mining and other engineering subjects issued by the C/S to divisional O/Cs; and some specific communications on engineering subjects direct between the C/S and units. Also included are occasional reports on the Engineering Department HQ, including a report of a raid, seizure of all records and capture of the D/E by the Free State Army (27 January 1923, 3pp).
- The latter material is largely of a routine nature concerning training and the procurement of maps and handbooks; but also contains material relating to the appointment of a D/E, and copies of memo on engineering organization (4 November 1924, 2pp) and training (4 November 1924, 2pp).
- 195pp

h. Director of Publicity

- 15** September 1923- November 1924 Routine communications between the C/S and D/P, and C/S copies of general publicity and potentially newsworthy material forwarded by the D/P. Communications concern the organization of publicity at divisional level and co-operation in this regard between the military and political organizations. Copies of articles by Mary MacSwiney on the 'pitiful promise' of the Treaty as stepping-stone (22 January 1924, 3pp), on Sinn

- 15 contd** Féin and the future (10 December 1923, 2pp) and proposals for peace (9pp). Material concerning general prison conditions; handwritten lists of prisoners in the isolation hospital and general military hospital, the Curragh, and details of individual cases of ill-treatment of sick and wounded prisoners (17pp).
87pp
- 16** October- November 1923 **Hunger strikes:** C/S copies of propaganda and other material relating to the hunger strikes, mainly generated by the Publicity Department, including press releases on the treatment of prisoners, and on their health and conditions; summaries of reports from within the prisons, particularly Mountjoy, on the ill-treatment of prisoners and on prison conditions (September 1923, 3pp); summaries of the service records of 7 prominent hunger strikers including Ernie O'Malley, Major General Kilroy, Tom Derrig and Daniel Corkery TD.
2 communications from the C/S to the hunger strikers, urging them to have 'the strength to see it through to the end in a manner becoming to Volunteers of the Irish Republican Army' (19, 20 November 1923, 1p each). 21pp
- 17** February-July 1924 Communications between the C/S and the D/P mainly relating to the composition of the Dan Breen Testimonial Committee and the involvement of Free State sympathisers; responsibility for the murder of unarmed British soldiers at Cobh and the Government's attempt to blame republicans; transcripts of statements from **Hansard** (April 1924) concerning Irish affairs and Dominion implications of the Treaty of Lausanne; suggestions for articles for **Sinn Féin**; the continued failure of the Government to release prisoners and the ill-treatment of those still in custody; brief description by the D/P of meetings with Liam Deasy and John Devoy (29 July 1924, 2pp) 43pp

j. Director of Signalling

- 18** [January]-July 1922- April 1923 Communications between the C/S and the D/S on communications matters generally, including the procurement of wireless equipment, the interception of enemy wireless messages, and the state of signalling organization in specific areas. Also includes copies of orders and circulars sent to brigade signals officers concerning signalling attachments to

- 9 contd** active service units and the duties of signals sections; and communications between the Signalling Department and divisions concerning the appointment of Divisional Signalling Officers and the proper organization of signals sections in each division; report from S Ua Maoldomhnaigh, D/Comms, Field GHQ, Clonmel, to the A/G concerning communications organization in the divisions (19 July 1922, 4pp); copy report from Assistant D/Comms to the A/G on communications in 1, 2 and 4 Western Divisions (3 November 1922, 2pp).
71pp

k. Director of Communications

- 19** January-April 1923 Communications between the C/S and the Director of Communications concerning communication matters generally, including routes; covering addresses; arrangements for despatches and the timing of deliveries; with occasional reports on railway operations with details of sympathetic railway workers and the strengths and positions of government troops along lines, particularly the Great Northern.
Also included are some communications between the C/S and the General Secretariat for the Director of Foreign Communications mainly concerning tampering with messages *en route* to Britain.
34pp

ii. Communications with Army units, 1922-5

a. Dublin 1 Brigade

- 20** November 1922- November 1925 Communications mainly between the C/S and 1 Brigade officers, but also including some communications between the A/G and the brigade on organizational and operational matters, and 3 subject-specific file sections detailed below. The file consists of 8 sections dumped at various times and a minimum amount of reorganization has taken place.
General communications include reports on operations such as raids on post offices; the burning of houses; attacks on Free State Army positions; with casualty lists and typescript weekly or fortnightly summaries of operations. Occasional lengthier reports on individual operations are included such as a hand-written report from O/C 1 Brigade to the C/S on the capture of

20 contd Dundalk Town on 13 August 1922 (November 1922, 5pp). After the ceasefire and dump arms Orders (May 1923), communications are more generally concerned with organizational and administrative matters, though reference is made to breaches of the orders, the activities of the 'murder gang' and the arrests and prosecution of volunteers. Other matters referred to include the work of the IRPDF within the brigade; the payment of funeral expenses and legal costs in connection with inquests; resignations and appointments to brigade, battalion and company staffs; political matters such as the status of previously-interned teachers; anniversary demonstrations and commemorative events; Fianna organization and Sinn Féin clubs; courts martial; the cases of officers and volunteers who have signed forms of undertaking to secure release; recruiting, training and a revised scheme of organization; with occasional short inspection reports on brigade and battalion councils.

File sub-sections relate to:-

Court martial of Oscar Traynor: documents concerning Traynor's appeal against the decision of a court martial that he was 'guilty of a technical breach of discipline' in contravening General Order 8 directing prisoners to refuse to sign any form of undertaking as a condition of release from custody (February-September 1924).

Republican Defence Corps: documents relating to the formation of a corps within Dublin 1 Brigade 'for the purpose of fusing together all that was best in the brigade with the object of supporting you [C/S] in keeping the Army intact'; the activities of the corps in commandeering arms and ammunition from the QMG stores without authority; and their reaction to the C/S order to disband (March-October 1924).

Dublin Brigade elections: documents relating to the decision to fill staff positions by election with the results of such elections, records of officers elected and ratification by the C/S of their appointment (August 1924-January 1925).

531pp

21 February 1924 Handwritten copies of 2 letters from the C/S to Oscar Traynor [former O/C Dublin 1 Brigade] (11 February 1924, 1p) and to the present O/C Dublin 1 Brigade (11 February 1924, 1p), concerning the findings of a court martial that Traynor was guilty of a technical breach of General Order 8, though 'he did nothing which would tarnish his honour as an officer'. Traynor is ordered to rejoin the ranks.

2 items

b. Dublin 2 Brigade

- 22** November 1922-
October 1925
- File of communications between the C/S and Dublin 2 Brigade officers, but including some communications between the A/G's Department and the Brigade, dumped in 4 sections, the largest containing documents relating to the period November 1922–August 1923.
- This early section contains regular reports on operations, mainly the disruption of government communications lines; lists of houses destroyed in the Brigade area (March 1923, 4pp); list of brigade members killed and executed in both wars (July 1923, 1p), as well as communications concerning cases of hardship and the progress of implementation of the Dump Arms Order.
- Later communications are less regular and more routine and concern the appointment of staff; inspections and the general state of organization; routine financial matters; discipline and courts martial; and the reinstatement of volunteers released from prison. Included is a report from Moss Twomey to the C/S on a Brigade Council (30 March 1925, 2pp).
- 215pp

c. Midland Division

- 23** October 1923-
November 1925
- Communications between the C/S and the Divisional O/C and Adjutant concerning general divisional operations and organization. Includes inspection reports on individual brigades such as reports on 2, 3 and 4 Brigades (25 February 1925, 17pp); particulars of the houses of government sympathisers burned; raids and seizure of documents by government forces; material relating to a scheme by the O/C Division for the establishment of republican courts and the enforcement of criminal law; the resignation of officers; disciplinary matters including breaches of the ceasefire order; the adjustment of internal and external divisional boundaries; and occasional reports on the general situation in the division with strengths of IRA and government forces.
- 192pp

d. 1 Southern Division

- 24** 2 July-7 August 1922 Communications mainly between the C/S, Field GHQ, New Barracks, Limerick, and later Old Barracks, Fermoy, and Liam Deasy, O/C 1 Southern Division, relating almost exclusively to operations in East Limerick, in and around Kilmallock, Bruff and Bruere. Communications consist of regular and detailed reports from the Divisional O/C, as well as copies of reports from divisional staff to the O/C, forwarded to the C/S. Reports contain details of Free State Army attempts to retake Kilmallock; Free State Army strengths, positions and activities; descriptions of engagements with information on casualties and copies of occasional documents captured on enemy soldiers; requests for reinforcements, munitions and food; reports of road and bridge blocking; and occasional lists of members of active service units. Besides East Limerick, the file contains less frequent reports relating to Waterford and Mid-Limerick, including the evacuation of Limerick City (21 July 1922) and coastal landings by Free State troops in Kerry. Also included is a communication from the C/S to the Q/M Cork 1 Brigade, concerning arrangements with Liam Aherne, O/C London, to secure an aeroplane, for which Q/M Cork 1 Brigade should procure £1,000 (7 August 1922, 1p).
235pp
- 25** July 1922-March 1923 Communications between the C/S, Field GHQ, and the O/C and Adjutant, I Southern Division. Consists largely of summary reports of activities, as well as copies of reports from brigades to O/C Division, forwarded to the C/S. Reports relate to engagements, round-ups, destruction of bridges and roads, sniping enemy posts, reprisals, house searches and other Free State Army activities. Reports relate largely to the activities of Kerry 1 and 2 Brigades. Included are: copies of divisional orders and proclamations; reports from O/C Division to the C/S on engagements at Bantry and Macroom (30 August, 1 September 1922); copies of statements from men alleging assault by government troops; copies of documents taken from captured soldiers; some tabular reports of IRA and enemy strengths; copy reports from O/C, operations, on attacks on Kenmare and Killorglin (September 1922, 4pp, 3pp); short handwritten reports from Tom Barry (December 1922, 3 items). Also included are communications from the C/S to O/C, Division on occasional matters such as freeing staff to establish a presence in Britain in the event of war with the British being resumed; the development of mortars and the difficulty of procuring armour plating for armoured cars; suggestions for

- 25 contd** lines of military action and steps to be taken to counteract anticipated enemy sweeps. 309pp
- 26** January-April 1923 Communications mainly between the C/S and the O/C and Adjutant, 1 Southern Division. Includes copies of activity reports from battalions, mainly in the Cork Brigade; reports from Kerry 1 Brigade on the murder of republicans; tables of enemy strengths and positions occupied; list of military posts in West Cork. 66pp
- 27** March 1923-October 1925 Communications between the C/S and 1 Southern Division, dumped in 5 separate consignments, August 1923-March 1925, with further material added at a later date. Includes brief handwritten and typescript activity reports; reports on Free State Army activity in the post-Truce period, including the arrests of volunteers and their deaths in custody; reports and correspondence concerning problems faced by the IRA, including unofficial robberies by volunteers and the compulsion to emigrate, with applications for permits; material relating to compliance with the truce and the dump arms order, the struggle by republican prisoners in Cork City jails to obtain prisoner of war status, and the reorganization of parts of the division into independent units. Also includes some financial material including occasional statements of account and expenditure. Most of the divisional material originated from Tom Crofts, O/C Division. 229pp

e. 3 Southern Division

- 28** 30 June-7 August 1922 **Limerick:** material relating to attempts at negotiation between the IRA and Free State forces in the city, the outbreak and progress of fighting, and the evacuation of the city by the IRA. Included are: Handwritten and typescript documents containing proposals for an agreement between General Liam Lynch, C/S, Executive Forces, and Commandant General Seán Hannigan, as a basis for avoiding conflict. Intelligence reports on Free State troop deployment and activities including laying mines, occupying buildings and erecting barricades. Correspondence between Liam Lynch and S O'Meara, Mayor of Limerick, pointing out Free State breaches of the agreement; concerning the return of commandeered goods to local traders, and the early closure of public houses as a move to assist public order.

- 28 contd** Communications, mainly between S Hyde, Assistant D/I, and O/Cs Operations, GHQ and Limerick, concerning general intelligence and operational matters.
 Letter from Commandant General D A MacManus to Liam Lynch, C/S, Executive Forces, New Barracks, Limerick (5 July 1922, 2pp). MacManus has just arrived from Dublin with definite instructions from GHQ, to find that Commandant Generals Hannigan and Brennan have been discussing terms of agreement with Lynch. He has instructed that no such agreement can be entered into and no further meetings are to take place. He reserves full liberty of action.
 Material relating to the development and progress of military action in the city including tabular reports on IRA and government troop numbers, positions and equipment; regular daily and twelve-hourly situation reports from Hyde to the C/S, Field GHQ, Fermoy, itemising engagements, describing operations in detail, urgently requesting reinforcements and ammunition, and giving details of fatalities, wounded and prisoners.
 O/C 1 Southern Division, to C/S, Field GHQ, Fermoy, concerning military arrangements for the evacuation of the city (20 July 1922, 1p).
 Copies of intercepted Free State military wireless messages.
 Copies and synopses of reports on the military situation countrywide, including Ennis, Kilkenny, Galway and Waterford, particularly from 2 Southern and Western Divisions.
 248pp

- 29** July 1922-August 1924; January-October 1925 Communications mainly between the C/S and O/C 3 Southern Division, and O/Cs Brigades.
 Includes material relating to Divisional Medical Services including copy scheme of organization (July 1922, 6pp); reports from O/C Division and from Inspection Officers, on the general state of brigade organization and on individual brigades including reports on Laois and Offaly Brigades (February 1925, 18pp); reports from the Divisional Engineer on the state of engineering organization and operations; reports on Divisional Council meetings; material relating to Divisional expenditure and debts, statements of account and monthly grants; communications relating to enforcement of the ceasefire and dump arms orders, post-civil war reorganization, the resignation of officers, and cases of hardship among dependants.
 156pp

f. Western Command

- 30** [November 1922]- February-July 1923 Communications between the C/S and Seán Hyde, O/C Western Command. Consists mainly of regular reports originating at divisional level concerning organization and operations, with intelligence on enemy strengths and activities such as round ups. Reports are in both narrative and tabular form. Included are minutes of a Western Command staff meeting (9 May 1923, 3pp); copies of communications between O/C Command, and O/Cs Divisions; copies of 2 Western Division Council minutes and reports (April-May 1923, 3 items) and Midland Division reports; communications between the C/S and the Assistant C/S commenting upon the content of reports; copies of brigade reports, particularly 5 Brigade, 4 Western Division, and Tirconail Brigades; some communications from other Command officers, such as the Publicity Officer and Adjutant, mainly to the C/S but with occasional communications to the A/G. After the winding up of the Western Command structure (8 June 1923) in order to make Command officers available to Divisions, communications are between the C/S and O/Cs Divisions direct. 236pp
- 31** January 1923 Communications between the C/S and the Western Command Adjutant, mainly concerning lines of communication and the lack of response from the Command to GHQ despatches. Includes a summary of messages (November 1922-January 1923) supplied to the newly appointed Command O/C; reports from the Command Adjutant on the difficulties of organization after the arrest of the previous O/C (24 November 1922) and the absence of guidance from GHQ; a report on Divisional Councils and a report on a Command meeting (22 November 1922, 5pp). 36pp

g. 2 Western Division

- 32** August 1922-May 1923; February 1925 Communications between the C/S, A/G and the O/C 2 Western Division, concerning organization and operational matters. Includes reports on military actions and engagements; copy of a report from S O'Callaghan, Field Engineering Inspector, Western Command, on brigade organization within the Division (9 August 1922, 2pp); copies of instructions issued by Field HQ, 2 Western, to all divisional officers and brigades. 43pp

h. 3 Western Division

- 33** July 1922-March 1923; March 1925 Communications between the C/S and O/C 3 Western Division, consisting mainly of reports to the C/S on organizational and operational matters at brigade level, including engagements with Free State troops, the capture of enemy posts and armaments, and the capture and death of IRA officers and volunteers. 50pp

j. 4 Western Division

- 34** September 1923-October 1925 Communications between the C/S and O/C 4 Western Division, concerning organizational and operational matters including reorganization of the division; reports from meetings of divisional staff; intelligence gathering; co-operation between the IRA and IRPDF; elections; the appointment of officers and transfer of staff; financial matters including assistance to the families of officers and volunteers and payments to traders who had supplied the division during the civil war; and the implementation of orders and directives. Also includes copies of reports from Inspection Officers on the Division and subsequent correspondence between the C/S and the Divisional O/C concerning deficiencies in organization. 158pp

k. Northern Command/4 Northern Division

- 35** August 1922-November 1925 Communications between the C/S and Command and Divisional O/Cs and the Divisional Adjutant. Early communications include monthly and weekly activity reports with details of organization and finances, returns of strengths, reports on engagements, the dumping of arms, and publicity and propaganda. Material for the civil war period originates largely from the Louth and Monaghan areas. Included are handwritten reports from Frank Aiken on organization; and after Aiken's appointment as O/C Northern Command and Deputy C/S in January 1923, communications between him and Northern Command officers concerning organization and activities. Material from late 1923 concerns hungerstrikes; the condition and circumstances of released prisoners; the reorganization of the area with the abolition of the Command structure and the

- 35 contd** establishment of independent units; occasional reports on staff and council meetings with details of strengths, such as a report on a 4 Northern Division Council from Commandant Moss Twomey (March 1925, 3pp); and material relating generally to the maintenance of organization and training.
File consists of material dumped in 9 separate packets, with later material added; and includes small packets for the Tyrone and Belfast Brigades. 312pp

I. Belfast Brigade

- 36** April 1923-August 1925 Communications between the C/S and the Belfast Brigade, mainly the Brigade O/C.
Includes short regular reports on the state of organization and strength with reference to the particular difficulty of organising in specific areas such as County Derry; communications with prisoners in jails; the establishment of lines of communication; the appointment of officers; territorial reorganization and arrangements for inspections; financial matters, mainly the payment of funeral expenses, but also the question of financial irregularity and subsequent courtmartial.
File also includes reports from Inspection Officers and from Seán MacBride, Director of Finance, on brigade organization and specific aspects of the northern situation (February 1924, 8pp; April 1924, 2pp & 2pp; May 1924, 5pp; November 1924, 5pp; May 1925, 11pp); copy of a report of a Court of Inquiry into the loss of a cache of arms in Belfast (December 1924, 3pp); and occasional communications between general staff officers on aspects of the situation in the north and the general organizational position. 209pp

m. Britain, Scotland and the U.S.

