

First World War Sources

A guide to documents in the
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland



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Introduction

In his *History of the 36th (Ulster) Division* published in 1922 the historian Cyril Falls declared that:

‘... a hundred years hence, men will be delving into our records of the late war. Soldiers will be studying the lessons of its battles. But a yet greater number of seekers will be demanding with curiosity how men lived in such circumstances, how they reacted to the strain of war, what compensations they found.’

The interest aroused by the centenary of the First World War has borne out these claims. Not only has there been a flood of publications, television programmes and education resources relating to the War but many people have taken the opportunity to discover the story of their own family’s involvement in the conflict. As Falls predicted, research in recent years has focused on the social history of the War rather than traditional military history. The sources held by Public Record Office of Northern Ireland are particularly useful for researchers interested in the role of Irish men and women in the conflict and its impact on Ireland. In part this interest is related to the wider story of the Decade of Centenaries, which has focused attention on the events of the period 1912-22 which saw the creation of modern Ireland. It is hoped that this *Guide* will contribute to further research and understanding of this period in our history.

PRONI, which opened in 1924, was created primarily as a repository for the records of the new Northern Ireland government. It also had a wider remit to collect privately deposited material. From its early days PRONI sought out records from individuals and organisations covering all aspects of the history of the north of Ireland. However, most of the papers listed in this *Guide* were deposited by participants in the War themselves or their families. Many were received in the early 1960s as the fiftieth anniversary of the War and related events sparked renewed interest in the conflict and while many participants were still alive. Relevant papers continue to be deposited in PRONI, an indication of the extent of local participation in the conflict and of the richness of the surviving source material.

The collections listed below cover events in all theatres of the War and at home. The *Guide* includes material relating to the economic effects of the War, the role of women in the conflict and political developments in Ireland, including the Easter Rising. There is also material from the post War years covering provision for veterans, the creation of memorials to the War and the political dimension of commemorations.

Further information on all the collections listed can be found in the PRONI eCatalogue which is available in the Public Search Room or on line at:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/ecatalogue.htm

Additional resources relating to the War and contemporary events in Ireland are also available on the PRONI website.

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Please note that some of our records are currently closed to the public and a small proportion are stored off-site. If you are visiting PRONI to view a specific archive it is advisable that you contact PRONI in advance to check availability, particularly if your time is limited or you are travelling from overseas.

To register as a PRONI user you should bring photographic identification.

Information on opening times, options for travelling to PRONI and details of how to contact us can be found on our website at

www.proni.gov.uk

Private Records

CR1/69 St. John the Baptist Church, Belfast

/R/2 Roll of honour of Balmoral Industrial School, Belfast, listing those killed, wounded or taken prisoner during the War, c.1919.

CR3/27 Townsend Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast

Index to First World War Memorials of Townsend Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast (prepared by the North of Ireland Family History Society).

CR3/72 Kircubbin Presbyterian Church, Co Down

Index to War Memorials, 1914-1919.

D286 Papers of the North and South Down Militia

Small number of papers relating to Colonel Frances Findlay and 1 Garrison Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment, including material relating to their deployment to Egypt, 1915-18

D290 Royal Irish Regiment scrapbook



Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings, correspondence, maps, photographs and other papers relating to 1 Garrison Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment, in Egypt, 1915-22.

D288 McGeough Bond Papers.

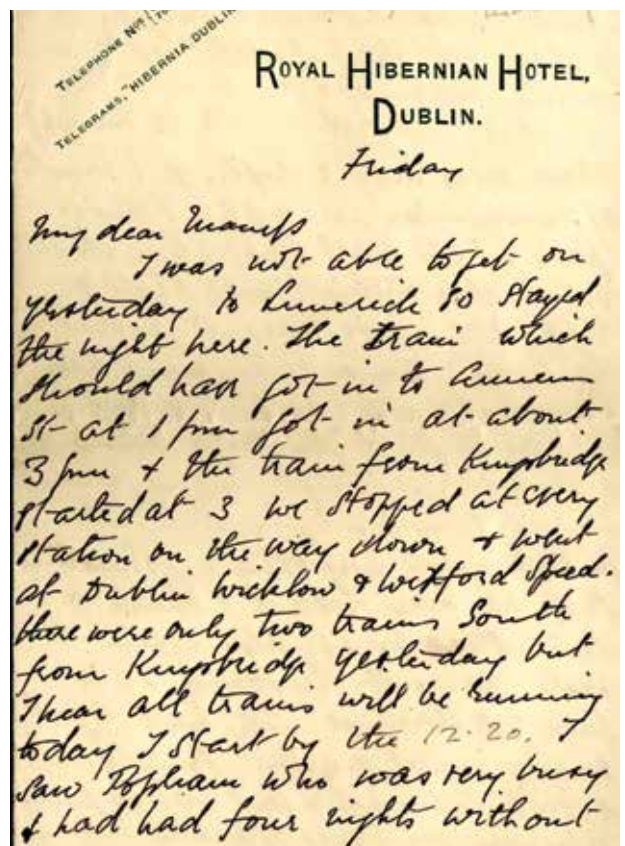


/F/32 Letters to Sir Walter MacGeough Bond, Drumsill, County Armagh and The Argory, Moy, County Tyrone from a French nephew, Lieutenant Hector Recorbet who served with the 60e *bataillon de chasseurs à pied*. Mainly family news with some discussion of the progress of the War.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_macgeough_bond_papers_d288.pdf

D618, T1065 Savage-Armstrong papers



Papers relating to the history of the 4 Battalion, Leinster Regiment (formerly Queens County Militia) and the Savage-Armstrong family of Strangford, Co Down:

D618/161-163 letters from Gwen Savage-Armstrong describing a journey across France during August 1914;

D618/165-166 Eyewitness accounts of Easter Rising in Dublin;

D618/167 Description of the action of HMS *Shark* at the Battle of Jutland;

D618/173 Manuscript history of the Battalion, 1793-1917;

D618/174 Miscellaneous orders and letters relating to the Battalion;

D618/175 Volume containing notes on the history of the Battalion during the War, including information on former members of the Battalion who served with other units, also material relating to the Easter Rising in Limerick;

D618/180-183 Correspondence concerning entries relating to the Leinster Regiment in the Irish National War Memorial;

D618/184 Records of officers serving with the Battalion 1900 to 1918;

T1065/30 Typed copy diary of Captain (later Lieutenant Colonel) Francis Savage Nesbitt Savage-Armstrong, Nov 1914 to Dec 1915. Savage-Armstrong served with 1 Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment and 11 Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was killed 23 April 1917;

T1065/31-33 Typed extracts from the letters of Frank Savage-Armstrong, describing the battles of Ypres, Neuve Chapelle and Arras, 1915-17;

T1065/38 Detailed report by the Officer Commanding Troops Limerick on events in the area during the period 13 April to 18 May 1916.

D623, MIC18 Abercorn Papers

Papers of the Hamilton family, Dukes of Abercorn, of Baronscourt, Co Tyrone, including:

D623/A/343 Papers of Lady Alexandra Phyllis Hamilton, daughter of the second Duke of Abercorn, including a bundle of letters from her bother Lieutenant Claude Hamilton, Grenadier Guards who served as a staff officer with the Guards Division, 1915. There is also an account of the death of Lady Phyllis on RMS *Leinster*, which was torpedoed in October 1918.

D623/A/344 Papers relating to Captain Arthur John Hamilton (known as Jack) who served with 1 Battalion Irish Guards and was killed in November 1914. Includes letters from Jack to his mother, 1914 and letters from a former German officer who was with Jack when he died, 1920.

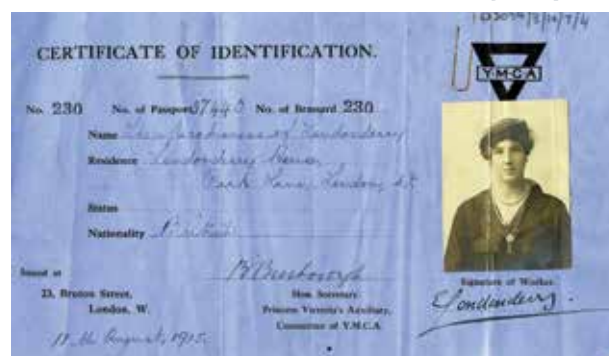
MIC18/11 Correspondence of the third Duke of Abercorn including references to obtaining commissions in the army, 1914-15.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_abercorn_d623.pdf

D627 Montgomery of Blessingbourne Papers

/429 - 436 Political papers of Hugh de Fellenberg Montgomery of Blessingbourne, Fivemiletown, Co, Tyrone, including references to the War, recruiting and conscription 1916-18.

D654, D2846, D3099, Londonderry Papers



The Stewart family, Marquesses of Londonderry, were major land owners in Britain and Ireland. The papers of Theresa, wife of the sixth Marquess, her son Charles, who became the seventh Marquess and his wife Edith, are important sources for political developments during the War. They also contain correspondence relating to a wide range of individuals including major political and military figures of the day.

NB. PRONI is currently reviewing and updating access decisions, improving catalogue descriptions and upgrading the storage of these collections. As a result, some records may be temporarily unavailable. Please check with PRONI in advance if you wish to consult any of the records in these collections.

D2846 The papers of Teresa, Lady Londonderry contain her extensive correspondence with members of her own family, major political figures and members of the royal family during the War years. She was heavily involved in the Unionist campaign against Home Rule and was president of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council.

D3099 The papers of Charles seventh Marquess of Londonderry and his wife Edith. Charles was a Captain in the Royal Horse Guards and served as an aide-de-camp to General William Pultney, who commanded III Corps for most of the War. There is an extensive correspondence between Charles and Edith during the War and also between Edith and Pultney who was a close friend. Among other serving soldiers who corresponded with Edith are Captain William Cavendish-Bentinck, who served with the Royal Horse Guards and General Sir John Cowans, Quartermaster General to the forces.

Edith was a leading society hostess and maintained a literary and political salon known as the Ark during the War which attracted many of the leading political and military figures of the period.

She was helped to set up the Women's Legion, the first uniformed military auxiliary formation for women.

For further information on these collections see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__londonderry_estate_papers_d654.pdf

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__londonderry__7th_marquess_of__d3099.pdf

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__londonderry__lady_theresa_d2846.pdf

D668 Hezlet Papers

L/1 Papers of Colonel Charles Hezlet, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, relating to his service in the Antrim Royal Garrison Artillery Reserve and with the Royal Artillery in the War. Includes: copy letters, mainly to members of his family, 1916-17; and an indexed army personnel ledger probably relating to 33 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, which Hezlet commanded.

D812 Graham Papers

/46 Letters of Captain Donald Charles Graham, Lisburn, Co Antrim, who served with the Royal Engineers in France, 1917-19. Mainly discussing family and business affairs with passing references to the progress of the War.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_graham-2.pdf

D961 Newton and Anderson papers

Papers of Lieutenant Andrew Newton Anderson, Belfast. Anderson was commissioned in August 1915. He served with 14 Royal Irish Rifles (Young Citizen Volunteers) as assistant adjutant, 1916-18 and later with 15 Royal Irish Rifles.

/7 Miscellaneous papers of Anderson, relating to the War, including: ration books, Trench Code book, a history of Pioneers Masonic Lodge No 420 on active service, 1915-17, programmes and other material relating to the Belfast Peace Day celebrations, 1919.

/8 Papers of Lieutenant Anderson relating to the War including: battalion orders of 14 Royal Irish Rifles, 1916-17; correspondence with Wilfrid Spender about Anderson's commission 1915; anonymous typescript account of the evacuation of Gallipoli, 1915; typescript account of the battle of 21 March 1918 by Lieutenant Colonel CG Cole-Hamilton [15 Royal Irish Rifles], written while he was a Prisoner of War; copy correspondence between the Lord Mayor of Belfast and senior military figures about the disbandment of 14 Royal Irish Rifles; correspondence, including some with Wilfrid Spender, concerning Anderson's retirement from the army and application for a disability pension.

D972 Antrim War Memorial papers

Minute book of the County Antrim War Memorial Committee and other papers relating to the memorial, 1918-26

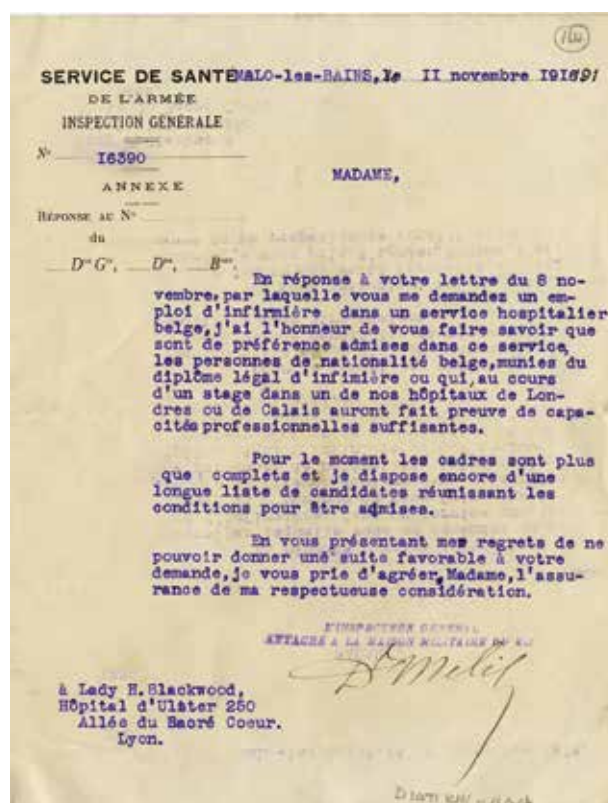
D989 Irish Unionist Alliance papers



Correspondence and administrative records of the Irish Unionist Alliance, which represented Unionists in the southern provinces of Ireland. Includes material on political developments in Ireland, Unionist reactions to the Easter Rising and recruitment in Ireland. There is also an extensive collection of printed propaganda, both Unionist and Nationalist.

