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CONTEXT

Name of Creator(s): Stradling, Professor Robert A.

Biographical History: Robert Arthur Stradling is professor emeritus of history at Cardiff University, Wales, and a leading authority on the Spanish Civil War. He has published extensively on the topic and made a number of documentaries for Spanish television and BBC Wales.

Archival History: Collected by Professor Robert A. Stradling between 1992 and 2000.

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CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: The material in this collection was sourced by Professor Robert A. Stradling for his book *The Irish and the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939*, published in 1999. An intimate view of life in Spain for the Irish Brigadiers can be gleaned from some of the written material, which includes photocopies of diaries, memoirs, correspondence, and routine orders. An entry in the diary of Tralee-man Tom Hayes, Legionnaire in 'D' Company, dated 15 December 1936, provides an account of the journey to Lisbon on board the German ship, the *S.S. Urundi*, noting 'In bed all day very sick... Weather is bad... A lot sick one man broke leg other scalded when ship swayed...' (**P13/1/1/3/1**). Photocopies of routine orders, many of which were originally typed out by Matthew Beckett of Westport, county Mayo, offer an insight into the daily life of volunteers after they reached Spain, addressing areas such as divine service, casualties, decrease in strength, transfers, promotions, inspection of equipment, cleanliness and parades (**P13/1/1/5/3**).

The memoirs of Matthew Beckett, who served as Legionnaire in 'C' Company, offers a harrowing account of his company's first night in Badajoz, stating 'In Badajoz we had the first glimpse of the kind of war we were going into... It bore the marks of war on many buildings – blood-stained walls, scribbled mottoes on buildings... The Church had been used a stable for the mules during the Red occupation and it was badly marked & statues burnt and defaced. A number of nuns from the adjoining convent had been tortured and shot' (**P13/1/1/5/10**). One of a series of letters home from a young Brigadier with 'C'

Company, Patrick Hickey, reassures his mother about his drinking habits in Spain, ‘...we get paid every week and we spend on grub and cigs, I never touch the drink now it is only a cod getting drunk out here you need your head where I am...’ (P13/1/1/2/3). Possibly one of the most poignant documents in the collection is a copy of the autograph book of Lieutenant Tom Hyde of ‘A’ Company, the first casualty on the side of the Irish Brigade. The document is a testament to the popularity of this man from Midleton, county Cork. Amongst the many warm messages from his comrades is one from General Eoin O’Duffy himself, recorded after Hyde’s death in February 1937, which reads ‘To Tom in Heaven. You were the first to join the Brigade, you were the first to give your life for this cause which the Irish Brigade is fighting for’ (P13/1/1/6/1).

The photographic component of the material includes a collection of original prints from James Roche, a photocopy of the collection of Joseph Cunningham, and mostly photocopies of images of other Irish Brigadiers including Matthew Beckett, Leo McCloskey, Diarmuid O’Sullivan, James Finnerty, Patrick Hickey, and Padraig Quinn. The James Roche collection contains views of life at the garrison at Cáceres, the trenches in Ciempozuelos and La Marañosa. One of the most moving images in this group is that of the body of Lieutenant Tom Hyde after an attack at Ciempozuelos (P13/1/2/1/3). The oral material consists of a series of sound recordings of interviews conducted mainly by Professor Stradling between 1994 and 1996 with Irish Brigadiers, their families and friends, and addresses issues such as what prompted them to join the Irish Brigade, their experiences in Spain, and their views on the recognition received by the Brigade on their return from Spain from the church and the state. William Geraghty, from Dublin, attempts to explain his reasons for travelling to Spain by stating the following, ‘...in my limited learnings of the history of the friendship that existed between Spain and Ireland and all that Spain tried to do in the sad times my forefathers experienced, the Spanish Armada, giving sanctuary to the O’Donnells and all the rest... I felt indebted to Spain for their kindness to... our ancestors’ (P13/1/3/3).

Administrative documentation includes military dispatches, telegrams, correspondence, and memoranda in English, Spanish, French and Italian, addressing a range of issues such as the arrival of the Irish Brigade, Irish casualties, the hospitalisation of Irish Brigadiers, disciplinary problems, the behaviour of General Eoin O’Duffy, the dissolution of the Irish Brigade and arrangements for repatriation, the issue of minors serving in the brigade, and the activities of *Irish Independent* journalist Gertrude Gaffney. A photocopy of a telegram from Mussolini in March 1937 contains a message of support for the Irish Brigade, which translates as follows ‘Let the Legionnaires know that I am following hour after hour their action and it will be crowned by victory’ (P13/2/1/2/5).

Media coverage consists of newspaper articles printed before, during and after the war. Of particular interest is a series of articles produced by Special Correspondent for the *Irish Independent*, Gertrude Gaffney, giving an account of the day-to-day experiences of the Irish Brigadiers (P13/3/1/1/1-2). Post-war coverage includes articles in numerous Irish newspapers, with some items on the International Brigade (P13/3/1/2/1). It also addresses other published material including books, periodicals and other sources (P13/3/2/1).

The major strength of the Robert Stradling Collection is the fact that it successfully assembles documentation relating to the role of the Irish Brigade in the Spanish Civil War from a range of different sources, in Ireland and Spain. This body of material provides a number of different perspectives on the war, including the personal accounts

of the Brigadiers, the official documents of the administration of General Franco and the Irish Brigade, and the views of the media at home and abroad. In addition, it provides access to copies of material that in many cases remain in private ownership today. The emotional impact of this collection cannot be underestimated. The official documents of the Irish and Spanish administrations provide an insight into the mechanics of war, whilst the diaries, memoirs, photographs and sound recordings provide a rare glimpse into the thoughts, feelings and actions of those men that followed General O'Duffy to Spain. This is a rich body of material that will provide a valuable source of information to researchers in Ireland and abroad.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: The material is divided into four main series. Series 1 contains documentation sourced from Irish Brigadiers, their families and friends, and includes written, photographic and oral material. Series 2 focuses on administrative documentation, mainly between Franco's administration and that of the Irish Brigade. Series 3 focuses on media coverage of the Spanish Civil War in Ireland, with some examples from foreign sources. It consists primarily of newspaper articles printed before, during and after the war. Series 4 contains letters from donors and related material. Each series is broken down further by document type, names of Brigadiers and thematic headings. These are listed in chronological order.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to most items. A small number of files contain personal information relating to living persons and are closed for fifty years to protect individual privacy.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Standard copyright regulations apply to all items. For photocopying or reproducing material, please consult with the staff.