- 37** March 1923- October 1925 Communications between the C/S and O/C Britain. Includes reports on prisoners in British jails and correspondence concerning individual prisoners; reports on levels of recruitment, standards of training, and general operational and financial matters.
Communications between the C/S and O/C Scottish Brigade, mainly concerning organizational matters; reports from O/C Britain, on the courtmartial of the O/C and Q/M, Scottish Brigade for the misappropriation of funds.
Communications, mainly between the C/S and Seán Moylan representative of the IRA in the US (June 1923-), and Liam Pedlar, Military Attaché to the Legation of the Republic of Ireland in the US (September 1924-); includes Pedlar's formal

- 37 contd** letter of appointment and instructions, signed by Eamon de Valera, president, and Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence (1 September 1924, 3pp); communications mainly concern requests for information on armaments and military training and attempts to procure training manuals; Clan na Gael fund-raising; the organization of Irish clubs; co-operation with the AARIR; the emigration of veterans to the US and the problem of men arriving without IRA permits to leave Ireland; misinformation in the US on affairs in Ireland; copies of receipts for donations. File also includes material relating to the possibilities of employment for veterans in France.
250pp

iii. General and unsorted communications, 1922-33

- 38** July-August 1922 Packet of C/S communications with the O/C Dublin Brigade [Oscar Traynor], the Acting Assistant C/S [Ernie O'Malley] and other GHQ officers, mainly the A/G [Conn Ua Maoldomhnaigh]. Included are reports from Traynor mainly relating to operations in and around Blessington; reports from O'Malley on organization in Northern and Eastern Commands; with copy reports from the C/S, Field GHQ, Clonmel, to both Traynor and O'Malley on the state of the country generally. Also included are copies from the A/G of his instructions to divisions on such matters as the treatment of prisoners.
101pp
- 39** July 1922-November 1926 C/S unfilled or dissociated communications with units and with GHQ officers.
Communications with units are generally earlier in date and are routine in nature, referring to the state of organization in each area; and to matters such as the service records and credentials of men who had gone abroad.
Financial records include communications with O i/c, Finance and Accounts; monthly statements of account for the whole army (November 1925-April 1926, 5pp); and some financial statements for the C/S Department.
Also included is some intelligence material; occasional copy documents relating to meetings of the Executive and General Army Convention, and to meetings of the IRPDF; handwritten and typescript reports from the Inspecting Officer [Commandant Moss Twomey] to the C/S, especially relating to the release of prisoners, the redevelopment of released men, and the general state of organization (December 1923-July 1924, 11pp); copy note to E O'M [Ernie O'Malley], glad to hear of an improvement in his health and enclosing a contribution to

- 39 contd** the expense of living abroad (31 May 1926, 1p); typescript memo from Frank Barrett, O/C 1 Western Division, to the C/S and Deputy C/S, 'My ideas on the situation now', considering action to be taken in the light of current developments, particularly the offer of an amnesty and calls for peace from Liam Deasy (11 February 1923, 3pp).
[Researchers should note unreliability in dating arising from the apparently deliberate subterfuge of dating 1926 documents as 1923].
143pp
- 40** August-September 1922 Communications between the C/S and Divisional O/Cs and Adjutants concerning operational and organizational matters and including summaries of brigade reports.
Communications between the C/S and Ernie O'Malley, Acting Assistant C/S, Field HQ, Northern and Eastern Command, mainly concerning aspects of Command operations including summaries of Dublin Brigade reports but also containing comment on military and political developments throughout the country. Reports from O'Malley tend to be extensive (e.g. 22 September 1922, 7pp; 24 September 1922, 5pp) and include reference to command and brigade staff appointments, strengths, munitions, propaganda, communications, as well as more occasional matters such as the necessity to relocate GHQ to Dublin, co-operation with the Western Divisions, and peace moves. Included is a copy of a communication from Cormac Ua D[alaigh?], I Northern Division, to O'Malley (early September 1922, 2pp) detailing the difficulties of the position in Donegal and requesting urgent financial and military assistance. Handwritten letter from Austin Stack to the C/S (September 1922, 3pp) concerning a joint IRA/Republican Party delegation to the US for fundraising and propaganda purposes.
157pp
- 41** January 1923- November 1925; C/S general communications, mainly with the A/G but also with other GHQ staff officers, and with O/Cs and staff, divisions, brigades and independent units.
June 1926-February 1927
Main topics of the communications are courts martial and disciplinary proceedings against volunteers for offences such as signing undertakings to secure release from custody; applications for financial assistance to ease hardship, for medical treatment, and to assist in emigration; and applications for loans and grants from the Reconstruction Committee of the IRPDF.
Individual documents include copy reports of the A/G's representative on the Reconstruction Committee and Political Prisoners' Committee of the IRPDF (May 1922, 6pp, 2pp); copy

- 41 contd** list of raids and arrests of volunteers, 1 August–15 September 1922 (2pp); and correspondence with Norbert O'Connor, 4 New Brighton, Monkstown, County Dublin, concerning aspects of his brother Rory's will commented upon by the press, in particular unexpended Dáil Éireann funds held by Rory O'Connor, stipulated in his will to be handed over to the Free State government (October 1924, 5 items).
Also includes some original general orders and special memoranda from the C/S and coded messages.
[Researchers should note irregularities in the dating of some documents arising from the apparently deliberate practice of misdating documents in 1926 and 1927 as 1923 and 1924 respectively].
In envelope marked 'File of Minister Home Affairs 1923'.
278pp

- 42** February-April 1923 Structured packet of 9 files units, arranged and originally numbered as follows:
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| M | 2 & 3 Southern Divisions |
| N | 1 Western & 3 Eastern Divisions |
| O | 3 Western Division |
| P | 4 Western & Midland Divisions |
| R | 4 Northern Division |
| S | Dublin 1 Brigade |
| T | Dublin 2 Brigade |
| U | Reminders to divisions of non-acknowledgement of communications |
| XYZ | Miscellaneous |

Communications from units [M-T] consist mainly of regular and reasonably extensive summaries of operations and activity reports. These centre around disruption of government communications by blowing up bridges and railway lines, trenching roads, cutting telephone wires, raiding post offices and seizing mail; the implementation of GO 17 relating to reprisals for the execution of volunteers; the capture or surrender of men; and operations by Free State forces.

Included is a letter from Moss Twomey for the C/S, to O/C Dublin 1 Brigade, concerning the removal from their present location to safe storage of parcels of his own and the A/G's records (28 March 1923, 1p).

Section U consists largely of reminders sent, with copies of some of the relevant communications not acknowledged. Section XYZ includes a letter from Mary MacSwiney (13 February 1923, 2pp) mainly concerning lack of money in the South. 'There is a general feeling of despondence due partly to L.D. [Liam Deasy], partly to fear of further compromise, largely to want of money'.

Also includes correspondence with Molly Childers who wishes to pass over papers including Four Courts accounts and correspondence between de Valera and Mulcahy aimed at

- 42 contd** preventing a split in the movement (February-April 1923, c. 10 items). 242pp
- 43** March 1923-December 1924 **Communications to and from various officers—especially officers released from prison and unattached:** file of this title containing communications between the C/S and released officers concerning such matters as formal notification of release; applications for permission to emigrate or to travel internally on personal business; the difficulties of released men securing employment; personal appeals for urgent financial assistance; ideas and suggestions regarding organization and training. Also contains some communications from officers still in prison concerning discipline and organization among prisoners, and the incidence of signing forms of undertaking to secure release. Included are:
 report by Seamus O'Donovan [Director of Chemicals], A Wing, Mountjoy Jail, on his capture and the intimidation of prisoners into signing forms of undertaking by threat of capital punishment (27 March 1923, 2pp);
 handwritten report from Tom Barry, O/C Cork 3 Brigade, 1 Southern Division, concerning events in the south and the significance of the hungerstrikes (21 November 1923, 3pp);
 correspondence with Seamus Robinson [member of the Army Executive] concerning the Army Mutiny and responsibility for the attack on the vacating British soldiers at Cobh (March-April 1924, 3 items);
 correspondence with P J Mullins, Galway, concerning the plight of ex-prisoner students at UCG, unable to continue their resumed studies due to lack of funds (April 1924, 3 items);
 correspondence with Peadar O'Donnell mainly concerning industrial reconstruction projects in fish and wool distribution, and propaganda activities in Northern Ireland (June 1924, 5 items);
 correspondence with Joe Griffin [former Director of Intelligence] concerning the desirability of postponing the All Ireland football final on account of the high proportion of Kerry players imprisoned (June 1924, 3 items).
 189pp
- 44** [September 1923]- January-May 1926 Unsorted packet of communications between the C/S and local officers, with occasional communications with other general staff officers concerning matters arising. These include financial matters such as an enquiry into the expenditure of cash in 1 Western Division in 1922 (December 1924-March 1926, c.20 items); money allegedly due to Dan Breen TD by the IRA (September 1924-March 1926, c.10

- 44 contd** items); the possible institution of legal proceedings by Dublin County Council to recover rates collected in 1921-2 and used for IRA purposes; as well as more routine financial matters such as IRPDF payments to released prisoners.
Other issues include the arrest and harassment of men and the cases of individual prisoners; the production and distribution of **An tOglach**; resignations of officers, mainly to emigrate, and the appointment of replacements; commemoration ceremonies; and the general state of organization.
The earlier material consists mainly of reports on organization in Scotland (September 1923, 6pp) and in Britain (November 1924, 4pp).
[Researchers should note that dating of some items is unreliable, 1923 being used routinely for 1926].
376pp
- 45** November-December 1923 Copy letter notebook of Frank Aiken, C/S. Includes copy letters to the D/F, D/I, to the O/C Prisoners, Mountjoy [Conn Ua Maoldhomhnaigh] and Kilmainham, and to Ernie O'Malley. Letters concern mainly the progress and cessation of hunger strikes and attempts to have sick prisoners released.
27pp
- 46** [1922]-
July 1924-July 1925 **Staff meeting reports/plans/suggestions.**
Mixed packet of this title containing:
minutes of c.10 staff meetings. Minutes are brief, usually comprising one page. Occasional ancillary documents include Moss Twomey's notes for one meeting (27 January 1925) and a report (14 January 1925) on the C/S Department for another (July 1924-July 1925); unconnected documents relating to army organization and reorganization with material from various sources including revised schemes of organization, draft constitution and rules, and letter from Moss Twomey to the C/S (10 November 1924, 2pp) questioning the present direction and lack of policy (1922-4);
plans in support of military action, particularly relating to a planned escape from Maryboro' Prison (September 1924); plans of Finner Camp, Sligo (*sic*) and of Athlone; and a report on Wexford County with reference to its military significance (September 1924-March 1925);
letter from [Robert Barton?] Glendalough House, Annamoe, County Wicklow, enclosing British Air Ministry printed material on entry to the Royal Air Force Cadet College. 'The various trades are set out in para 16, and if enough boys could be got who would be above suspicion they could each specialise in a different trade' (7 items).
79pp

- 47** [1925]-January 1926- February 1927 Packet of routine communications between the C/S and O/Cs and Adjutants of units, and with staff officers, on organizational matters.
- Includes reports from Northern Ireland, Britain and Scotland relating to the general state of organization in those areas and, in the case of Scotland, dissatisfaction with the O/C; communications with units generally concerning discipline and courts martial, the appointment of officers, arrangements for visits and inspections, with occasional brief reports from both local and inspection officers on organization; occasional reports from volunteers on the circumstances of their arrests, requested and submitted after their release from custody. Communications with other staff officers including the QMG, D/I and D/E, usually concern suggestions for improvements in organization and communications, and routine financial matters including a statement of the amount received from the Dáil and through the Army Council, November 1925–September 1926 (2pp).
3 documents falling outside the general date range of the packet are a copy report on the General Army Convention, November 1925 (6pp); reports from MT [Moss Twomey], Inspection Officer, on Northern Ireland with particular reference to Tyrone and Derry (May 1925, 11pp); and handwritten material from S MacC concerning the Milesian Legion, its objects, constitution and policy. 249pp
- 48** February-June 1927 Communications mainly between the C/S and O/Cs brigades and independent units on general organizational matters such as the submission of reports; morale in units; support for prisoners' dependents; the question of volunteers accepting bail; the holding of commemorative events and relations with other organizations such as the 1916 Club.
- Also includes communications with other GHQ officers such as the QMG on the maintenance and safeguarding of arms dumps; with the Officer in Charge, Finance and Accounts, on basic financial matters, with copies of some monthly Army Council financial statements and general statements of account; communications with HS, mostly in code, on intelligence and operational matters. Cuttings from **Honesty** containing articles by Dr Patrick McCartan calling for republican unity and a coalition of Sinn Féin, Fianna Fáil, Clann Éireann and Labour (26 February–19 March 1927, 4 items) and a handwritten letter from McCartan to 'A Chara', referring to 'our conversation of last Sunday', again on the subject of a republican coalition to include anti-government pro-Treatyites (early March 1927, 5pp). 'You confound propaganda with Revolution. It seems to me you are all convinced that a Republic in this generation is

- 48 contd** out of the question & hence your minds are unconsciously saturated with ideas of propaganda while you are not even thinking in terms of revolution. You are getting a mentality similar to that known in America as the parlour socialist'.
Material relating to attempts to secure republican unity in the period preceding the June 1927 general election including minutes of Army Council and general army meetings (April 1927); Army Council proposals for co-operation among republicans before and after the election and correspondence with Fianna Fáil on the proposals (May 1927, 7 items); handwritten memo from Staff Captain Wilson for consideration by the Army Council on the future direction of policy in relation to the army (c.May 1927, 6pp); copies of the constitutions of pan-republican organizations, the National Defence Association of Ulster (3pp) and the Anti-Imperialist League/Association (May 1927, 6pp). 350pp
- 49** July-October 1927 Occasional copy communications from the C/S to GHQ staff officers concerning the appointment and transfer of staff officers and routine financial matters. 8 items
- 50** July-December 1927 Occasional communications between the C/S and O/Cs brigades and battalions, mostly on routine matters such as arrangements for inspections, possible revision of the scheme of organization, disciplinary matters, government intelligence activity and arrangements for publicity. Included is a copy communication to those officers likely to be arrested after the passing of the Public Safety Act, urging precautions. 30pp
- 51** January-December 1931 Unfiled or dissociated C/S communications with the Dublin Brigade O/C and with other GHQ officers, mainly concerning training. Includes a copy of a communiqué to each unit commander containing the outline of a programme for training recruits and for holding training camps (January 1931, 4pp); notes containing general suggestions for the content of [*An Phoblacht?*]; more routine communications concerning recruiting, parading, general financial matters and intelligence gathering. 37pp

- 52** [September 1931]- April-August 1932 Packet of C/S general communications mainly concerning routine matters such as requests for assistance in securing employment or relief from victimisation, and the official attitude to men applying for Military Service Pensions; communications with the QMG on clearing old army debts; communications concerning the state of the Reserve List; occasional communications with local commanders on organization, recruitment, relations with the Fianna Fáil organization and the possibility of republican unity in the light of Fianna Fáil being in government; communications with O/Cs, 1 and 2 Areas, Ulster, on the situation in Northern Ireland generally and in Belfast especially, including prisoners in Crumlin Road Jail and attacks on Catholic premises; communications with the O/C, North Mayo Brigade, concerning the service record of a former volunteer now resident in the US and the political sympathies of the Mayo football team on a visit to the US (September 1931–May 1932, 13 items); some technical material relating to munitions; communications with sympathetic organizations including Cumann na mBan; correspondence with LS Gogan, Assistant Keeper of Antiquities, National Museum of Ireland, concerning the Digby or Offaly Cauldron seized by the IRA in 1922 from the home of Lord Digby to prevent its export to England, which it now intends to present to the Museum; correspondence with Count Plunkett (December 1931–May 1932, 9 items) concerning co-operation with Fianna Fáil in the general election and the overwhelming wish of IRA supporters 'to have Cosgrave put out' ... 'I believe we can throughout this election maintain our organization intact, and that those volunteers who may wish to take part can work as units in each area, and thereby discipline and control can be retained. In this way too we can prevent our position from being misunderstood now or in the future' [Twomey to Plunkett] ... 'we must leave the road without obstruction for the men who are turning on their tracks' [Plunkett to Twomey]; communications with Tom Barry (May-July 1932, 10 items) including a report on a series of meetings, 15-17 July 1932, (3pp) between Twomey and Barry at one of which Barry was accompanied by Frank Aiken and Twomey by Seán MacBride and George Gilmore, the meeting concerning the raising of a new defence force by the government which the IRA might join. 'Immediately Barry opened up about the necessity for forming a military organization under the Free State Ministry for Defence, pleading the necessity for a large military organization to meet the crisis with the British ... Aiken said very little and offered no information as to his plans in regard to the new force, except to say they intended launching it very soon'.