D1071, D1231 Dufferin Papers

Papers of the Blackwood family of Clondeboye, Bangor, Co. Down, Marquesses of Dufferin and Ava. The correspondence of the children of the first Marquess includes a great deal of interesting material concerning the War. The children include: Lord Terence Blackwood (1866-1918), second Marquess, who worked in the Foreign Office; Lord Basil Blackwood (1870-1917) who served with the Intelligence Corps attached to 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers, 1914, was private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Wimborne, 1915-16 and then served with 2 Battalion, Grenadier Guards before being killed in action in France, July 1917; Lord Frederick Blackwood (1875-1930), third Marquess, who served as a staff officer with



7 Cavalry Brigade and with the Grenadier Guards; and Lady Hermione Blackwood (1869-1960) who served as a nurse in France and Belgium at various locations including the Ulster Hospital at Pau, the Ambulance de l'Océan at La Panne, the Michelham Hospital in Paris and the Astoria Hospital in Paris, and was awarded the *Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française*.

The layout of the papers is quite complex as the Dufferin children all wrote to each other and to their mother Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin plus the papers are split into two collections. The most relevant classes are:

D1071/J/A/24 Letter book containing letters to Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava from various correspondents, 1915;

D1071/J/H Papers relating to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, 1914-16;

D1071/K/B Letters to Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava including letters from her children Terence, Basil, Frederick and Hermione Blackwood during the War;

D1071/K/E/8 Letters from Lord Basil Blackwood to various correspondents during the War;

D1071/K/E/9 Miscellaneous papers relating to Lord Basil Blackwood including his account of his experiences in France in 1914, papers about his death in 1917 and tributes to him from various sources;

D1071/K/F/10 Miscellaneous papers of Lord Frederick Blackwood including his memoirs;

D1071/K/H Correspondence of Lady Hermione Blackwood including letters from her brothers;

D1231/G/4 Letters from Lord Frederick Blackwood, to his mother, during the War;

D1231/G/5 Letters from Lord Basil Blackwood to his mother during the War, including material relating to the Easter Rising;

D1231/G/7 Letters from Lady Hermione Blackwood to her mother during the War;

D1231/G/8 Letters from Lady Victoria Plunket (nee Blackwood) to her mother, Hariot, including references to family members who served in the War;

D1231/G/12 Miscellaneous letters received by Hariot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, from various correspondents, including letters of sympathy on the death of Basil Blackwood;

D1231/I/6 Miscellaneous letters received by Lord Terence Blackwood including papers relating to the death of Basil Blackwood;

D1231/J/7 Miscellaneous correspondence of Lord Frederick Blackwood, mainly about Basil Blackwood;

D1231/K/8 Miscellaneous correspondence of Lord Basil Blackwood including papers about his time as private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and his military service;

D1231/K/10 First World War journals and military booklets, of Lord Basil Blackwood, including: his journal describing the initial period of the War in Belgium when he served with the 9th Lancers; a manuscript 'Record of a turn in the trenches October 1916'; various company roll books listing the troops under Lord Basil's command at the front 1916-17; and two typescript copies of a biographical essay giving details of Lord Basil's military career with the Grenadier Guards 1916-17.

D1231/M/2 Letters from Hariot, to her daughter, Lady Hermione Blackwood including references to her sons' service in the War and the Easter Rising;

D1231/M/4 Letters from Lord Terence Blackwood, second Marquess, to his sister, Lady Hermione Blackwood, including papers relating to the fate

of Lord Basil Blackwood who was reported in July 1917 as being missing in action;

D1231/M/5 Letters from Lord Frederick Blackwood to his sister, Lady Hermione Blackwood relating to Lord Frederick's military service during the War, and the death of Lord Basil Blackwood;

D1231/M/6 Letters from Lord Basil Blackwood to his sister Lady Hermione Blackwood relating to his two periods of military service in the War;

D1231/M/11 Miscellaneous papers of Lady Hermione Blackwood including manuscript and typescript copies of a speech given by Lady Hermione (to an unspecified audience) describing her nursing work.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_dufferin.pdf

D1098, D2688 Ulster Women's Unionist Council Papers



Minute books and other papers of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council. As well as dealing with political developments during the War the papers contain information on the Ulster Women's Gift Fund for Soldiers and photographs of the Ulster Volunteer Fund hospital at Ville de Pau, France.

The council's minutes have been published by the Irish Manuscripts Commission:

Diane Urquhart (Ed.): *The Minutes of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council and Executive Committee 1911-40*.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_ulster_women_s_unionist_council_papers_d1098.pdf

D1234 John Ferguson papers

Photographs and plans from J B Ferguson, coachbuilders, Belfast, c1916, including material relating to work on aircraft components during the War.

D1249 Printed material

/3 Printed booklet: Kings Liverpool Regiment standing orders, 1918

D1258 Photographs

Photographs of the 36 (Ulster) Division parade and display at Malone, May 1915

D1263 Seaford papers

/3 Register of members of the Seaford Company, Ulster Volunteer Force, with notes of those who served in the War, 1913-18

D1295, D1633 Spender papers

The papers of Wilfrid Spender and his wife Lillian. Spender was a professional army officer who resigned his commission in protest at the Home Rule Bill and came to Belfast to help organise the Ulster Volunteer Force. He re-joined the army at the start of the War and served as a staff officer with 36 (Ulster) Division and 31 Division. He corresponded with a number of important political figures during the War including Craig and Carson and his papers contain a great deal of political comment as well as his thoughts on the conduct of the War. As well as information on 36 Division there are also papers defending the conduct of 31 Division and the actions of Major General William Bridgford during the German offensives of March 1918.

Lillian Spender's diaries give a detail and often witty account of her life during the War years when she was involved in various projects to help soldier's families including the Ulster Women's Unionist Council Gift Fund. She and Spender wrote to each other every few days discussing political developments and the progress of the War. A selection of these letters has been published by the Irish Manuscript Commission as:

Margaret Baguley (Ed.): *World War I and the Question of Ulster. The Correspondence of Lillian and Wilfrid Spender*

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_spender_papers_and_diaries_d715__d1295__mic559.pdf

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__lady_spender_papers_d1633.pdf

D1327, D4503 Ulster Unionist Council papers

The Ulster Unionist Council was established in 1905 to co-ordinate Unionist opposition to Home Rule for Ireland. The papers are an important source for understanding political developments in Ireland during the War. There is also material relating to the operation of the Ulster Volunteer Force during the War, the creation of the 36 (Ulster) Division and recruitment to the Division.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__ulster_unionist_council__d1327.pdf

D1357 Photographs

Photographs and newspaper cuttings mainly relating to the Ulster Volunteer Force in Co Londonderry but including some photographs of 10 Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in Ireland and France, 1914-16.

D1422 Cooper photographic collection



PRONI holds over 70,000 original glass plate negatives originating from the Cooper Photographic studio in Strabane, County Tyrone dating from circa 1901 to 1960. In addition to the photographic prints described below there are a large number of portraits of unidentified soldiers from the War, some of which can be seen on the PRONI Flickr stream.

B/10 Photographs of B Squadron, North Irish Horse taking part in field exercises, probably just before the War; a joint parade of the Ulster Volunteer Force and regular army, c1915; sailors from HMS *Carysfort* 1915.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_cooper_papers_d1422.pdf

See also the PRONI Flickr stream:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/proni>

D1447 Edmund De Wind papers

Correspondence relating to Lieutenant Edmund De Wind VC, Comber, Co Down, 15 Royal Irish Rifles, including copy of his commission, notification of being posted missing in action and letters from members of his unit to his family, 1918.

D1449 Lenox-Conyngham Papers

/12/622-8 Letters from Major William Arbuthnot Lenox-Conyngham, Springhill, Moneymore, Co. Londonderry, serving with 10 Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, 1914-15, mainly personal and social, but including references to the training regime, Lenox-Conyngham's problems in being passed medically fit for service and some general references to the progress of the War, including the sinking of the *Lusitania*.

/12/701 Letter from Desmond Lenox-Conyngham to his mother, describing a fight between recruits and a 'Sinn Feiner', c. 1915

/12/700 Letter from a lady asking for news of her husband who is serving with Lenox-Conyngham.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__lenox-conyngham_papers.pdf

D1482 North Irish Horse papers



Photographs of members of the North Irish Horse, 1914-15 including Lieutenant Colonel Richard Annesley West VC (later Tank Corps) and Captain Holt Waring, Waringstown, Co Down (later 13 Royal Irish Rifles).

D1498 Richardson Papers

Papers of Lieutenant General Sir George Richardson relating to the formation of the 36 (Ulster) Division including lists of officers appointed to the Division, 1914.

D1507 Carson papers

Edward Carson was the leader of Irish Unionist opposition to Home Rule and a major figure in Irish and British politics during the War. He served as Attorney General, First Lord of the Admiralty and a member of the War Cabinet, as well as leading the Irish Unionist MPs at Westminster. His papers cover all aspects of Irish political developments during the War years as well as containing a considerable amount of information on the creation and subsequent activities of the 36 (Ulster) Division and on the progress of the War in general. They also deal with his role in government including the Admiralty and relations with other political figures. The diaries of his wife Ruby give an often irreverent commentary on events of the day.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_carson_d1507.pdf

D1540, D2916 Hall Papers

Papers relating to the Ulster Volunteer Force in the South Down area, including material on the enlistment of UVF members into the 36 (Ulster) Division and UVF activities during the War, including their deployment on coastal defences.

D1556, D2480 Perceval- Maxwell papers

Correspondence of various members of the Perceval-Maxwell family of Finnebrogue, Downpatrick, Co Down including, Lieutenant Colonel Robert David Perceval-Maxwell, who commanded 13 Royal Irish Rifles and his sons Lieutenant Richard Henry Perceval-Maxwell, 10 Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) who was killed in action in 1918 and Captain John Robert Perceval-Maxwell, 2 King's Royal Rifle Corps. Colonel Perceval-Maxwell's correspondence with his wife gives a great deal of information about day to day life in an infantry battalion and includes references to relations between the 36 (Ulster) Division and 16 (Irish) Division, political developments in Ireland and agricultural conditions in Ireland.

D1556/23/4 Includes a letter from Colonel Perceval-Maxwell asking for home employment and giving a summary of his career, 1918.

D1556/23/13 Includes a letter from John Perceval-Maxwell to his mother written from base camp at Le Havre.

D1527,D1568 Young Citizen Volunteers of Ireland

Papers relating to the formation of the Young Citizen Volunteers of Ireland, 1912-14, which formed the basis of 14 Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. Includes a copy of *The Incinerator* the 14 Royal Irish Rifles magazine, 1916.

26th Dec 1916.

to Mrs Perceval Maxwell
Dear Madam

just a few lines to thank you for the very nice parcel you send me for Xmas. I received it on Xmas morning. It let ones see although they are out here they are not forgotten by the ones at home. I now thank you once more wishing you and the Major a happy and Prosperous New Year, hoping the Major will soon be all right again

Yours very sincerely
W. Smyth

D1556/27 Correspondence of Mrs Edith Perceval-Maxwell with her husband David and sons Richard and John, 1914-18. Also includes letters to Mrs Perceval-Maxwell from other serving soldiers including a Sergeant Marcel Augier of the French army writing from Sedan and some miscellaneous material including a return of men of 13 Royal Irish Rifles recommended for medals, August 1917 and a Trench map of the Frezenberg area.

D2480/6/4 Letters and postcards from Colonel Perceval-Maxwell to his mother, The Lodge, Groomsport, Co Down written mainly while he was on active service with the 13 Royal Irish Rifles in France, sending family greetings and comments on the weather, his health, news of relatives, fighting near him and the conditions in the village billets and the trenches, 1915-18.

D2480/8 Trench maps and miscellaneous papers, 1915-18

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__perceval-maxwell_papers.pdf

D1566 John Gillespie papers

Miscellaneous papers of Captain John Gillespie, Castleblaney, Co Monaghan, including a nominal roll of an unidentified Royal Artillery battery and some maps of the Western Front.

D1567 Staples papers

Papers of Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples, Lissan House, Co Tyrone. Includes material on the political situation in Ireland, recruitment and correspondence from, among others, Sir Edward Carson, about obtaining a commission in the army for Staples's son, Lieutenant Robert George Alexander Staples, Royal Army Service Corps, and about the latter's service in East Africa and temporary disappearance.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__staples_papers_d1567.pdf

D1581 James Pollock Papers

Thursday 5th
left camp 8.30 we had to carry everything down to the beach. Did not leave the beach until 15. Started for Anzac.
Reached Anzac at 29. The place seemed to be a cliff with a small beach all over the cliff were lights from Anzac. The beach seemed to be a lot of an atford on our right as we saw a fine shell & there was a lot of musketry fire.
We then embarked in an awful mess onto lights & got ashore in a horrible mess up. I had not a single m & m with me.
After about a hour & half's waiting & marching we got a pully & started to dig some dugouts.

Miscellaneous papers of Captain James Healy Hamill Pollock, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, who served with 6 Royal Irish Rifles and 1/10 London Regiment, including: service record; note book containing account of landing of 6 Royal Irish at Gallipoli, August 1915; and correspondence describing training at Trinity College Dublin, 1914.

D1593 Edward Kerr Papers

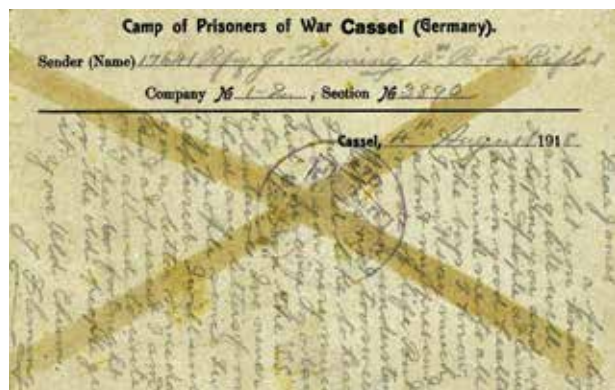
Miscellaneous papers including photograph of Royal Army Medical Corps staff at Dundalk and a postcard sent to a German soldier, 1914.