Language/ Scripts of Material: Predominantly English; some items in Spanish, French and Italian. Translations of Spanish material were made by Dr Barrie Wharton of the Department of Languages and Cultural Studies, University of Limerick.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Mostly paper documents and photographs in good condition. Items P13/1/3/1-8 require a cassette player and are too fragile to be safely handled. Digital access to contents is available in the reading room – please check with a member of staff.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the Special Collections and Archives Department, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Existence and Location of Originals: This collection comprises primarily photocopies of material sourced from surviving Irish veterans of the Spanish Civil War, their friends and families. In addition, copies of documents were assembled from numerous library and archive services, including the Archivo General Militar at Ávila, Archivo del

Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores (Madrid), Archivo General de la Guerra Civil Española (Salamanca), National Library of Ireland, and National Archives, Dublin. The oral accounts were recorded during visits to Ireland in 1994 and 1996, with the exception of the recording of Jimmy Kavanagh by his son, James, in 1992, and the Radio Éireann interview with Phil McBride in 1986. A large quantity of published sources was also assembled and reproduced, including newspapers, books, periodicals and magazines.

Publication Note: This material formed the basis for Professor Robert A. Stradling's publication in 1999, entitled *The Irish and the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939*.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

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Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000; *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*, 2009; *National Council on Archives: Rules for the Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, 1997; and *EAP Guidance on Data Protection for Archive Services*, 2018.

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**1 THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: DOCUMENTATION FROM
IRISH BRIGADIERS (1936-1998)**

1.1 Written Material (1936-1998)

1.1.1 Joe Doyle (1936)

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19 August-30 November 1936

Mostly photocopies of official letters from Department of President, Pádraig Quinn of Kilkenny Blueshirt Division, and brothers John C. Dunphy, J. J. Dunphy, P. L. Dunphy, also involved in recruitment in the Kilkenny-Carlow area, referring to the establishment of an Irish Brigade, the delay of departure of Irish Brigade for Spain, and articles necessary for each volunteer. Includes copy of a letter from Pádraig Quinn, Kilkenny Blueshirt Division (League of Youth), Gowran House, Gowran, county Kilkenny, to Joe Duffy, regarding the question of an Irish Brigade going to Spain, noting his wish to be a member of such an organisation when the time comes, and stating ‘A number of Blueshirts here and there throughout the counties of Carlow and Kilkenny have volunteered their services for the “Irish Brigade” to Spain, the motive of such service being for the “GLORY OF GOD and the HONOUR OF IRELAND”’ (22 September 1936). Also contains copy of a letter from Padraig Quinn, Gowran House, to Joe Doyle, which reassures him that they should not be upset by men withdrawing their names from membership of Brigade (23 October 1936). In addition, a copy of a letter to Doyle from John C. Dunphy, 52 Tullow Street, Carlow, who states ‘I am instructed by Capt. Quinn, who was himself instructed by General O’Duffy, to request that you... procure a passport immediately, for all European countries. Do not mention Spain. If you choose, say you are going to a job somewhere’ (18 November 1936). Also contains list of articles necessary for each volunteer which includes one small valise, one heavy overcoat, one pair of breeches, one pair of heavy nailed boots (or shoes), three pairs of heavy socks (hand knit if possible), one spare set of heavy underwear, one leather strap strong (over 42” long), one pouch (for ammunition) and one shaving outfit.

12 items

1.1.2 Patrick Hickey (1936-1937)

- 1/1/2/1 [1936]
Photocopy of personal file in Spanish relating to Patrick Hickey, Legionnaire in Irish Brigade's 'C' Company, including enlistment certificate for Spanish Foreign Legion, which records personal details such as age, hair and eye colour and distinctive facial features, and documents obligatory stays in hospital noting reasons, dates, and locations, also referring to leave and disciplinary problems, with section to be filled out by Captain relating to bravery, conduct, love for service and disposition. Also contains record of clothes brought to hospital during stays. Many sections are blank. Two pages outside.
7 pp.
- 1/1/2/2 1 February 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o Caixa Postal 71, Lisbon, Portugal to his parents, apologising for leaving without telling them and giving his impressions of Spanish people: 'the people out here are very nice only they cant speak English we do have right sport trying to make them understand what we want.'
2 pp.
- 1/1/2/3 6 March 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o Caixa Postal 71 or 74, Lisbon, Portugal to his parents, describing life in the trenches: 'Well mother we are on the front line at last it is safe enough only for the shells comeing over but we have got that used to them comeing over that we take them as a joke... we get paid every week and we spend on grub and cigs, I never touch the drink now it is only a cod getting drunk out here you need your head where I am... Well mother it is terrible to see the way the Reds smashed up the chapels here it would make your blood boil but they are rotten cowards'.
3 pp.
- 1/1/2/4 20 March 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o Caixa Postal 71 or 74, Lisbon, Portugal, reassuring his parents of his wellbeing and describing life in the trenches: 'did you not get my other letters I wrote 6 of them so did Teddy [Ryan] and Frank [Hempenstall] they were in a bad way when I told them about not getting there letters at home... you saw in the papers about some of our fellows being killed it was pretty tough as they were very nice chaps, our Company was leading the attack that day and not one of us was hurt, we are up beside Madrid now we can see it in the distance it look very big from where we are'.
3 pp.

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- 1/1/2/5 31 March 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o Caixa Postal 71 or 74, Lisbon, Portugal to his parents: 'we are getting it pretty easy out here at present it is very quiet we are about 2 miles from Madrid now it look to be a great place from where we are... I do be looking forward to your letters for a bit of news as we do not no what is going on at home we get no English papers out here'. Outsize.
1 p.
- 1/1/2/6 13 April 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o General O'Duffy, Cáceres, Spain to his parents: 'Well mother and dad I cannot make out how you did not get my letters I also wrote to Ned and Greta but I never got a answer... we are expecting to be shifted to some other place in a couple of days time so we are seeing a bit of spain'. Outsize.
1 p.
- 1/1/2/7 26 April 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o General O'Duffy, Cáceres, Spain to his parents: 'I have good news, this time I expect to be home in less than four weeks time we are back from the front now for a rest in caceres... I am looking forward to going home as we are all fed up with this place'. Outsize.
1 p.
- 1/1/2/8 10 May 1937
Photocopy of a letter from Hickey, 'C' Company Irish Brigade, c/o General O'Duffy, Cáceres, Spain to his parents: 'it wont be long now till I am back we are to land at the north wall on the 23rd May at 2OC'.
2 pp.