279pp

- 53** March 1932-May 1933 Packet of C/S routine communications including with local O/Cs on specific matters such as disputes over jurisdiction or authority, disagreements with the public statements of local clergy, and the cases of individual prisoners; but also containing policy material and some semi-personal correspondence on matters such as relations with the Fianna Fáil government.
- Included are:
- Typescript memo by an unidentified author, prepared for the General Army Convention, on co-operation with the Fianna Fáil government, Fianna Fáil's likely policy in government on the oath and the land question, Fianna Fáil proposals that the IRA hand over its arms after the removal of the oath, and the political and military future of the IRA (March 1932, 4pp); handwritten letter from George Gilmore to the Chairman of the Army Council explaining his reasons for resigning from the Army Council and the Executi. 'I believe that practically all the Republican and anti-F S feeling in the country is hopelessly pro-Dev, and that Fianna Fáil are going to hold the field for a long time to come ...' (September 1932, 2pp); copy of the clár for the General Army Convention, March 1933 (14pp); handwritten letter from Tom Barry on the threatened seizure and sale of farms in West Cork and on the activities of the United Farmers' Association, a Fianna Fáil-influenced organization (22 March 1933, 4pp); material concerning the policy and general management of **An Phoblacht**, its economic problems and attempts to reorganize the paper on more economic lines leading to editorial disagreements. Letter from Proinsias Ó Riáin [Frank Ryan] to Moss Twomey (February 1933, 3pp) giving a personal explanation of his reason for resigning the editorship, and correspondence with Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington concerning her position as Assistant Editor in the wake of Ryan's resignation, the appointment of Seán MacBride as Acting Editor, and her own subsequent resignation (April 1933, 7 items). Other correspondents include Mary MacSwiney on matters generally affecting Sinn Féin and developments in Cork (c.12 items). More routine matters include appeals for assistance in employment and victimisation matters and the general direction and features of the Boycott British Campaign.
- 380pp
- 54** April-December 1932 Packet of C/S general communications. Includes material relating to the possible recovery of money seized by Free State forces in 1922; personal requests for assistance and intervention, mainly from victimised civil servants and former local government employees; occasional reports from various areas on general organization and activities, and specific local issues and

- 54 contd** problems such as efforts by former officers in the south to mobilise support for Fianna Fáil among IRA veterans; notes marked 'very secret' on the personal background, careers and political outlook of senior officials of the Department of Finance (October 1932, 2pp); letter from G N Count Plunkett concerning a request from J P Walshe, Department of External Affairs, for any known details on the circumstances in which his son, Joseph Plunkett, lodged documents with the Swiss Government in 1915 (26 November 1932, 1p); press cuttings concerning the IRA. 267pp
- 55** October 1932-February 1932 Packet of C/S routine communications mainly concerning requests for assistance in securing employment; obtaining pensions under the Military Service Pensions Act 1932; and in furthering projects such as the construction of a creamery. Other matters include the economic viability of **An Phoblacht**, with notes on administrative and production costs; and co-operation with Fianna Fáil in the forthcoming general election campaign in the Dundalk area. 64pp

iv. Chief of Staff's occasional correspondence, 1922-30

- 56** November 1922-August 1924 C/S occasional correspondence including: correspondence with the Honorary Secretaries, Cumann na mBan, mainly concerning that organization's criticism of IRA policy and operations, specifically destruction of property and the exposure of women and children to danger; and Cumann na mBan organization in Athlone (December 1922-October 1923, 12 items).
Copy letter from the C/S, for the Army Council, to Thomas Johnson, Chairman, Irish Parliamentary Labour Party, pointing out that 'The continued participation of your Party in the Proceedings of this illegal parliament can only be construed by us as intentional co-operation with enemy forces in the murder of our soldiers, a great proportion of whom are drawn from the ranks of Labour' (28 November 1922, 1p); reply from the officers of the National Executive of the Labour Party to Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, IRA, pointing out that the Parliamentary Labour Party is responsible to the National Executive of the Labour Party and to no other organization (5 December 1922, 1p).
Correspondence with Dorothy Macardle, Frankfort House, Dartry, Dublin, concerning the writing, publication and reaction to her book, **Tragedies of Kery**, dealing with 'road-side murders of unarmed prisoners' during the Civil War. Includes a

- 56 contd** copy handwritten letter from Frank Aiken, C/S, to Miss Macardle (3 June 1924, 2pp) returning the manuscript of her book and making suggestions for a foreword (May-August 1924, 10 items).
Correspondence with Ella Young, Stella Maris, Harold's Cross Road, Dublin, concerning the production, promotion and distribution of **Leabhar na hAiserighe** [The Book of the Resurrection], a memorial to those who had died for the Republic since 1916 (May-August 1924, 8 items).
Copy material concerning the arrest, trial and execution of Erskine Childers (November 1922, 5 items).
Copy material relating to the defence of prisoners before Free State courts with specific reference to the engagement of counsel and recognition of the court (November 1922-January 1923, 8 items). 50pp
- 57** February-July 1923 **Seizure of arms dump at St Enda's College:** material relating to the Court of Inquiry into the seizure of arms by the Free State authorities at St Enda's College Rathfarnham. Includes correspondence between the C/S and Acting QMG concerning the circumstances of the raid; material relating to the establishment, procedure and terms of reference of the Court of Inquiry; censored copy of the minutes of the first sitting of the court; supplementary statements by witnesses; summary of the court's findings; communications between the C/S and O/C Dublin Brigade concerning the findings. 27pp
- 58** February-July 1923 **Limerick Jail peace moves:** material concerning proposals for peace drawn up by Seán McLoughlin, a leading republican in Limerick Jail, presented initially to the jail commandant and then to Major General Brennan (3 February 1923, 2pp), involving the release of four men on parole 'to proceed to our leaders outside' to urge an end to the war, with the suspension of the execution of prisoners by the government while the process was underway. Includes a letter from Con Moloney, Deputy C/S, to Seán Fitzpatrick, Adjutant, 2 Southern Division, a prisoner in Limerick Jail and one of the twelve signatories to McLoughlin's proposals; 'I cannot see that this proposed action can lead anywhere (February 1923, 1p).
Handwritten copy of a letter from McLoughlin to Liam Deasy (9 February 1923, 6pp) concerning his own proposals and seeking verification of Deasy's alleged unconditional surrender.
Letter from Seán Fitzpatrick to Moloney concerning headquarters reaction to the McLoughlin proposals (9 February 1923, 1p); 'We have given away no principle - neither have we jeopardised the position in any way'. 22pp

- 59** September-October 1924 **Connaught Rangers Mutiny:**
[April-July 1925] Incomplete handwritten and typescript copies of an account of the Connaught Rangers mutiny in the Punjab on 28 June 1920, by Stephen Lally, 'Ringleader of the Mutiny'; the account is given in the context of intelligence reports from Lally, now in the Free State Army and stationed at Renmore Barracks, Galway, to the O/C Galway Battalion, and the bona fides of another former Ranger now also stationed at Renmore (September-October 1924). The packet also contains unconnected and fragmentary routine communications, mainly between the C/S and Captain Hodge, Dublin (April-July 1925, 9 items). 49pp
- 60** September 1927- **Seán MacBride:** packet entitled
January 1928 'miscellaneous' consisting largely of material relating to suggestions for challenging the validity of the Public Safety Act through an action for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Seán MacBride; includes communications between the C/S and P J Little and Mrs MacBride (October 1927, 5 items). The packet also contains material relating to the medical expenses of Seán O'Carroll, Castleconnel (September 1927, 8 items). 17pp
- 61** 1930 **Joe McGarrity:** memorandum from McGarrity, Seattle Hotel, New York, to 'Dear Chief', containing very general remarks as to how the republican cause might be progressed in Ireland. 'Without any military knowledge or experience, I take the liberty of jotting down a few of the things I think it is possible for the men at home to do even with the most limited resources'. He touches mainly on propaganda and civilian organization (13 September 1930, 4pp).
Copy typescript report [from McGarrity?] to the Chairman and Executive of the Clan na Gael Organization, marked 'Copy for Army Council', on the state of the organization, based on a tour of the country. Report consists largely of strictures on the poor state of organization and lack of appreciation of the value of publicity (11 December 1930, 4pp).
Copy typescript memorandum on the organization of publicity among Irish-Americans [December 1930] (2pp). 3 items

C. Communications with related organizations, 1923-28

i. Sinn Féin

- 62** August 1923- December 1925 Packet of communications between the C/S and the Honorary Secretary and the Director of Organization, Sinn Féin, mainly concerning political matters such as elections, party organization, fundraising and commemorative ceremonies.
Includes documents relating to meetings of and policy statements issued by the Northern Advisory Committee set up by the Standing Committee, mainly relating to elections in Northern Ireland.
Material relating to the work of the National Press Fund and the Irish Republican Press Company towards establishing 'Daily and other Newspapers in the Republican interest', including correspondence with Robert Brennan, Secretary to the Fund, mainly concerning organization and fundraising.
Communications with Mary MacSwiney, Director of Publicity, on matters such as suggestions for a scheme of lectures and the work of a policy committee on the constitution.
Also includes a report from a S MacC, Dublin, relating to a conversation with the Commissioner of Police in Derry around the time of the October 1923 election, mainly concerning the significance of the Irish flag but containing other occasional reference. 'The Free State authorities kept Belfast informed of the Chief's movements up to the time of our leaving Sligo. They were not in direct touch with the Police in Derry but were in direct touch with the Belfast authorities' (December 1924, 11pp). 141pp
- 63** August-November 1927 Occasional correspondence between the C/S, A/G and the Honorary Secretary, Sinn Féin, and internal IRA communications concerning Sinn Féin. Includes letter from M Campbell to the C/S (19 August 1927, 1p) concerning his attendance at meetings of the Organization and Standing Committees of Sinn Féin and concern expressed within Sinn Féin that confidential information relating to the organization might be passed to Fianna Fáil through that organization's members on the IRA Army Council to which Campbell reported. Letter from the A/G to Austin Stack, Honorary Secretary, Sinn Féin, concerning advance arrangements in London to cater for possible forcible deportations from Ireland under the Public Safety Act after the general election (6 September 1927, 1p). Also includes copies of routine Sinn Féin circulars on organizational matters. 10pp

ii. Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents' Fund

- 64** July 1923-December 1924 C/S copies of minutes of the Executive Committee of the IRPDF, including financial statement and secretary's reports on organization at command, divisional and committee level; and fundraising and the distribution of relief. Also includes details of funds raised abroad, particularly in the US, and material relating to the establishment of the Reconstruction Committee of the IRPDF. Correspondence between the C/S and Caitlin de Barra, Secretary, concerning individual case of hardship.
152pp
- 65** May 1924;
December 1924-
February 1925 Copy letter from Caitlin de Barra, Secretary, IRPDF Mansion House, Dublin, to the Secretary, Irish Relief Mission, New York; confirms the recall from the US of Mrs Clarke and Miss Comerford, leaving Miss Brady to carry on; outlines the decrease in monies coming from the US and the consequent decision of the Executive that they can no longer be responsible for released prisoners; examines the general situation with regard to the re-employment of released men; and urges approaches to the AARIR for assistance in the Relief Drive (13 May 1924, 3pp).
Copy undated report on regional organization giving details of finances and collections, levels of co-operation with Sinn Féin and the IRA, the degree of re-employment of released prisoners, and numbers of prisoners (c. May 1924, 5pp).
Copy minutes of 7 meetings of the Executive Committee (3 December 1924-25 February 1925, 12pp).
22pp

iii. White Cross

- 66** December 1926-
January 1928 Communications mainly between the C/S and Maud Gonne MacBride, White Cross, with related documentation concerning the general admissibility of applications for maintenance for persons suffering from mental disorders.
9pp

iv. Cumann na mBan

- 67** September-December 1927 Correspondence between the C/S, A/G and members of the Cumann na mBan Executive mainly concerning Cumann na mBan activities. Includes copy letter from the C/S to the President, Cumann na mBan, denying any approval by the Army Council of the attempts by Fianna Fáil to form an alternative government, despite rumours to the contrary (7 September 1927, 1p); and correspondence concerning the actions of Cumann na mBan members in issuing 'an anonymous circular' [a pamphlet issued by 'Ghosts'] to those on the panel of jurors for the forthcoming Central Criminal Court. The A/G takes exception to 'the making of anything in the nature of futile threats. If any statement in connection with prisoners were to be made, our view is that the Political Prisoners' Committee is the proper body to issue it' (30 November 1927, 1p). 6 items

D. Post records, 1923-32

- 68** December 1923-April 1925 Notebook recording the sending of general orders and memoranda by the C/S and A/G. Includes an indication of subject and date sent. Also includes a record of questionnaires sent to released GHQ officers. 12pp
- 69** 1926-31 2 hardcover notebooks marked respectively **C/S No 1 File** and **C/S No 2 File** recording outward communications. Record consists of reference number of communication, date, to whom sent, and a very brief one-line description of content, often simply cross-referenced to a previous communication. No 1 File records communications with units, including Britain, the US, New Zealand and Australia; No 2 File records communications with other staff officers, headquarters departments and republican political organizations. 23X17X1.5 cms
- 70** 1926-31 Communications record book listing communications received by the C/S from units and GHQ departments. Recorded is date of communication, sender, a brief one-line description of content, and date of acknowledgement. Dates given are earliest and latest generally; communications from individual units usually cover a much shorter period. 31x20x1.5 cms

- 71** May 1931-November 1932 Loose leaf record of inward and outward communications, arranged by correspondents which are mainly brigades, battalions and companies, GHQ departments and republican organizations. Includes a brief synopsis of content, date, and reference number for outward communications.
In envelope marked 'No.46. Manchester Dispute loose leaves. 17.7.33'. 25x20x0.5cms

E. History of the I R A, 1927

- 72** 1927 C/S file of memoranda dealing with the history and development of the republican movement and the present political situation. Included are:
Copy memo from the A/G to the C/S entitled 'General outline of the present movement' (August 1927, 12pp) dealing generally with developments in the independence and republican movements from 1916 until the vote of confidence in the government in August 1927. Copy memo on the condition of the Irish labour movement (c. August 1927, 4pp) in the context of the national struggle since 1916, how the movement should be galvanised and integrated with the republican movement. Letter from the A/G to the C/S (18 August 1927, 2pp) enclosing and commenting upon the suggested heads (1p) of a memo on the general history of the revolutionary movement in Ireland; and lists (2pp) of textual material, bills, reports and official publications required for the preparation of the suggested memo.
Memo [by the C/S?] containing suggested heads of Sinn Féin policy (25 August 1927, 2pp). 28pp
- 73** 1920s Reference material relating generally to proposals to compile a history of the IRA. Includes:
Copy of 'Regulations governing the setting up and functioning of a commission for the purpose of compiling an official record of the history of the Irish Republican Army' (5pp) including terms of reference and plan of procedure.
Short typescript account of events, 1913-23 (9pp).
Handwritten notes on the Irish Volunteers, 1916-19 (8pp).
Typescript chronology of events, January-June 1922 (4pp).
Typescript text of an interview with the C/S mainly relating to the history and organization of the IRA (January 1927, 8pp).
Typescript notes on the duties of the C/S (2pp).
Typescript notes on the GAA and its social and political significance (2pp).

- 73 contd** Handwritten chronology of events relating to land agitation after 1850 but particularly 1879-82.
76pp

II. ADJUTANT GENERAL

A. Orders and Directives, 1922-7

- 74** July 1922-March 1923 File copies of directives and circulars from the A/G's Department to O/Cs Divisions and Independent Brigades mainly concerning organization and operational matters including the regular submission of reports; the taking and treatment of prisoners; the discipline of troops and their conduct towards civilians; protection of documents; organization of jail escapes; precautions against spies; dumping of arms; and the reorganization of Sinn Féin. Also included are copies of 2 **Official Bulletins** (20 September 1922, 6pp; 24 October 1922, 3pp) and 2 **Special Bulletins** (24 February 1923, 3pp; 5 March 1923, 5pp) issued by the A/G's Department. Bulletins contain news of the progress of the war with comment upon the general military situation and upon specific actions and developments such as the capture by the IRA of Kenmare and peace moves by prisoners in some jails.
175pp
- 75** 1923-7 A/G's incomplete file of copies of orders and memoranda issued to the O/Cs Divisions. Brigades and Independent Units, mainly by the A/G and C/S but occasionally by other GHQ officers such as the QMG and D/I. Earlier reports concern operational matters such as the submission of reports and the duties of divisional quartermasters; but the majority concern aspects of the drawing-up and administration of the reserve list.
73pp

B. Communications with Government and Army

i. With Government and GHQ Departments, 1922-6

a. Acting President

- 76** November 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and Padraig O Ruithleis [P J Rutledge], Acting President, mainly concerning relations between the Army and Sinn Féin particularly at local level. Includes reports from O/C Civil Organization to the A/G concerning lack of co-operation and instruction from Sinn Féin clubs. Also includes communications concerning individual cases of hardship; copies of statements by the Acting President on the hunger strikes; legal opinion on compensation to relatives of men killed by Free State forces; and material relating to recognition of Free State courts and the possibility of released men taking legal action for assault while in prison. 79pp

b. Chief of Staff

- 77** July-December 1922 File of communications between the A/G and the C/S containing two separate packets (July-November 1922, July-December 1922). Many of the communications in the first packet are handwritten by Commandant Twomey, even those signed by Liam Lynch, while most of those in the second packet are from Ernie O'Malley, Acting Assistant C/S, HQ, Northern and Eastern Command. Communications concern operational and organizational matters including specific operations, fatalities, casualties and arrests; military policy such as the destruction of roads and railways; political organization including Republican Clubs, the general promotion of the republican cause and the countering of enemy propaganda. Included is a report from Moss Twomey to the C/S summarising the situation in Dublin (3 July 1922, 3pp); copy report from the A/G to the C/S on the general military situation and peace moves (August 1922, 2pp); and occasional operational and activity reports such as report on the capture of Clifden by 4 Western Division (November 1922, 7pp) and reports from 1 Eastern Division, Dublin 1 and 2 Brigades and 1 and 2 Northern Divisions (September-October 1922, 26pp). Also included are copy synopses of reports from the A/G to the AAC/S; copies of occasional reports from GHQ officers to the A/G and of communications to O/Cs Divisions on operational matters. 217pp

c. Director of Finance

- 78** November 1923-April 1924 Communications with the D/F concerning the financial administration of the A/G's Department with balance sheets and receipts for payments made. Expenditure is usually associated with legal costs, funerals, travelling, stationery, and billeting for officers visiting Dublin. Communications between the A/G and D/F usually concerns general and particular aspects of expenditure.
30pp

d. Director of Publicity

- 79** July 1922-February 1923 Communications between the A/G and members of the Publicity Department consisting mainly of material for publication and copies of published material. Includes a series of **Official Bulletins** (12 items, c. 3-4pp each) consisting of concise reports on the situation in each divisional and command area. Later reports tend to be more extensive and to be signed by the A/G. Articles and extracts from reports for publication; copy memo from the A/G to the D/P on the nature of a newspaper to be published (August 1922, 1p); copy of a report on organization in the Publicity Department (30 November 1922, 4pp) from Seán de Burca, D/P, to the Acting A/G, together with a statement of weekly departmental expenditure; A/G's copy of a memo on Army publicity from D/Army Publicity to O/Cs all divisions; some Cumann na mBan Publicity Department material; copies of communiqués and bulletins. Also includes c.12 communiqués between the C/S and D/P mainly relating to the general situation and the content and distribution of **An Phoblacht**; the issuing of instructions to the Dublin press to publish IRA and Republican Government communiqués; with a letter from Staff Captain Erskine Childers, Publicity Department, to Liam Lynch, C/S, concerning publicity organization in Cork and the suspension of publicity and printing work after a raid (6 October 1922, 3pp). 'As an alternative for me personally I have offered the O/C 1 S[outhern] Div[ision] to do any military or staff work that I might be thought useful for. The operations interest me very much and I have been able to offer a few private criticisms to the O/C which he thinks useful – merely the observations of an older man among the crowd who has had military experience.'
221pp

e. Purchases Department

- 80** [1923]-1925-6 **Court of Inquiry into the Purchases Department:** communications between the A/G and members of the Court of Inquiry into the affairs of the Purchases Department enclosing copies of correspondence and financial statements relating to the failure of attempted arms transactions in Germany (1922-3), the specific subject of the inquiry. Letter from Ambrose, Britain, to the C/S (18 February 1926, 1p) commenting upon the documents and giving an account of his own knowledge of events.
- 33pp

f. Other GHQ Departments

- 81** October 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and other GHQ officers, particularly the Director of Employment, Director of Organization Sinn Féin, and the Director of Medical Services, concerning the post-war position in the country with specific reference to particular areas and subjects.
- Includes: correspondence with former officers concerning courts of inquiry into their giving undertakings as conditions for their release from internment contrary to General Order 8, including correspondence with Simon Donnelly, former Chief of Police, and report of proceedings of his courtmartial (January-February 1924, 8 items); and correspondence with Leo Henderson, former Director of Training (January-February 1924, 7 items).
- 5 letters from Mary MacSwiney to the A/G (January 1924) concerning the political and military situation generally, including a lengthy letter (24 January 1924, 4pp) analysing the position both in Cork and nationally.
- Correspondence with the Director of the Employment Bureau concerning the position with regard to the reinstatement of released prisoners with particular reference to former railway employees; the work of employment committees; and possible employment to be gained in reconstruction being financed by awards under the Malicious Injuries Act.
- Correspondence with the D/O Sinn Féin concerning the reorganization of Sinn Féin cumainn; and Inspection Officer's reports on Limerick (February 1924, 2pp) and Kerry (March 1924, 4pp).
- Also includes short reports from a variety of sources on morale and organization in various parts of the country.
- 148pp

ii. Communications with Army units, 1922-5, [1932]

a. Dublin 1 and 2 Brigades

- 82** October 1923-
February 1924 **Dublin 1 and 2 Brigades:**
communications mainly between
the A/G and brigade O/Cs.
Included are returns from O/C
Dublin 1 Brigade of service histories of a number of men
including Seán Russell, Frank Henderson, Barney Mellowes,
Gerald Boland and Seán Burke; communications concerning
IRPDF matters in the Dublin area including the dissolution of
the 2 Battalion Area Committee of the IRPDF on foot of
allegations of irregularities; and communications concerning
the organization of fundraising events without the sanction of
the IRPDF. Also contains some material relating to the
organization of the brigades including an organization report
from the Adjutant, Dublin 1 Brigade (5 February 1924, 4pp).
79pp
- 83** December 1923-
January 1925 **Dublin 2 Brigade:**
communications between the
A/G and the Adjutant and O/C
Dublin 2 Brigade, mainly
consisting of reports on council and staff meetings; general
organizational matters; inspection reports on battalions; copies
of battalion officers' reports and analyses of numerical strength
of battalions; training and communications; staffing,
recruitment, expulsions and the reinstatement of released
prisoners; discipline and courts martial; fundraising, parades
and meetings, and commemorative events; the organization of
Sinn Féin clubs. Reports from brigade are usually monthly,
from battalions fortnightly. Reports are either narrative or on
standard report forms.
Included are copies of detailed replies from the A/G
commenting upon reports. 177pp
- 84** December 1923-May 1924 **Dublin 2 Brigade:** tabular
reports on the brigade giving
details of brigade and battalion
councils and battalion strengths on a monthly basis.
7pp
- 85** January-March 1924 **Dublin 1 Brigade:** tabular
reports on the brigade giving
details of brigade councils and
battalion strengths, on a monthly basis.
4pp