D1618 Castle Stewart papers

15/15 Box of correspondence relating to members of the Stuart family of Stuart Hall, Stewartstown, Co Tyrone, 1914-18. Includes material on three sons of the sixth Earl Castle Stewart: Captain Robert Stuart, 1 Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed 2 Nov 1914; Andrew (Viscount Stuart), 6 Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed 25 Sept 1915; and Arthur, Royal Berkshire Regiment and Machine Gun Corps. There is also some material relating to a cousin, Lieutenant Robert Stuart, 2 Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed 17 May 1915. Much of the correspondence relates to the fate of Robert Stuart, posted missing in November 1914 and his wife's attempts to establish what had happened to him.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__castle_stewart_d1618.pdf

D1686 James Boyd papers



Miscellaneous correspondence including: issue of the *Carrickfergus Advertiser*, listing men who left Carrickfergus to join the army, 1914; letter from John Fleming, 12 Royal Irish Rifles, Prisoner of War Camp, Cassel, Germany to James Boyd, Carrickfergus, 1918; letter from Hugh McKeown [France] to James Boyd, Carrickfergus, 1918.

D1700 Crawford Papers

Papers of Fred Crawford, businessman and soldier, mainly relating to his role in Unionist resistance to Home Rule, particularly the Larne gun running of April 1914. During the war he commanded the Army Service Corps in Belfast.

5/17 Crawford's correspondence and diary for the War years include comments on the general progress of the War and political events in Ireland, as well as Crawford's duties with the ASC.

D1702 Enniskillen Papers

Papers of the Cole family, earls of Enniskillen, of Florence Court, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, including:

12/50 Letters to his parents, Lord and Lady Enniskillen, from Lord Cole, who served with the North Irish Horse during the War. Mainly social and domestic news with some general comments on the progress of the War, including the Easter Rising.

12/48 Letters from Galbraith Cole, pioneer settler in East Africa, to his friends, Adrian and Christine Cave. Includes discussion of the War in East Africa in which his brother Berkeley Cole took part.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_enniskillen.pdf

D1727 Cowzer papers

Letters from William Watson, 13 Australians, in Prisoner of War camp near Hannover, to his mother, 1917; letter (in French) from M. Engel, Maule, to [Mrs Cowzer?] with passing references to the War, 1916.

D1783, MIC151 Logbooks of Midshipman R W Johnston

Rough log books kept by Midshipman Randal W McDonald Johnston, Glynn, Co Antrim, who served on HMS *Albion*. Mainly notes on navigation, explosives, etc. but includes an account of the activities of HMS *Albion*, August to September 1914, and an account of the bombardment of the entrance to the Dardanelles, May 1915. Also newspaper cuttings and obits of Johnston who was killed while serving on HMS *Vanguard* in 1917.

D1857 Records of Belfast Chamber of Commerce

Records of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, including minutes and correspondence from the War years.

3/10 Volume of minutes and other papers relating to the Belfast Employers War Munitions Committee, formed in June 1915 on the initiative

of Samuel Davidson to co-ordinate munitions work by Belfast firms. Most of the volume is concerned with a contract for 250,000 Mills bombs which was undertaken by a number of Belfast companies and managed by the Committee, 1915-1918.

D1858 J C Nolan papers

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Scrapbooks and newspaper cuttings kept by Herbert Innes Law, who served with Royal Irish Regiment, Royal Irish Rifles and Royal Flying Corps, 1916-18. Also Pilot's Log Book of Lieutenant I Brown, covering flight training and operational flying with 56 Squadron, RAF, October to November 1918.

D1868 McCrory Journals

Journals of Father McCrory, Roman Catholic chaplain, describing the experiences of a number of Irish regiments, particularly the 1/2 Connaught Rangers, 1914-17.

D1884 Scott papers

Correspondence of the economist W R Scott including references to his work on the economic consequences of the War, 1915-18

D1889 Papers of Colonel RH Wallace

Political correspondence and appointment diaries of Colonel Robert Hugh Wallace, Downpatrick, Co Down, including brief notes on his activities with the Ulster Volunteer Force and commanding 17 and 19 Reserve Battalions, Royal Irish Rifles, 1914-18.

D1893 McCaul Papers

Letters to and from Matthew McCaul, Chaplain with 1 Highland Light Infantry in Mesopotamia, 1917-18 and Lieutenant George Barton McCaul MC, Royal Army Medical Corps on the Salonika front, 1918.

D1943, T2273, MIC472 J W Boyle papers



Correspondence, telegrams, maps, reports and memoranda of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph W. Boyle, aka Klondike Joe Boyle, concerning his activities in Rumania and Russia, 1917-1919. Boyle travelled to Russia in 1917 on behalf of the American Committee of Engineers to help reorganise military railways. He later provided assistance to the Rumanians and White Russians against the Bolsheviks. The collection also contains some papers relating to the Yukon Machine Gun Battery which Boyle created.

D1962 Shaw papers

Letters from Sammie Shaw, Portstewart, Co Londonderry, who served with 10 Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, in France and his brother Willie Shaw, HMS *Excellent* a training establishment at Portsmouth, 1914-1917. Mainly family news and references to friends from Portstewart.

D1969 Diary of Rev Leslie Stevenson

Diary kept by the Reverend Leslie Stevenson while serving as temporary chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, in Rotterdam, Holland, August to November 1918. Contains information on British forces interned in Holland during the War and British Prisoners of War repatriated via Holland.

D1973 Carrothers papers



Letters from Lieutenant John Samuel 'Jack' Carrothers, 8 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in France to his family in Enniskillen, 1917, including a description of the opening of the Battle of Messines. Also papers relating to Carrothers death in August 1917 during the battle of Passchendaele.

D1977 Graham papers



Papers of John Quee Graham, who served with the North Irish Horse and Staffordshire Yeomanry in France and Palestine. Includes an account of the Palestine campaign from September 1918 by Graham and photographs of the North Irish Horse in France 1915-1916 and miscellaneous photographs of Beirut and Palestine 1917-1918.

D1979 Scrapbook



Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings, mainly photographs, relating to the war, 1915-18

D1982 Scottish Women's Hospital papers



Photograph album and loose photographs showing a unit of the Scottish Women's Hospital in Serbia, 1916-18. Includes photographs of members of the unit and general views of the Hospital's operations in Serbia. Also includes photographs of 'Lady Londonderry's volunteer drivers'.

D1986 Love papers

Papers of Sapper Thomas Love, Downpatrick, Co Down, who served with the Royal Engineers in France. Includes a series of diaries with very brief entries covering training at Aldershot and service in France 1915-18. Also photographs and printed ephemera.

D1988 Kelly papers

Papers of the Reverend J Dwyer Kelly, who served as Wesleyan Methodist Chaplain to the Forces, in Ireland, the Western Front and Italy, 1914-18. Includes photographs mainly of chaplaincies, rest homes and field ambulances with which Kelly served, along with his appointment diaries, and letters, probably intended for church magazines, describing Kelly's work. Also a set of general maps of the Western Front area, 1914-19 and correspondence relating to the Old Contemptibles Association, Belfast, 1958-64.

D1997 Hodge papers



Some photographs and postcards, 1914-19, including photograph of members of Loyal Orange Lodge 862 (connected with 8 Royal Irish Rifles) and published engravings of the Western Front.

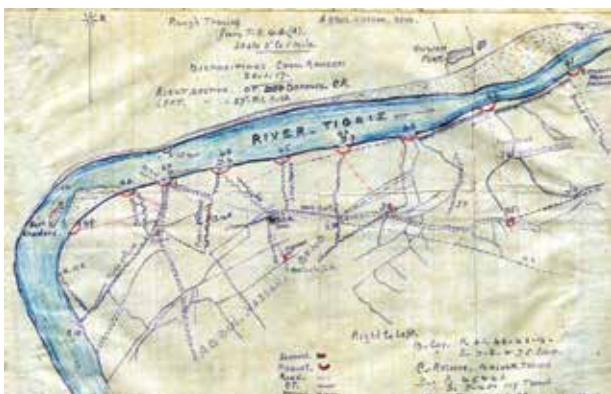
D1998 Ross papers

Photographs and certificate of service Sergeant Robert John Ross, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, 1914-19.

D2004 Ross of Bladenburg papers

/4 Papers of Sir John Ross of Bladenburg, Rosstrevor, Co Down including references to the conduct of the War and events in Ireland during the War.

D2023 Moutray papers



Papers of Major Anketell Moutray, Favour Royal, Augher, Co. Tyrone, who served with 1/2 Connaught Rangers 1914-18. These include:

/7/2 A series of often very detailed diaries kept by Moutray during service in France in 1914, Mesopotamia in 1916-17 and Palestine in 1918. The diaries overlap probably due to later attempts to rewrite the contemporary account.

/6 Contains some correspondence between Moutray and his family, 1914-18.

/11/1A correspondence concerning a hospital ward and recreation room at a Red Cross Hospital in Nottingham support by the Orange Order in Ireland, 1916-18.

D2026 Kane papers

Papers, mainly ephemera, of Private George W Kane, Kilrea, Co Londonderry, who served with 3 Field Bakery, Army Service Corps, 1915-18, including a copy of his will.

D2077 Moore family papers

Photograph of James Moore, Finaghy, Co Antrim, in army uniform, 1914

D2092 Ward Papers

12/5 The sixth Viscount Bangor's tie and membership card for the Northern Ireland branch of the Old Contemptibles Association, 1936

D2109, D1631, MIC127 Duffin papers



Papers including correspondence, diaries and photographs relating to various members of the Duffin family of Strandtown, Belfast who served in the War. These include: Major Terence Duffin, who served as a staff officer with 107 Brigade

and later with Royal Irish Rifles; Major Charles G Duffin MC, Royal Field Artillery and their sisters Emma, Celia and Dorothy who served as Voluntary Aid Detachments in Egypt and France and with the YMCA. The correspondence between various members of the family records their experiences of the War and comments on contemporary political events including the Easter Rising. The diaries of Emma Duffin record her experiences as a VAD in Egypt and France, 1915-18.

Emma Duffin's diaries have been published as: Trevor Parkhill (Ed) *The First World War diaries of Emma Duffin, Belfast Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse*.

D2147 Stewart of Fortstewart papers

Note books and printed ephemera of J A Stewart, Fortstewart, Co Donegal, while a cadet at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, 1913-14.

D2166 Cherry papers

Letter from Lieutenant Richard Cherry, Dublin, serving with 9 Rifle Brigade, to his father describing life at a base area, 1915 and letter from his commanding officer reporting that Lieutenant Cherry had been wounded, 1916.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_cherry_papers_d2166.pdf

D2216 Printed material

Printed publication: *Generals of the British Army* including coloured portraits of a number of British commanders, 1917.

D2238 Julius Woods journals

In our own rough & ready way each of us, without properly being able to put it into words, trust sincerely in providence but we weren't stomaching any amateur prophecies in the matter - there were other ^{ways} of trying to work ones "Dechet" than the religious stunt. As a tonic the card schools played latin & more recklessly than usual this night.

*Records
of the
1st
Battalion
1915/16
to
1918*

The morning opens raw & cold. We are ordered to bundle Blankets in tents & prepare for moving up the line. About 8.30 am. sees us march off in Platoons up the La Basculle. We every stone & house along which we now know as we know our own home Roads, via Amnequin a just prior to entering the communication trench (Waller's Wall) we halt to change our Boots for Gum Boots, carrying our leather Boots up with us. Our Area, to judge by the French sign posts, circulates & includes Boyeau 11 to Boyeau 13 which until recently was a French Sector. What is the correct sector's name may be we are in the front line & do till Wednesday (9 am.) 15th here. The trenches are in now too good a state but as against that 9th is unusually quiet for, besides a few Whizz/Bangs at occasional & unexpected times, we are pretty cushy the the weather & bodily comforts are as expected.

At 9 am. on Wednesday we move into the Reserve line & the trenches here are in a fearful state & in one portion, having two feet of liquid mud for a distance of fifty yards - this is some wade. As there are but few dugouts, part of a Platoon crowd down into a shallow semi mine dugout with occupant by 6 Platoon. Our Gum boots (high high) look for all the world like animalia columns of mud & our GCoats are fringed for a height of quiches by a 3 inch bill of hard packed messy clay

Journals kept by Corporal Julius Woods, Birkenhead, Cheshire, recording his service with 1/5 Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment, 1915-18. The journals, which appear to have been rewritten after the War, give a detailed picture of day to day life of the ordinary soldier in France.

An edition of the journal was privately published under the title: *Six To A Loaf: Jule Woods 1914-1918 Great War Diary*

D2402 Stitt papers

Letters, to his mother and father, from Bert (Robert) Stitt, Standtown, Belfast, who served with 8 (later 15) Royal Irish Rifles and 107 Trench Mortar Battery, 1915-16.

D2479 Charlotte Despard papers

Diaries kept by Charlotte Despard (née French), suffragist, pacifist, Irish Republican and socialist, 1914, 1916 and 1918. The diaries record her activities in opposition to the War and also her charitable work on behalf of Belgium refugees, wounded soldiers and others. They also record her reactions to events such as the Easter Rising and Russian Revolutions.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_despard_papers_d2479.pdf

D2548 Gardner papers

Lengthy narrative written by a Nora Gardner, Belfast, describing a visit to Essen in Germany in July 1914 and her return to Britain after the declaration of War, also some correspondence with friends in Germany, 1914.

D2551 Maps and printed material

Miscellaneous maps and printed material relating to the Italian campaign and Western Front, including Belgium and British trench maps, 1914-18

D2585 Strain papers



/20 Miscellaneous printed material relating to the War.

D2608 Andrews family Ballycroghan papers

Letters to members of the Andrews family of Ballycroghan, Bangor, Co Down from relatives and friends serving in the army including Private WJ Curry, 1 Argyle and Sunderland Highlanders from Salonica and Jack Andrews who served with the Australian Imperial Force in France.

