

Irish Volunteers, Galway City Corps, May to October 1914

Galway County Council Archives welcomes you to its online exhibition

which includes exciting original source material recording the development of the Volunteers in Galway City in 1914. It also includes records documenting the split in the organisation following the outbreak of World War I.

The exhibition is primarily comprised of items from two collections, Minutes of the Irish Volunteers, Galway City Corps dating from 4th May to 20th September 1914, (GS01/03), and also a City Corps file of correspondence dated 25th July to 5th October 1914 (GS13/02). These two small items hold a wealth of rarely accessed material relating to the early days of the Corps in Galway.



‘Gníomh de chuid Straitéis Deich mBliana
na gCuimhneacháin Chontae na Gaillimhe
2013 - 2023

An Action of the County of Galway Decade
of Commemorations Strategy 2013 – 2023’

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The Irish Volunteers - Óglaigh na hÉireann - were founded on 25 November 1913 at a public meeting held in the Rotunda Rink in Dublin. Founders of the Volunteers included Professor Eoin Mac Néill and The O'Rahilly, a member of the governing body of the Gaelic League. The Galway Corps was established just months later, following a meeting in the Town Hall in December 1913, which was addressed by MacNéill, Sir Roger Casement and others.

By July 1914 the Irish Volunteers numbered around 160,000 members, formed against a background of rising militancy in Ireland after the Irish Home Rule Bill of 1912, to which Ulster Unionists were vehemently opposed.




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Irish Volunteers, Galway City Corps

Least we forget...

“It is appropriate to honour these founding Volunteers who thought beyond themselves and their own lives, towards an Irishness beyond their own welfare. This was an army drawn from people who were motivated to rise and to vindicate the unfulfilled hopes and aspirations for freedom, of the previous generations, men and women anxious to live up to their responsibilities, as they saw them, towards future generations. Through the foundation of Óglaigh na hÉireann they were envisioning a brighter future for our citizens in freedom”.

President Michael D. Higgins
at the State Ceremony
marking the
Centenary of The Foundation of
The Irish Volunteers,
Garden of Remembrance, Dublin,
24th November, 2013.


ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

Proposed by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, and
Resolved: —

"That we regret to notice the
backwardness of the people of Gort with
regard to the establishment of a Branch of
the National Volunteers, considering the
lead that has been given them by other towns
in the County, and the great importance
of the Movement."

Gort Rural District Council, Minutes, G01/10/12, p110, 7 March 1914

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ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

Meeting 4th May 1914.

Resolved that the present Committee be converted into a Provisional Committee and that a Conference be held in the Town Hall on Friday 15th May to which delegates be invited from all the nationalist bodies in Galway and arrangements made at the Conference for a Public Meeting to be held in a short time at which Colonel Moore be asked to attend.


Pending the conference all drilling to be discontinued in South Park but Atheman & other bodies to start drilling at once in their own Halls.

Minutes of the Corps calling a conference for 15th May, in the Town Hall, 4 May 1914, GS01/03.



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ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

The following was received from the Kimerick County Council and adopted. On the proposition of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Malley?
That owing to recent Political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we the members of the Kimerick County Council, Consider that the time has come when every effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer force in every parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader, Mr John E. Redmond, would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be to protect our fellow-Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack.

Tuam Town Commissioners Minutes, 2 Jun 1914, TTC/1/4, p927.

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Galway County Council and Galway Rural District Council also adopted this resolution, (G01/2, p529 and G01/9/3, p523).

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BUREAU OF MILITARY HISTORY 1913-1921
BUIO STAIRÉ MILEATA 1913-21
No. W.S. 714

STATEMENT BY THOMAS HYNES,
Kilcullen, Newcastle Road, Galway.

**Thomas Hynes,
recalls the
establishment of
the Volunteers in
Galway.**

Military Archives, Bureau
of Military History
Collection 1913-1921,
witness statement 714.

My connection with the Volunteers commenced about 1912-1913. Previous to this I used to be in Dublin very often, nearly every week-end in connection with athletics running at Jones Road (now Croke Park). I was introduced to some men by the late Tom Kenny, Craughwell. In later years I found out these men were all I.R.B. men. I was generally given a bunch of the first Sinn Féin pamphlets and asked to post them up in Galway; this I did faithfully. A short time after this I was introduced to George Nicholls, a young solicitor working in G.C. Conroy's office, Francis Street, Galway, and a Seamus Carter working in the County Council office at the Courthouse, Galway. S. Carter I knew before as a member of the Galway City Harriers.