- 86** April 1924-February 1925 **Dublin 1 Brigade:** communications between the A/G and the brigade adjutant consisting of monthly reports on brigade council and staff meetings and battalion reorganization and staffing. Other matters reported include IRPDF activities; the reinstatement of released prisoners; political organization; the employment situation; discipline and funding. 60pp
- 87** February 1925 **Dublin 1 Brigade:** first page only of a report from the C/S to the A/G of meetings of Dublin 1 Brigade staff and council. Report deals mainly with the court martial of two former brigade officers. 1p

b. Midland Division

- 88** October 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant and Commandant, Midland Division, consisting mainly of reports from divisional officers on general organization and activities; service records of men from the division on hunger strike; funeral expenses of men killed in action and financial support for their families. 17pp
- 89** November-December 1923 -[January 1925] Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant, Midland Division, consisting largely of 4 organizational reports from division (November 1923, 4pp; December 1923, 6pp; November 1924, 4pp; January 1925, 3pp) mainly concerned with staffing and the numerical strengths of brigades and battalions. 28pp
- 90** December 1923-September 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant, Midland Division, consisting largely of regular monthly reports on councils; the general state of organization; staffing, morale and training; the inspection and maintenance of arms dumps; emigration and unemployment; and the work of Sinn Féin clubs. 52pp

c. 3 Eastern Division

- 91** October 1923-February 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant and O/C, 3 Eastern Division. Includes a report on the service records of men from the division on hunger strike; a report on the organizational position in the Wicklow area (1p) and monthly divisional report for December (2pp); and a note on staffing in the division.
13pp

d. Southern Command

- 92** [July]-November 1922- File consisting mainly of short
March 1923 activity reports from brigade adjutants within Southern Command, with brief descriptions of operations including ambushes, the disruption of roads, railways and telegraph lines, and attacks on permanent Free State positions. Reports are most regularly from the Cork and Kerry brigades.
More occasional and substantial documents include a report on a Waterford Brigade council (3 August 1922, 2pp) with tabular details (8pp) of battalion strengths within the brigade, the names of officers, and the companies comprising each battalion; activity reports for August-October 1922 for the Waterford and West Limerick Brigades (29 December 1922, 12pp); and lists of men arrested and wounded in 1 Southern Division (4 January 1923, 8pp).
Included in the file are communications between the A/G and the C/S, sometimes concerning matters within the Command such as a report from the A/G to the C/S of 2 Southern Division council (4 December 1922, 7pp), but more often of a general operational nature.
Also included is a typescript copy of de Valera's statement of principles on which the war should continue (8 February 1923, 5pp), together with a copy of the Minister for Home Affairs' comments (9 February 1923, 2pp); material concerning peace moves including the A/G's memo to O/Cs commands, divisions and independent brigades on the policy to be adopted towards local approaches by Free State forces; and communications with the Neutral IRA Men's Association (February-March 1923, c.12 items).
340pp

e. 1, 2 and 3 Southern Divisions

- 93** July 1922-March 1923 File marked 'Includes operations in Munster, July-August 1922. Other mixed materials'. Consists mainly of regular reports from 1 and 2 Southern Divisions on engagements with Free State forces in Limerick, Cork, Kerry and Waterford. Material relating to fighting in Limerick City including handwritten draft of an agreement on the terms of a ceasefire and lists of IRA and Free State positions and strengths (July 1922); reports on fighting in Bruree, County Limerick with details of numbers captured and wounded on both sides; handwritten report from the Adjutant, 1 Southern Division, on the action at Beal na mBlath in which Michael Collins was mortally wounded (24 August 1922, 2pp); copy letter from the C/S to the A/G (8 August 1922, 1p). 'The Clan has forwarded 19,000 dollars to us as first instalment and are whole heartedly with us'; 2 letters from Ernie O'Malley, Hospital Wing, Mountjoy Jail, to the A/G requesting news of 'scraps' and giving information on morale and the ill-treatment of prisoners (21 February 1923, 2pp; 28 February 1923, 3pp); handwritten statement [by his mother?] concerning the lack of medical treatment given to O'Malley by Dr Henry Barniville [Consulting Surgeon, Free State Army] (3pp). Most of the file consists of direct communications to the A/G but also includes copies for information sent to him by the C/S. Besides the reports from 1 and 2 Southern Divisions, there are Inspecting Officers reports on the Kerry Brigades (c. November 1922, 8pp); report from the Director of Engineering on his department (August 1922, 3pp); brief reports on Dublin 2 Brigade (March 1923) and on the A/G's own department (c. March 1923, 5pp). Other occasional matters include the proposed formation of a cavalry corps.
- 292pp
- 94** July-November 1922 **3 Southern Division:** A/G's copies of reports on operations and the general situation in the division, from the Divisional Adjutant (July 1922, 3pp) and an Inspecting Officer (October 1922, 7pp); synopsis of brigade diaries and reports on operations; lists of prisoners, losses and gains of arms and ammunition, lists of divisional and brigade staffs and enemy posts and strengths; copies of divisional orders and memoranda.
- 62pp

- 95** March-July 1923 **1 and 2 Southern Divisions:**
communications between the
A/G and divisional adjutants,
predominantly 1 Southern Division, including brief irregular
reports from division; occasional copies of brigade reports,
communications concerning the dumping of arms and the
disbursement of medical expenses; report of the shooting dead
of a volunteer at Tallow, County Waterford, and solicitor's
report on the subsequent military enquiry (July 1923, 5 items);
copy report on the deaths of republican prisoners at Ballyseedy
Cross including the statement of Stephen Fuller, the survivor of
the mine explosion (May 1923, 4pp); tabular return of arms in
1 Southern Division. 46pp
- 96** November 1923-March 1924 **1 Southern Division:**
communications between the
A/G and Divisional Adjutant
mainly concerning released prisoners. Included is
correspondence concerning the dismissal of officers who signed
a form of undertaking to secure their release; a list of men in
prison and men released; an employment report detailing
attempts to have released men reinstated in their previous
employment; and a report on IRPDF work in the division. Also
includes some communications from O/Cs brigades to the
Divisional Adjutant, forwarded by him to the A/G.
24pp
- 97** November 1923-April 1924 **3 Southern Division:**
communications between the
A/G and the O/C, 3 Southern
Division, mainly concerning expenditure on funerals and
volunteers' dependents; routine matters such as the holding of
meetings; and possible reorganization of the division. Includes
lists (8pp) of men in jail with details of their service records.
35pp
- 98** February-March 1924 **2 Southern Division:**
communications between the
A/G and the Divisional Adjutant
mainly concerning charges of murder against men in the
division. Includes correspondence between the O/C, 2 Southern
Division, and the solicitor for the men in the case, together with
a statement of the circumstances of the case.
18pp

- 99** February 1924-
January 1925 **3 Southern Division:** file consisting largely of communications between the A/G and the O/C 3 Southern Division, but also containing some 2 Southern Division communications and some direct communications with O/Cs Offaly and Leix Brigades. Communications generally concern divisional councils and the strengths and organizational state of brigades and battalions, with copies of brigade reports forwarded to the A/G; financial matters such as the payment of funeral expenses, support for dependents, and individual cases of hardship arising from unemployment or disability; particulars of divisional men still held prisoner; the location of the remains of executed volunteers and government policy of removing bodies; discipline and unauthorised actions, particularly robberies.
Also includes inspection reports on Offaly and Leix Brigades by Staff Captain George Plunkett (December 1924, 27pp) and Kerry Command (January 1925, 19pp) by Captain Tomas O Dalaigh. 185pp
- 100** April-November 1924 **2 Southern Division:** communications between the A/G and the Adjutant. 2 Southern Division, consisting mainly of monthly reports in both narrative and tabular form, on divisional and brigade councils, strengths and staffing. 36pp
- 101** 1924 **1 Southern Division:** 2 letters from the Director of Publicity, 1 Southern Division, to the A/G enclosing for information and approval copies of 2 issues of **Oglach na Deiscirt**, the divisional news-sheet (July 1924, 2pp; October 1924, 5pp). Also enclosed are copies of letters to brigade O/Cs exhorting their co-operation in compiling and distributing the news-sheet. 12pp

f. 1 Western Division

- 102** October 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant and O/C, 1 Western Division, mainly concerning applications for permits to leave Ireland for the US. Includes details of the service records of divisional officers on hunger strike and in jail. 41pp

- 103** February-August 1924 **Court martial of Frank Barrett:** material relating to the court martial of Frank Barrett, formerly O/C, 1 Western Division, on charges of contravening General Order 8 by signing a form of undertaking as a condition of his release from custody in Hare Park Internment Camp. Includes correspondence between Barrett and the O/C 1 Southern Division, responsible for arranging the court martial, and between the O/C Division and the A/G concerning arrangements for the trial; and a copy of the charge sheet and summary of evidence. 25pp

g. 2 Western Division

- 104** October 1923-March 1925 File consisting mainly of regular monthly handwritten and typescript reports (c.8pp each) from the O/C and Adjutant, 2 Western Division to the A/G, concerning divisional councils, and organization and operations at brigade level; acknowledgements and comment from the A/G referring to matters such as the lack of intelligence activity and low standards of organization in certain brigades. Included is an inspection report by the Assistant C/S on the Midland Division (21 December 1923, 3pp) while on a joint tour of the Midland and 2 Western; and a report by Moss Twomey to the A/G on 2 Western (30 September 1924, 12pp). 114pp
- 105** October 1923-May 1924 Tabular reports on the 2 Western Division giving details of divisional councils and of brigade and battalion strengths on a monthly basis. 9pp
- 106** November 1923-February 1924 Service record of P Mullins, O/C, No.3 Tintown; statement of payments made to the dependants of a volunteer wounded on active service. Submitted to the A/G by the O/C and Adjutant, 2 Western Division. 5pp

h. 3 Western Division

- 107** October 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and the O/C and Adjutant, 3 Western Division, mainly concerning disciplinary matters and press reports of outrages attributed to the IRA. Includes service records of 8 prominent divisional officers including Commandant-General Liam Pilkington, O/C Division. 24pp
- 108** December 1923-July 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant, 3 Western Division, consisting mainly of monthly reports on divisional and brigade councils, staffing and strengths, and general organizational matters. Includes Inspection Officer's report on civil and political matters in the divisional area with reference to Sinn Féin and IRPDF activities; the position with regard to released prisoners and the incidence of emigration; elections and the republican attitude towards Free State courts. 56pp
- 109** December 1923-May 1924 Tabular reports on the 3 Western Division giving details of councils and of brigade and battalion strengths on a monthly basis. 12pp

j. 4 Western Division

- 110** September 1923-February 1924 Communications between the A/G and the O/C and Adjutant, 4 Western Division, concerning disciplinary matters; communications difficulties; and the funeral expenses of divisional officers. Includes a report of a divisional council (September 1923, 6pp) and service records of a number of prominent divisional staff including Thomas Derrig. 31pp
- 111** September 1923-May 1924 Tabular reports on the 4 Western Division giving details of councils and of brigade and battalion strengths on a monthly basis. 17pp

- 112** September 1923-March 1925 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant, 4 Western Division, consisting mainly of reports on divisional and brigade councils, and reports from divisional staff on brigade organization. Matters reported include general organization and operations; canvassing and electioneering; arrests and trials of officers and men; released prisoners; brigade boundary reorganization; Sinn Féin organization; and munitions and finances. Included is an Inspection Officer's report on the division (November 1924, 14pp). 164pp

k. Limerick Brigades

- 113** April 1923-May 1924 File marked Limerick County but
-[February 1925] containing material relating to a number of brigades in the Limerick area, including Limerick City, and to the 3 Southern Division. Consists mainly of monthly reports from brigade O/Cs to the A/G on all aspects of military and political organization. Also included are brief records of prominent men from the area on hunger strike, in camps and prisons (October 1923); 2 handwritten reports to the C/S of inspections of Limerick Brigade and 3 Southern Division (December 1923, 18pp; May 1924, 10pp) with comments on organization, arms, the Fianna, Sinn Féin, IRPDF, emigration and employment, and including tables of strengths of staff and volunteers; and an Inspection Officer's report on the East Limerick Brigade including a brief history of the brigade and the Limerick area generally. The bulk of the file covers the period to May 1924 after which documents are sparse. 115pp
- 114** May 1923-September 1924 Isolated unfiled documents relating to Limerick, Mid-Limerick and West-Limerick Brigades. Includes 2 monthly reports from the Adjutant, Limerick Brigade (November, December 1923, 9pp) and a letter from the A/G to the President enclosing material relating to the court martial of volunteers from the Mid-Limerick Brigade by the Free State Army (August-September 1924, 5 items). 27pp
- 115** September 1923 Complete return of arms in the Mid-Limerick Brigade, including rifles, revolvers, automatic pistols and ammunition. 1p

I. North Clare Battalion

- 116** October- November 1932 Communications between the A/G and the O/C North Clare Battalion, and other local activists concerning violent disruption in the area and physical attacks on the O/C by ex-volunteers, arising from disagreements on the question of ownership of arms and surrender of arms by men resigning from the IRA. Includes communications with the O/C West Clare and reports from him on events in North Clare and attempts to resolve the situation.
- 19pp

m. Northern and Eastern Command

- 117** November 1922- January 1923 Routine communications from the Assistant A/G, Field HQ, Northern and Eastern Command, mainly to the Command Quartermaster, concerning imprests and allowances. Also contains material relating to Command Engineering Department records and dumps and seizures by the Free State authorities.
- 17pp

n. 4 Northern Division

- 118** September 1923- November 1924 Communications between the A/G and the Adjutant, 4 Northern Division, consisting mainly of regular monthly reports on divisional councils; the state of brigade organization with details of brigade councils, staffing and activities; boundary reorganization within the division; the arrests and trials of men; and reports on robberies allegedly involving the IRA. Also included are applications for permits to leave Ireland; a tabular report on divisional organization, staff meetings, munitions, strengths, prisoners and men on the run; and enemy positions and strengths (c. January 1924, 16pp); Inspection Officer's report (January 1924, 4pp); A/G's copy of a bi-monthly summary from the D/I of reports from Northern Ireland (November 1924, 6pp).
- 83pp

- 119** December 1923-
January 1924 Report to the A/G from the Adjutant, 4 Northern Division, of a divisional council (December 1923, 1p) with acknowledgement, comment and queries from the A/G (5 January 1924, 1p); report on civil organization within the divisional area (20 January 1924, 2pp); handwritten tabular report on Cavan Brigade analysing battalion and company strengths and organization (25 January 1924, 2pp).
6pp

o. Britain

- 120** October-April 1923
-[November 1924] Material relating to organization in Britain including communications between the A/G and O/C Britain concerning meetings and training, with details of officers, men, and arms held; specific locations include London, Newcastle, Liverpool, Swansea, Birmingham, Portsmouth, and Scotland; copy report from O/C Britain on the court martial of the O/C and Quartermaster, Scottish Brigade, on charges of misappropriation of funds (c.October 1923, 6pp); report by the I/O Britain on the Irish Freedom League and Irish Self-Determination League (September 1924, 2pp); copy report by the A/G on organization in Britain with specific reference to Scotland, Liverpool and London (November 1924, 4pp).
46pp
- 121** April-November 1932 Communications, statements and reports concerning events arising from a dispute in Manchester between the Cathal Brugha Sinn Féin Club and the IRA [No. 2 Area, Britain] over the division of profits from social events organised by the club. Includes communications between the A/G and the Honorary Secretary, Sinn Féin, concerning the dispute and the holding of a joint inquiry into allegations of misappropriation of funds, physical attacks on individuals and threats by members of the army to organise their own Manchester Martyrs commemoration in opposition to the official ceremony.
28pp

iii. Consolidated communications, 1924-5

21 files of communications between the A/G and Divisions, Independent Brigades and other Headquarters Departments, taken from a disintegrated concertina file but retained in their original file units.

Regular divisional and brigade communications concern organizational and financial matters.