1.1.3 Thomas Hayes (1936-1984)

- 1/1/3/1 12 December 1936-26 April 1937
Photocopy of diary of Thomas Hayes, Tralee, county Kerry, former Legionnaire in 'D' Company of Irish Brigade, with first page stating 'From Dec 12th to ? Thomas Hayes, 54 Upper Rock Street Tralee. Diary of every happening from day to day from above date from Tralee to Spain to join Irish Brigade of General Franco's Army.' Records daily entries on experiences including leaving Tralee on Saturday 12 December 1936 for Spain, life on board the German ship, *S.S. Urundi*, noting on Tuesday 15 December, 'In bed all day very sick... Weather is bad... A lot sick one man broke leg other scalded when ship swayed', also noting land sighted, trip to Salamanca and the ensuing reception on Saturday 19 December 1936, stating 'Thousands to meet us here. Eat grand dinner & after had a

party. Were made drunk on wine', followed by arrival at Cáceres and meeting with General Eoin O'Duffy, noting on Monday 21 December, 'Addressed by General O'Duffy. Told us we were going up the line to Madrid shortly after xmas'. Also records receipt of uniform and rifle, writing first letter home on 3 February 1937, and inspection visit by General Franco, stating 'Sat Feb. 6th 1937 at Cáceres Barracks inspection of Irish Brigades & marched past General Franco making the salute. He said he was very pleased with The Irish Brigade'. Also records the capture of Malaga by Franco, receipt of payment, noting on Sunday 14 February 1937, 'Monday received new pair of boots & got 15 pesetas', moving towards front lines in Madrid and casualties in cross-fire with friendly troops, noting on Thursday 18 February, 'Upon sight the Spaniards opened fire on the leading company led by Capt O'Sullivan & Lieut. T. Hyde, resulting in the loss of the latter & Daniel Tuiete, Tralee, R.I.P. & some Spanish officers & men amounting... to about 5 dead & about 4 wounded'. In addition, records battle in Ciempozuelos and lives lost, and reaching Madrid, visit from General O'Duffy noting on Saturday 17 April 1937, 'He gave a great speech & he told us we were going home to Ireland forthwith & we were disbanded', return to headquarters in Cáceres to get cleaned up, and the final journey home noting 'June 21st 2 P.M. set feet on Irish soil. Left Dublin at 9 P.M. Landed in Tralee 3.15 A.M. Tuesday. Big reception in Dublin – Split with O'Duffy'.

76 pp. (38 sheets)

1/1/3/2

[1937]

Photocopy of list of volunteers from Kerry section of Irish Brigade, under the command of General Eamon A. Horan, noting names and places of origin, which in the majority of cases is Tralee, with some from Ballyheigue. Also lists status, recording in the case of Tom Hayes, 'machine gun co', and those killed in action.

1 p.

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29 March 1939

Photocopy of letter from General Eoin O'Duffy of Irish Brigades, "Farney", Merrion Park, Blackrock, county Dublin, to Tom Hayes, noting that he has sent Hayes' certificate and the annual anniversary mass, '18 members of the Brigade have gone to their eternal reward R.I.P. & many others are in poor health since their [return]', and also states 'it would have been proud day for the Irish Bde to lead in the victorious march into Madrid yesterday: But it not to be. The British & Irish governments insured that. Concludes "Time will justify our motive, we seek no praise, we did our duty, we went to Spain"'.

2 pp.

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[c. 1930s?]

Photocopy of a 1000-mark banknote or 'Reichsbanknote', issued in Berlin on 21 April 1910.

2 pp.

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1/1/3/5 [August 1984]
Photocopy of two press-cuttings concerning volunteers of the Irish Brigade, one entitled 'Irish brigade survivor', is a letter from Tom Hayes, 28 St. Brendan's Place, Killarney, which begins 'SIR – In a recent Tralee edition of *The Kerryman* I read with regret of the death of Mr. Christy O'Halloran', Includes also the aforementioned article from *The Kerryman* entitled 'The late Christy O'Halloran', which begins 'The death occurred on Monday at Our Lady's and St. Teresa's Hospital' and contains a photograph of O'Halloran with members of Kerry section of Irish Brigade.

1 p.

1.1.4 Leo McCloskey (1936-1948)

1/1/4/1 28 November 1936
Photocopy of passenger list from the *S.S. Aguila*, Yeoward Line, noting names and place of origin of passengers bound for Lisbon, Madeira, Las Palmas, Tenerife and tourist round cruise.

8 pp. (4 sheets)

1/1/4/2 31 December 1936-[23 March 1937]
Photocopies of routine orders signed by Officer Commanding of 15th Bandera del Tercio, Diarmuid O'Suilleabhain, [O'Sullivan], noting names of corporals in companies number 1, 2, 3 and 4, and details regarding divine service, casualties, punishment, transfers, decrease of strength, and appointments. Some documents are stamped with '15 BANDERA COMANDANTE EL TERCIO'.

4 pp.

1/1/4/3 2 April 1937
Photocopy of letter from Secretary of General Eoin O'Duffy, 12 Pearse Street, Dublin to [Mrs. McCloskey], stating that in response to 'your letter of February 3rd. to General O'Duffy re – Leo McCloskey. Dublin Road. Drogheda, the General now asks me to let you know that McCloskey is doing well, a splendid fellow, and he is very proud of him'.

1 p.

1/1/4/4 17 April 1937
Photocopy of article in *Drogheda Independent* entitled 'A DROGHEDA VOLUNTEER IN SPAIN', which begins 'IN [interesting] letters home' and includes extracts from McCloskey's letters noting life in Ciempozuelos.

1 p.

1/1/4/5

[1946]

Photocopy of letter from Joseph A. Cunningham, Quarter-master of 'C' Company, entitled 'IRISH CRUSADE IN SPAIN', addressed to La Quince Bandera del Tercio (La Bandera Irlandesa), noting intention of surviving members of 'the Irish Crusade to Spain' to mark the tenth anniversary of their 'departure for the Battle Field of Christ', marked by a mass offered in Dublin to deceased comrades, followed by a visit to the grave of General Eoin O'Duffy, noting 'Let us all – from Antrim to Kerry, from Wexford to Donegal – for the sake of those of us who lie out beyond (Cáceres, Valdemoro, Ciempozuelos, La Marañosa, Brunete) or in graveyards keep still noble the memory of the men who formed the most memorable military crusade in Irish History'.

1 p.

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[August 1948]

Photocopy of invitation to Solemn Requiem Anniversary Mass for McCloskey, former Medic in Irish Brigade, for repose of souls of deceased members of Brigade, to be held in Adam and Eve Church, Merchant's Quay, Dublin at 12 o'clock on 26 August 1948, signed by Joseph A. Cunningham, asking McCloskey to 'Bring Mrs. McCloskey along'. Also includes invitation in Irish to commemorate crusade in Spain of Irish Brigade, with talk by Father Leander Cleary, Legionnaire of Company 'B', at 7 pm on same date at Four Courts Hotel, with autographs from Father Leander Cleary, Captain Pdraig Quinn of 'C' Company, Frederick Aherne of 'A' and 'D' Company, C. McCabe of 'B' Company and D. Toomey of 'B' Company, John L. McSweeney of *Irish Independent*, Martin N. Murtagh of *The Standard*, and A. McCloskey. Also includes menu for dinner.