D2630 Whaley family papers

/2 Letter from Sue Pennington, New York, USA commenting on American reactions to the end of the War, 1918

D2638 Kilmorey Papers



Papers of the Needham family, earls of Kilmorey, of Mourne Park, Kilkeel, Co. Down, including:

/D/14; /D/17; /D/97 Papers relating to Viscount Newry, later forth Earl of Kilmorey, who served with the Life Guards (the 'Blues') including his diary for 1918 and a typescript account by him or someone else of the proceedings in Compiegne forest in November 1918 leading up to the signing of the armistice.

/D/21 Papers relating to Captain Francis Needham who served with the Grenadier Guards.

/D/49 Papers about the Ulster Volunteer Force during the War including correspondence on recruitment to the 36 (Ulster) Division.

/D/51 Miscellaneous letters and papers of Lord and Lady Kilmorey about the War.

/D/100 Letters and papers of Lord Kilmorey about Kilkeel fishing boats sunk in the War.

/F/18 Photograph album entitled 'Flanders and France, 1914-15', containing photographs of cavalry officers, chateaux, shelled buildings including a cathedral, army sports events, military graves, army theatricals, etc.

/K/1 Volume containing minutes of the Annual Meetings and committee meetings of the Newry Branch of the British Legion, 1923-32.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_kilmorey_d2638-2.pdf

D2758 Stevenson papers

Letters from Lieutenant Colin Stevenson Royal Engineers, to his mother, Mrs James Stevenson, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, many written while he was on active service at Gallipoli and Salonika.

D2760 Printed material and photographs

Photographs of Private Archie Campbell, Newtownards, Co Down, who served with 13 Royal Irish Rifles and material relating to Newtownards War Memorial.

D2768 Recruitment document

Recruiting pamphlet, in the form of a circular letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, October 1915.

D2778 Workman papers

/7/8 Notebook containing the war time memoirs of Captain Wyclif McCready, who served with 10 Royal Irish Rifles and the Royal Army Medical Corps. The memoirs mainly cover the recruiting and training of the battalion, 1914-16.

D2794 William Montgomery,

Letters from Captain William A Montgomery, 9 Royal Irish Rifles, to his parents in Belfast, 1914-18. The letters give a vivid and at times brutally frank description of life in the front line.

D2886 Allison photographic collection**D2805, D4413 Harland & Wolff papers**

Business records of Harland and Wolff shipbuilders, Belfast and Glasgow, including:

/MIN/ 3-4 minutes of meetings of the Managing Directors of Harland and Wolff, including details of work undertaken during the War;

/SHIP/3 contains technical details of all ships constructed in the various Harland and Wolff yards.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__harland_and_wolff_d2805.pdf

D2857 Maps of France and Belgium

Printed maps showing border areas of France and Belgium, c1914

D2859 Tate papers

Letters from Lieutenant James Tate and Lieutenant William Tate, serving with the army in India, to their mother, Mrs A C Tate, Whiteabbey, Co Antrim. Mainly social and domestic news with some passing comments on the progress of the War.

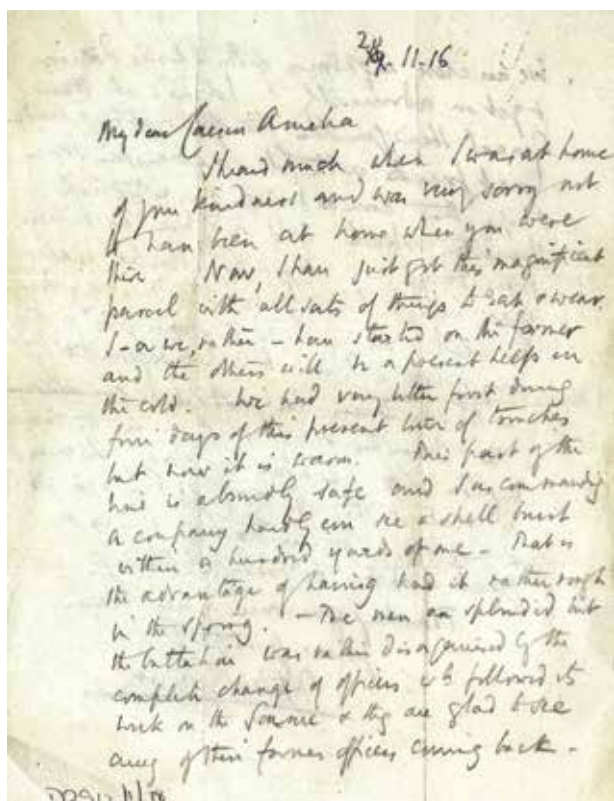
The records of Herbert Allison, a commercial photographer based in Armagh, 1889-1953, contain photographs of individual soldiers and group of soldiers, including recruiting parties.

Many of these are available on the PRONI Flickr stream:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/proni>

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_allison_papers_d2886.pdf

D2912 McCaughen Papers



1/18-20 Letters to his cousin Amelia from Stephen Gwynn, Irish Parliamentary Party MP, serving as a Captain with 6 Connaught Rangers, mainly family affairs but includes some general comments on the morale of the battalion and relationships between 16 (Irish) Division and 36 (Ulster) Division, 1916-17

D2918 Whyte Papers

Correspondence and other papers, mainly letters sent to Mrs Caroline Letitia Whyte, Loughbrickland, from friends and relations including:

7/E Letters from Major Thomas Aloysius Whyte, Royal Garrison Artillery, from France, 1916-17. Major Whyte served with a number of units including 141 Siege Battery, RGA.

7/H Letters from Maurice Ignatius Whyte, mostly from a rubber plantation in Malaya, 1914 and 1917 which includes references to progress of the War. (Lieutenant Whyte served with the Royal Field Artillery in France, 1915-16.)

7/J Letters from family members concerning the death of Lieutenant Hugh MacDermot, 6 Royal Irish Fusiliers, at the Dardanelles, August 1915.

7/N Letter from Major Jocelyn Ryan, 1/6 Ghurkha Rifles, a nephew of Mrs Whyte, on board the hospital ship *Ionion*, relating his experiences during the Gallipoli landings, August 1915.

7/Q War Dairy of Head Quarters 18 Siege Brigade RGA in France May to December 1915 (presumably kept by Major Thomas Whyte); Field message book containing miscellaneous notes from the Salonika campaign.

D2930 Young papers



Trench newspaper *The Hangar Herald*, produced by an Army Service Corps unit in France, March 1915.

D2966 Miscellaneous papers



/108 Two coloured picture postcards of 5 (Royal Irish) Lancers, c1914;

/117 List of officers of 36 (Ulster) Division with annotations 1915;

/121/12 Miscellaneous photographs, including Head Quarters Signal Section, 12 Royal Irish Rifles, c1916.

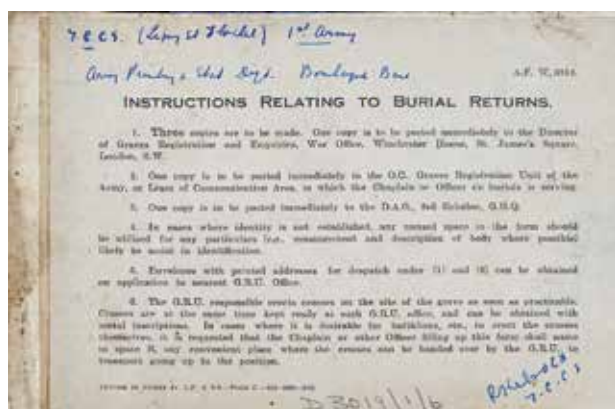
D3004 Brookeborough papers

Papers of the Brooke family of Colebrooke, Brookeborough, Co. Fermanagh, including:

C/2/36-105 Letters from Captain Basil Brooke to family members, 1914-18. Brooke served with 10 (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars and as an aide-de-camp to General Julian Byng, who commanded the Cavalry Corps in France, IX Corps at Gallipoli and later the Canadian Corps and Third Army in France.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_brookeborough.pdf

D3019 Kelso papers



Papers of the Reverend Robert Kelso, minister of Broadmills Presbyterian church, who served as a chaplain in France, 1916-18, including carbon copies of burial returns and letters from Kelso to relatives of soldiers killed or injured in action.

D3027 Young of Galgorm papers



6/16 Scrapbook kept by Major Arthur Chichester who served with the Surrey Yeomanry and Royal West Surrey Regiment in Gallipoli, Italy and the Western Front. Includes a number of water colour sketches of Gallipoli and France as well as newspapers cuttings, photographs and printed ephemera.

D3041 Whelan Papers



Reminiscences of Robert Whelan (written in 1963) including an account of the Easter Rising in Dublin when Whelan served as a Red Cross volunteer, 1916

D3044 Clanwilliam Meade papers

/Q/1 Scrapbook relating to fifth Earl of Clanwilliam containing material on the Home Rule crisis and the War, 1909-16

D3045 Young of Culdaff

6/11 Manuscript purportedly written by Lieutenant Guy Owen Lawrence Young, 11 Royal Irish Rifles, but in fact a copy or draft of Part 1 of *With the Ulster Division in France*, a history of 11 Royal Irish Rifles, 1915-16, published c 1919. The manuscript appears to contain some additional information not included in the published version.

6/12 Diary of Mrs Maryanne Young of Culdaff, which includes passing references to the War, 1918.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_young_of_culdaff_papers_d3045.pdf

D3084 Montgomery Hyde Papers

The papers of the writer and politician Harford Montgomery Hyde including material relating to his books on T E Lawrence, Edward Carson and Roger Casement, as well as other historical works.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction___montgomery_hyde_d3084-2.pdf

D3085 Ritchie papers

/24 Letter from Michael Cosgrave, a prisoner-of-war in Giessen, Germany to his mother.

D3111 Cox papers

Letter to [Albert] Cox from George Newel giving news of the death of Cox's brother George [9 Royal Irish Rifles] on 7 June 1917. Travel permit issued to Albert Cox, Belfast in 1916.

D3118 United Co-Op Bakery papers

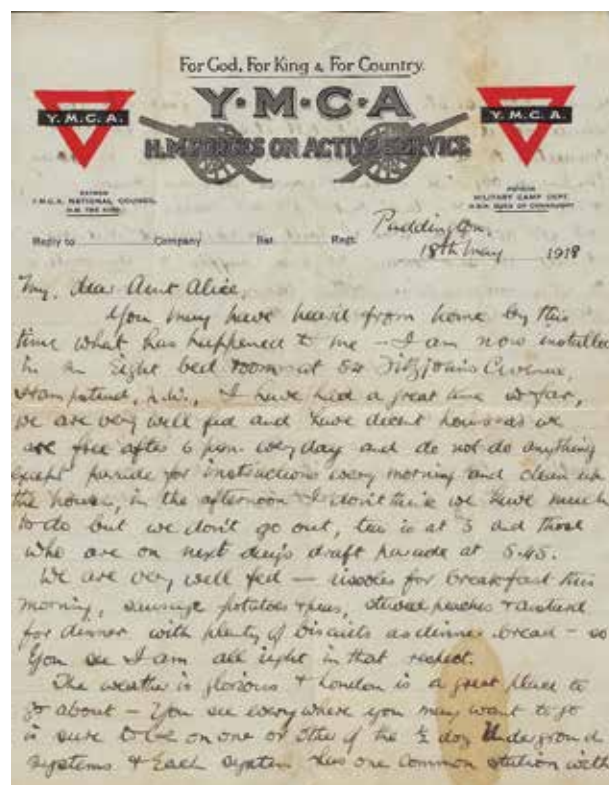
Business records of the United Co-Operative Baking Society, Belfast including:

/6/1 Notebook containing information on employees who served in the War.

D3160 Memoirs of John Regan

Typescript memoirs of John Martin Regan, Newcastle, Co. Down relating to his career in the Royal Irish Constabulary and war time service with 8 Royal Irish Rifles and King's African Rifles. Regan was in Dublin during the Easter Rising and later served in France and East Africa.

The memoirs have been published as: Joost Augusteijn (Ed.) *The memoirs of John M Regan*

D3190 Archie Douglas Papers

/1/7 Letters from Archie Douglas, Belfast, in training as an RAF flight cadet, June – November 1918, includes a description of the armistice celebrations in London.

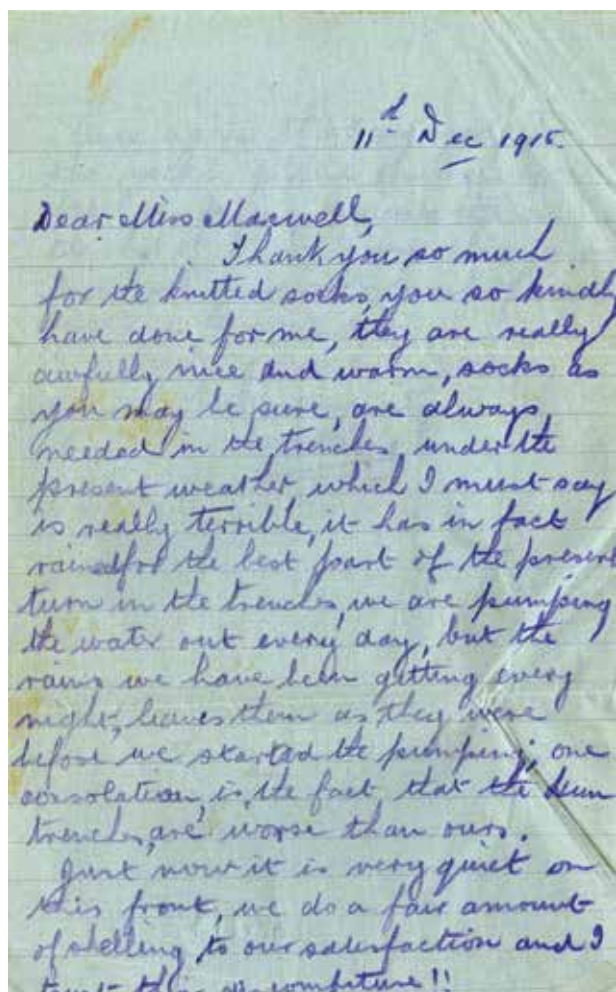
D3212 Papers of Harry Ferguson (Motors) Ltd

Minutes and other papers of Harry Ferguson (Motors) Ltd Belfast, 1914-18. The company was involved in the importation of tractors and the development of mechanical ploughs during the War.