Organizational matters include: the reorganization of divisional and brigade boundaries; divisional and brigade staff appointments and resignations, and reports on divisional and brigade councils; reports from the Inspection Officer on individual divisions and brigades [see also P69/141]; strictures on the urgency of divisional and brigade staff submitting regular detailed reports and maintaining lines of communication; disciplinary matters including courts martial, especially of those volunteers signing a form of undertaking as a condition of their release from prison; the handing over by the Free State authorities of the remains of executed volunteers for reinterment, with reports on the attitude of clergy and on occasional disruption of funerals with intervention by the authorities to prevent military displays; the reinstatement of volunteers in their former employment, victimisation by former employers, and the work of divisional employment committees; requests from volunteers for permission to emigrate and requests from the US to verify the credentials of men who have emigrated and who are claiming republican antecedents; material relating to the implementation of the revised scheme of organization, the organization of the Fianna and recruitment to the Fianna of boys of military age; the position of men still in prison and for whom warrants are in force; Free State Army military and intelligence activity such as the seizure of IRA arms dumps; relations with the GAA and the possibility of gaining control of Central Council Boards.

Financial matters include: the circumstances of individual cases in need of assistance from the IRPDF or White Cross; applications to the Volunteer Students' Aid Committee to provide assistance to allow students whose university courses were interrupted by fighting, to resume and finish their studies; applications to the Reconstruction Committee from people who have been put out of work through imprisonment or active service and who have a business proposition; the payment of the legal expenses of men accused of crime as a result of their volunteer activities; the payment of outstanding funeral bills.

The content of communications with other HQ Departments [P69/136-142] is indicated in a specific description for each file.

122	February 1924- February 1925	1 Southern Division 154pp
123	April 1924- February 1925	2 Southern Division 57pp
124	May 1924- February 1925	3 Southern Division 86pp
125	May 1924- February 1925	1 Western Division 24pp
126	September 1924- February 1925	2 Western Division 46pp
127	June 1924- January 1925	3 Western Division 36pp
128	February 1924- January 1925	4 Western Division 22pp
129	October 1924- March 1925	Eastern Division 28pp
130	September 1924- March 1925	Midland Division 53pp
131	September 1924- March 1925	Limerick County 40pp
132	April 1924- February 1925	Dublin 1 Brigade 213pp
133	February 1924- March 1925	Dublin 2 Brigade 52pp
134	September 1924- March 1925	4 Northern Division 66pp

- 135** August 1924-
March 1925 **Belfast Brigade**
90pp
- 136** [January]-October 1924-
March 1925 **Chief of Staff:** communications between the A/G and the C/S, including A/G's copies of C/S communications to all GHQ Departments on organizational matters including the relocation of divisional and brigade boundaries; direct communications between the A/G and the C/S on the general military situation, on discipline in the army, on the controversy surrounding the reinterment of the remains of volunteers, on the refusal of republican prisoners to accept criminal status, and on relations between the army and the Fianna; copy letter of resignation from the A/G (18 July 1924, 1p) recalling the circumstances of his appointment at a time of severe shortages of manpower. Now that prisoners, including former GHQ staff, have been released, he wishes to return to his division.
131pp
- 137** September 1924-
March 1925 **Director of Intelligence:** includes general communications from the D/I entitled 'Miscellaneous Items' consisting of irregular reports containing snatches of information on political and military matters such as a report (26 September 1924, 2pp) containing 'absolutely reliable information with regard to the Kerry murders', concerning the deaths of republican prisoners forcibly clearing mines at Ballyseedy Cross, 7 March 1923. Also includes copies of reports from I/O Britain (October, November 1924, 1p each).
58pp
- 138** [March]-October 1924;
February 1925 **Quartermaster General:** communications concerning general arrangements for 'stuff' to be imported; lines of communication from British ports; and financial matters such as the distribution of monthly grants and the payment of army debts.
25pp
- 139** [July]-October 1924-
February 1925 **Director of Finance:** includes A/G's Department monthly statement of accounts, communications concerning the distribution of monthly grants and more occasional financial matters such as legal expenses for representation at inquests and the expenses of **An tOglach**.

- 139 contd** Also includes copies of inspection reports by the D/F on Belfast and Tyrone Brigades (November 1924, 5pp) and material concerning proceedings of a court of inquiry into statements allegedly made by [Seán MacBride] the D/F at a Dublin 4 Battalion Council concerning a previous Battalion O/C recently released from imprisonment (November 1924, 7 items).
70pp
- 140** September 1924-March 1925 **O/C Britain:** mainly routine communications requesting copies of military manuals, concerning applications to the O/C Britain for permission to transfer, on disputes between the Irish Freedom League and the Irish Self-Determination League, and the general state of organization and activities in Britain. File also includes very occasional communications with the Director of Engineering mainly concerning individual divisional and brigade engineering staff appointments; and a handwritten report from the Adjutant Dublin 1 Brigade of the handing over by the Free State authorities of the remains of executed men including Erskine Childers, Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellowes, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey (November 1924, 5pp). 63pp
- 141** May 1924-February 1925 **Inspection Officer:** mainly handwritten reports from [Moss Twomey] the Inspection Officer on courts of inquiry into the circumstances under which men were released from prison and whether they had signed forms of undertaking; on Sinn Féin organization in the localities; particularly Kilkenny, Cork and Tipperary; on general army organization, particularly in the mid- and south-west; on the state of Na Fianna Éireann; and on attitudes within the GAA and the possibility of gaining control of that organization.
75pp
- 142** June 1924-January 1925 **Other Officers:** copy of A/G's circular to all released men concerning the circumstances of their arrest, detention and release, with replies from George and Eoin Plunkett (June 1924, 5 items); routine messages to other officers such as the President, the Director of Purchases and the Director of Medical Services on routine matters such as hospital expenses and articles for **An tOglach**.
45pp

iv. General and unsorted communications, 1922-32

- 143** August 1922-March 1923 Communications from the A/G to O/Cs Commands, Divisions and Independent Brigades concerning procedural matters, such as staff meetings and the submission of reports; and the implementation of C/S Operations Orders. Includes routine communications with the Assistant A/G and a table of attacks on the Great Southern and Western Railway by the 3 Tipperary Brigade, together with a published newspaper plan 'showing malicious damage done to the company's system from 28 June 1922 to 5 January 1923'.
22pp
- 144** [1922]-July 1923-September 1924 A/G file marked 'miscellaneous' but consisting mainly of lists and reports including: lists of affiliated Sinn Féin Cumainn (1922, 21pp); lists of Executive members and substitutes at various times (March 1922-July 1923, 10pp) together with copy minutes of Executive meetings (July 1923, 4pp; August 1924, 3pp); lists of prisoners signing forms of undertaking as a condition of their release from custody (c.October 1923, 27pp); report on the 'Scartaglen Affair', the killing of two people including a Garda sergeant in Scartaglen, County Kerry, from Kerry 2 Brigade (14 December 1923, 3pp); lists of enemy posts and strengths in various places throughout the country (January 1924, 10pp); reports on Sinn Féin in 3 Eastern, 1 and 3 Western and 4 Northern Divisions (January 1924, 9pp); lists of sentenced prisoners (February 1924, 6pp) and of prisoners in Hare park (March 1924, 11pp), Tintown No. 2 (6pp) and the Curragh Isolation Hospital (5pp) with details of prisoners' illnesses; handwritten copies of final letters from executed volunteers to their family and friends (January 1924, 20pp). Occasional material includes a typescript copy of an account of the death of Liam Lynch.
180pp
- 145** [August 1923-] January 1924-January 1925 Packet labelled 'A/G Department misc[ellaneous] correspondence' consisting largely of communications with other GHQ staff officers.
Includes communications relating to discipline and the holding of courts martial, particularly of men who had signed undertakings as a condition of their release from prison, or who had been involved in unauthorised operations, particularly robberies; the shooting, arrest or trials of volunteers; the release of prisoners by the government, the employment situation and the reinstatement of released men; reports on

- 145 contd** men still in prison and queries as to the whereabouts or credentials of volunteers; policy towards applications for pensions under the Army Pensions Act, 1923; relations with the Fianna and Sinn Féin and infiltration of the GAA; the work of the White Cross Orphans' Committee.
Also included are A/G's copies of memo from other staff officers to GHQ departments or O/Cs Divisions and Brigades; occasional minutes and decisions of GHQ staff meetings; material relating to financial matters including A/G Department monthly financial statements and communications with the Director of Finance on imprests and the payment of funeral and other expenses;; A/G's copy of a letter from Seán MacBride to GHQ staff members on the situation in Northern Ireland (15 April 1924, 2pp). Packet appears to contain at least two separate sections, consolidated at a later date. 366pp
- 146** 1923-4 **Revised scheme of organization:** official published version and typescript copy of the original scheme of organization of the IRA. A/G's copy of a memorandum from M[oss] T[womey] to the Director of Organization on the better use of existing officers and suggestions for a general reorganization of the IRA (February 1923, 4pp); A/G's copy of a memorandum from Twomey to the C/S on reorganization (November 1923,4pp); 2 handwritten copies of a scheme of organization (8pp, 6pp). 51pp
- 147** April-June 1926 **Funeral expenses:** circulars and communications between the A/G and O/Cs Brigades and Battalions, arising from proposals to pay outstanding funeral expenses for the burial of volunteers, from deposits to be refunded by the government to candidates in the 1921 general election. Included is correspondence concerning the proposal, with objections that the returned deposits should be used to pay debts incurred at subsequent elections; returns of debts outstanding in various areas; and bills and invoices.
[Researchers should note unreliability in the dating of some documents, particularly those originating in the A/G Department which are dated 1923; and those received by the A/G and dated 1926 by the sender, which are stamped 1923 as the year of receipt.] 68pp

- 148** April-July 1926 **Unattached officers;**
communications between the
A/G and local O/Cs and
Adjutants concerning the individual positions of unattached
former senior officers and their present attitudes towards the
IRA; and communications between the A/G and such former
senior officers, mainly in the Dublin area. Replies from the
former officers generally indicate a wish to be placed on the
reserve list but occasionally sever all connection with the IRA.
[Researchers should note that some documents from the A/G
Department are dated 1923; and that documents received by
the A/G and dated 1926 by the sender are stamped 1923 as
the year of receipt by the A/G.] 51pp
- 149** April 1927-January 1928 File of A/G's communications
with local O/Cs and adjutants
mainly concerning the
implementation of General Order 28 prohibiting volunteers from
standing as parliamentary candidates. Includes lists of
candidates ratified by the Fianna Fáil National Executive;
communications between the A/G and local officers concerning
such candidates selected in their areas; and copy
communications sent to those prospective candidates pointing
out the terms of General Order 28 and demanding the
withdrawal of their candidature; letters from candidates
resigning from the IRA; lists of men disobeying General Order
28 who are to be court martialled and copy notification to such
men of their dismissal from the IRA (April-October 1927).
General communications with local officers including brief
inspection and organization reports from some units; enquiries
about the credentials of volunteers who had emigrated;
14 completed application forms for enrolment on the Foreign
Reserve List from men who were formerly members of the
North Mayo Brigade and who had emigrated to the US (August
1927); communication concerning the trusteeship of the
Republican Plot in Cork (January 1928, 1 item);
communications with Cumann na mBan concerning a resolution
of their Convention to withdraw from representation on the
Political Prisoners' Committee given the presence on that body
of Fianna Fáil members of the Free State Parliament
(September-December 1927, 6 items). 149pp
- 150** September 1927-
January 1928 **Communications with HS:** file
of communications between the
A/G and HS. Communications
are either coded or are curt and
factual. The uncoded communications and uncoded sections of
coded communications concern routine matters such as
delivery of books and packets and the transmission of money.
34pp

- 151** July 1929-May 1931 **Correspondence and reports:**
file of this title consisting of routine communications between the A/G and O/Cs and Adjutants, Battalions and Independent Companies.
Recurrent matters include: requests from the A/G for completed Roll of Honour returns for addition to the general Roll; reports on organization and recruiting and on Company Councils; Inspection Officer's reports on units; reports from units on drilling, parades and the progress of training; communications concerning arrangements for line of communication and the distribution of **An Phoblacht**; requests from the A/G for the addresses in the US of former volunteers; written confirmation of the appointment of officers; material concerning the circulation and implementation of general orders; very routine financial matters such as monthly allowances. 408pp
- 152** November 1929-June 1930 File of routine communications between the A/G and O/Cs battalions and independent units, including Britain. Recurrent matters include: returns for the Roll of Honour and arrangements for Easter commemoration ceremonies including the supply of speakers and the organization of the Easter Lily collection. Less regular matters include requests for reports, with very occasional short reports in response; distribution of **An tOglach**; difficulties with lines of communication; transfers of volunteers. The same basic communication is often sent to a number of units. Also included are some communications with the Central Relief Committee, mainly concerning small grants. 255pp
- 153** June 1930-March 1931 **Reports and communications:**
file of this title containing communications between the A/G and local O/Cs and adjutants, usually at battalion and company level.
Consists mainly of reports, irregular but usually extensive, from units throughout the country, on parades and councils, recruitment, morale and the general state of organization. Also included are detailed inspection reports, usually from J J [Staff Captain Jones], in both narrative and tabular form, on the strength of units and general state of organization; such as a report on his tour of northern units (July 1930, 6pp), and observations by him on officer training classes organised at various locations. 256pp

- 154** 1931 **Captured documents:**
 typescript inventory of GHQ documents captured in Kilkee dump, 10 June 1931. Lists both files of communications with units and subject files, particularly from the Intelligence Department.
 Annotated 'None of the above correspondence is later than May 1928, and beyond American correspondence is of very little importance'. 1p
- 155** [September-October 1931] **All units:** file of communications
 January-December 1932 between the A/G and battalions and brigades throughout the country but most regularly in Dublin, the South and West. Included are reports on battalion and brigade councils; reports on the general state of organization of units with details on reorganization of areas and the formation of new companies; monthly reports in tabular form of the strengths and activities of Dublin 1 - 4 Brigades (February-March 1932); reports on the holding of parades and training sessions, and the resignation or dismissal of officers; material relating to financial matters including responsibility for Army debts and payments to dependents; and organization of and participation in memorial services, particularly where representatives of Fianna Fáil are also participating.
 Also includes some Army Council material including an unsigned copy letter on behalf of the Army Council, requesting the release of a Clare volunteer awaiting trial in Limerick Jail on charges of possessing arms, and outlining the facts of the case (25 November 1932, 1p); copy letter from Moss Twomey, Chairman, to members of the Army Council (18 November 1932, 1p) enclosing a memo (3pp) for discussion at a forthcoming meeting, mainly concerning the policy to be adopted in changing circumstances towards the government, on the land annuities question, and concerning meetings of the 'White Army'. 300pp
- 156** May-November 1932 **Reports and strengths of units:** packet of this title containing narrative and tabular reports on organization, training and battalion strengths, with details of battalion and company councils, parades and recruiting. Reports also include comment on peripheral matters such as the distribution of *An Phoblacht*. Reports are usually irregular and come from all areas of the country but most frequently the Kerry battalions, particularly Dingle, and the Ulster areas. Included are acknowledgements and comment on the content of reports by the A/G, on matters such as the necessity of avoiding clashes with the enemy 'at the present time'. 178pp

- 157** May-November 1932 Dissociated A/G's documents consisting largely of communications with a small number of units, mainly Offaly Brigade, on routine matters such as land disputes. 50pp
- 158** June-December 1932 **All units:** file of communications between the A/G and O/Cs of all units including Britain. Regular subjects of communications include local organization, morale and recruiting; the maintenance of reliable lines of communication; raids on volunteers' homes and arrests and trials; reports on raids by the IRA and on unauthorised operations by volunteers, with details of enquiries and disciplinary action; reports on the facts of local disputes, usually relating to land, threatened eviction or victimisation in employment of republican sympathisers, where assistance from GHQ is requested; and reports on condemnatory statements from the pulpit. There is a recurrence in communications of reference to the activities of Fianna Fáil supporters and local republican feeling towards Fianna Fáil. More routine matters include finances, the submission to the authorities of compensation claims; the appointment of officers and authorisation for the transfer of volunteers. 289pp

C. Executions, casualties and the Roll of Honour, 1920-30

- 159** 1920-4 c.100 completed **Casualty Form No.1 (Deaths)** returned to the A/G, giving details of deceased men, including personal information, circumstances of death, date of death and service record. Returns were made in September and October 1924 but concern volunteers killed since 1920 both during the War of Independence and Civil War. Returns are mainly from the Eastern and 2 Western Divisions (c.50 each) but include some from 2 Southern (4) and Midland (3). The return from 3 Southern consists of a list of 21 volunteers (3pp) with relevant details of service record and death, rather than individual forms. 109pp
- 160** 1 February 1923 Printer's plate containing the text of a letter from the Sub-District Q[uarter] M[aster], Quartermaster, Dublin Command, Collins Barracks.
'I enclose herewith Accounts for whiskey which was purchased on the order of General Hogan, and [supplied] to the firing

- 160 contd** squad who carried out the executions here.
I have certified these accounts, and would be glad if you would arrange to have them paid'.
In brown paper labelled 'Plate of document captured from Staters showing drink bought for executioners'. Together with a printed copy of the letter. 2 items
- 161** October 1923-
November 1924 **Casualties, murders and executions:** packet of this title consisting of communications between the A/G and local adjutants concerning submission of details of dead volunteers for commemorative purposes. Lists relate to the North Mayo, Kerry 1 and Dublin 1 Brigade areas. Also included is a handwritten list of men executed and killed in action throughout the country, November 1922-May 1923 (3pp).
20pp
- 162** [1923]-1926-7 **Roll of Honour:** returns to the A/G for inclusion in the Roll of Honour of men killed on active service, mainly during the Civil War period. Included are personal details including rank and unit, the circumstances of death and service record. Some returns are made on the official Roll of Honour Form C1 but more usually are informal returns. Returns are from Athlone Brigade (1p); Mid-Limerick Brigade (1p); West Mayo Brigade (21pp); 4 Northern Division (10pp); South Louth Brigade (4pp); Scotland (2pp); and No.3 Area Britain (1p). Included is a typescript list of executions by the Free State Government, November 1922-March 1923 (3pp).
42pp
- 163** [1923] **Executed volunteers:** handwritten and typescript lists, arranged by unit, usually giving name, address, unit and place of execution.
14pp
- 164** 1929-30 **Roll of Honour:** lists of officers and men killed during the entire period from the Easter Rising to the end of the Civil War, 1916-23. Details include name, rank, service record, circumstances of death, and sometimes name and address of nearest relative. Lists are for Dublin Brigade including 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Fingal Battalions, and Kerry Brigade. Rolls were compiled at the date indicated from casualty returns.
15pp