6 pp. (3 sheets)

1.1.5 Matthew Beckett (1936-1991)

1/1/5/1

5 and 19 December 1936

Photocopy of two articles from *Mayo News*, first entitled 'YOUNG WESTPORT MAN LEAVES FOR SPAIN TO FIGHT FOR INSURGENTS WITH GEN. O'DUFFY', which begins 'Mr. Matthew Beckett of the Quay Road, Westport, left here on the 1.45 p.m. train on Monday', noting Beckett as second Mayo man to leave for Spain, with 130 Irishmen having already left on the Brigade Advance Guard (5 December 1936). The second article entitled 'SEVERAL MAYO MEN SAIL FOR SPAIN. UNNOTICED DEPARTURE', begins 'Over 100 Irish men left Dublin last Friday night, en route for Spain', identifying eight Mayo men amongst the party who left on Friday night. Also notes figures for Dublin, Limerick and Cork, and records departure of 700 Irishmen from Galway Bay, and the establishment of a rival party to fight on the government side in Spain, under the charge of Frank Ryan (19 December 1936).

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- 1/1/5/2** December 1936
An Irish Brigade Christmas card from Matthew Beckett, on board the *S.S. Ardeola*, Yeoward Line Cruises at Lisbon, to 'Bill'.
1 item
- 1/1/5/3** 20 December 1936-17 June 1937
Mostly photocopies of routine orders signed by Officers Commanding of the Irish Brigade, Major Patrick Dalton, Captain Diarmuid O'Sullivan [O'Suilleabhain], and Captain Padraig Quinn, referring to messages received and regulations regarding areas such as lights out, divine service, commendations, casualties, decrease in strength, transfers, promotions, inspection of equipment, cleanliness, parades, military service pensions, army reserve, unemployment, old currency notes, and returning to Ireland. Also includes copy of blank form to be completed by the brigade, noting the strength of the troops composing the company, which records information about officers, non-commissioned officers, troops and livestock of each bandera and company under the following headings: 'Yesterday's strength', 'effectives', 'Total', 'casualties', and 'There Remain'.
11 pp.
- 1/1/5/4** [December 1936]
Photocopy of visa page from passport with stamp from the *Ardeola*, and from Estado Spanol, Lisbon.
1 item
- 1/1/5/5** 31 December 1936-[11 January 1943]
Mainly photocopies of routine letters in typescript, from Officers Commanding, Major Patrick Dalton, and Captain Diarmuid O'Suilleabhain (O'Sullivan), Bandera Headquarters, to 15th Bandera del Tercio, noting passwords to be used each day, including 'Mola', 'Midleton', 'Toledo' and 'Dublin'. Also includes list of corporals from company numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 (31 December 1936), and list of members to be summoned for a meeting on 11 January 1943.
16 items (9 sheets)
- 1/1/5/6** [1936-1937]
Photocopies of mainly receipts for purchases made in Cáceres, from shops and theatres, and also includes leaflets for local entertainment.
17 items (5 sheets)
- 1/1/5/7** 13 January 1937
Photocopy of document for Officer Commanding of 'C' Company, signed by Major Patrick Dalton, Officer Commanding, Bandera Headquarters, to 15th Bandera del Tercio, listing badges of rank of non-commissioned officers of the Banderas Irlandesas, including Sergeant Major, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant and Corporal.
1 p.

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- 1/1/5/8 [c. 1930s?]
Photocopy of signature of Matthew J. Beckett with stamp of Irish Brigade.
1 p.
- 1/1/5/9 [1946]
Photocopy of certificate of national service from years 1939 to 1946, in the name of Matthew J. Beckett.
1 p.
- 1/1/5/10 [1990]
Photocopy of handwritten memoirs of Matthew Beckett, former Legionnaire in 'C' Company of Irish Brigade, entitled 'The Irish Brigade', and beginning with line 'Since the upheaval in Eastern Europe and the friendship that has arisen between the two Germanies and between the U.S. and Russia'. Records his view on fascism, noting 'there has been a new thinking about Communism and Socialism and in time this may also show that Fascism (as it was conceived, but perhaps not practiced) may not have been such an evil thing at all, while Communism has been revealed in all its brutalities in Romania, East Germany, Hungary etc', adding 'Perhaps also it will show that the Irish Brigade with O'Duffy in Spain was fighting for an ideal far nobler and more important to mankind than the International Brigade'. Refers to recent deaths of other volunteers of Irish Brigade, namely, Joe Cunningham, former Lieutenant Quartermaster in 'D' Company and Dan Walsh, former Legionnaire in 'C' Company. Also notes some of the names of other volunteers and their political persuasions, stating 'contrary to the usual opinion that all who followed O'Duffy to Spain were Blueshirts, there were many who were identified with other parties like Capt Quinn 'C' Cy who was a Fine Gael man, Ward & Meaney, who were Northern Nationalists, Eamon Horan (Kerry), Dermot O'Sullivan (Dublin), [Mich] O'Brien (Dublin) were all prominent in Fianna Fail'. Also records memories of the journey to Spain via Portugal, on board the *Ardeola*, first night in Spain in place called Badajoz, stating 'In Badajoz we had the first glimpse of the kind of war we were going into. The town had been captured by the Nationalists and recaptured by the Reds and had again been recaptured by the Nationalists a short time before we arrived. It bore the marks of war on many buildings – blood-stained walls, scribbled mottoes on buildings... The Church had been used a stable for the mules during the Red occupation and it was badly marked & statues burnt and defaced. A number of nuns from the adjoining convent had been tortured and shot'. Also refers to journey to training headquarters in Cáceres, arrival of new volunteers, members of the 'C' Company, and an incident involving one of the volunteers and a live grenade. Notes also order to go to the Front, and train journey there, stating 'The train started off at a break-neck speed... the train was signalled to stop... As it came to a halt the driver & his mate jumped off and ran, but were quickly captured and we were informed that they were Red Army members', followed by an account of journey to Ciempozuelos and attack by friendly troops from Canary Islands who

mistook them for 'Reds', casualties, and some of Beckett's responsibilities stating 'I was in charge of supplies (as Headquarters Cpl.) and this meant supervision of stores and food preparation when we were in reserve. In the lines, it meant that we brought the food by mule cart & distributed it', also notes move to [La Maraños], and his role as Company Clerk which involved drafting routine orders, noting 'It meant that I drafted coy. Orders, named the orderly officer in charge each day, orderly segt. And the men to go on "Police Duties"'. The Routine Orders were then signed by the o/c and posted up.' Also refers to end of six-month period and talk of going home, 'At home, though we were not aware of this, the Government (urged on by the League of Nations) demanded the return of the Brigade, under the threat of taking away our right of citizenship', and also notes the Irishmen that stayed behind to fight with a Spanish Bandera and concludes 'The end of a dream perhaps, but we saw it as a gesture of Ireland's gratitude to Spain for what Spain had done for Ireland in past. The cynic might well say – "Both efforts were failures". We did not feel that way'. Paginated and recorded on loose sheets of a diary.