I was asked to join the Gaelic League and Pipers' Band. There I met John Hosty, Tom Flanagan, Martin Ridge, John Griffin, John Tierney, J. Beatty and several others, also the late Mary Malone, Maggie Melvin, etc. M. Malone was afterwards the most active girl in Galway in the Cumann na mBan, with Mrs. Donegan as Chairman.

There was a meeting held in the Town Hall, 1914-1915, (the late E. McNeill and Sir Roger Casement were amongst the speakers) for the purpose of forming the Volunteers. After the meeting a few hundred joined up but that was all that was heard of most of them.



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Meeting May 22nd 1914.

Members present:-

Captain Meagher. Messrs. Pringle, Redington,
Nicolls Hoeh, Flanagan Hardiman Hynes Lavelle
Usher, Allen, Cusack Carter Barrett.

Captain Meagher having been proposed and seconded
took the chair.

B. A. Cusack & Mr Allen elected Hon Secretaries
J. Hardiman & Jas Carter elected. Hon Treasurers
Support having been promised by M.D. (Usher & Redington)
M.D. (Mr Redington) M.H. (O'Neill) Students (Cusack)
Brass Band (Barrett) and Labourers (Lafhus)


Resolved that drilling be restarted immediately.

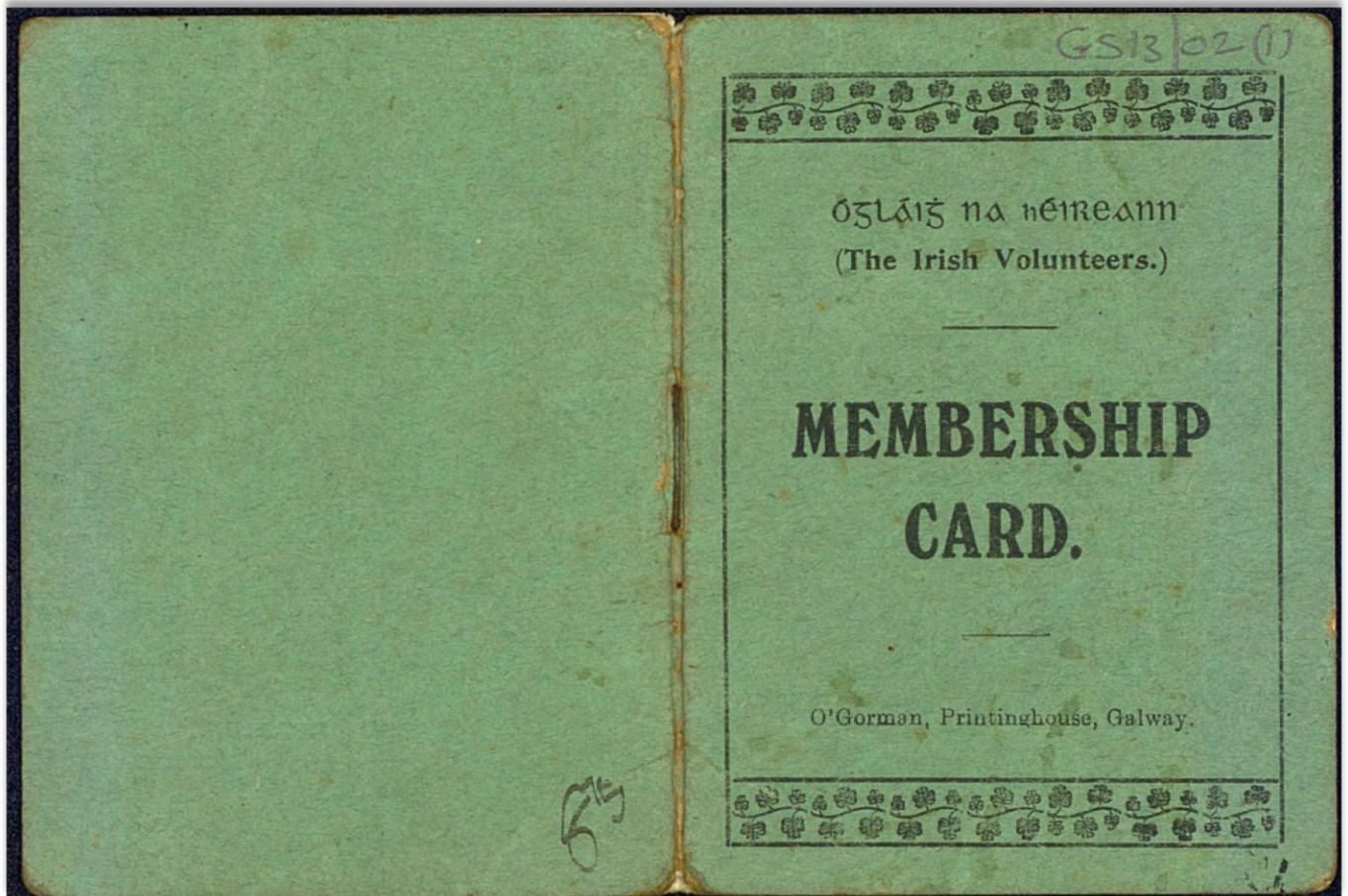
Resolved that the Corps be reorganized.