- 165** 1929-30 Communications between the A/G and O/Cs brigades concerning submission of accurate comprehensive lists of volunteers and civilians killed during the War of Independence or Civil War or dying at a later date as a result of wounds or illness sustained at the time. Included are handwritten lists submitted by local O/Cs and copies typed in the A/G's Department. Returns contain a very variable degree of detail and completeness but at the least will contain some personal details of each casualty and the circumstances of death. Areas given are contemporary brigade areas submitting lists, but such lists may cover extensive areas corresponding to former divisional organization; Antrim; Armagh/No.2 Area Ulster; Nos. 1 & 2 Areas Britain; Carlow; Carrick-on-Shannon; Connemara; Dundalk/4 Northern Division; Kilkenny North; Longford; South Louth; Midland; Offaly; Mid-Tipperary; North Wexford. 113pp
- 166** 1929-30 **Roll of Honour:** lists of IRA fatalities, mainly from the Civil War but including some details of men killed during the War of Independence. Includes lists submitted by individual units as well as general honour rolls compiled from these by the A/G. Detail given is variable but usually includes at least the circumstances and date of death. Includes some communications between the A/G and O/Cs Battalions and Brigades concerning the submission of lists and the detail required. The most extensive returns are from North Mayo Brigade, Kerry 1 Brigade, South Louth Brigade, Kilkenny Brigade, Claremorris Brigade, North Cork Battalion and South Galway Battalion. 119pp

D. Foreign Reserve List, 1925-7

- 167** August 1925-
September 1926 Material relating to the Foreign Reserve List and procedures for the enrolment of volunteers who have emigrated. Includes completed copies of Form FR1, Application for Transfer to Foreign Reserve List, giving each man's name, unit and appointment, and endorsed by a local officer; completed copies of Form FR2, Application for Enrolment on Foreign Reserve List, mostly completed by local officers, giving former units and present addresses overseas of volunteers; intended to facilitate the recruitment of volunteers to the list; correspondence between the A/G and O/Cs and Adjutants, Brigades and Battalions, concerning personal details and addresses of men

- 167 contd** who have emigrated; enquiries from the A/G to local officers on foot of enquiries from the US concerning former volunteers, seeking to verify their records; copies of lists of volunteers sent to the O/C Britain and the Military Attache to the USA. Volunteers are mainly from Waterford Battalion, North Mayo Brigade, 1 Battalion Kerry 1 Brigade, 6 Battalion Kerry 2 Brigade, and Arklow Company.
[Researchers should note that the dating of documents is not wholly reliable; typescript copy documents dated 1923 should be dated 1926.] 149pp
- 168** 1925-6 2 copies of Form FR1 and FR2 relating to transfer to the Foreign Reserve List of former volunteers who emigrated to Australia or New Zealand, together with a list of 7 names sent to New Zealand for the Foreign Reserve List. 5pp
- 169** March-April 1926 Original file of c.220 copies of Form FR3, Approval of Transfer to Foreign Reserve List in the USA. Form lists name, rank and appointment, unit date of departure, and address in the US. A small number of completed copies of Form FR1. Application for Transfer, are included. Note attached indicates that these are duplicates of forms sent to M/A [Military Attache to the USA] on 1 April 1926. 225pp
- 170** April-August 1926 Unfiled lists and forms relating to applications for transfer or enrolment on the Foreign Reserve List. Included are lists of men who have signed forms or on whose behalf their former C/Os have signed forms; and completed or partially completed copies of Forms FR1, FR2 and FR3.
Information given usually includes name, home address, present address abroad, date of leaving Ireland, and former unit. All of the material concerns men who went to North America. 138pp
- 171** May 1926-February 1927 Unfiled or dissociated communications between the A/G and local officers all concerning queries about the records of men who emigrated, either to the UK or US, and applications for enrolment on the Foreign Reserve List. Communications are with Dublin 1 Brigade, Leix Battalion and Boyne Battalion.
[Researchers should note unreliability in the dating of many

- 171 contd** documents arising from the apparently deliberate practice of misdating documents in 1926 and 1927 as 1923 and 1924 respectively]. 26pp
- 172** 1926-7 Softcover notebook recording details of volunteers granted transfers to England, Scotland and Wales. Only 10 openings of the notebook have been used. Details recorded include name, unit, previously attached to, and occasionally an address in Britain, mainly in the context of queries received from Britain as to the bona fides of emigrants claiming to have been volunteers. 16x10cms

E. Communications with related organizations

i. IRPDF, 1923-4

- 173** January-March 1923 Copies of 3 letters from Conn Ua Maoldomhnaigh, A/G and Deputy C/S, to [Caitlin de Barra], Secretary, IRPDF, mainly concerning disbursement of funds (29 January-5 March 1923, 1p each). Letter from Caitlin de Barra to the A/G (19 February 1923, 1p) enclosing copies of 2 reports from the Secretary, IRPDF, to the Executive (9 February 1923, 2pp; 16 February 1923, 3pp) summarising the work of Command and Divisional Committees. Copy of the Secretary's report to the Executive (22 February 1923, 4pp) including draft Executive report to the Central Committee (3pp) for approval. Both reports summarise the formation and work of Command, Divisional and Brigade committees and secretaries and report from these. 16pp
- 174** October 1923-April 1924 Communications between the A/G and Caitlin de Barra, Secretary, IRPDF, including minutes of meetings of the IRPDF Executive Committee together with Secretary's reports and financial statements. Communications generally concern the payment of allowances to divisions and brigades; the payment of funeral expenses and allowances to dependents; and supervision of battalion committees and fundraising activities. Includes communications with the Prisoners' Dependents' Relief Committee and material relating to the integration of the PDRC with the IRPDF. Also includes copies of communications between the Secretary, IRPDF, and divisional committees. 133pp

ii. Irish White Cross, 1926

- 175** October-November 1926 **Irish White Cross (Winding-Up) Association:** file of documents mainly relating to efforts by the A/G to ensure that all deserving cases are presented to the Association, set up in October 1926 to disburse residuary monies of the Irish White Cross Reconstruction Commission. Included are press cuttings concerning the registration of the Association, the funds to be disbursed, and the submission of applications; communications between the A/G and local officers concerning local cases in need; and lists of cases and supporting statement from local officers. Communications from the A/G to the Secretary, Irish White Cross Reconstruction Commission, forwarding applications. While lists of cases are spread evenly throughout the country, the file contains a number of original applications consisting mainly of a statement of service record and present circumstances. The majority of these are from Derry (c.35 items). 261pp

F. Postal Records, 1925-31

- 176** August 1925-December 1926 **Communications outward:** 2 hardcover notebooks marked Book 1 [P69/176(1)] and Book 2 [P69/176(2)] recording A/G's communications. Book 1 records communications with c.25 units; Book 2 a further c.15 units, government and GHQ departments, and staff officers. Details include reference number of communications; date sent and acknowledged; to whom sent; and a very brief indication of content. Communications are of a uniformly routine nature. 23x17x1cms
- 177** 1926-31 Communications record book arranged by units and GHQ departments, listing communications both received and sent by the A/G. Record consists of a reference number, date, a one-line description of content, and date of acknowledgment. 32x30x2½cms

G. Financial Records, 1925-7

- 178** September 1925-June 1927 A/G's Department cash account book listing items of income and expenditure on a monthly basis. Income is exclusively from the department's imprest. Expenditure is mainly of a routine administrative nature including office rent, typists' wages, printing, and occasional travelling expenses. 16x10x1cms

III. EXECUTIVE, ARMY COUNCIL and GENERAL ARMY CONVENTIONS, 1922-33

- 179** 1922-5 **Executive:** file consisting mainly of typescript and handwritten minutes and related documentation, of 5 meetings of the Executive, October 1922-August 1924, and of 3 meetings of the Government and Army Council, April-June 1924. Supporting documents include an intelligence report (7pp) and C/S report (4pp) for the Executive meeting, August 1924; lists of Executive members and their substitutes at various times and for specific purposes, such as the framing of a constitution, March 1922 (March 1922-January 1924, 13pp); brief history of the Executive (March 1922-January 1924, 5pp); and copy documents concerning moves to secure terms for a ceasefire, May 1923 (10pp). 194pp
- 180** January, August 1924 **Executive:** minutes, compiled by the A/G, of the Executive meeting, January 1924. Consists mainly of summary of reports from the C/S, A/G, D/I and D/MS. Subjects discussed include the courts martial of men who had signed forms of undertaking as a condition of their release from prison; and the question of presenting a defence against charges in Free State courts (8pp). Handwritten and typescript copy of the A/G's report to the Executive meeting, August 1924. Deals with the state of the Army on a divisional and brigade basis with reference to staffing and strengths; relations with republican organizations; unemployment and discipline (10pp). 44pp

- 181** [January 1923]-
February 1925-
January 1927
- Army Council:** minutes and related material concerning army policy and organization; membership of the council and army appointments; the relationship between the army and the government; the general military situation and finances. Included is material predating the formation of the Army Council to control and administer the army (March 1925) and its ratification as the supreme authority by a General Army Convention (November 1925). Also included is correspondence and memoranda between senior army officers such as Frank Aiken, C/S and Minister for Defence, and Con Moloney, A/G; correspondence between Eamon de Valera, President, and Frank Aiken concerning Aiken's resignation as Minister for Defence (February 1925) and the separation of the positions of C/S and Minister For Defence; memorandum by Aiken on the duties and responsibilities of the Minister for Defence (February 1925, 2pp); copies of mema submitted to meetings of the Army Council on matters such as the distribution of the duties of the Army Council, the situation in Northern Ireland, organization in the US, and future policy in Britain; draft by the C/S of the Army Council report to the General Army Convention (September 1925, 10pp) reviewing events since the Treaty; drafts of the Army Constitution submitted to the Convention (August, November 1925, 4pp each); letter from Frank Aiken to the Chairman of the Army Council (18 November 1925, 2pp) concerning policy on the entry of TDs to the Dáil; correspondence between the Secretary of the Army Council and the Honorary Secretaries, Sinn Féin, on policy matters and the general coordination of republican organizations; draft agreement (June 1926, 3pp) on the establishment of a republican council, between Comhairle na dTeachtaí, Sinn Féin, the IRA and Cumann na mBan. 145pp
- 182** January-June 1926
- Advisory Council:** material relating to the Advisory Council composed of representatives of Comhairle na dTeachtaí, the Standing Committee of Sinn Féin, the Army Council and Cumann na mBan. Includes a signed copy of the agreement between the participating bodies delineating the constitution, powers, and financial administration of the council (1 January 1926, 3pp); correspondence mainly between the Chairman of the Advisory Council and the Secretary to the Army Council, concerning the functioning of the Advisory Council, and matters referred to it such as the admission of Fianna Fáil to membership, the disposal of returned 1921 general election deposits, and the recall of the mission to the US; memo from Art Ó Conchubhair, President, to M[oss] T[womey] concerning the withdrawal of

- 182 contd** Comhairle na dTeachtaí representatives and the consequent dissolution of the Advisory Council as previously constituted (26 May 1926, 2pp); correspondence between Sinn Féin and the Army Council concerning proposals for the formation of a republican council as a coordinating body similar to the dissolved Advisory Council. 43pp
- 183** October 1926-June 1927 **Communications with the US:** file of communications mainly between the Chairman of the Army Council and An Timthire [The organizer], Óglaih na hÉireann, USA, mostly with Con Neenan, New York but also with J Browne and Mr Jones. Despatches are usually almost completely in code but with précis attached to both outgoing and incoming despatches, and occasional full transcripts. Regular subjects of despatches include establishing contact with men travelling to the US to ensure their enrolment on the Foreign Reserve List; the credentials of newly-arrived men; Clan na Gael and Republican Clubs fundraising; the procurement of arms and transmission of money; reaction in the US to events in Ireland and developments in the Irish-American community towards republican unity. Includes completed copies of Form FR2, Application For Enrolment on the Foreign Reserve List, together with a consolidated list of applicants; predominantly former officers and volunteers in the Offaly Brigade, now resident in New York City (April-June 1927, 17 items). Also includes copy letter from the Chairman of the Army Council to Liam Dwyer, Detroit, Michigan [former O/C 5 Battalion, 5 Cork Brigade] defending the Clan na Gael organization against criticisms made by Dwyer. 'I am glad to say that large numbers of our men in America do not adopt this attitude. They have gone wholeheartedly into this organization' (13 January 1927, 3pp). 186pp
- 184** September-October 1927 **Dáil Bonds:** 2 letters from the Chairman of the Army Council to the President concerning the ultimate destination of money collected through Dáil Bond subscriptions in the US (5 September, 19 October 1927, 1p each); acknowledgement from the Secretary to the President (28 October 1927, 1p); copy of a memo (1p) on Dáil policy in relation to the money in the context of US court decisions that it be returned to the subscribers. 4 items

- 185** May 1932-May 1933 **Clan na Gael:** communications and despatches between the Army Council and Clan na Gael mainly between the C/S and Chairman of the Army Council on the one hand, and the Secretary or Acting Secretary of Clan na Gael on the other. Substantial matters treated in the despatches include the political situation in Ireland in the aftermath of the formation of the Fianna Fáil government; IRA and Irish-American attitudes to the government on issues such as the annuities dispute and the Pensions Bill; support for Fianna Fáil in the US and its effect on Clan support and membership; factionalism in Irish-American organizations; breach of the 1926 agreement between the IRA and the Clan Executive defining the relationship between the two organizations by the suspension of General Order 29, effectively removing the ban on volunteers voting in elections; the origins and formation of Saor Éire; the activities of the Army Comrades' Association; the operation by the Clan of disablement support and training schemes for volunteers; the transfer of members back to Ireland; the supply of arms and financial support. Included is some limited direct correspondence between Moss Twomey, C/S, and Joe McGarrity, Clan na Gael; copy of a memorandum for the Army Council envoy to the Clan (August 1932, 2pp) concerning the nature of the relationship between the two organizations; reports on Clan Executive meetings and conventions; and proposals for revision of the 1926 agreement.
302pp
- 186** January 1933 **General election:** handwritten draft resolution of a General Army Convention (4pp) referring to the forthcoming general election and the decision to support, with reservations, the Fianna Fáil Party; longer handwritten text (7pp) on the same subject, reviewing Fianna Fáil's year in government and criticising economic policy, the continuing imprisonment of republicans, and the failure to abolish the oath of allegiance.
2 items
- 187** February-March 1933 **General Army Convention:** material concerning the convention, 17-18 March 1933, including notification from the A/G to the commander of each independent unit (18 February 1933, 3pp) containing comment on the significant aspects of the previous year, such as the Fianna Fáil government record in its treatment of republicans and its failure to revoke coercive legislation; the policy of the IRA towards Saor Éire; and the issue of republican candidates at the forthcoming Northern Ireland general election. Also includes c.10 reports in narrative and tabular form of brigade conventions summoned to form and submit resolutions

- 187 contd** to the General Army Convention; copy of the resolutions (13pp), the clár (14pp) and the report of the convention (33pp). 118pp

IV. MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS, 1922-4

- 188** April 1922- July 1923 Material relating mainly to the drafting, approval and issuing of Dáil decrees, orders and proclamations relating to: courts; the collection of revenue and taxes and general financial matters; the North-East and British boycotts; the prohibition of outdoor sports; action against robbers; and the registration of dogs. Includes drafts and approved versions of proclamations; copy correspondence with the President, Minister for Finance and other ministers concerning drafts; correspondence between [Padraig Ó Ruithleis] Minister for Home Affairs and Michael Comyn KC concerning proclamations relating to courts; material relating to procedures for issuing decrees, orders and proclamations; typescript copies of Dáil Éireann decrees (1919-21) and of memo and instructions issued by the C/S (May 1923-August 1924). Also includes copies of a suggested scheme of economics and a suggested democratic programme (1923); material relating to the reorganization of Sinn Féin. 242pp

V. DIRECTOR of INTELLIGENCE, 1922-32

- 189** December 1922-March 1923 **Southern Command:**
intelligence communications,
initially between the A/G, C/O
Southern Command, and the D/I, GHQ; but after the
appointment of a Command I/O in January 1923, between that
officer and the D/I. Communications concern general
arrangements for intelligence gathering, such as the
appointment of divisional I/Os, but are most usually directed
towards conveying or eliciting specific information on matters
such as Free State intelligence moves, peace moves,
allegations about members of the Garda Síochána carrying
arms, and the ill-treatment of prisoners in custody.
Includes 2 communications from the D/I to the I/O Southern
Command (10, 14 January 1923, 2pp each) concerning the
taking of hostages to prevent the execution of prisoners, and
the possibility of taking hostage the brother of General
Mulcahy, in charge of troops in Roscrea.
Communications concerning Captain E Hanrahan, O/C
Transport, Mid-Limerick Brigade, a prisoner in Limerick County
Jail, including 3 reports from Hanrahan (February 1923, 9pp,
2pp, 3pp) outlining the circumstances in which he was allowed
to 'escape' from custody to provide intelligence for the Free
State Army, and subsequent meetings with his 'handler'.
72pp
- 190** [1922/3] **Prisoners:** typescript lists by
county of male volunteers
imprisoned in Cork Female
Prison. Includes names, town or area of origin and active
service unit. Lists are for Kerry, Waterford and Cork City and
County. 28pp
- 191** 1923 **Prisoners:** returns to the D/I of
prisoners in jails and detention
camps, mainly Pump Square
Detention Camp, Athlone, but also Finner Camp, Hare Park and
the SS Argenta, Larne Harbour. Included are names of
members of county committees elected in the camps on the
instructions of the D/I; lists of prisoners who were delegates to
the 1922 Sinn Féin Ard Fheis (1923, 9pp); and a list from
Dundalk Jail of 'outside helpers', people who are willing to help
at elections, mainly from the border and midland counties
(25pp). 141pp

- 192** [c. 1923] **Prisoners:** notebook containing typescript lists of prisoners, giving names and addresses and amounts of money paid [for relief of distress?]. Lists are generally arranged by county, including counties Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth, but also contains list of 'miscellaneous' and 'Northern prisoners resident in Dublin'.
26x20cms; 48pp
- 193** May 1926-February 1927 Packet of D/I communications with units and with other GHQ officers. Communications with units relate to local intelligence gathering and include occasional brief reports and snippets of intelligence on local political activity, security force raids and arrests, queries concerning the service history and credentials of men who had gone abroad; and communications with prisoners with specific reference to the condition of hunger strikers. Also includes is a copy of a memo from the Department of Intelligence on the elements of intelligence work (May 1926, 5pp); a list of French and German addresses, post to and from which was being intercepted by a Special Branch officer at the GPO (October 1926, 10pp); report from the I/O, 1 Area Ulster (November 1926, 10pp); extracts from reports on raids and arrests, forwarded for publication to **An Phoblacht**; a list, from an earlier period, of female prisoners in Kilmainham Jail (17 March 1923, 5pp).
[Researchers should note unreliability in dating arising from the apparently deliberate subterfuge of dating 1926 documents as 1923].
137pp
- 194** October-November 1926 **Corruption in National Army administration:** handwritten and typescript copies of a statement by Hugh Callan, a former Land Commission official seconded in 1923 to the Army Accounts Department, Cork Command, to investigate allegations of corruption and misappropriation of funds, by means of submission and payment of fraudulent accounts by local traders. Callan details his findings, subsequent action by the army authorities and the Department of Defence, and official instructions to him to pay all accounts to avoid repercussions on government candidates in the constituency in the 1923 general election; subsequent charges brought against him of conspiracy to defraud public funds; statement made from Maryborough Jail while serving 5 years penal servitude on the charges (5 October 1926, 10pp, 6pp).
Handwritten and typescript copies of a statement by R B Harold, a former sergeant in the Quarter Master's Department, Accounts Branch, Cork Command, and a co-defendant of