D3220 Tyler Papers

/10 Papers of Sir Henry MacDonald Tyler, including letters, diaries and other papers relating to Tyler's experiences as an administrator and soldier in India and Mesopotamia. Tyler served with 1/9 Ghurkha Rifles during the War and was later a political officer in Iraq.

D3226 Maxwell family papers



Letters and postcards from soldiers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, either on active service or in prisoner-of-war camps, to Miss A H Maxwell, Armagh thanking her for sending them letters, parcels of food, clothing etc. Miss Maxwell took an active part in the activities of the Royal Irish Fusiliers Prisoners' Fund.

D3300/7 O'Keeffe papers

Papers relating to Major General Sir Manus O'Keeffe, Royal Army Medical Corps and his son Major Marcus O'Keeffe, Royal Artillery, killed in action 2 April 1918.

D3303 Brett Papers

/12/D Correspondence between Sir Charles H. Brett, a Belfast solicitor and Protestant Liberal Home-Ruler, and Sir William Pollard Byles, Liberal MP and his wife Lady Byles, 1915-17. Mainly dealing with political developments in Ireland but contain comments on the progress of the War, the Easter Rising, the trial of Roger Casement, etc.

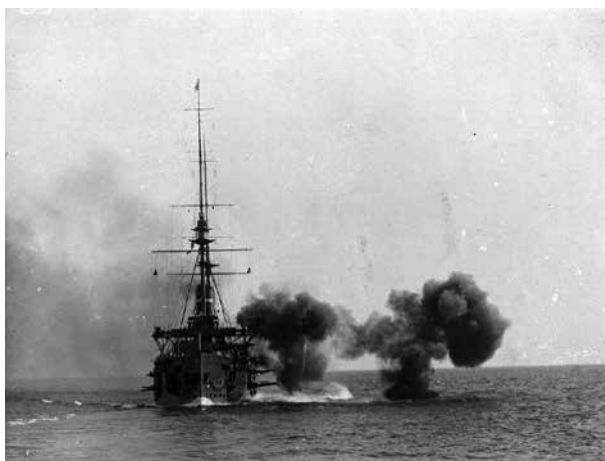
D3330 Baird papers

Personal papers of the Baird family including the diaries of Sir Robert Baird, owner of the *Belfast Telegraph*. As well as recording Baird's business activities the diaries give his views on the progress of the War as well as eye witness accounts of the Easter Rising in Dublin and German bombing raids in London. There is also some correspondence relating to Major General Sir Manus O'Keeffe, Royal Army Medical Corps and Major Marcus O'Keeffe, Royal Artillery who were related to Baird.

D3332 Twigg Papers

Letters from James Hamilton Twigg, British East Africa to his brother Richard Twigg, Solicitor, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. These letters give a vivid account of life in East Africa during the War during which Twigg served as an Intelligence Agent in German East Africa.

D3366 Hume Papers



/G Papers of Octavius William Andrews, Deputy Surgeon General, Royal Navy. Andrews who had retired before the War was recalled for service with HMS *Revenge* and *Prince George* in the English Channel and during the Gallipoli and Salonika campaigns. Papers include: journal kept by Andrews, August 1914 to October 1915 which includes a detailed account of the attempts to force the Dardanelles and the subsequent Gallipoli landings; contemporary reports on the activities of HMS *Prince George* in the Dardanelles, March 1915; manuscript account of actions of 86 Infantry Brigade (29 Division) at Gallipoli, April to May 1915; account of naval operations in the English Channel October to December 1914; account of HMS *Prince George's* action in the Dardanelles, March 1915; c350 photographs mainly taken during the Gallipoli and Salonika campaigns.

D3394 Thompson Papers

Printed booklet *Ruined France and Belgium. A Ballymena Visitor's Impression of the War Zone*, containing a roll of honour of Ballymena and District sailors and soldiers, 1919; photograph of Sir Oliver Nugent, c1925.

D3431 Lunn papers



Scrapbook kept by Major James Stewart Lunn, Lurgan, Co Armagh, who served with 6 Royal Dublin Fusiliers, including newspaper cuttings, ephemera and photographs relating to his military career.

D3437 Smiles papers



/C Papers of relating to Lieutenant Commander Walter Smiles, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, who served in Russia and Rumania with the Royal Navy Armoured Car Division, 1916-18.

For further information on the collections see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__smiles_papers_d3437.pdf

D3472 Cobb paper

Letter from Sir Edward Carson to Reverend Dr Cobb discussing the conduct of the War, 1915

D3480/59 Robert Lynn papers

Letters sent to Robert Lynn, editor of the *Northern Whig* from various correspondents including Lieutenant General Sir John Maxwell, who commanded British forces in Ireland in 1916.

D3503 Hackney papers



Letters received by George Hackney, Belfast during the War. Hackney served with 14 Royal Irish Rifles before being wounded in 1916. Correspondents include several of his comrades from the battalion and well as friends from Belfast and England.

Photographs taken by Hackney during his time in France are held by the Ulster Museum.

D3524 Bailie Papers

Copy booklet on Killyleagh Women's War Work and Patriotic effort with Roll of Honour of men from the area who served in the War, 1918.

D3529 McClure Papers

Small notebook kept by Gunner Samuel McClure, Whiteabbey, Co Antrim, who served with 110 Field Ambulance and later 108 Brigade Royal Field Artillery. It contains an episodic diary of McClure's service in Salonika and France 1916-17.

D3531 Shirley papers

/C/2 Letters from Major Evelyn Shirley, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan, serving with the Royal Warwickshire Yeomanry, to his mother, from Egypt and Gallipoli, 1915, including: a description of the aftermath of attacks made in August 1915; letters from Lieutenant Colonel G A Cardew, Royal Field Artillery, to his children, 1915-18, including description of final days of the British advance and the armistice, 1918.

/J/2/23-27 Diaries of Mrs SE Shirley, Warwickshire and Ireland, including brief entries about day to day activities with some comments on the progress of the War, 1914-18.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__shirley_papers_d3531.pdf

D3536 Bennet papers

Obituary and tributes from fellow officers relating to Lieutenant Trevor Bennet, 70 Squadron Royal Flying Corps, formerly 10 Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 10 November 1916

D3601 Lyle Papers

Letter from Robert Alexander, 2 Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, 1915 with Christmas greeting card from the King and Queen, 1915.

D3634 Letters of Fred Moorhead

A\9 Letters from Fred Moorhead, Army Service Corps, France, to Lizzie Moorhead, Bangor, Co Down, 1915-17. The letters contains brief descriptions of the war and personal experiences while on active service in France.

D3639 Records of Davidson & Co, Sirocco Engineering Works, Belfast

Printed material, photographs and newspaper cuttings relating to Sirocco's war record, including details of employees who served in the War. During the War Sirocco produced munitions, field kitchens and components for tanks and aeroplanes as well as large numbers of industrial fans. There is also material on the Wasp Hand Howitzer and Machine Gun periscope which were developed by Sirocco.

D3642 Davidson family papers

Papers of the Davidson family of Seacourt, Bangor, owners of the Sirocco Engineering Works, Belfast, including:

A/2/5 Correspondence and other papers of Captain James Davidson, Belfast. Davidson, who was Managing Director of the Sirocco Engineering Works, served with 13 Royal Irish Rifles and the Machine Gun Corps. His letters to his parents describe his experiences while training in England and serving in France. There are also some letters from comrades giving details his death on 1 July 1916 at the Battle of the Somme.

A/3/2 Notebooks of Samuel Davidson, 1914-18, containing newspaper cuttings and manuscript notes on: the Ulster Volunteer Force; recruitment for the 36 (Ulster) Division; munitions manufacture in Belfast, including notes of meetings with the Ministry of Munitions; and Davidson's own inventions and improvements to weapons.

D3655 Andrews Papers

Papers relating to Lieutenant Colonel Laurence Hind, 1/7 (Robin Hood) Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment) who was reported missing on 1 July 1916. Includes correspondence with soldiers

in the battalion concerning Hind's fate and with the Imperial War Graves Commission about his memorial, 1916-31.

D3665 Arthur Kelly Papers

Brief typescript history and photographs relating to No 12 Squadron RAF, 1915-18

D3667 Anderson papers

Scrapbooks containing newspaper cuttings, mainly photographs and cartons, relating to the War.

D3727 Armstrong papers

The papers of the Armstrong family of Deans Hill, Armagh City, including:

E/12 Letters to his father from James Robert Bargrave 'Robin' Armstrong who served with the North Irish Horse, 8th Hussars and Tank Corps in France, 1915-18. Mainly family news with some political comment.

E/14/1 Letters and diary of Major William Fortescue Armstrong, 1914-18. The diary gives a very detailed account of his activities in France with the Royal Artillery, including drawings December 1914 to June 1916.

E/14/2 Letters to his father from Lieutenant Michael Richard Armstrong Royal Engineers, mainly from base camps, 1915-16.

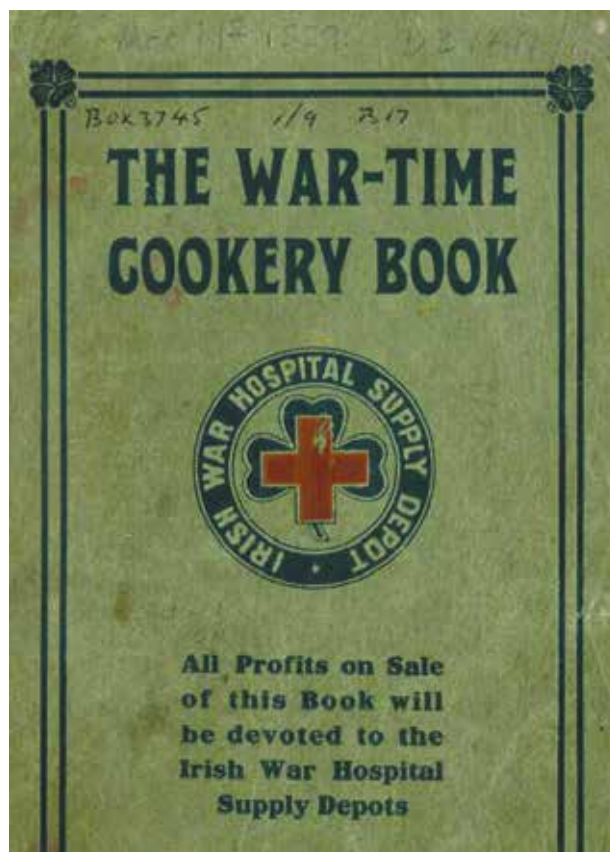
E/14/4 Letters to her father from Dorothea Boyle includes comments made by her husband Major JC Boyle, Royal Engineers, about recruitment to the 36 (Ulster) Division. c1917.

For further information of the papers see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__armstrong_of_deans_hill__d3727.pdf

D3754 Pinkerton papers

Papers relating to John Dick Pinkerton, Ballaghmore, Co. Antrim, who served with the Royal Naval Armoured Car Squadron in Russia and Rumania, 1916-7, including a typescript memoir.

D3764 Money Penny Papers



Copy of *The War-Time Cookery Book* published in aid of the Irish War Hospital Supply Depot.

D3788 YMCA papers

Minutes and printed material relating to the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, mainly in military camps in Ireland, 1914-18.

D3809 Central Council for the Organisation of Recruiting in Ireland papers



Large volume containing correspondence, photographs and newspaper cuttings relating to the activities of the Central Council for the Organisation of Recruiting in Ireland. The correspondence is largely that of Henry McLaughlin, Honorary Director of the Council, and provides an interesting insight into the various policies considered for attracting Irish recruits into the army during the War. Includes letters from various individuals including the politician and author Tom Kettle, serving with 9 Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and the lawyer and author Maurice Healy, who also served with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

D3815 Aiken McClelland papers

Correspondence concerning the Orange Order, including discussions about the suspension of Orange activities during the War, military lodges, the Easter Rising and political developments in general, 1914-18.

D3826 McLean & Sons papers

/D/2 File of correspondence relating to the 12 Royal Irish Rifles Old Comrades Association, 1958-69, mainly concerned with assistance to former soldiers and the organisation of memorial events.

/E/1 Minute book of the Whiteabbey branch of the British Legion Relief Fund, 1932-58.

D3835 Nugent of Farren Connell papers



/E Papers of Major General Sir Oliver Nugent of Farren Connell, Co Cavan. Nugent was a professional army officer who had retired on half pay in 1914. He was recalled to the army and commanded Hull defences, 1914-15, 41 Infantry Brigade, 1915 and 36 (Ulster) Division 1915-18 before taking command of the Meerut Division in India, 1918-20.

During the War Nugent wrote nearly 600 letters to his wife and children. These provide a fascinating insight into the day to day problems of a Divisional commander as well as trenchant comments on political developments in Ireland. A selection of these letters has been published by the Army Records Society as: Nicholas Perry (Ed.) *Major General Oliver Nugent and the Ulster Division, 1915-1918*

The papers also contain an extensive collection of operational papers mainly from the 36 Division. These include operational orders, intelligence summaries and trench maps and cover all of the major battles in which the Division took part.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__nugent__farren_connell_papers_d3835.pdf

D3883 Corkey papers

Diary of the Reverend Robert Corkey recording his time as a volunteer with the Young Men's Christian Association in France, 1916

D3885 British Legion papers

Minute books of the Portglenone Branch of the Royal British Legion, 1947-89

D3889 Pearson Letter

Letter from Charles Pearson, Willowpark Diary Depot, Belfast, to his mother, in which he comments on the shortage of butter and margarine in Belfast, January 1918

D3892 Jean Montgomery papers

Photograph album belonging to Nurse Jean Montgomery, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) containing photographs of nurses, some of whom are named, and patients in military hospitals during the War.