Resolved that delegates at Convention act in
future as Committee.

Messrs O'Neill, Carter & Allen appointed Sub Committee
to see after Drill, Instructors etc.

Minutes of a Corps meeting listing attendees and recording appointments
to various posts, 22 May 1914, GS01/03.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.



**Irish Volunteers Membership Card for Dr Walsh of Dominick Street,
Secretary of the Galway Corps, who enrolled with the Volunteers on 21
June 1914, GS13/02.**

ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. عو
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

There are at present over 600 Volunteers Drilling and Training in Galway. Money is urgently needed for their proper Equipment, without which a Corps is useless. To raise money for this purpose a Meeting of the Citizens of Galway was held on Sunday, 19th inst. The subjoined list of subscriptions is the result. Very much more is needed, and the Volunteer Committee has decided to make a thorough collection of the Town. Everyone in sympathy with the Volunteers is expected to contribute more or less in accordance with their means.

On behalf of the Committee we appeal to you to subscribe as liberally as you can. Subscriptions should be sent to us at 10, Williamsgate Street. All contributions will be acknowledged both by letter and in the local Press. Volunteers willing to pay for their own equipment should intimate the fact to the Committee or its Collectors.

M. J. ALLEN, } Hon.
T. WALSH, } SECS.

**Appeal for subscriptions to help equip Galway's 600 Volunteers,
July 1914, GS13/02.**



ÓSLAIG NA n-ÉIREANN. ع
 burdeann na Gaillimhe.

Volunteer Headquarters,
 10, Williamsgate-st., Galway.

22-7-'14.

GS13/02(2)

SUBSCRIPTIONS Handed In or Promised at Meeting on Sunday, 19th July, 1914.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Mr. Martin M'Donogh	...	20	0	0	P. J. Horan, Nun's Island	...	2 2 0
Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea	...	10	10	0	Rev. N. O'Fegan, C.C.	...	2 2 0
Louis E. O'Dea, Solr.	...	5	5	0	Chas. Costello, St. Mary's Tce.	...	2 0 0
5/- Joseph S. Young, J.P.	...	5	0	0	Raoul Joyce	...	2 0 0
5 - Stephen L. Gwynn, M.P.	...	5	0	0	John O'Donnell, Williamsgate Street	...	1 1 0
2-2 Philip O'Gorman, Shop St.	...	2	2	0	B. Roche, Eyre Square	...	1 1 0
Michael J. Crowley, William St.	...	2	2	0	Mr. Carney, New York	...	1 0 0
R. W. Mackie	...	2	2	0	Michael Fallon, Market St.	...	1 0 0
P. S. M'Donnell, Solr.	...	2	2	0	Professor Power	...	1 0 0
Rev. P. Davis, P.P.	...	2	2	0	M. Cunningham, U.D.C.	...	1 0 0
2-2 S. P. Corbett	...	2	2	0	M. Redington, U.D.C.	...	1 0 0
2-2 Michael Costello	...	2	2	0	John J. Walsh, Dominick St.	...	1 0 0
S. Faller, U.D.C.	...	2	2	0	W. G. Fogarty	...	1 0 0
Rev. P. Lydon	...	2	2	0	Mr. Toner	...	0 10 0

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£1-00
 10-0
 1-10 0

The following have guaranteed the undermentioned sums for their own equipment:-

	£	s	d		£	s	d
George Nicolls, Solr.	...	3	10	0	F. Hardiman	...	3 10 0
Dr. Walsh	...	3	10	0	J. M. Pringle	...	3 10 0
J. P. O'Neill	...	3	10	0	M. Campbell	...	3 10 0
T. Flanagan	...	3	10	0	M. J. Allen	...	3 10 0


J. McNamee
Canal Claddagh Hurling Club
Galway
P. Wood
Wood Quay
Galway
Richard
5/5

Details of subscriptions received or promised, GS13/02.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. ع
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

Proposed by Mr Nicols & passed unanimously
that Mr Cusack be elected an Honorary Captain in the
Galway City Corps Irish Volunteers.

**Resolution confirming the election of Mr Cusack as Honorary Captain
of Corps, 3 July May 1914, GS01/03.**

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

The following were appointed to collect in the various wards

North Ward: Messrs Messrs Hardman Purpl
& Redington.