9 pp. (5 sheets)

1/1/5/11

April 1991

Photocopy of article in *Mayo News* entitled 'Death of former Chairman of Westport U.D.C.', which begins 'MR. MATT BECKETT, St. Mary's Crescent, Westport, who had died was a former Fine Gael Councillor on Westport U.D.C', noting his role as chairman of West Mayo Gaelic Athletics Association Board and County Board, role in Westport Credit Union, parish activities, and other commitments, and his involvement in Spanish Civil War.

1 p.

1.1.6 Tom Hyde (1937)

1/1/6/1

[1937]

Photocopy of autograph book of Tom Hyde, Lieutenant of 'A' Company of Irish Brigade, from Middleton, county Cork, with messages in English and Spanish, including one from General Eoin O'Duffy, dated January 1937, which reads 'To my most faithful friend & comrade – Tom Hyde', the Duke of Algeciras, O'Duffy's Chief Liaison Officer dated 31 January 1937 which simply states 'Viva Irlanda – Viva Espana', a note from Major Patrick Dalton dated 31 January 1937 which reads "Viva Tom Hyde" With all my best – PD', and Captain James Finnerty, who notes on same date 'Good Luck & God Bless you Tom, 31-1-37 Cacérés Spain'. In addition, includes autograph from Second Lieutenant [Alfera] Antonio Miracle dated 31 January 1937, stating 'For faith and country you came to Spain as you did I will do', and message from Captain Padraig Quinn, Commanding Officer of 'C' Company, dated 6 February 1937 wishing Hyde 'all that is best'. Also contains messages of farewell to Tom after his death on 19 February, one from Major Patrick Dalton which says "Au revoir Tom", and from Captain Diarmuid O'Suilleabhain (O'Sullivan),

Officer Commanding of 'A' Company, which reads 'We will miss you in 'A' Company but we will try to do what you gave your life for', both dated 25 February 1937, and finally from General O'Duffy, dated 1 March 1937, which states 'To Tom in Heaven. You were the first to join the Irish Brigade, you were the first to give your life for this cause which the Irish Brigade is fighting for.' Includes later annotations.

27 pp.

1.1.7 Joseph Cunningham (1937-1987)

1/1/7/1

9 July 1937

Photocopy of letter from Liam [Walsh], Secretary of Irish Brigade Association, to Joseph A. Cunningham, 281 Antrim Road, Belfast, referring to enclosure of Cunningham's passport.

1 p.

1/1/7/2

10 May 1960

Photocopy of letter from T. P. Kilfeather, Sunday Independent, Independent House, 90 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, to Joseph A. Cunningham, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, county Wexford, regarding the Irish Brigade series and its content.

1 p.

1/1/7/3

[1975]

Photocopy of memoirs in typescript of Ó Cuinneagáin (Cunningham) entitled 'The War in Spain', printed by *The Echo*, Enniscorthy, county Wexford, with pages missing up to page eighteen, and begins '...to concede that Franco's fine melange of forces, each with its own peculiar idea', recording his views on Franco and his influence, an attack on the 'Reds' in the second week of March, stating 'With more than 50,000 rounds of rifle and 12,000 of M.G. ammunition, 'C' Company had enough materials if judiciously employed, to last them one day's hard fighting... our only doubts centred on the worthiness of our guns. Rifles, bearing dates ranging from 1890 to 1934 (and there were few as recent as this), are no great boon to modern infantry. None were automatic, and in practice, had carefully to be nursed, for ten rounds in quick succession so heated the breach as to compel a cessation of fire'. In addition, notes the arrival of a company of mixed Moorish and Spanish cavalry, meals, changes in command due to illness, and an attack seven miles from Valdemoro claiming some fifteen casualties stating 'Even had the aircraft assisted the advance – and the weather forbade that essential aid – it would have been impossible to dislodge the posts in the caves, which held them as in a vice. An assault by night promised some success, by day it was a suicidal sacrifice, however noble its inherent inspiration', cancellation of movement into village of Titulcia, and arrival of harps from Ireland, 'It was a few days before the advance that harps arrived from Ireland to be a distinctive feature of our attire. One was worn on

each lapel of our tunics, our attached Spanish officers taking particular pride in this emblem'. Also records the attack of a sniper and enhancing security through use of passwords stating 'To combat this prevalence of sniping an order was issued authorising all sergeants to arrest those who, after 9.30p.m., could not give the night's password. This had its comic side too as it led to the excruciating torture of Spanish place names.' Also records celebration of St. Patrick's Day, with wine, cigarettes and even a football match between young Spaniards and a section of the 'D' Company, noting 'Play conformed to no fixed rules, but the association code was more in evidence than that of any other appellation. No quarter was given or asked but the thirstful Irish attack could not compare with the fine constructive craft of the Spanish combination', manning the front, and the journey to La Marañosa. Paginated and some paragraphs underlined with notes in margins.

12 pp. (6 sheets)

1/1/7/4

1 September 1981

Photocopy of document in Spanish from Roberto Liter Curieses, Secretary General of National Library in Spain, regarding the donation of book 'Saga of the Irish Brigade to Spain (1936-1937)'.

1 p.

1/1/7/5

[c. 1987]

Photocopy of handwritten poem in memory of Cunningham, entitled 'Lest We Forget', which begins 'He is gone but not forgotten, for his memory lingers still', with accompanying note celebrating memory of Cunningham who 'LEFT KNOCKBEG on Friday Nov 20th 1936. As an OFFICER IN THE IRISH BRIGADE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR FRONTLINE SERVICE ON THE SIDE OF THE SPANISH INSURGENT CATHOLIC AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE COMMUNISTIC GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN'.

2 items

1.1.8 Gabriel Lee (1937-1997)

1/1/8/1

[21 June 1937]

Photocopy of list of passengers for Royal Mail Steamer *Alcantara*, including names of passengers travelling to Lisbon, Cherbourg, and Southampton.

8 pp. (5 sheets)

1/1/8/2

[1937]

Photocopy of mortuary card in memory of Sergeant-Major Gabriel Lee, 45 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin, who was mortally wounded at Ciempozuelos on 13 March 1937, dying at Grinon Hospital, which states 'A loyal Comrade a true Friend. He Died as he lived a soldier of Christ.'

1 item

P13/

- 1/1/8/3** [c. 1990s?]
Four photographs of mortuary card. For the same card, also see **P13/1/1/8/2**.
4 items
- 1/1/8/4** 15 January 1997
Photocopy of letter from Gabriel Lee's nephew to Ambassador of Ireland to Spain, Claudio Coello 73, Madrid. *Closed. Review in 2047.*
1 p.
- 1/1/8/5** 12 February 1997
Photocopy of letter from Síle Maguire, Secretary of Irish Embassy in Spain, Madrid, to Gabriel Lee's nephew. *Closed. Review in 2047.*
1 p.