D3926 Keown papers

Letters to the Keown family, Co Donegal, thanking them for caring for survivors of the SS *Boniface* and SS *Sycamore* which were torpedoed off the coast of Donegal August 1917.

D3964 James Mackie and Sons papers

Business records of James Mackie & Sons Ltd, Heavy Machinery Manufacturers, Belfast, including:

H/12 Albums of photographs of women munitions workers in James Mackie & Sons.

T/38 Bound volume of the *Mackie's Magazine or The Turret-lathers Friend*, a factory floor magazine, produced and edited by the women workers, 1916-17

T/40 Draft history of Mackie's, including an account of the War years.

D3975 Farnham papers

Papers of the Maxwell and Maxwell Barry family, Lords Farnham, of Farnham, Co Cavan.

/E/8 Letters and papers relating to Arthur Kenlis Maxwell, 11th Baron Farnham, of Farnham, Co Cavan. Farnham served with the North Irish Horse before becoming an aide-de-camp to Major General Oliver Nugent, commanding the 36 (Ulster) Division, 1915-16. He later commanded 10 and 2 Battalions, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers and was made a prisoner of war in March 1918. Farnham's letters to wife give an insight into political developments during the War years (Farnham was an Irish representative peer) as well as life at the front.

For further information on the papers see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_farnham_papers_d3975.pdf

D4022 Johnson papers

Scrapbooks which include sample ration books from 1918.

D4082 John Brown papers

Discharge papers and other documents issued to John Alexander Brown, Belfast, who served with 20 Royal Irish Rifles, 1915-16.

D4089 Papers of Harry Midgley

Papers of the trade unionist and politician Harry Midgley including a number of poems reflecting on his experiences during the War. Midgley served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Royal Engineers.

For further information on the papers see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_midgley_papers_d4089.pdf

D4091 Papers of Sir Schomberg MacDonnell

The papers of Sir Schomberg MacDonnell, fifth son of the fifth Earl of Antrim, Louisa Countess of Antrim, Sir John Stuart and the Stuart family of Dalness.

/A/11 Field message book of Major Sir Schomberg MacDonnell, 5 Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, 1915.

/B/3 Correspondence of Louisa Countess of Antrim, a Lady in Waiting to Queen Victoria and Queen Alexandria, with various members of the royal family including references to the War.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__schomberg_macdonnell_d4091.pdf

D4101 Finlay Letter

Letter dated 22 October 1918, from Sergeant William Finlay, 15 Royal Irish Rifles, interned at Hotel Jungfrau, Murren, Switzerland, to his brother James [Belfast?] describing his capture during the German offensive in March 1918 and subsequent experiences as a prisoner of war.

D4121 Papers of the Alexander, Greer, and Lowry families

/C Papers of Thomas MacGregor Greer, Tullylagan, Co. Tyrone, including references to his role in recruiting for the 9 and 10 Battalions of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in Co Tyrone and of his wife Dorinda Greer including correspondence about medical supplies for hospitals.

/F Papers of Major Charles Adam Murray Alexander, Termon, Co Tyrone. Alexander served with 2 Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and as a staff officer with 48 Infantry Brigade, 16 (Irish) Division. As well as correspondence with his parents describing his experiences in France the collection contains a collection of orders, maps and photographs relating to the role of 48 Brigade at the Battle of Ginchy, September 1916. There is also correspondence concerning Alexander's book: *With the 2nd Battalion the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in France, 1914-16*.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__greer_lowry_and_alexander.pdf

D4122 Arthur Campbell Papers

Papers of the photographer and painter Arthur Campbell including a notebook containing copies of poems relating to the War plus original poems by Campbell. The volume has been illustrated with sketches by Campbell.

For further information on the collection see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__campbell__arthur_d4122.pdf

D4131, MIC590 Lissadell papers



/K Correspondence and other papers relating to Constance Countess Markievicz, including material relating to her involvement in the Easter Rising.

For further information on the papers see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__lissadell_papers_d4131_.pdf

D4163 Papers of the Milibern Trust

Papers of the Milibern Trust Limited, formerly the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust, relating to houses in Northern Ireland built for ex-servicemen, 1920s-80s.

D4168 King Harman Papers

Papers of the King, Harman and King-Harman families of King House and Rockingham, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, Mitchelstown Castle, Co. Cork, and Newcastle, Ballymahon, Co. Longford.

/F/1/1 Manuscript account by Captain RD King-Harman of the Battle of Jutland, from the perspective of HMS *Midge*, 1916

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/king-harman_introduction.pdf

D4179 Dunleath papers



Papers of the Mulholland family, Lords Dunleath, of Ballywalter Park, Co Down, including:

/9/2 Typescript copy diaries and correspondence written by four sons of the second Lord Dunleath, as follows: diary of Lieutenant Charles Henry Mulholland, 11 (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars, in France 15 August to 4 October 1914; diary of Captain Andrew Edward Somerset Mulholland, Irish Guards, 8 to 18 October 1914; diary of Henry George Mulholland, attached to the Royal Flying Corps, 8 to 18 October 1914; diary of Captain Godfrey John Mulholland, Army Service Corps, 4 June 1917 to 2 November 1918. Also typescript account, with photographs, written by Lady Dunleath of a tour of the former battlefields on the Western Front, November 1920.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_dunleath.pdf

D4189 Andrews mill records

/A/2/ Letter books of John Andrews & Co, Comber, 1914-18, which include material concerning: the problems of obtaining flax during war time (including correspondence with their suppliers in Belgium in late 1914); employees of the company who joined the army; and the operation of the company during the War, including work on military contracts.

For further information on the collection see: http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__andrews_mill_d4189.pdf

D4190 Sinton papers

Diaries of Major John Alexander Sinton, Lisburn, Co Antrim. Sinton served with the Indian Army

Medical Service as was attached to various units including the 37 Dogras Regiment and the Indian Cavalry Field Ambulance. He saw service in East Africa, 1914-15 and Mesopotamia, 1915-18, where he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

D4225 Brumwell Thomas papers

Correspondence of the architect Alfred Brumwell Thomas includes some references to his role in designing the cenotaph at Belfast City Hall, 1923-26.

D4246 Davis papers

Reports on the operations of the British Legion in Southern Ireland, 1925-7.

D4318 O'Brien family papers

Family letters, including copy letter from Lieutenant Maurice Desmond, Army Service Corps to 'The Girl Employees of John Desmond & Co' thanking them for a present, 1916 and letter from Driver J Barry in a military hospital in Newtownards, 1918.

D4427 Charles Burke papers

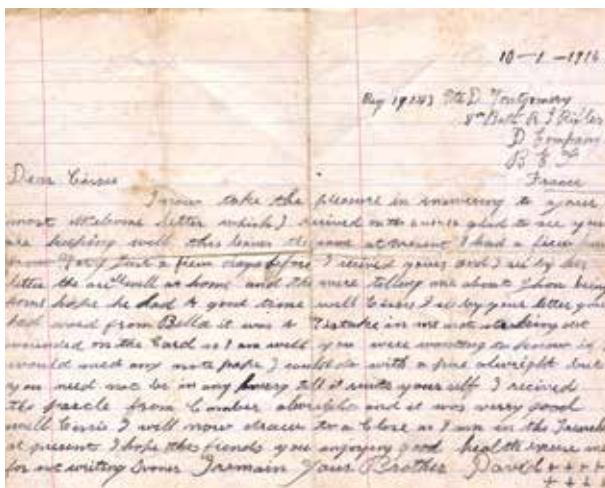


Papers relating to Lieutenant Colonel Charles James Burke, DSO who served with 2 Royal Irish Regiment, attached to No 2 Wing, Royal Flying Corps and later to 1 East Lancashire Regiment. The papers include an album of photographs showing British and foreign aircraft used during the War; copy war diary of No 2 Wing Royal Flying Corps for November 1914; typescript memorandum discussing the deterioration in Royal Flying Corps' effectiveness against the enemy, and making suggestions for improving pilot training and performance, 1915; report by the officer commanding No 2 Wing Royal Flying Corp commending the services of several officers with the wing.

D4442 Nick Perry papers

Copies of official documents (from National Archives, London classes WO95 and CAB45) relating to the operations of the 36 (Ulster) Division, 1916-18 including the Battle of the Somme. Includes the War Diaries of 36 Division and subordinate formations, reports, and plans of attack, also correspondence between the Official Historian and various participants in the battle.

D4452 Personal papers

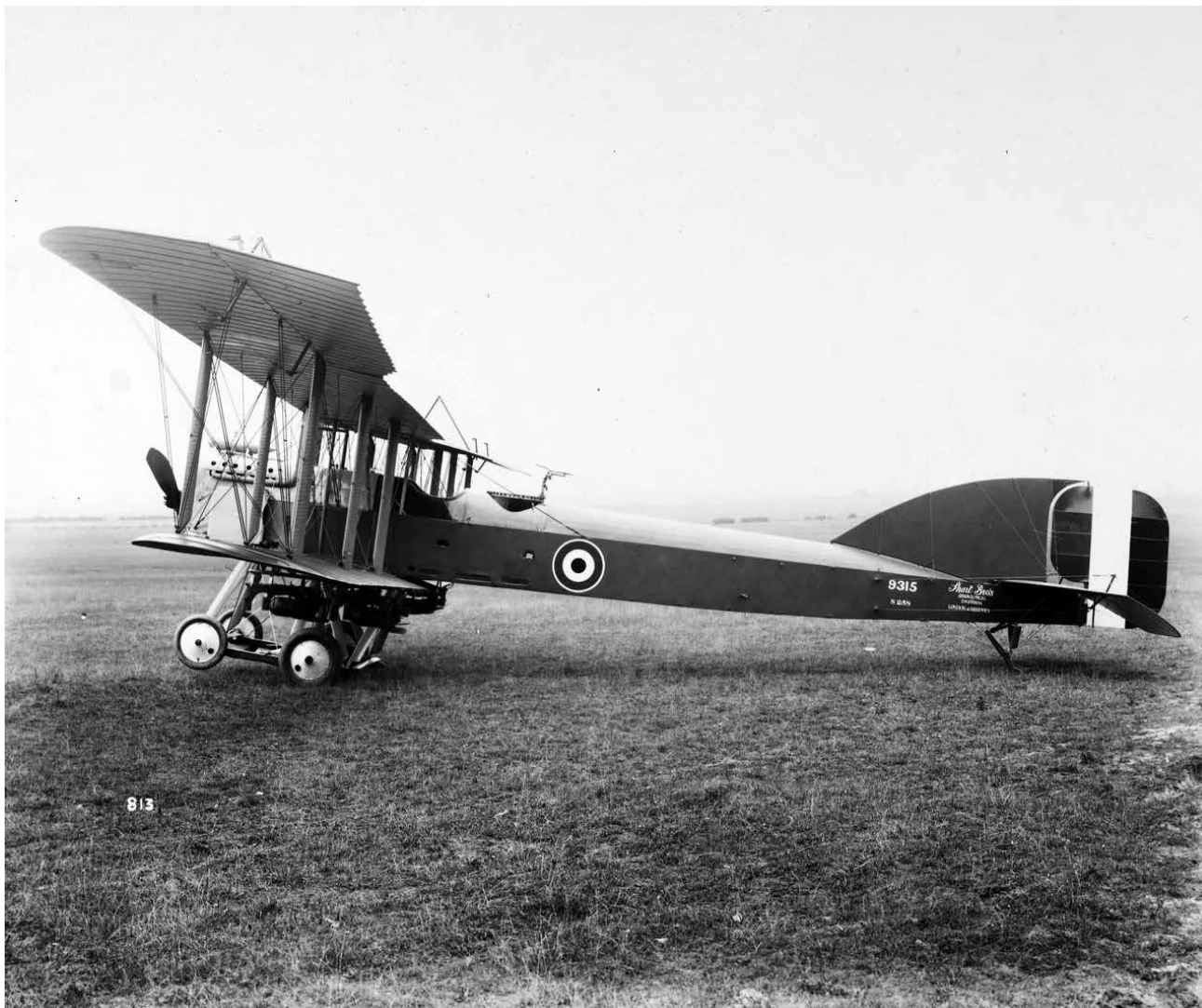


Correspondence and photographs relating to various individuals who fought in the War including: David Montgomery, Comber, Co Down, who served with 8 Royal Irish Rifles; Samuel Montgomery, Comber, Co Down, who served with 12 Royal Irish Rifles; George Ardill, Roscrea, Co Tipperary, who served with the South Irish Horse; and William Chapman, Sligo, who served with 2 Royal Irish Rifles.

D4467 Royal Navy Armoured Car Division papers

Papers, copied from various collections, including the National Archives, London, concerning men from the north of Ireland who served with the Royal Navy Armoured Car Division in Russia, Romania and Turkey during the First World War.

D4474 Short Brothers photographs



Photographic records of Short Brothers, aircraft manufactures, Rochester, Kent and Belfast. Includes photographs of aircraft and balloons built by Shorts during the War.

D4489 Florence Patterson correspondence

Letters from Florence Patterson sister of the Irish republican Bulmer Hobson, 1972-1974, which contain her recollections of Roger Casement.

D4509 North of Ireland Shipbuilding Company papers

Photographs of the North of Ireland Shipbuilding Company premises in Londonderry showing ships constructed in Londonderry during the War and general views of the shipyard.

D4555 British Legion papers

Minute books and registers, accounts, governance documents and printed material, relating to the British Legion in Northern Ireland, 1915-2011. Includes a minute book of 'The Comrades of The

Great War' organisation, 1918-22, one of the four ex-service organisations that merged in 1921 to form the British Legion. The minute books in this collection demonstrate the support, financial and otherwise, that the organisation gave to ex-servicemen and their families at a time when there was little or no state support.

D4571 Tom Hartley Papers

Papers relating to Tom Hartley's book *Written in Stone: The History of Belfast City Cemetery*. Includes records relating to military personnel killed during the War who are commemorated on family memorial stones in the City Cemetery.