South Ward: Messrs Nicolls Crowley etc.

East Ward: Messrs O'Neill Flanagan Heshy

West Ward Professor O'Malley W. Silke. & J. Walsh

The following were appointed to look after the matter of arming the volunteers Messrs Nicolls, ~~W~~ Walsh and Prof O'Malley

Details of the members appointed in the four Wards in the City to collect funds for arming the Volunteers, 3 July May 1914, GS01/3.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

TELEPHONE
4535 DUBLIN.

GS13/02 (15)

IRISH VOLUNTEERS
Inspector General's Office,
16, ST. FREDERICK STREET,
DUBLIN.

Aug 25th

Sir Your letter of 13th Aug handed to
me for reply.

The Irish Volunteers are enrolled
solely for the defence of Ireland
& any persons spreading stories contrary
to this are acting mischievously & to
the detriment of the organisation.

I hope you will do all in your
power to prevent this.

Yours truly
Maurice Moore Col
I G. IV

To Hon Sec
Galway City Corps


**Letter from Col. Maurice Moore, Inspector General, Irish
Volunteers, to the Galway City Corps, 25 Aug 1914, GS13/02.**

Maurice Moore (1854-1939), brother of George Moore of Moorehall, Co. Mayo, was an author, soldier and politician. He served with the British Army (1874-1906). He was a member of the provisional committee of the Irish Volunteers, and spent much of 1914 organising the troops in Ireland. He was reluctant supporter of Redmond's takeover of the Volunteers and was ultimately the leader of the National Volunteers after the Volunteer split.



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The County of Galway Decade of Commemorations

ÓGLAÍG NA h-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.

ÓGLAÍG NA h-ÉIREANN,

LONGFORT: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
AÉ CLIAÉ.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
LAURENCE J. KETTLE, M.I.E.E.



GS13/02 (16)
THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

30-8-14

Mr/Ms. J. H. Pearse
Malsh
Galway City Corps
Galway

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 26th inst. enclosing cheque
for 17/- (seventeen shillings) in payment of expenses
of Mr. P. H. Pearse recent visit to your city.

We are forwarding the cheque to Mr. Pearse
with thanks.

Yours fraternally
Liam Mellows.


Assistant Secretary
Headquarters Staff
per H.M.

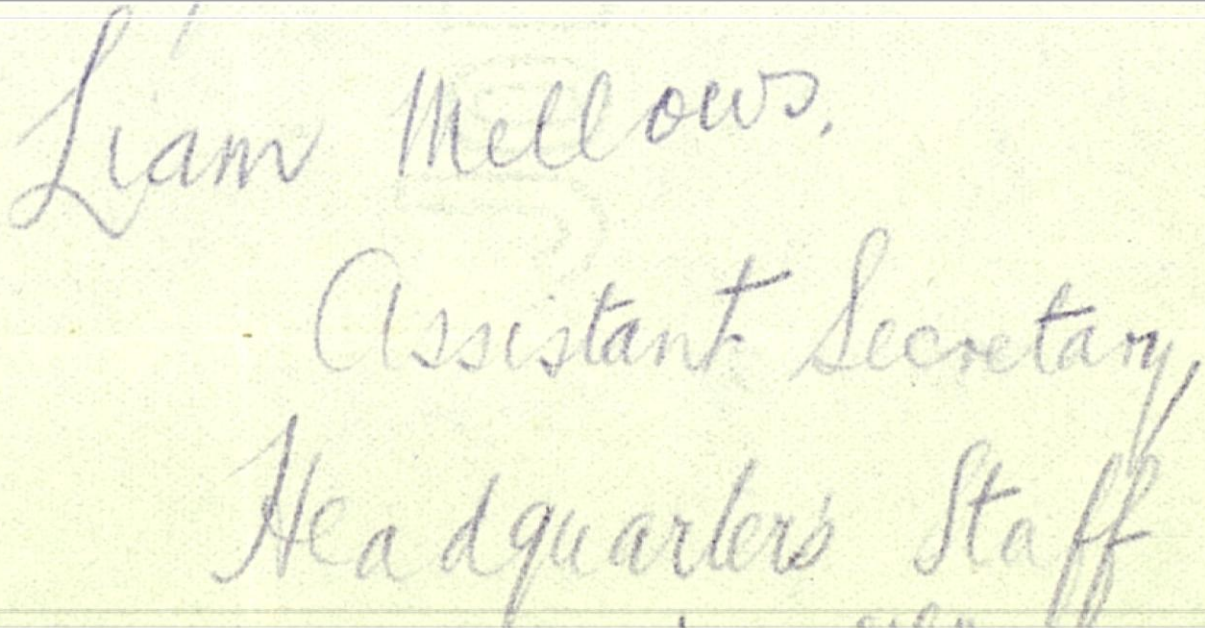
**Handwritten letter from
Liam Mellows, Assistant Secretary,
Headquarters Staff, to the Galway City
Corps regarding 'payment of expenses
of Mr P H. Pearse's recent visit to
your city', 30 August, 1914, GS13/02.**



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ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.