- 194 contd** Callan's. Harold recounts his experience of corruption in the discharging of accounts for services to the Army; irregularities in the requisitioning of supplies; the bribery of officers; payment of non-existent accounts; and the refusal by the banks to honour army cheques; insists on his and Callan's innocence as scapegoats for corrupt officers; statement made from Maryboro Jail (13 October 1926, 8pp, 4pp); Typescript copy of a letter from Harold to his mother describing the harsh and demeaning nature of the prison regime and the false nature of the charges against him and Callan (November 1926, 3pp). 23pp
- 195** 1926-31 **Communications record book** containing separate chronological lists of communications sent by or received by Intelligence. Record includes reference number, date, sender or recipient, a brief description of content, and date of acknowledgement. 32x20x2½cms
- 196** April 1927-January 1928 Packet of D/I communications mainly with I/Os at area, brigade and battalion level. Includes: short reports on police raids, arms seizures, and the arrest, interrogation and ill-treatment of republican activists; regular enquiries about men, their activities, records and general trustworthiness, usually concerning men who have moved away, and directed at their former O/Cs; reports on the activities of suspected informants; requests from the D/I for regular reports on Free State police and military positions and activities; Intelligence Department memo on 'What Intelligence Means' including 'an outline of the duties of the intelligence service in peacetime' (25 May 1926, 5pp); handwritten note from 'Your fond brother Paddy' [Waterford] but passed to the A/G's Department from the O/C Dundalk, recounting a story told by a Dr McGuinness, temporarily resident in Waterford, who had attended Kevin O'Higgins after his shooting and before his death, that O'Higgins had identified one of his assailants as Emmet Dalton (September 1927, 2pp). 176pp
- 197** [1924]-1927-28 **Prisoners:** file consisting of three sections, each section concerning prisoners in different custodies and the circumstances of their imprisonment. 2 sections are D/I records, the third from the A/G's Department, presumably given to the D/I as being responsible for prisoners. **Maryboro prisoners:** communications between S O'S [aka John Hogan], O/C Political Prisoners, Maryboro Prison and Jack Jones; between Jack Jones and the D/I; and some few direct

197 contd communications between S O'S and the D/I. Those from S O'S to Jack Jones consist of regular extensive handwritten reports on conditions inside the prison with specific reference to the political prisoners' demands for unconditional release, for political treatment prior to their release, and to their striking in the face of the authorities' refusal of their demands, by refusing to obey orders, work or wear prison clothing; and to disciplinary action taken against the strikers. Early communications contain much speculation as to possible changes in the prisoners' position brought about by the changed circumstances after the general election. Also included are communications between the D/I and Madame Maud Gonne MacBride, Political Prisoners' Committee, with reference to the Maryboro prisoners and to political prisoners generally (April 1927-January 1928).

Waterford prisoners: material concerning the alleged torture by the police in Waterford of men arrested following armed raids on Garda Síochána barracks in the county in November 1926. Includes communications between the A/G and O/C Waterford Battalion; extracts from statements by victims, mainly Crotty, O'Doherty and Healy, with a handwritten statement by Crotty (29 July 1927, 2pp); copy of a report by Maud Gonne MacBride on the situation in Waterford in the aftermath of the incidents, her interviews with the alleged victims and their solicitors, and the holding of a Commission of Enquiry into the incidents by the authorities. Much of the material relates to a legal case being taken against the authorities on foot of the allegations (January-October 1927).

Crumlin Road prisoners: incomplete file of material relating to Frank O'Boyle, William Conlon and Hugh Rogers, serving life sentences in Crumlin Road for the murder of William McDowell in September 1920. Includes communications with the I/O, 1 Area Ulster, and other officers as to whether the men were members of the IRA at the time of the alleged murder, their status within the organization, and the names of senior officers prepared to vouch for them; statements from the men themselves; and material relating to the ill-treatment of associates of theirs in Maidstone Prison, England (March 1924-April 1927).
176pp

198 May-October 1931 **Enemy posts:** intelligence reports on Free State Army barracks with reference to security, patrols, personnel, stores and equipment. Copies of 11 Dublin Military District Battalion Routine Orders giving details of army postings, strengths, parades, men on leave, and other particulars of staff.
44pp

- 199** March-October 1932 Packet of D/I communications with I/Os and O/Cs areas, brigades and battalions. Communications are usually concerned with the provision of information on individuals, with the D/I acting as a clearing house for requests for information; reports from I/Os and O/Cs on alleged CID assaults on civilians, arrests, the treatment of prisoners, charges, trials and sentences; dismissal from employment because of republican sympathies; results of surveillance on suspected individuals and other local intelligence gathering activities; reports on well positioned sympathisers whose services can be used. After August communications are increasingly concerned with requests for reports on the recruitment and organization activities of the Army Comrades' Association. Communications are mainly with the Dublin Brigade, 1 Area Ulster, and the West Clare Battalion, though more occasional reports from other areas, including Britain are included.
203pp

VI. DIRECTOR of PUBLICITY, 1922-4-[31]

- 200** July-September 1922 Army publicity reference copies of 3 memos; 2 from the Director of Medical Services (25 July 1922, 1p; 25 September 1922, 3pp) dealing with Red Cross activities and the health and hygiene of men; and 1 from the C/S dealing with general operational matters.
3 items
- 201** 1922 Texts and drafts of 4 articles, reviews and proposed publications, mainly of a cultural and educational nature; handwritten draft text of Rev Patrick S Dineen, 'The Irish language in the New Ireland' (9pp); typescript text of a review by Eithne Ni Pheadair of Dr Anne Patterson, *Music in Ireland: past, present and future* (8pp); typescript text of Elizabeth Bloxham, 'The educational aspect of domestic science' (10pp); typescript scheme of a book, *Ireland a Nation*, with outline chapters and proposed authors (c.1922, 14pp).
4 items

- 202** 1922-3 File of dissociated documents intended primarily for use for publicity purposes. Includes public statements on the republican position; copies of resolutions passed by sympathetic meetings; short articles on the functioning of the IRA. Includes a copy of Publicity Department Memo 1 on 'Army Publicity' (6 December 1922, 3pp) and typescript text with manuscript corrections of 'A call to Irish women' by Katherine Tynan (11pp).
11 items
- 203** 1923 Annotated copy of the **Summary of Proceedings** of the Imperial Conference 1923. Annotations consist mainly of underlining. Copy marked 'Return to D'. Marginalia indicate the use of underlined passages in republican propaganda material.
24pp
- 204** January-March 1924 File of 4 letters to the press from the Acting President; the Director of Publicity, Sinn Féin; the C/S; and the Acting A/G. Letters seek to rebut government statements and press reports concerning IRA activities; to dissociate the IRA from individuals claiming to act as spokesmen; and to make public the intimidation of arrested republicans by the Free State Army. 6pp
- 205** 1929, 31 Handwritten and typescript texts for publication [in **An tOglach?**] of articles on army matters, specifically training. Includes some related correspondence. Articles have been submitted by GHQ officers. Also includes **GHQ Notes** containing directions for the running of units.
25pp

VII. QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, 1922-4

Series of 11 file units taken from a disintegrated concertina file holder, consisting of QMG's communications with other general staff officers. Files have been maintained as originally created but some reorganization has taken place in consolidating a number of items into P69/216.

- 206** [June 1924]-
January-October 1925 **C/S:** material concerning the formation and purpose of a Volunteer Reserve and Foreign Reserve List, including drafts of a general order on the reserve list; QMG's copies of relevant communications between the C/S and other staff officers including copies of reports on Northern Ireland from Commandant Moss Twomey, Inspection Officer, to the C/S (May 1925, 11pp) and to the Minister for Defence (May 1925, 5pp); communications from the C/S concerning the redistribution of the duties of the Finance and Accounts Branch, and changes in the QMG's responsibilities as a result (May 1925, 5pp) with supplementary material concerning the distribution of divisional grants; general material concerning the supply of books, arms and machinery and occasional reports on the capture of arms by the Free State Army.
119pp
- 207** [April 1924]-
April-October 1925 **A/G:** QMG's copies of communications issued by the A/G to O/Cs Independent Units mainly concerning the holding of brigade conventions; copies of brigade resolutions for the General Army Convention (September 1925, 14pp) and further supplementary resolutions (September-October 1925, 6pp); copy draft army constitution (September 1925, 4pp); QMG's copies of relevant reports received by the A/G, mainly inspection reports, such as a report on 4 Western Division (May 1925, 6pp) and copy of a revised scheme of organization of the Midland Division (late 1924, 3pp); statement by the A/G for the QMG consisting of a rough outline of the duties of adjutants (October 1924, 3pp); material relating to the Court of Inquiry into the affairs of the Purchases Department, including copies of financial statements and related correspondence, mainly concerning transactions in Germany (October 1925, 30pp); material concerning the case of Frank McGough, former proprietor of the Irish Chemical Manufacturing Company, North Summer Street, Dublin, who had lost his business and done hard labour on conviction for importing explosives, and was now in dire straits (May-December 1924, 8pp).
119pp

- 208** April-October 1925 **Minister for Defence:** QMG's copies of M/D's circulars to all headquarters departments; draft army constitution; communications concerning specific army debts and communications with O/C Finance and Accounts Branch concerning general financial matters; material relating to QMG's Department monthly imprest.
45pp
- 209** October 1924-September 1925 **Director of Engineering:** communications mainly concerning the procurement of arms and equipment including galvanometers, compasses and revolvers, and military engineering manuals; includes copies of Engineering Training Memo 1 (4 November 1924, 3pp) containing a general scheme of training for the engineering service, and of a memo on engineering organization (4 November 1924, 2pp) both from the Director of Engineering.
43pp
- 210** [July 1924]-February-May 1925 **Director of Purchases:** some routine communications concerning outstanding debts and the purchase of equipment; material primarily concerning the QMG's attempts to clarify the workings of the Purchases Department particularly in relation to transactions in Germany, with a copy of a memo from Commandant Seán MacBride, Officer-in-Charge, Finance and Accounts Branch, describing investigations into the financial transactions of the Director of Purchases in Germany, together with copies of related documents (May 1925, 16pp).
38pp
- 211** April-October 1925 **Director of Communications:** QMG's copies of D/Communications' directives to all headquarters departments mainly concerning the *modus operandi* for issuing despatches; copy of a report from the D/Communications to a number of general staff officers, including the QMG, listing papers captured in his files during a recent raid (3 April 1925, 1p).
7pp
- 212** February-March 1925 **Director of Medical Services:** communications mainly concerning expenses for hospital treatment and money grants to disabled and invalid men; copies of 2 White Cross reports (February 1925, 1p each) consisting of lists of cases of injured men placed before the

- 212 contd** Committee by the DMS; material relating to the situation arising from the White Cross decision to cease dealing with cases of disablement and disease arising from war conditions. 10pp
- 213** [August]-December 1924- April 1925 **Military Attaché to the USA:** communications, usually in cipher, concerning the procurement and transportation of arms and ammunition and related matters such as safe covering addresses. The coded sections of those communications received from the military attaché have been deciphered and annotated by the QMG. 17pp
- 214** August-December 1924 [-May 1925] **'Dennis':** communications between the QMG and 'Dennis' [a member of the QMG Department staff] on matters concerning arms; their arrival from abroad; their location and quantity with particular reference to No.1 Dump, the necessity for its removal and suggestions for an alternative location. Consists mainly of handwritten communications from 'Dennis' with key words in cipher. Includes a list of supplies in the QMG's stores at 20 December 1924. 26pp
- 215** [October 1924-] February-November 1925 **Communications with units:** communications mainly with the QMs of divisions and brigades, mostly concerning the distribution of war materials including armaments, manuals and maps. Includes communications with QM, 4 Northern Division, concerning the importation of 'stuff' from Liverpool; and a Dublin 1 Brigade report (11 November 1925, 4pp) on operations including the seizure of unspecified reels of film from the Masterpiece Theatre. 75pp
- 216** August 1924- November 1925 **General communications** mainly of a routine nature. Includes forms, mostly blank, with a few entries in cipher, for details of workers on various ferry lines (c.1924, 6pp); forms and invoices relating to the importation of goods and equipment (August 1924, 5 items); communications concerning army debts (c.10 items); copy of a memo from the President to the A/G sent to the QMG for his information, confirming Oscar Traynor as republican candidate in the North Dublin by-election in spite of the expressed views of the Army Council (13 January 1925, 1p). 55pp

VIII. DIRECTOR of PURCHASES, 1921 [-5]

- 217** June-November 1921 Material relating mainly to the
-[1925] purchase and clandestine
shipping of arms from the US
including notes detailing a
scheme for shipping 125 Thomson machine guns inside bales of
peeler comber (June 1921); copy letter from the Director of
Purchases to the Military Attaché, New York, appointing him
agent for the Purchases Department and enclosing orders for
arms and equipment and directions for shipping (September-
November 1921); original authorisation from Cathal Brugha,
Minister for Defence, for \$50,000 to be spent on arms and
ammunition (10 September 1921) and scheme for shipping;
letters from prospective suppliers and sympathisers to Harry
Boland (June-July 1921, 7 items); typescript copy notes from a
later period (1925) concerning maritime communications,
relating mainly to possibly useful sympathetic seamen, shipping
routes and US ports. 51pp

IX. DEPARTMENT of COMMUNICATIONS, 1925-7

- 218** September 1925-June 1927 Cash account book recording
Communications Department
income and expenditure under
broad headings on a monthly basis. 16x20x1cms

X. DEPARTMENT of FINANCE and ACCOUNTS, 1924-7

- 219** September 1924-June 1927 IRA cash accounts maintained by
the Department of Finance and
Accounts on a monthly basis.
Income is generally recorded as transferred from the Ministry
of Defence. Expenditure is recorded usually as itemised grants
and imprests to staff officers, HQ departments, areas,
battalions and brigades. Monthly accounts are usually certified
correct. Inserted is some unfiled correspondence and vouchers
(28 items) mainly from the C/S to the O/C Finance and
Accounts concerning reimbursement for expenditure.
32x20x1cms

XI. COMMISSION on DISCIPLINE, 1924

- 220** 1924 Handwritten and typescript proposal documents relating to disciplinary regulations; the convening, composition and procedures of various types of courts of enquiry and courts martial; and the oaths to be taken. Documents relate mainly to the work of Committee C of Committees A-D of the Commission on Discipline. Also includes correspondence between the secretary to the Commission and Seorsa Ó Pluingcead [George Count Plunkett], secretary to Committee D, concerning critical comments by Ó Pluingcead on the work of the other committees and proposals produced by them. 99pp

XII. MOSS TWOMEY, 1925-32

- 221** 1925 Envelope marked Packet No. 128 containing a letter from Seán Lehane, Scart, Bantry, to Moss Twomey enclosing the registration book for a Monarch motor bike together with a letter from A D MacNamara, The Rectory, Doneraile, County Cork, the former owner of the bike (1 June 1925, 3 items); receipted bill from the Royal Exchange Hotel, Parliament Street, Dublin, to Moss Twomey (November 1925, 1 item); schedule of Cooks sailings and fares to North American ports (December 1925, 1 item); blank cheque drawn on the Castleisland Branch of the National Bank (1 item). 6 items
- 222** November-December 1930 **American Tour:** material relating to a promotional and speaking tour of the US, August-September 1930, by Twomey as an IRA envoy. Includes a list of contacts and people to meet and statement of travelling and living expenses (9pp); 11 letters, mostly from E O'Callaghan, San Francisco, California, commenting in a very unstructured fashion on various aspects of American and Irish-American life, such as the news media and anti-Irish propaganda; the general state of Irish-American organizations; the need to enlist organised labour and international sympathy to the Sinn Féin cause. Press cuttings from US newspapers, mostly forwarded by O'Callaghan, relating to the content of his letters, such as US foreign policy, events in Ireland and Europe, and unemployment and poverty in the US (c.20 items). 57pp

- 223** November 1932 2 personal letter from Connie [Neenan, An Timthire, agent for sales of **An Phoblacht** in the US] to Moss Twomey, mainly concerning events in republican circles with reference to disagreements and dissension, as well as news of mutual friends (10 November 1932, 2pp; 22 November 1932, 1p). Also contains a circular referring to a meeting of the James Connolly IRA Club (US) (1p).
3 items

XIII. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Republican Press Limited, 1929-36

1929-36 **An Phoblacht:** 18 files of correspondence, invoices and statements of account relating to the sale and distribution of **An Phoblacht**, mainly in the US but also in Australia and New Zealand. Correspondence is between the Republican Press Ltd, 12 St Andrew Street, Dublin and Irish clubs and organizations such as the Irish American Club, United Irish Societies of Chicago, Irish Freedom League Montreal, and the Irish National Association of Australia; subscription agencies, newsagents, newspapers and distributors, and individual subscribers and organizers. The correspondence is overwhelmingly of a routine nature concerning orders, conditions for sale or return, non-receipt of papers, invoices and statements, and settlement of accounts. Letters from individual subscribers tend to be rather more discursive, with comment on recession and unemployment in the US, the state of organization of the Irish-American population, and views from the US on developments in Ireland. Letters from the Republican Press contain occasional reference to raids on its offices, the seizure of papers and the arrest of Frank Ryan, the editor. 2 files in particular [P69/233, 235] contain more narrative matter on Irish-American affairs though this is relative. Matters referred to include the almost complete lack of coverage of Irish affairs in US newspapers, with some reports for publication of republican events, usually commemorative in the US. Dates given are earliest and latest. Individual files usually cover a much shorter period.

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Australia and New Zealand
82pp

- 225** Unsorted American and Canadian
correspondence
145pp
- 226** Butte, Montana
9pp
- 227** Chicago, Illinois
78pp
- 228** Cincinnati, Ohio
8pp
- 229** Cleveland, Ohio
21pp
- 230** Hartford, Connecticut
25pp
- 231** Holyoke, Massachusetts
19pp
- 232** Massachusetts
27pp
- 233** Cathal MacFhionnachtaigh
[Charles McGennity, agent for
sales in New York]
194pp
- 234** Conn Neenan [An Timthire/The
Organizer, agent for sales
outside New York]
73pp
- 235** New York (Publicity)
46pp
- 236** Providence, Detroit, Portland
10pp

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Moss Twomey Papers

- 237** Roxbury 16pp
- 238** San Francisco 47pp
- 239** Seattle, Bloomfield, Minneapolis 14pp
- 240** Waterbury 31pp
- 241** Worcester, Massachusetts 5pp

2 files of routine correspondence and related material between the Republican Press Ltd [usually Annie O'Farrell], 12 St Andrew Street, Dublin, and agents and subscribers to **An Phoblacht** concerning all aspects of ordering, delivery, sale and payment for the paper.