1.1.9 James McCarthy (1967)

- 1/1/9/1** [1967]
Typescript of memoirs of McCarthy, of Enniskeane, county Cork, about his experience as a volunteer with Irish Brigade, entitled 'Adventures with the Irish Brigade', beginning 'In July, 1936, the revolt which led to the Spanish Civil War occurred'. Records information concerning the outbreak of war, the International Brigade, General Eoin O'Duffy, the transport of volunteers to Spain, Irish government action, the formation of the Brigade, the daily routine, the first casualties, some 'Personal Adventures', General O'Duffy's address, and returning home. Paginated.
23 pp.
- 1/1/9/2** [1967?]
Typescript of notes based on essay written by McCarthy entitled 'Adventures with the Irish Brigade' (for which see **P13/1/1/9/1**), beginning 'Passports not being issues for travel to Spain; permission sought for travel as tourists to Portugal', underlining names of various individuals involved referred to in essay. Includes National Library of Ireland reference number.
4 pp.

1.1.10 Maurice Fennell and other Limerick Material (1970-1997)

- 1/1/10/1** 17 May 1997 (date of letter)
Handwritten letter from historian, Des Ryan, Moyross, county Limerick, to Robert Stradling, enclosing photocopy of handwritten memoirs of Maurice Fennell of Rathkeale county Limerick, former Legionnaire of 'C' Company of Irish Brigade, entitled 'SPAIN 1936-1937' beginning with line 'The Monarchy in Spain came to an end in 1931', recording his view

of the history of the Spanish Republic, noting ‘The new Government brought neither peace, or stability to Spain. Revolutionary strikes, and anti-clerical outrages, were common everyday occurrences, churches were desecrated, and burned to the ground. Bodies of Priests, and Nuns, were exhumed, and inhumanly degraded’, and in addition the years leading to the civil war marked by ‘twenty-six changes of Government... several local Revolutions, and almost daily civil disturbances’, the formation of The Popular Front, outbreak of Spanish Civil War in 1936, and the Irish response stating ‘Due to our historic ties with Spain, and a strong Anti-Communist emotion, which was now engulfing the entire nation, North and South, General O’Duffy had little difficulty in recruiting an Irish Brigade, to fight for Christianity, and Spain, and in an indirect way, for Ireland’. Also notes the passing of the Non-intervention Bill, members of Irish Brigade including many old Irish Republican Army and ex-army officers, setting off for Spain on board the *Dun Aengus* during stormy weather, stating ‘The storm was still blowing, and the rain pouring down, no food, no sleep, no water, and very little hope. Despair was clearly visible on every face’, and rescue by a German grain boat, stating ‘They then left down a number of wooden ladders tied together, and eventually they were made fast to the rail of the *Dun Aengus*. However it was like climbing on to a “bucking bronco”. The difference was, that if you lost your grip, or made one slip, you were catapulted into eternity, via the freezing, turbulent, awesome, waves of the Atlantic Ocean’. Also records experiences of Salamanca, stating ‘The huge square was bedecked with beautiful flowers, bunting, and Irish and Spanish flags. The hundred or so tables were attended by charming Signorettes in Native Costume and the food was sumptuous, or so it seemed... after almost seven days of starvation’, and training at Cáceres where he notes ‘Our individual training was carried out in the big Military Barracks... Just outside the back wall, there was a sand-bag embankment... We later learned that it was a shooting range of a different kind. It was here that Red Troops, who were tried, and found guilty, of certain crimes, were executed. It was not a nice sight, I went to see it once, and that was enough’, the daily routine, mass at Church of San Domingo, journey to the Madrid Front and attack by ‘friendly troops’, stating ‘It is amazing how quickly one adjusts to the circumstances, in a situation such as this, one’s fears, and forebodings, seem to vanish and instead there is a feeling of elation, having beaten the defending backs, and sees the line at his mercy, in the dying moments of a Rugby Match’, the atrocities, attacks by ‘the Reds’, mining a railway used by ‘the Reds’, and the final journey home, stating, ‘Our Crusade was ended. We may not have had any great effect on the outcome of the War, but we played our part, to the Best of our ability... it is no small consideration to know that we were on the winning side, and that in so doing we repaid, in a small way at least, part of our long-standing debt to Spain.’ Paginated.

2 items

P13/

- 1/1/10/2** [December 1936]
Copy of the address to General O'Duffy and the Irish Brigade on their way to fight 'Bolshevism in Spain', delivered in the Irish National Church, Lisbon, Portugal.
6 pp. (2 sheets)
- 1/1/10/3** 7 September 1970
Photocopy of handwritten letter from James McCarthy, Enniskeane, county Cork, former Legionnaire in Irish Brigade, to Fennell congratulating him on letter in *Irish Independent*, stating 'You stated facts, which every member of the brigade can endorse. No group has ever been so misunderstood and their motives more misrepresented over the years'.
2 pp.
- 1/1/10/4** 5 March 1976:15 April 1976
Photocopy of two letters from Pádraig Quinn, Uisce Mor, Graig-na-Managh, county Kilkenny, to Captain Maurice Fennell, Church Street, Rathkeale, county Limerick, noting among other things Radio Telefis Éireann documentary on Irish Brigade.
2 items (1 p.)
- 1/1/10/5** 7 March 1976
Photocopy of letter from Joseph A. Cunningham, Solicitor, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, county Wexford, to Captain Maurice J. Fennell, Church Street, Rathkeale, county Limerick, regarding his article in *Irish Independent* on 2 March 1976 and Cunningham's own published memoirs, and notes 'I am wondering is Sergeant Sheehy (Garryowen?) alive or Tom Neaney. Tom saved my life once (I have always felt) when he stopped a runaway mule in Ciempozeulos one afternoon with Paddy Casey (Donegal) and myself helpless in the dray. I can still see it careering furiously for the narrow archway leading from the town to the lines.' In addition, notes holding an interview with General Franco in 1973. Also gives an update on the whereabouts of some of his former colleagues from the Irish Brigade. Concludes by stating 'For me the fight in Spain was Christ – v – Anti-Christ and everything really Irish must be radically Christian. A Republic that would not be Christian would not be Irish'.
2 pp.
- 1/1/10/6** April 1976
Photocopy of letter from Pádraig Quinn, Uisce Mor, Graig-na-Managh, county Kilkenny, to Maurice Fennell, regarding letter in *Irish Independent* and confirming some facts regarding his time in Spain.
1 p.