Liam Mellows,
Assistant Secretary,
Headquarters Staff

Liam Mellows' signature, GS13/02.

Liam Mellows (1892-1922), was a member of the I.R.B. and organiser in Galway for the Irish Volunteers. During Easter Week he led roughly 700 Volunteers in abortive attacks on RIC stations at Oranmore and Clarinbridge and took over the town of Athenry.

See for instance www.historyireland.com/20th-century-contemporary-history/liam-mellows-and-the-irish-revolution/

ÓSLÁIG NA h-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.

ÓSLÁIG NA h-ÉIREANN,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
áC CLIAÉ.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
LAURENCE J. KETTLE, M.I.E.E.



GS13/02 (18)

THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

1st. September, 1914.

Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
10 Williamsgate Street,
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of yours of the 31st ult. and note contents,
and in reply beg to inform you that your wishes relative to the Galway
Corps will have our utmost consideration.


Yours fraternally,

The Hon. Secs.

Liam Mellows
Assistant Sec.

Headquarters Staff.

Letter from the Irish Volunteers, Headquarters, 41 Kildare Street, Dublin, signed by Mellows, to the Galway Corps, 1 September 1914, GS13/02.

ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

GS13/02 (43)

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Equinton Buildings.
Sept 12th 1914

Dear Mr Allen,

What steps are being taken to deal with Mr Fogarty's declaration in favour of the oath of allegiance? He has, in my opinion, being guilty of a very grave breach of discipline and acted altogether contrary to the wishes of the Provisional Committee & ~~it~~ ^{he} should be promptly dealt with. If you will summon a meeting of the Provisional Committee early in the week, I will move the following:—

f. P. "That Mr W.G. Fogarty of 'B' Company be called upon to explain his most extraordinary conduct in writing in the Dublin Press on the policy of the Volunteer military movements and subjecting its chief officers to criticism contrary to military practices."


etc., etc.

Letter from Luke Duffy to Michael Allen, Honorary Secretary, regarding the conduct of Private William George Fogarty, 12 Sept 1914, GS13/02.



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The County of Galway Decade of Commemorations

ÓGLAÍG NA h-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.

ÓGLAÍG NA h-ÉIREANN,

Longport: 41 SRÁID CILLE DARA,
áit chláir.

Hon. Secs. { Eoin MacNeill, B.A.
Laurence J. Kettle, M.I.E.E.



GS13/02 (19)
THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS

Telephone.....

Headquarters: 41 KILDARE STREET,
DUBLIN.

14th. Sept. 1914.

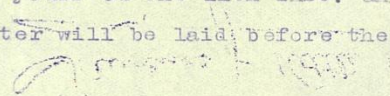
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Messrs. Allen & Walsh,
HON. SECS.
Galway City Corps.
Irish Volunteers,
10 Williamsgate St.
GALWAY.

Dear Sirs,

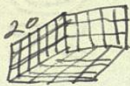
We are in receipt of yours of the 11th inst. and in reply
beg to inform you that your letter will be laid before the Arms Com-
mittee for consideration.

We beg to remain,


Yours fraternally,


Eoin MacNeill
Laurence J Kettle

Hon. Secs.




Letter from the Irish Volunteers, HQ, carbon signed by Eoin MacNeill and Laurence J Kettle, and initialled by Mellows, to Allen and Walsh, Honorary Secretaries of the Galway City Corps, 14 September 1914, GS13/02.

Eoin MacNeill (1867- 1945) was a co-founder of the Gaelic League in 1893 and in 1913 he established the Irish Volunteers and served as their Chief-of-Staff. He countermanded the orders of the IRB Military Council for manoeuvres on Easter Sunday 1916 when he found out that they were a cover for the Rising.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

GS13/02 (27)

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

Hon. Secs.: { M. J. ALLEN.
T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,
GALWAY.

17th. Septr 1914191.....

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of 15th. inst., kindly send us immediately twenty Lee Enfield Rifles at a price not exceeding £5 each and £10 worth of ammunition for same, the Rifles to be fitted with Bayonet Standards and to be new. We enclose cheque for £110 (one hundred and ten pounds) for same.