MIC65 Rowan Hamilton Papers

Includes a plan of Killyleagh Castle, Co Down, and grounds showing areas occupied by troops, presumably during the First World War.

MIC109 Perkins Hearle papers

Rough diary kept by Lieutenant Nigel Hunter, Royal Engineers, whilst serving near Ypres 10 February 1915 to 17 September 1915. When the diary opens he appears to be in the Lindenhoek and Bailleul area. The period of the diary provides a virtually constant record of being shelled, apart from a brief leave in July which he spent in the West Country, and on his return from this leave he was attached to the 49 (West Riding) Division. He seems to have spent virtually all his time out with parties of men at night constructing trenches and laying wire, and there are one or two rough sketches of trench lines.

MIC126 James Boyd Diary

Diary of James Boyd, Carrickfergus, describing his service with the Ulster Volunteer Force and a reserve battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles, 1914-16 and the merchant navy, 1916-18.

MIC204 Queen's University OTC papers

Registers of the Queen's University, Belfast, Officer Training Corps, 1914-18

MIC436 Scrapbook

Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings, 1916-28, including material relating to the First World War and in particular to Ulster's role in the War.

MIC573 De Ros Papers

/20 Copy material relating to the Battle of Ypres, 1917 comprising: extracts from two letters from Sergeant David McCourt to Lady Una Ross, Old Court, Strangford, Co Down, about the fate of her husband, Captain Arthur Ross, 5 Royal Irish Rifles, (attached 1 Royal Irish Rifles) missing, believed killed, near Ypres, August 1917; transcripts of published accounts of the Battle of Ypres.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction__de_ros_papers_d638.pdf

MIC606 Leslie papers

Correspondence of Sir Shane Leslie, including material relating to his time in France with the Red Cross, 1914-15 and his work as a diplomat in the United States, 1916-18.

For further information on the collection see:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_leslie_papers.pdf

T1155 Lease

Copy lease of land at Ballykinler, Co Down for use in military training, 1914

T1479 Letter of sympathy

Copy standard letter from the King to returned prisoners of war, 1918.

T1846 UVF Hospital papers

Copy of the Ulster Volunteer Force Hospital Christmas Book for 1915.

T2031 Kirkpatrick papers

Copy papers relating to the Larne Voluntary Aid Detachment including a list of volunteer nurses.

T2255 Logan papers

Letters from and concerning Private Robert Logan, Newtownbutler, Co Fermanagh, who served with 1 Irish Guards and was wounded in France 1915.

T2278 Thompson family papers

Letters from members of the Thompson family living in America to relatives in Carrickfergus, 1915-17, making passing references to the progress of the War and American involvement.

T2288 James Fulton papers

Typescript entitled 'Reminiscences of a Gunner' by Gunner James Fulton, Royal Horse Artillery, describing his first day at the front line in France in November 1917.

T2303 Hilden Convalescent Hospital papers

Copy material relating to the Hilden Convalescent Hospital, Galwally, Belfast, 1917

T2346 Ulster Division documents

Copy tributes to the contribution of the men of Ulster during the Great War from Winston Churchill, Sir Douglas Haig, Admiral David Beatty and Sir Edward Carson. c1919

T2375 Photograph

Copy photograph of group of men from 16 Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, taken outside Brownlow House, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, c1915

T2384 Alanbrooke Papers

Copies of maps of the Somme area, including a German map showing British artillery positions,

July 1916. They appear to have been used by Alan Brooke (Later Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke) then an artillery officer with 18 Division.

T2393 Heron & Dobson papers

Copy letters and other papers relating to Lieutenant E H Wyly, Army Veterinary Corps, attached 25 Artillery Brigade, 1 Division, 1914.

T2409 Alexander papers

Copy sketch of a section of the front line near Le Mesnil-en-Arrouaise on the Somme made by Major Harold Alexander [later Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis], August 1917.

T2413 Easter Rising document

Article from the *Ulster Herald* on the Easter Rising and events in Tyrone, April 1915

T2419 Acheson papers

Typescript account of Sir James Acheson's experiences in the Indian Civil Service, 1913 onwards, gives a description of life in India during the War, including the Third Afghan War.

T2530 Glendinning papers

Copy minute book of the Lurgan Branch of the United Irish League, 1914-18

T2743 McSparron papers

Copy letters giving details of the deaths in action of the brothers William George McSparron, 2 Australian Infantry, in 1915 and Archibald Joseph McSparron, 18 Australian Infantry in 1916. Both were from Straid, Co Londonderry.

T2782 Robert Daniel papers

Copy letters from Cecelia H Daniel, Lough Ree Lodge, Athlone, Co Westmeath to Mrs Y Ilett, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. They include passing references to the War, the Easter Rising and conditions in Ireland.

T2850 Gillespie papers

Copy letter from Marjorie [Montgomery] a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse on board the Hospital Ship *Dongola* in the Mediterranean, September 1915. Contains some general comments on the progress of the War.

T2510 Herdman papers

Hdqrs. Trenches.
2nd July 1916.

My dearest Mother,

Just a note to tell you in spite of all I am alright, not a touch - this to say I have gone through Hell! - with the finest Div. the British Army has ever seen - As we all said they would do the right thing when the time came, & yesterday they did a feat that will go down in history - I don't know if you have heard yet, but poor Murland, Wprichard, H. Smyth, Rodgers & many others have branded for ever their names on Britains Roll of Heroes - Thank God! Matthew, Fridley & Moore are only slightly wounded - G. Ewart, J. Haughton, etc: but you will see plenty of this when the lists come out. - I don't really think I can write any more at present, everyone in spite of all are cheery, will write later when I get some sleep. Much love
D.O.

Copy transcript of letters, 1915-1918, from Captain Arthur Cochran Herdman to his mother. Herdman served with 13 Royal Irish Rifles and later as a staff officer with 36 (Ulster) Division and General Head Quarters.

T2948 Crommelin papers

Copy journal kept by Constance [Crommelin] wife of John Masefield later Poet Laureate. Mainly concerned with family and literature, it also contains passing references to the War and Masefield's activities as a Red Cross volunteer and writer, 1915-21.

T3061 Harkin papers

Transcript copy letters from Private James Harkin. 1 Irish Guards, to his family in Bunrana, Co Donegal, May to July 1915. Harkin was killed in August 1915.

T3072 Casement papers

Copy papers relating to the execution of Roger Casement, 1916.

T3119 Charles Black papers

Copy papers relating to Leading Seaman Charles Black, HMS *Fox*, including an account of his escape from imprisonment in German East Africa in 1917.

T3144 Denton de la Cour Ray papers

Copy sketches and cartoons produced by Major Denton de la Cour Ray, 2 Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, including a number of satirical cartoons on the War and Irish politics.

T3206 History of Ulster Division document

Typescript history of the 36 (Ulster) Division from September 1914 to July 1916 by R H Stewart. This is a substantial work (c40,000 words) containing a number of first hand accounts, none of which are sourced.

T3217 Stewart-Moore document

Typescript entitled 'Random Recollections recorded by J L Stewart-Moore, part 2'. This account, which was written in January 1976, covers the period 1914-18, when he served with the 15 Royal Irish Rifles and 107 Trench Mortar Battery. He took part in the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, being mentioned in Dispatches and later, on 3 October 1916, he was badly wounded and lost the lower part of his right arm

T3240 Robert Sterling papers

Copy journal kept by Captain Robert Sterling from December 1919 to March 1921 including a retrospective account of his service in Mesopotamia with the 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars, 1918.

T3253 William Jamison papers

Typescript reminiscences, written in 1976, of Rifleman William Jamison who served with 2/18 London Regiment (London Irish Rifles) in France, Salonika and Palestine, 1915-18

T3306 Benner papers

F/4 Copy letter from Roger Casement, Pentonville Prison, to friends, written the day after he was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey in which he thanks the many people who helped him, 20 June 1916.

T3321 Home Rule papers

Copy printed material relating to the Ulster Nationalist Conference held in Belfast, June 1916.

T3350 Annesley of Bletchingdon papers

Copy political letters and papers of William Waldegrave Palmer, 2nd Earl of Selborne, 1911-1918; and Howell Arthur Gwynne, editor of the *Morning Post* newspaper, mainly relating to political developments in Ireland.

T3519 Easter Rising document

Copy typescript account of the experiences of a Miss RH Barcroft who was in Malahide, Co Dublin during the Easter Rising.

T3531 Burgoyne diary

Copy typescript diary kept by Captain Gerard Burgoyne, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, who served with 2 Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles from December 1914 to May 1915. Gives a very detailed and outspoken account of the fighting and conditions in the trenches mainly around Kemmel and the Ypres salient.

The diary has been published as: Claudia Davison (Ed.) *The Burgoyne Diaries*

T3582 Baxter memoirs

Typescript memoir and family history by John Baxter, includes an account of his childhood in north Belfast during the War.

T3620 Richard Pim memoirs

Typescript reminiscences of Sir Richard Pike Pim, 1900 to 1974, including an account of his time as a midshipman in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, 1918.

T3764 Corscadden papers

Copy of transcribed memoirs of Mr Thomas Corscadden, a prominent landowner and magistrate from Hollymount, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, 1910-17. He mentions the outbreak of the War and the enlistment and subsequent death of his son Lieutenant Francis Corscadden, 14 Royal Irish Rifles.

T3765 Granard Papers

K/14 Copies of the 8th Earl of Granard's papers as a member of the Irish Convention, 1917-18, including notes for speeches made by him and on speeches made by others. Also letters to Granard from John Redmond, TM Healy and others.

T3778 McCullough papers

Typescript transcriptions of letters written from Natal, South Africa, by Joseph McCullough to his family in Dromore Co Down. Contains passing references to the War and relations with German colonies in Africa.

T3824 Linfield document

Photograph of the Linfield football team, 1915-16.

T3852 George Bryson papers

Copy typescript memoir of George Herbert Bryson, entitled 'Memories of a Long Life: an attempt at autobiography', written c1980. It includes a brief account of his military service in the War, 1916-18, including service with the Antrim Garrison Artillery at Grey's Point and later the Royal Garrison Artillery attached to 2 Division in France in 1918. There is also a description of the Easter Rising in Dublin.

T3896 James MacDowell Papers

Copy diary and photographs of Lieutenant James MacDowell, Bangor, Co Down. The diary recounts MacDowell's experiences with the Royal Navy Armoured Car Division in Russia and Romania during 1916.

T3920 Hugh Law letter

Copy of a letter from Hugh Law, 9 Battalion, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, in France, to his mother, Catherine, in Macosquin, Coleraine, 25 January 1918. Mainly concerned with the political situation in Ireland.

T3927 Hanratty letter

Transcribed letter from Lieutenant Patrick Alphonsus Hanratty, 2 Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment (Later Machine Gun Corps) describing the opening of the Battle of Messines, 7 June 1917.

T3948 McIlroy memoir

Copy typescript interview conducted in the 1980s, with William McIlroy, 13 Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. It describes his training and his experiences at the Somme, 1916 and Messines, 1917, where he lost a leg.

Records of Government Departments

AG Ministry of Agriculture

Records of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture, including some material dating from the War:

AG/2 County Agricultural Advisory Committees. Minutes, reports and correspondence of the Antrim, Armagh, Londonderry and Tyrone Advisory Committees. These contain a great deal of information on the effects of the War on agricultural production. Subjects covered include: campaigns to increase food production; the introduction of Compulsory Tillage Orders; price controls; mechanisation of agriculture, including the introduction of tractors; and labour shortages, 1914-18.

AG/69 Port records. Information of livestock exports from the port of Larne, 1914-18.

AUS Assistant Under Secretary Belfast

Records relating to the interim administration in Belfast 1920-22, includes some material on efforts to find employment for ex-servicemen, e.g.:

AUS/1/28 Opening of Ministry of Labour (Ireland) Government Instructional Factory, Belfast, for training of ex-servicemen

AUS/1/47 Resolution of Belfast War Pensions Committee re the training of disabled ex-Servicemen.

AUS/1/49 Protest from Association of Temporary

Male Tax Clerks re dismissal by the Board of Inland Revenue of ex-service temporary tax clerks.

CAB Cabinet of Northern Ireland

The CAB class contains the records of the Cabinet of Northern Ireland, 1921-72 and of the Cabinet Secretariat, which acted as the main co-coordinating body for the Northern Ireland government. It contains information on the provision of employment and housing for ex-servicemen and on the issues surrounding the commemoration of the War.

The proceedings of the Northern Ireland Cabinet, which discussed many of these issues, are available under the reference CAB/4.

The following classes contain Cabinet Secretariat files on related subjects:

CAB/6/9 Intimidation of Catholic ex-servicemen in Craigavon hospital, 1922;

CAB/6/89 Correspondence about Field Marshall Sir Henry Wilson, 1922;

CAB/8/B/26 Attitude of the police at an Armistice Day celebration in Belfast, 1923;

CAB/8/C/3 Revision of booklet *Guide to Civil Employment for Ex-Soldiers*, 1923;

CAB/8/G/27 Ex-servicemen's graves in Northern Ireland, 1923;

CAB/8/G/29 Honorary representative of British Legion in Northern Ireland, 1923;

CAB/8/R/2 Problems of war pensions administration in Ireland, 1923;

CAB/9/A/15 Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson's furniture and portrait, 1923-30;

CAB/9/A/64 The 36 (Ulster) Division Memorial at Thiepval, 1927-57;

CAB/9/B/6 Ex-servicemen's Housing, 1922-66;

CAB/9/B/8 Allowances under the war risks compensation scheme, 1923-24;

CAB/9/B/109 Bonuses to employees of local authorities who served in the War, 1926;

CAB/9/B/299 Commemoration of the 1916 Rebellion in Northern Ireland, 1966;

CAB/9/C/8 National scheme for the employment of disabled ex-servicemen, 1923-26;

CAB/9/G/54 Irish war memorial, 1925;

CAB/9/G/65 Hospital care for ex-servicemen, 36 (Ulster) Division, 1923-37;

CAB/9/G/84 Regimental museum, Royal Ulster Rifles, 1962;

CAB/9/Q/12 Employment of ex-servicemen in the Civil Service, 1922-54;

CAB/9/T/7 Armistice Day in Northern Ireland, 1923-56.