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- 1/1/10/7** 22 March 1995
Photocopy of letter from Frank B. Fitzgerald, Apartment Number 1, "Transvaal", Fauvic Grouville, Jersey C1, former non-commissioned officer in Company of Irish Brigade, to Des Ryan, noting why he chose to go to Spain, and stating 'One of my first achievements was to blow up the armoured train which came from Madrid almost everyday'.
1 p.
- 1/1/10/8** March 1995
Photocopy of letter from former Irish Brigadier, Frank B. Fitzgerald, Jersey, to Denis O'Shaughnessy, Corbally, county Limerick, complimenting his article in the *Limerick Leader* and outlining his life after returning from Spain, which included joining the R.A.F. In relation to Spain, notes the first casualty of the Irish Brigade, 'It was Tom Hyde from Middletown Co Cork one of the flour milling family', and also describes an attack on the railway line from Madrid noting 'We blew the train off the track and all the train crew were killed'. In addition, mentions losses to the company and outlines a rescue operation of one of his men, stating 'I raced up the left bank hoping I might save him. I grabbed his arm while I held on to a small bush on the bank three of my men pulled me and the man out. We wouldn't have lasted another 30 secs.' Also records training in base at Cáceres. Also contains section entitled 'GENERAL FRANCO'S PART IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS'. Paginated.
5 pp.
- 1/1/10/9** 10 May 1997
Letter from Des Ryan, Moyross, county Limerick, to Robert Stradling, regarding material on Irish Brigade collected in Limerick, and enclosing list of men from Limerick who he believed to have gone to Spain. Also refers to number of articles in local press.
2 items (4 sheets)
- 1/1/10/10** 21 June 1997
Photocopy of article in [*Limerick Leader*] by Des Ryan, Moyross, Limerick entitled 'Veterans of Spain' which begins 'I WOULD be grateful if you would publish the following appeal', requesting information on three Limerick men who fought with the International Brigade, namely, Jim Woulfe, J. Tierney and Gerald Doyle.
1 p.

1.1.11 Certificates of Service (1937)

1/1/11/1 [1937]
Certificate of service for Crusade in Spain 1936-1937 for James Roche, Bandon, county Cork who served as medic with Irish Brigade from November 1936 to June 1937, in recognition of his loyalty, courage and good conduct. Signed by General Franco and General O'Duffy.

1 item

1/1/11/2 [1937]
Photocopy of certificate of service for Crusade in Spain 1936-1937 for Patrick Hickey, Dundrum, Dublin, who served with Irish Brigade from November 1936 to June 1937, in recognition of his loyalty, courage and good conduct. Signed by General Franco and General O'Duffy.

1 p.

1/1/11/3 [1937]
Photocopy of certificate of service for Crusade in Spain 1936-1937 for Stanislaus [James] McCarthy, Enniskeane, county Cork, who served with Irish Brigade from November 1936 to June 1937, in recognition of his loyalty, courage and good conduct. Signed by General Franco and General O'Duffy. Outsize.

1 p.

1.1.12 Other Material (1936-1998)

1/1/12/1 [13 November 1936]
Photocopy of letter from Welsh landowner, Evan Morgan, Lord Tredegar, to Louis [La Fleur], as he made his way to the Canary Islands referring to his travelling companions on board the *SS Alondra* as 'the vanguard of Genl. O'Duffy's Greenshirts' and stating 'some of these gentlemen were by no means easy in their minds respecting the adventure into Spain. They had just received orders to go, so they went. Some had thrown up good job. One of the youngest, a certain Connolly, had had to leave a £12 a week job at the Ford car place at Dagenham... Connolly was endeavouring to work himself up to a bloodthirsty mood by studying the poems of Thomas Davis... This was a fine young fellow, far too good to be wasted on that affair'. Notes also reception at Las Palmas and Santa Cruz, military precautions, popularity of General Franco in the area, troops training in the Canaries, and his interest in folklore. Copy of next page is missing.

2 pp.

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1/1/12/2 28 November 1936
Photocopy of passenger list from *the S.S. Aguila*, Yeoward Line, noting names and place of origin of passengers bound for Lisbon, Madeira, Las Palmas, Tenerife and tourist round cruise. Includes later annotations in ink.

6 pp. (4 sheets)

1/1/12/3 30 July 1998
Death notice in the Cork Examiner in memory of Ellen (O'Sullivan) O'Brien, a 'devoted mother and proud Republican', and (John) Chris O'Brien, former volunteer in Irish Brigade in Spain, 1936 to 1937.

1 item

1.2 Photographic Material (c. 1915-1996)

Also see **P13/1/1/8/3**

1.2.1 James Roche (1936-1937)

1/2/1/1 [December 1936]
Sepia-toned photograph of reception in the square at Cáceres with [General Franco].

1 item

1/2/1/2 [January 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of officers of Irish Brigade outside Cáceres barracks.

1 item

1/2/1/3 19 February 1937
Sepia-toned photograph of body of Tom Hyde, former Lieutenant in 'A' Company of Irish Brigade, after advance on Ciempozuelos. Contains the following note on back, 'Tom Hyde – (R.I.P.) Taken by Jim (R.I.P.)'

1 item

1/2/1/4 February 1937
Sepia-toned photograph of group of Irish Brigadiers posing outside ruined parish church with its damaged contents at Ciempozuelos.

1 item

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- 1/2/1/5 [March 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of members of Irish Brigade outside church in Ciempozuelos with General Eoin O'Duffy distributing shamrock. 1 item
- 1/2/1/6 [1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of James Roche, Medic for Irish Brigade, seated at bullring in Cáceres. Includes note on back saying 'Jim R.I.P.' 1 item
- 1/2/1/7 [January 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of James Roche at barracks in Cáceres, with note on back saying 'Jim R.I.P.' 1 item
- 1/2/1/8 [1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of James Roche training at barracks in Cáceres. 1 item
- 1/2/1/9 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of Michael Weymes and other Irish Brigade volunteers in the trenches at Ciempozuelos. 1 item
- 1/2/1/10 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of volunteers of Irish Brigade with cannons at Ciempozuelos. 1 item
- 1/2/1/11 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of volunteers of Irish Brigade buying plundered wine from Moors at La Marañosa. 1 item
- 1/2/1/12 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of James Roche training at Cáceres, with note 'Jim' on back. 1 item
- 1/2/1/13 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of group of Irish Brigadiers receiving mass from Carlist priest, Padre Alonso, at La Marañosa. 1 item

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- 1/2/1/14 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of small group of Irish Brigadiers beside vehicle with James Roche in the centre carrying plunder from La Marañosa. Includes note at back saying 'Jim in centre'.
1 item
- 1/2/1/15 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of small group of Irish Brigadiers drinking coffee at the trenches in Ciempozuelos.
1 item
- 1/2/1/16 [February 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of [James Roche] outside a bunker at Ciempozuelos.
1 item
- 1/2/1/17 [March 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of small group of Irish Brigadiers outside shelter at La Marañosa.
1 item
- 1/2/1/18 [March 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of Padre Alonso with officers of Irish Brigade beside the trenches at La Marañosa.
1 item
- 1/2/1/19 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of a small number of Irish Brigadiers at [La Marañosa].
1 item
- 1/2/1/20 [Spring 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of the trenches in La Marañosa with small groups of Irish Brigadiers and military vehicle in the background.
1 item
- 1/2/1/21 April 1937
Sepia-toned photograph of Irish Brigadiers kneeling to receive communion at an open-air mass behind the lines at La Marañosa
1 item