You might also let us have a pettern Bandolier, haversack, Bayonet, Belt etc. and we shall let you have remittance for price of these on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

M. J. Allen
T. Walsh

Hon. Secs.

Messrs *Don McNeill & J. Kettle*
Hon Secs. Irish Volunteers
206 Great Brunswick
41 Muldare Street
Dublin

Letter from Galway Corps to HQ placing an order for 20 Lee Enfield rifles, 17 Sept 1914, GS13/02.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. ع
burdeann na Gaillimhe.

GS13/02 (46)

Gentlemen,

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military Regulations.
sooner the better) it
of Regulations.

called
Nor are the Volunteers, so far as I have been able to observe, over addicted to 'military practices'- for instance I have been called to 'attention' on parade to listen to an anti-enlistment speech by an officer, followed by the expression of his pious opinion that the reports of German outrages were 'faked'. Were these proceedings (against which I protested both in writing and on parade) in accordance with 'military practices'?

I believe Mr John Redmond's fine pronouncement contains all that is necessary to guide Ireland and her Volunteers to the speedy and full fruition of our best hopes.

If it be superlatively extraordinary conduct to fight, as bitterly as I can, against the utterly vicious opinions of the few fanatics who are incessantly trying to thwart the noble ideal of Imperial unity and good-will which that declaration enshrines, then- so be it. My conduct must continue to be 'most extraordinary'.

Meantime my letter stands. I should recommend you to read it as carefully as it was written.

And with it stand my best wishes that the Volunteers may win abiding benefits for Ireland by proceeding along the wise course which has now been authoritatively marked out for them by the true statesmanship of Mr Redmond.

I regret that a prior engagement prevents me from attending the meeting of your Committee to be held this evening, and I have therefore written my views at a length which I hope you will pardon

Yours faithfully,


W.G. Fogarty

The Secretaries,

Galway City Corps,

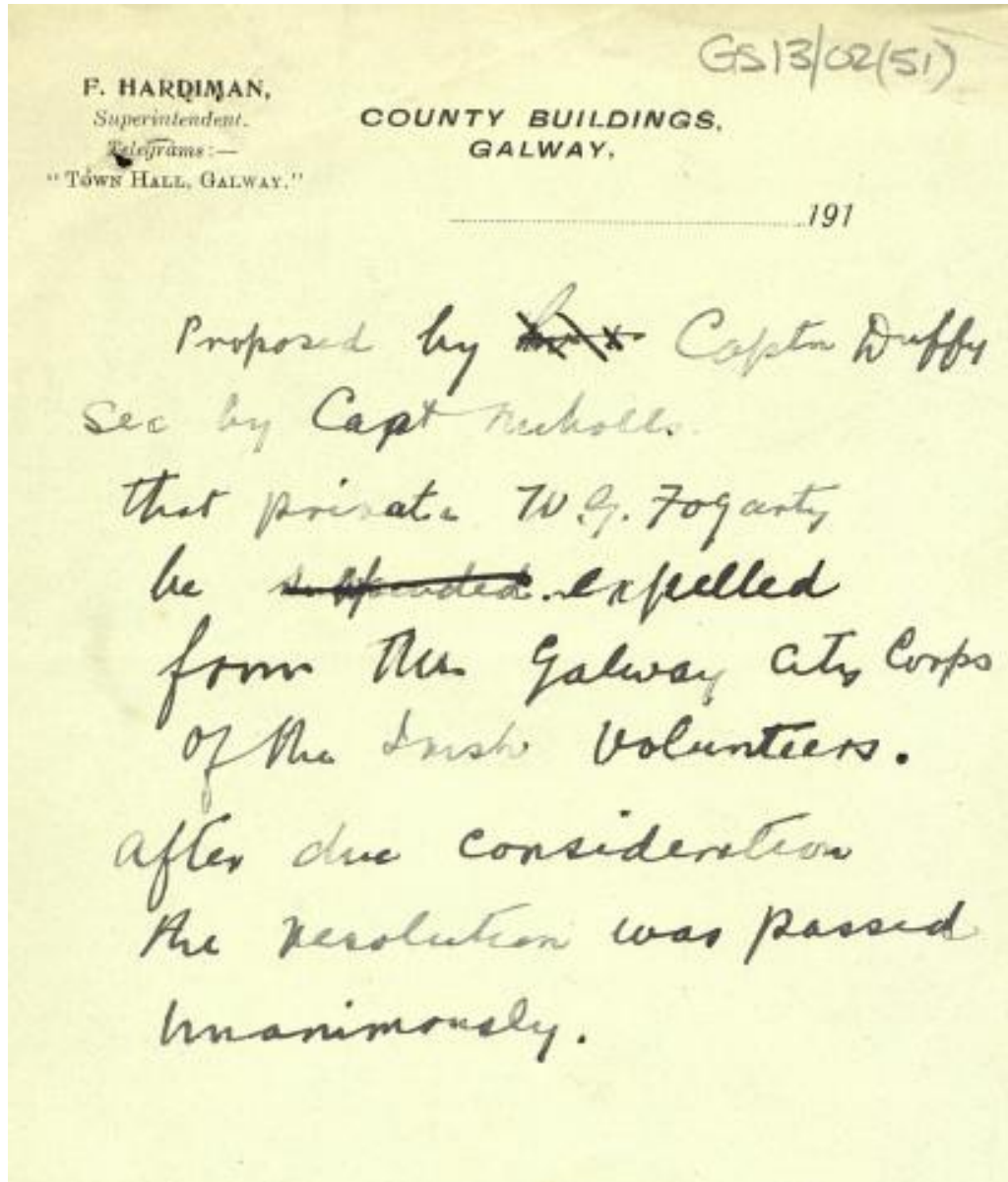
Irish Volunteers.