ED Ministry of Education

Records of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education, including some material dating from the War:

ED/4 Technical Instruction Files. Correspondence between the Department of Technical Instruction in Dublin and local technical colleges, 1914-18. Includes discussion of: the provision of classes in conversational French for soldiers; classes in technical subjects for women munitions workers; the training of wounded officers and discharged service men; and the use of technical colleges for munitions work

FIN Ministry of Finance

Records of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Finance contain information on a wide range of subjects. The following classes contain relevant material:

FIN/16/8 Files relating to Irish Land (Provisions for Sailors and Soldiers) Act, 1919, 1920-37

FIN/18 Treasury Division files including material on the fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries of the Battle of the Somme

HA Ministry of Home Affairs

Records of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Home Affairs. The following classes contain relevant material:

HA/8/656 King's National Roll for disabled ex-servicemen, 1923-32;

HA/32/1 Files relating to Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, 1922.

HSS Ministry of Health and Social services

Records of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Health and Social Services. The following classes contain relevant material:

HSS/19 King's National Roll Files, 1927-70;

HSS/20 Employment of ex-servicemen in the Civil Service, 1918-30

HO Home Office (UK Government)

Records of the United Kingdom Home Office:

HO/5/79 Irish Sailors and Soldiers Trust file.

INF Northern Ireland Government Information Service



Records of the Information Service including:

INF/1 Files on the commemoration on the sixtieth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, 1976

INF/5 Printed material re the fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries of the Battle of the Somme, 1966-76.

INF/7 Copies of historical photographs collected by the Northern Ireland Information Service, mainly from newspapers and photographic libraries. The collection includes photographs of many of the important political figures and military commanders of the War period, as well as historical events such as the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. It also includes many images of the 36 (Ulster) Division, 1914-15 and the dedication of the Thiepval Memorial, 1921.

PM Prime Minister's Office

Records of the Northern Ireland Prime Minister's Office.

PM/1 Correspondence sent to the Prime Minister, 1921-43, including many from ex-servicemen or their families looking for employment or other assistance.

PM/5/70 Files on the commemorations of the fiftieth

anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

PM/6/70 Files on the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme, 1927-42

MIC216 War Cabinet

Microfilm of the index to United Kingdom War Cabinet Conclusions and Cabinet Minutes, 1914-18. (Original records held The National Archives, London)

MIC219 Cabinet Papers

Microfilm of the United Kingdom Cabinet Minutes, 1914-18 (Original records held The National Archives, London, reference CAB 37)

MIC448 Dublin Castle papers

Microfilm of the Colonial Office Series of Dublin Castle Records including material 1914-18. (Original records held The National Archives, London, reference CO 904)

Records of other official bodies

LA/1 Antrim County Council records

LA/1/16/BB Correspondence of the War Relief Committee, 1914-15.

LA/3 Down County Council records

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LA/5 Londonderry County Council records

LA/5/16/AA/5 Minutes of the Relief of War Distress Committee, 1914-15.

LA/7 Belfast Corporation records

LA/7/3/A Correspondence of the Lord Mayors of Belfast, 1931-72, includes material on the Armistice Day and Battle of the Somme commemorations at Belfast City Hall. Also letters to the Lord Mayor from ex-servicemen and their families asking for employment or other assistance and material relating to fund raising events for ex-servicemen.

LA/7/16/BA Minutes and correspondence of the Belfast War Memorial committee, including subscription lists and correspondence with the architect of the cenotaph Sir Alfred Brumwell Thomas. Also material relating to Armistice Day

and Battle of the Somme commemorations, 1919-60.

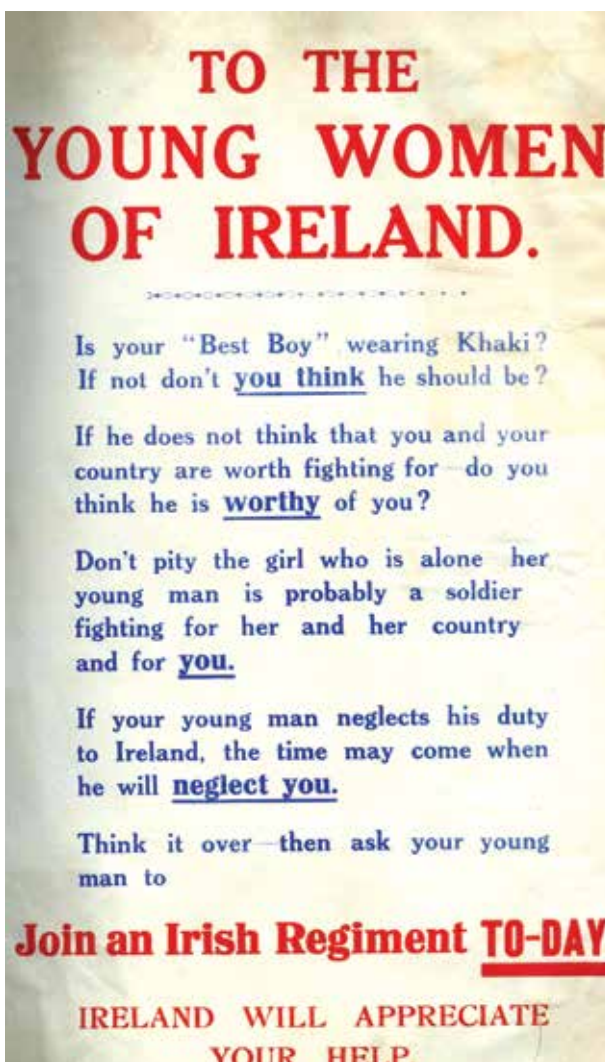
LA/7/26/BD Volume containing minutes of the Tramway Staff War Fund Committee, including details of staff killed or injured on active service and payments to families, 1925-71.

LA/7/29/BA Solicitor's department files including material relating to the payment of War service bonuses, 1914-32.

LA/11 Ballycastle Rural District Council records

LA/11/16/BA Correspondence between the Imperial War Graves Commission and Council concerning Ballycastle (Bonamargy) Cemetery, 1927-47.

LA/20 Bangor Borough Council records



LA/20/16/EA Receipt book for the Bangor and District War Memorial, 1924-27.

LA/20/50/GA Volumes containing newspaper cuttings, photographs, and miscellaneous material, much of it relating to activities in Bangor during the War and to recruiting.

LA/25 Coleraine Borough Council records

LA/25/16/AB Minute book of the War Memorial committee, 1919-30.

LA/28 Cookstown Urban District Council records

LA/28/16/AB Minutes of the War Memorial committee, 1919-29

LA/65 Portrush Urban District Council records

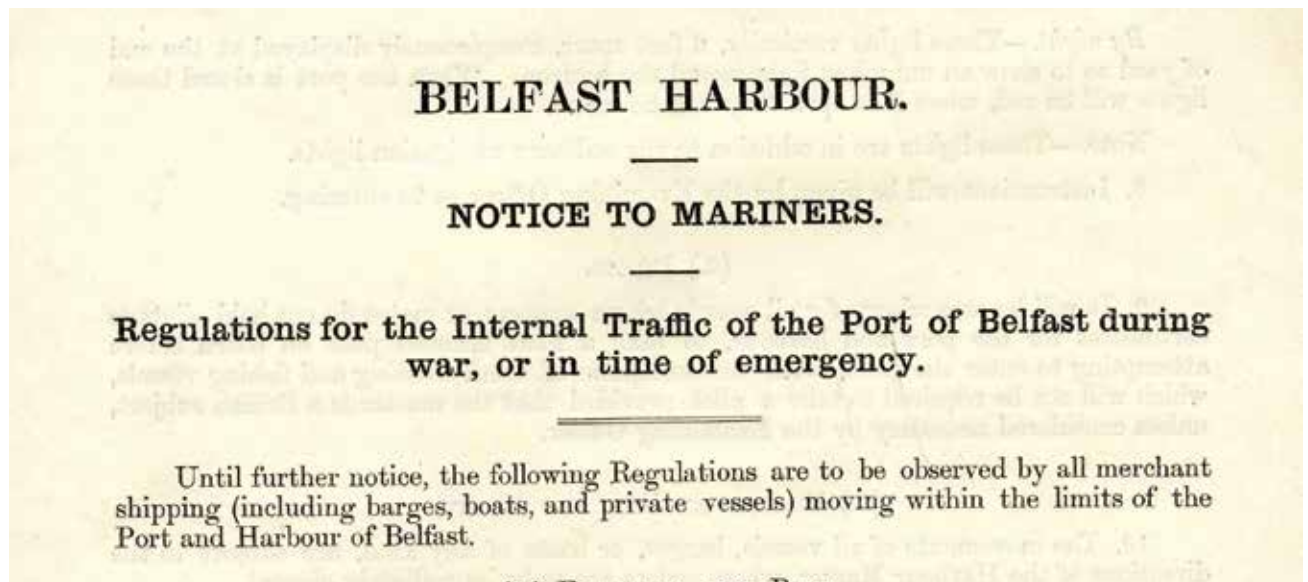
LA/65/16/AB Minute book which includes proceedings of the Portrush sub-committee for the prevention and relief of distress caused by the War and the War Memorial Committee, 1916-37.

LA/79 Londonderry City Council records

Londonderry War Memorial records. These are available on line see:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/corporationarchive-3/warmemorial.htm

HAR Belfast Harbour Commissioners records



HAR/1/J/1 Records relating to Belfast Harbour in the War, including papers relating to harbour defences, some of which date back to 1910, correspondence on the operation of the harbour during the War and registers of ships using the harbour on official service, 1914-18.

LA/43 Larne Urban District Council records

LA/43/11/C Registers and correspondence concerning war graves in Larne cemetery, 1925-81.

LA/43/50/C Booklet on the unveiling of Larne War Memorial, 1922

LA/51 Lurgan Borough Council records

LA/51/3/AG Correspondence concerning Lurgan War Memorial, 1947-57

LA/51/16/AB Distress Committee minute books, 1914-1928.

HOS/2 Royal Victoria Hospital records

HOS/2/1/4/1 Volume containing details of soldiers treated at the Royal Victoria Hospital, 1914-16.

BCT Belfast College of Technology records

Records of the Belfast Municipal Technical Institute later known as the Belfast College of Technology.

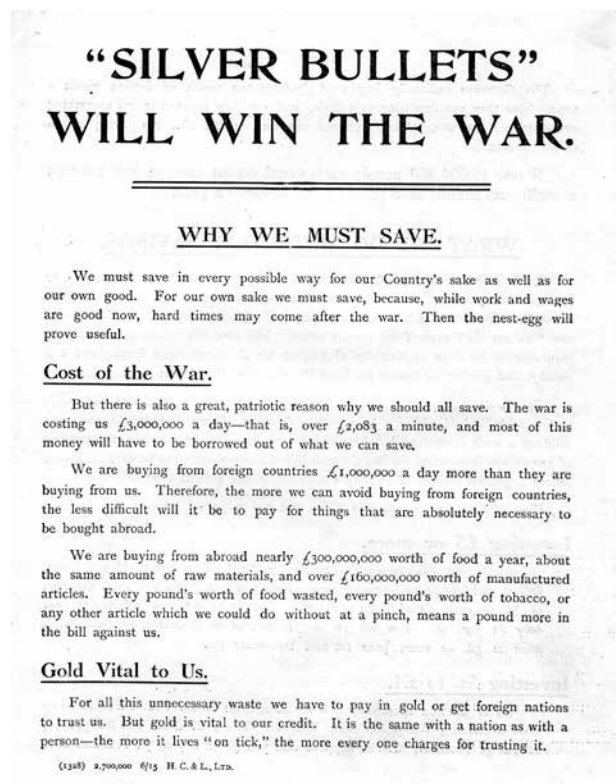
BCT/8/5 Contains information a wide range of activities at the college during the War, including: training and research for War industries; munitions work at the college; classes for discharged and disabled servicemen; details of staff and pupils who

served in the War; and the recruitment and training of women for the Voluntary Aid Detachments and Red Cross.

NUU New University of Ulster

NUU/5/1 Roll of Honour of Magee University College students who serving in the War.

UTA Ulster Transport Authority



UTA/12 Records of various railway companies operating in the north of Ireland. Contains information on a wide range of activities during the War, including: recruiting, government control of the railways, construction for the War Department, harbours, ferries, painting station names on roofs, defence of railways, etc.

WGC Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Thiepval Memorial to the 36th (Ulster) Division.

Records deposited by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission including the visitors' books for the 36th (Ulster) Division memorial at Thiepval, 1924-31 and registers of War graves in Ireland.

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	REMARKS
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17/11/24	J. J. J. J.	Tommy	
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17/11/24	St. Denis	Paris	
17/11/24	Chapelle	Ayette P.D.C. altier	
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20/7/25	July	St. Jean de la Riviere	
20/7/25	Louise Dubois	Monique, Canada	
20/7/25	Genevieve	Montreal, Canada	
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20/7/25	Genevieve	Longueville, Canada	

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Wills and Testamentary papers

I, Hugh Sloan Kerr, of Cladene, Martiney Avenue, Belfast, Engineer, Royal Naval Reserve, declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills and Testamentary dispositions at any time heretofore made by me. I leave devise and bequeath my house in Martiney Avenue aforesaid, my money in the Post Office and all other property of every nature and description of which I may be possessed to my mother Ellen Jane Kerr and I appoint her and William McMillan, Upper Newtownards Road

PRONI holds copies of will proved in what is now Northern Ireland from 1864 and all original wills and letters of administration from 1900 onwards. These include a number of wills or administrations in respect of men who died during the War. Wills can be accessed through our online will calendars at: http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm

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