Includes notification of changes of address for delivery, often due to security force surveillance; changes to orders due to fluctuations in demand; queries about accounts and attempts to have outstanding accounts settled. One file [P69/242] relates to the supply of the paper to London and consists mainly of correspondence with the secretaries of Sinn Féin cumainn. Occasional reference is made to the submission for publication of reports on club activities, with comment on Irish community matters. The other file [P69/243] relates to the supply of the paper to Northern Ireland subscribers.

- 242** June 1929-August 1934 147pp
- 243** October 1929-May1935 172pp
- 244** 1929-36 Republican Press Ltd ledger detailing supplies and services accounts in connection with office administration and printing and distribution of **An Phoblacht**. Inserted are c.20 invoices, mostly bills for printing. 33x22x2½cms

- 245** December 1934- Republican Press Ltd bank pass
October 1936 book for an account held at the
Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd,
O'Connell Street, Dublin. Brought
forward from a previous book, records date of transaction,
cheque number and amount. 32pp

B. Irish Volunteer Students' Aid committee, 1924

- 246** [1924] Completed copies of Form B,
form of application to the
committee for assistance in
returning to college, from volunteers who had interrupted their
college studies to fight. The form includes name and address,
brigade and division, rank and unit, reason for leaving college,
and volunteer record. More than half the applications are from
the Cork area, the rest scattered throughout the country.
17 items

C. Boycott British League, 1932

- 247** October-November 1932 Publicity material relating to the
aims and methods of the Boycott
British League; correspondence
between the C/S and the National Executive Committee of the
League concerning the progress and effectiveness of the
campaign; handwritten report by Con Lehane, secretary,
Boycott British League, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin, in response
to a request from the A/G, on League organization and
activities on a county basis. 22pp

XIV. PRINTED MATTER**A. Handbills, 1922-5 [-37]**

- 248** 12 November 1922 Typescript copy letter for general circulation entitled 'The Bishops' Pastoral. A prisoner's letter to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Proinnsias Ó Gallchobhair [Frank Gallagher] has addressed the following letter to His Grace'. The letter is in response to the bishops' pastoral of 22 October 1922 condemning the anti-Treaty campaign and excluding republican soldiers from the sacraments.
10pp
- 249** [1922] Handbill entitled 'The Pen is mightier than the Sword' condemning the operation of press censorship and reprinting the censorship orders issued by the Provisional Government.
4pp
- 250** 1922 Handbill headed 'Do you know Joe Clark?' consisting of an account by Clark of the ill-treatment of himself and other prisoners by CID in Wellington Barracks on 8 November 1922.
33x20cms
- 251** 1923 Handbill, 'To the memory of five brave Irishmen who died for Ireland. Leo Dowling, Laurence Sheehy, Sylvester Heaney, Anthony O'Reilly, Terence Brady. Executed in Kilmainham Jail on 8 January 1923.
21x13cms
- 252** 1923 7 handbills relating to aspects of the death of republican soldiers in Kerry including the circumstances of their death and the treatment of their corpses.
7 items
18x12cms
- 253** August 1925 List of Irish prisoners of war and political prisoners in English, Scotch (sic) and Irish Free State Jails, 1 August 1925. Published by the Political Prisoners' Committee as Official Statement No. 4.
4pp

- 254** [1937] Election manifesto of George Noble, Count Plunkett, republican candidate in the Galway constituency in the general election [1937], sponsored by Sinn Féin and Cumann Poblachta na hÉireann.
 '...I take my stand uncompromisingly on the republic as proclaimed in 1916, established in 1919, and never since disestablished.'
 1p

B. Press cuttings, 1923

- 255** January-February 1923 Original packet of unsorted press cuttings mainly relating to:
 official notices and proclamations on matters such as the offer of an amnesty and the release of prisoners; reports on military actions and court proceedings; the reorganization of the Irish Army; peace moves and public statements on the republican position.
 19 items

C. Serial Publications, 1915-31

Chun An Lae

Here's to the day
 Republican broadsheet.

- 256** (1) 7 January 1923 no. 4
 (2) 14 January 1923 no. 5
 (3) 4 February 1923 no. 7

Daily Bulletin

- 257** (1) 16 November 1922 no.41 2pp
 (2) 24 November 1922 no.48 2pp
 (3) 27 November 1922 no.50 2pp
 (4) 28 November 1922 no.51 4pp

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Daily Bulletin contd

(5)	29 November 1922	no.52	2pp
(6)	30 November 1922	no.53	2pp
(7)	1 December 1922	no.54	3pp
(8)	2 December 1922	no.55	3pp
(9)	4 December 1922	no.56	3pp
(10)	5 December 1922	no.57	2pp
(11)	6 December 1922	no.58	2pp
(12)	7 December 1922	no.59	2pp
(13)	8 December 1922	no.60	3pp
(14)	9 December 1922	no.61	1p
(15)	11 December 1922	no.62	1p
(16)	12 December 1922	no.63	2pp
(17)	13 December 1922	no.63(sic)	1p
(18)	14 December 1922	no.64	1p
(19)	15 December 1922	no.64(sic)	1p
(20)	16 December 1922	no.65	1p
(21)	18 December 1922	no.68	1p

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(22)	19 December 1922	no.69	1p
(23)	20 December 1922	no.70	1p
(24)	22 December 1922	no.72	1p
(25)	23 December 1922	no.73	1p
(26)	27 December 1922	no.74	2pp
(27)	28 December 1922	no.75	3pp
(28)	29 December 1922	no.76	1p
(29)	1 January 1923	no.78	1p
(30)	2 January 1923	no.79	1p
(31)	4 January 1923	no.81	2pp
(32)	5 January 1923	no.82	1p
(33)	9 January 1923	no.85	2pp
(34)	10 January 1923	no.86	1p
(35)	12 January 1923	no.89	1p
(36)	13 January 1923	no.90	2pp
(37)	15 January 1923	no.91	2pp
(38)	16 January 1923	no.92	2pp

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(39)	17 January 1923	no.93	2pp
(40)	18 January 1923	no.94	1p
(41)	19 January 1923	no.95	1p
(42)	20 January 1923	no.96	2pp
(43)	22 January 1923	no.97	2pp
(44)	23 January 1923	no.98	2pp
(45)	24 January 1923	no.99	1p
(46)	25 January 1923	no.99(sic)	1p
(47)	26 January 1923	no.100	3pp
(48)	27 January 1923	no.101	2pp
(49)	29 January 1923	no.102	2pp
(50)	30 January 1923	no.103	2pp
(51)	1 February 1923	no.105	4pp
(52)	2 February 1923	no.106	1p
(53)	3 February 1923	no.107	1p
(54)	5 February 1923	no.108	1p
(55)	6 February 1923	no.109	1p

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(56)	7 February 1923	no.110	1p
(57)	8 February 1923	no.111	1p
(58)	9 February 1923	no.112	3pp
(59)	13 February 1923	no.115	2pp
(60)	15 February 1923	no.117	1p
(61)	16 February 1923	no.118	3pp
(62)	17 February 1923	no.119	2pp
(63)	19 February 1923	no.120	1p
(64)	20 February 1923	no.121	3pp
(65)	22 February 1923	no.122	1p
(66)	23 February 1923	no.124	2pp
(67)	24 February 1923	no.125	2pp
(68)	26 February 1923	no.126	1p
(69)	27 February 1923	no.127	2pp
(70)	28 February 1923	no.128	2pp
(71)	1 March 1923	no.129	2pp
(72)	3 March 1923	no.131	2pp

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(73)	5 March 1923	no.132	1p
(74)	6 March 1923	no.133	1p
(75)	8 March 1923	no.135	2pp
(76)	10 March 1923	no.137	1p
(77)	12 March 1923	no.138	1p
(78)	15 March 1923	no.141	4pp
(79)	16 March 1923	no.142	1p
(80)	17 March 1923	no.143	3pp
(81)	19 March 1923	no.144	1p
(82)	23 March 1923	no.148	2pp
(83)	24 March 1923	no.149	2pp
(84)	3 April 1923	no.156	2pp
(85)	14 April 1923	no.166	2pp
(86)	17 April 1923	no.168	2pp
(87)	18 April 1923	no.169	1p
(88)	19 April 1923	no.170	2pp
(89)	20 April 1923	no.171	1p

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(90)	21 April 1923	no.172	2pp
(91)	23 April 1923	no.173	1p
(92)	24 April 1923	no.174	2pp
(93)	26 April(sic) 1923	no.175	2pp
(94)	26 April 1923	no.176	2pp
(95)	27 April 1923	no.177	2pp
(96)	28 April 1923	no.178	2pp
(97)	30 April 1923	no.179	2pp
(98)	1 May 1923	no.180	1p
(99)	2 May 1923	no.181	1p
(100)	3 May 1923	no.182	2pp
(101)	4 May 1923	no.183	1p
(102)	5 May 1923	no.184	1p
(103)	7 May 1923	no.185	2pp
(104)	8 May 1923	no.186	2pp
(105)	10 May 1923	no.189	5pp
(106)	11 May 1923	no.190	1p

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(107)	12 May 1923	no.191	1p
(109)	15 May 1923	no.193	2pp
(110)	17 May 1923	no.195	2pp
(111)	18 May 1923	no.196	1p
(112)	19 May 1923	no.197	1p
(113)	23 May 1923	no.199	1p
(114)	23 May 1923	no.200	1p
(115)	24 May 1923	no.201	1p
(116)	25 May 1923	no.202	1p
(117)	28 May 1923	no.204	1p
(118)	30 May 1923	no.206	1p
(119)	31 May 1923	no.207	2pp
(120)	1 June 1923	no.208	1p
(121)	2 June 1923	no.209	1p
(122)	4 June 1923	no.210	1p
(123)	5 June 1923	no.211	1p
(124)	6 June 1923	no.212	1p

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(125)	7 June 1923	no.213	1p
(126)	8 June 1923	no.214	2pp
(127)	9 June 1923	no.215	1p
(128)	11 June 1923	no.216	1p
(129)	12 June 1923	no.217	2pp
(130)	13 June 1923	no.218	1p
(131)	18 June 1923	no.222	1p
(132)	19 June 1932	no.223	1p
(133)	22 June 1923	no.226	1p
(134)	26 June 1923	no.229	2pp
(135)	3 July 1923	no.235	1p
(136)	6 July 1923	no.238	1p
(137)	7 July 1923	no.239	3pp

Eire/ The Irish Nation

Published by the Irish National
Committee, 6 Harcourt Street,
Dublin.

258	(1)	27 January 1923	vol.1,no.2
	(2)	3 February 1923	vol.1,no.3

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| (3) | 24 February 1923 | vol.1,no.6 |
| (4) | 10 March 1923 | vol.1,no.8 |
| (5) | 14 April 1923 | vol.1,no.13 |

Eire Og/ Young Ireland

259	15 March 1919	vol.4,no.7
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The Irish Volunteer

Edited by Eoin MacNeill new series.

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| 260 | (1) | 27 March 1915 | vol.2,no.16 |
| | (2) | 15 May 1915 | vol.2,no.23 |
| | (3) | 25 March 1916 | vol.2,no.68 |

The Nation

261	12 December 1922	War issue, no.18
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An tÓglach

Official organ of the Irish Volunteers.

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| 262 | (1) | 18 November 1921 | vol.3,no.35 |
| | (2) | 13 January 1922 | vol.3,no.42 |

An tÓglach

Official organ of the Irish
Republican Army.

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| (1) | November | 1924 | vol.4,no.51 |
| (2) | January | 1925 | vol.4,no.53 |
| (3) | March | 1925 | vol.4,no.54 |
| (4) | April | 1925 | vol.4,no.55 |
| (5) | June | 1926 | vol.5,no.1 |
| (6) | June | 1927 | new series no.7 |
| (7) | March | 1931 | new series no.15 |
| (8) | July | 1931 | new series no.16 |
| (9) | October | 1931 | new series no.17 |

An tÓglach

Official organ of the [National]
Army.

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| | February | 1923 | vol.4,no.34 |
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Poblacht na hÉireann War News

- 265**
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| (1) | 9 November | 1922 | no.88 |
| (2) | 10 November | 1922 | no.89 |
| (3) | 11 November | 1922 | no.90 |
| (4) | 13 November | 1922 | no.91 |
| (5) | 15 November | 1922 | no.92 |
| (6) | 16 November | 1922 | no.93 |

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| (7) | 17 November 1922 | no.94 |
| (8) | 18 November 1922 | no.95 |
| (9) | 20 November 1922 | no.96 |
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| (12) | 24 November 1922 | no.100 |
| (13) | 28 November 1922 | no.102 |
| (14) | 29 November 1922 | no.103 |
| (15) | 30 November 1922 | no.104 |
| (16) | 1 December 1922 | no.105 |
| (17) | 2 December 1922 | no.106 |
| (18) | 4 December 1922 | no.107 |
| (19) | 5 December 1922 | no.108 |
| (20) | 6 December 1922 | no.109 |
| (21) | 8 December 1922 | no.110 |
| (22) | 9 December 1922 | no.111 |
| (23) | 11 December 1922 | no.112 |

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(24)	12 December 1922	no.113
(25)	13 December 1922	no.114
(26)	15 December 1922	no.115
(27)	16 December 1922	no.116
(28)	18 December 1922	no.117
(29)	19 December 1922	no.118
(30)	20 December 1922	no.119
(31)	21 December 1922	no.120
(32)	22 December 1922	no.121
(33)	Christmas 1922	unnumbered
(34)	28 December 1922	no.122
(35)	1 January 1923	no.125
(36)	2 January 1923	no.126
(37)	3 January 1923	no.127
(38)	4 January 1923	no.128
(39)	6 January 1923	no.129
(40)	9 January 1923	no.131

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| (41) | 11 January 1923 | no.132 |
| (42) | 12 January 1923 | no.133 |
| (43) | 13 January 1923 | no.134 |
| (44) | 15 January 1923 | no.135 |
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| (46) | 17 January 1923 | no.137 |
| (47) | 18 January 1923 | no.138 |
| (48) | 19 January 1923 | no.139 |
| (49) | 20 January 1923 | no.140 |
| (50) | 22 January 1923 | no.141 |
| (51) | 23 January 1923 | no.142 |
| (52) | 24 January 1923 | no.143 |
| (53) | 25 January 1923 | no.144 |
| (54) | 26 January 1923 | no.145 |
| (55) | 27 January 1923 | no.146 |
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| (57) | 31 January 1923 | no.148 |

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| (58) | 1 February 1923 | no.149 |
| (59) | 2 February 1923 | no.150 |
| (60) | 5 February 1923 | no.152 |
| (61) | 6 February 1923 | no.153 |
| (62) | 7 February 1923 | no.154 |
| (63) | 8 February 1923 | no.155 |
| (64) | 9 February 1923 | no.156 |
| (65) | 10 February 1923 | no.157 |
| (66) | 14 February 1923 | no.158 |
| (67) | 16 February 1923 | no.159 |
| (68) | 17 February 1923 | no.160 |
| (69) | 27 February 1923 | no.168 |
| (70) | 28 February 1923 | no.169 |
| (71) | 5 March 1923 | no.173 |

Poblacht na hÉireann
Southern Edition.

- 266** (1) 11 August 1922 no.1
(2) 23 August 1922 no.7
(3) 25 August 1922 no.8

The Republican Leader
Sinn Féin general election daily newspaper.

- 267** (1) 24 August 1923 no.5
(2) 25 August 1923 no.6

The Republican War Bulletin

- 268** (1) 22 November 1922 vol.1,no.36
(2) 9 December 1922 vol.1,no.38
(3) 30 December 1922 vol.1,no.40

Sinn Féin

- 269** (1) 15 September 1923 vol.1,no.20
(2) 6 October 1923 vol.1,no.23
(3) 13 October 1923 vol.1,no.24

Sinn Féin Notes

Circulated weekly to provincial newspapers by the Sinn Féin Publicity Department containing material for publication on the Sinn Féin position. The first edition is accompanied by an explanatory letter (3 September 1924, 1p).

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| (1) | 13 September 1924 | no.1 |
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| (3) | 27 September 1924 | no.3 |
| (4) | 4 October 1924 | no.4 |
| (5) | 11 October 1924 | no.5 |
| (6) | 18 October 1924 | no.6 |
| (7) | 25 October 1924 | no.7 |
| (8) | 1 November 1924 | no.8 |
| (9) | 8 November 1924 | no.9 |
| (10) | 15 November 1924 | no.10 |
| (11) | 22 November 1924 | no.11 |
| (12) | 29 November 1924 | no.12 |
| (13) | 6 December 1924 | no.13 |
| (14) | 13 December 1924 | no.14 |
| (15) | 20 December 1924 | no.15 |

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| (16) | 27 December 1924 | no.16 |
| (17) | 10 January 1925 | no.17 |
| (18) | 24 January 1925 | no.19 |
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| (20) | 7 February 1925 | no.21 |
| (21) | 14 February 1925 | no.22 |
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| (23) | 28 February 1925 | no.24 |
| (24) | 7 March 1925 | no.25 |
| (25) | 14 March 1925 | no.26 |
| (26) | 21 March 1925 | no.27 |
| (27) | 28 March 1925 | no.28 |
| (28) | 4 April 1925 | no.29 |
| (29) | 11 April 1925 | no.30 |
| (30) | 25 April 1925 | no.31 |
| (31) | 2 May 1925 | no.32 |
| (32) | 9 May 1925 | no.33 |

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| (33) | 16 May 1925 | no.34 |
| (34) | 23 May 1925 | no.35 |
| (35) | 30 May | no.36 |
| (36) | 13 June 1925 | no.37 |
| (37) | 20 June 1925 | no.38 |
| (38) | 18 July 1925 | no.42 |
| (39) | 1 August 1925 | no.44 |

**An Saoghal Gaedhealach/
The Irish World.** Published in
Dublin.

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| 271 | 12 April 1919 | vol.2, no.6 new series
12pp |
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Straight Talk
Anti-Treaty broadsheet.

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| 272 | 14 December [1922] | no.5 |
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The Western Bulletin
Published by Western Command.
Óglaigh na hÉireann. Printed in
Glasgow.

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| 273 | 6 May 1923 | no.13 |
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