Letter from Fogarty to the Secretaries, Galway City Corps, defending his action in writing to the press. 18 Sept 1914, GS13/02.


ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.



Fogarty (d. 1927), was an accountant with Galway County Council and its Secretary from 1925-1927. GC/CSO/1, *Connacht Tribune*, 7 Jan 1927.



**Resolution expelling Fogarty from the Volunteers,
[21 September 1914], GS13/02.**

ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.


The beginning of the split in the Volunteers

Mr. Redmond, addressing a body of Irish Volunteers on last Sunday, has now announced for the Irish Volunteers a policy and programme fundamentally at variance with their own published and accepted aims and pledges, but with which his nominees are, of course, indentified. He has declared it to be the duty of the Irish Volunteers to take foreign service under a Government which is not Irish. He has made this announcement without consulting the Provisional Committee, the Volunteers themselves, or the people of Ireland to whose service alone they are devoted.

Having thus disregarded the Irish Volunteers and their solemn engagements, Mr. Redmond is no longer entitled, through his nominees, to any place in the administration and guidance of the Irish Volunteer organisation. Those who, by virtue of Mr. Redmond's nomination, have heretofore been admitted to act on the Provisional Committee, accordingly cease henceforth to belong to that body, and from this date until the holding of an Irish Volunteer Convention the Provisional Committee consists of those only whom it comprised before the admission of Mr. Redmond's nominees.

Extract from a typed circular issued by the Provisional Committee, HQ, opposing Redmond's call, made on 20th September 1914, for the Volunteers to support the Allied cause during World War I. The Committee proposed a convention to *'reaffirm the organisation's Manifesto'* and also *'To declare that Ireland cannot, with honour or safety, take part in foreign quarrels otherwise than through the free action of a National Government of her own'*. It also rejects Mr Redmond's entitlement to *'any place in the administration and guidance of the Irish Volunteer organisation'*.
24 Sept 1914, GS13/02.

The vast majority of the Volunteer membership remained loyal to Redmond, bringing some 142,000 members to the National Volunteers (as the pro-Redmond Volunteers became known), leaving the Irish Volunteers with under 10,000 members.

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
burdeann na Gaillimhe.


We appeal confidently to all volunteers and intending volunteers who intend to stand by the original constitution of the organisation to stand by the only legal Volunteer Committee in Galway and the only committee that has a genuine desire to arm the volunteers in the service of Ireland, Those who intend abiding by the Volunteer constitution and acting under the genuine Volunteer Committee of Galway will attend at the Volunteer hall at 10 O'Connell's gate

VI.
at any night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. ^{and} ~~when~~
they will be allocated to their respective companies.

Signed

Thomas Walsh
George Nicolls
Michael Allen } A. Co.
Thomas Flanagan
James Carter }
Thomas Hynes } D. Co.
Thomas O'Dowd }
Thomas Newell }
Bryan Mollay } C. Co.
Mr. Burke. }

Extracts from a draft manifesto of the Galway Volunteers calling on its members to abide by the original aims of the organisation,
[Oct] 1914, GS01/03.

ÓGLAÍG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
buidéann na Gaillimhe.

GS13/02 (42)

To Martin McDonogh Esq., Chairman Galway City Volunteers.


Sir,

We hereby request you to call a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Galway City Volunteers as Originally constituted at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 7th inst., at the Urban Council Chambers Galway for the following purposes viz:-

1. To ascertain how the Finance of the Committee stands.
2. To disesolve the existing Committee.
3. To re-constitute the Committee in accordance with the Policy outlined in Mr Redmond's Manifesto.

Letter from members of the Galway City Corps to Martin McDonagh, Chairman of the Galway City Volunteers, in support of Redmond's Manifesto,
5 Oct 1914, GS13/02.

Martin McDonogh
P. S. McDonnell
Patrick Walsh
Hubert Coffey
John Patrick O'Neill
James M. Ruise
Arthur Redington

ÓSLÁIG NA n-ÉIREANN. 
BURDEANN NA GAILLIMHE.

during 1914-1915. Then the unfortunate 'split' took place. There was a meeting called in the Town Hall - it was held in what was known as the Urban Council Chamber - a pretty large room; the late Martin McDonagh, T.D. (the biggest merchant in Galway) presided. His sympathies were Redmondite. Our crowd was rounded up for the occasion and a vote taken which side the Volunteers as a body would go. We had no intention of going any side but the right side, no matter how the vote went. The Redmondite section was also rounded up - they had a full following - Volunteers and non-Volunteers - for voting purposes. The vote was a tie, and Martin McDonagh declared the motion which was "that the Irish Volunteers deserve the support of the meeting" lost. It was inevitable anyway. Every obstacle would be thrown in the way of the Irish Volunteer Movement no matter what happened. From now on it was open war between both sections. The Irish Volunteers had both press and people against them. The finest body of fifth columnists in Ireland were in Galway town. The remainder of the county, especially around Castlegar area, was pretty good and could always be relied on for any help required. They were a deterrent factor against the likelihood of any of us here in town getting a bashing. You could always call on them if necessary and, did the other side know it, not half!


**John Hosty,
recalls the split
in the Galway
Volunteers.**

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Bureau of Military
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1921, witness statement
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"Men from the plains of Mayo to Loch
Garman,
Men from Loch Lein to the hills of
Tyrone,
Seed of the Gael and the Dane and the
Norman
Join hands for Ireland and Ireland
O alone!
Here in the land that is Liberty's altar
Here and Here only the battle must be
Think of the prize and your hearts will
I not falter,
Think of the future when Ireland is
free!"

Motto of the original Volunteers, GS01/03.

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Details on Some of the Galway City Corps Irish Volunteers (IV)

Name	Address	Rank	Comments	Redmondite		Links: See for instance
				Pro	Anti	
Allen, Michael	Shantalla, Galway	Honorary Secretary	Subsequently a Solicitor with McDermott & Allen, Francis Street		✓	
Carter, Seamus (James)		Secretary	Worked in the County Council office at the Courthouse		✓	
Cusack, Dr Brian		Honorary Captain				
Duffy, Luke			Later a Senator	✓		
Duggan, James (Seamus "Bawn")	22 Bohermore, Galway.		Second Lieut. Claregalway Coy. 1st Battalion Galway Brigade, I.R.A. 1921.		✓	www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0875.pdf#page=1
Flanagan, Tom					✓	www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0714.pdf#page=1
Flathery, W.				✓		
Fogarty, W. G.	Devon Place, Galway		1901?-1925 Accountant Galway Co. Co., 1925-1927 – County Secretary. Died 1927	✓		
Hardiman, Frank	Town Hall, Galway,	Treasurer	Member of IRB Sworn into the IV by Sean McDermott		✓	www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0406.pdf#page=1
Hosty, John	"Faitma", Shantalla Road,		Member of IRB, Sworn into IV by Sean McDermott		✓	www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0373.pdf#page=16



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Name	Address	Rank	Comments	Redmondite		Links
				Pro	Anti	
Hynes, Thomas	Kilcullen, Newcastle Road, Galway	IV, Q.M. Galway Brigade, 1920	Member IRB		✓	www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0714.pdf#page=25 : see also Pensions Files 24SP2588 @ www.militaryarchives.ie
Loftus, P.				✓		
McDonagh, Mairtín Mór <i>Martin McDonagh</i>	Merchant	Treasurer, Galway City Corp		✓		
McDonnell, P.S.			Solicitor	✓		
Nicolls, George? <i>Seoirse MacNiocall</i>		President of Galway IV, Head Centre of IRB	Solicitor working in G. C. Conroy's office		✓	See Military Archives Pensions files @ www.militaryarchives.ie
O'Dowd					✓	
O'Neill, John Patrick				✓		
Pringle, James				✓		
Redington, Martin				✓		
Usher, Patrick				✓		
Walsh, Dr		Secretary of Galway Corps, IV			✓	
Walsh, Michael	Old Malt, High Street		Member of Galway UDC Shot by the Black & Tans Oct 1920		✓	



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