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- 1/2/1/22** [May 1937]
Sepia-toned photograph of volunteers of Irish Brigade at barracks in Cáceres, with note on back saying 'Jim marked x, light suit'.
1 item
- 1/2/1/23** May 1937
Sepia-toned photograph of the officer corps of Irish Brigades, at Cáceres, before leaving for home. Includes note at back saying 'O'Duffy seated in centre'.
1 item
- 1/2/1/24** [1937?]
Black and white copies of **P13/1/2/1/1-3, 5-12** and **14-22**.
20 items
- 1/2/1/25** [1937]
Negatives of **P13/1/2/1/1-23**, with some undeveloped near-duplicates of **P13/1/2/1/2-6** and **20**.
29 items

1.2.2 Joseph Cunningham (1937)

- 1/2/2/1** [Spring 1937]
Photocopy of six black and white photographs with captions including image of Cunningham at one of stations on way to Shrine of Our Lady of the Mount, Nuestra Senora de la Montana, the second of a tank corps on the road to Getafe and Leganes, in the suburbs of Madrid, the third photograph is of the trenches at La Marañosa, with another image of Irish Brigadiers drinking water at La Fabrica in La Marañosa. The fifth and sixth images are of Cunningham and other patients with nurses at the hospital in Cáceres. Outsize.
1 p.
- 1/2/2/2** [Spring 1937]
Photocopy of six black and white photographs with captions including image of a member of the Moorish Guard and his steed on the Jarama Front (for which also see **P13/1/2/2/3**), the second image of artillery on the Jarama Front, and the third is of Cunningham on the Jarama front in April 1937. The fourth photograph is of the members of the Company or the 'Irish Stew Team' in La Marañosa, and finally, the last image is of Irish Brigadiers from Enniskillen, Mayo, Belfast, Donegal and Tipperary aiming their firearms in the trenches at La Marañosa. Outsize.
1 p.

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1/2/2/3 [Spring 1937]
Colour print of member of Moorish Guard and his steed on the Jarama Front. Also see **P13/1/2/2/2**.

1 item

1.2.3 Matthew Beckett (1991-1994)

1/2/3/1 [1991]
Colour photocopy of photograph of Matthew Beckett in Westport, county Mayo, with annotation on back saying 'Matthew J. Beckett. Westport 1914-91.'

1 item

1/2/3/2 1994
Colour photograph of Matthew Beckett's collection of Spanish Civil War memorabilia, including letters, a medal, a pistol, photographs and book by Eoin O'Duffy, with annotation on back saying '1994 Daddy's mem. Spanish Civil War 36/39'.

1 item

1.2.4 Leo McCloskey (c. 1915-c. 1985)

1/2/4/1 [c. 1915]
Photocopy of photograph of McCloskey as a young boy.

1 p.

1/2/4/2 [1936]
Photocopy of portrait of McCloskey as a young man.

1 p.

1/2/4/3 [1937]
Photocopy of portrait of McCloskey in military garb.

1 p.

1/2/4/4 [c. 1985]
Photocopy of photograph of McCloskey as older man.

1 p.

1.2.5 Other Images (1937-1973)

- 1/2/5/1 [21 November 1936]
Black and white photograph of a consignment of volunteers from Irish Brigade with General O'Duffy on board the *S.S. Avoceta* going out to Lisbon.]
1 item
- 1/2/5/2 10 February 1937
Black and white studio portrait of Diarmuid [O'Sullivan] of Irish Brigade taken in Cáceres and annotated in ink 'To J.P.G. From Diarmuid. Cáceres 10/2/37'.
1 item
- 1/2/5/3 25 February 1937
Black and white studio portrait of Captain James Finnerty of Irish Brigade taken in [Cáceres] and annotated in ink 'To Major P. Dalton with Sincere Wishes from Capt. J. Finnerty. Irish Brigade Spain 25-2-37'.
1 item
- 1/2/5/4 [1937]
Photocopy of two photographs of Patrick Hickey as volunteer in Irish Brigade.
1 p.
- 1/2/5/5 1973
Black and white photograph of Pádraig Quinn and Joseph Cunningham, former volunteers of Irish Brigade, meeting General Franco at El Pardo, Madrid.
1 item

1.3 Oral Material (1986-1996)

- 1/3/1 [Mid 1990s]
Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with Bernie Boles, Cahir, county Tipperary, who recalls knowing William F. McGrath, Cork, who served as Sergeant in 'B' Company of Irish Brigade in Spain. Notes how McGrath had been working in Fords, county Cork, and attended meeting in Imperial Hotel in approximately August 1936, before being persuaded to go to Spain as an interpreter. Outlines journey to Spain via Lisbon, on board a German vessel, with group consisting of mainly cashiered army officers and policemen. Notes the red light district in Lisbon, stating 'There was some... time in Lisbon to organise buses to Spain... he [McGrath] told me... it was almost time for the buses to go

and several of the Irish fellas were missing... Willie had an idea where they were going because he had heard them talking on the boat about women... so he went towards what he understood to be the red light district... he went down to this house... and here were my brave Irishmen with madam's ladies... and they were all in this sort of a saloon, and they were all drinking tea or coffee... a few of them [the ladies] had rosaries around their necks and Willie saw the rosaries and he said to the lads... "What are they doing with your rosaries, "Well", they said, "we hadn't any money... and that's all we could give them, and they were quite happy to take them". Also notes the horrendous condition of the barracks at Badajoz, upon the arrival of the Irish Brigadiers, due to a massacre that had previously occurred there. Also refers to drinking habits of the Irishmen and the lack of uniforms, stating 'they were given from Germany... these uniforms... and they were beautiful material, but they were completely wrong in size for the lads because they were all small fellas... so Willie had to go around the town... it could have been Badajoz, to get the seamstresses to make up the uniforms'. In addition, notes that the men never got into battle although two got shot, and meeting 'Franco's Moors'. Also makes reference to letter from Welsh landowner, Evan Morgan, Lord Tredegar, to Louis [La Fleur], as he made his way to the Canary Islands (see P13/1/1/12/1). *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[14 August 1994]

Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with younger brother of Major Patrick Dalton, Officer Commanding of Irish Brigade in Spain, noting that Patrick would not have gone to Spain had his mother been alive. Also states that his brother had been an officer in the Irish Free State Army, and then worked in Dublin with Bookmaker, Joe Cunningham. States that Dalton was a personal friend of O'Duffy and was in charge of Blueshirts in Dublin. Notes his motivation to join the Brigade as being religious, and also the fact that Dalton stopped his brothers from volunteering also, stating 'he said that one was enough'. Also notes lack of recognition of O'Duffy's men by the church and the state. *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[Mid 1990s]

Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with William Geraghty, Dublin, who served as volunteer in Irish Brigade in Spain. Notes how he heard about General O'Duffy's Brigade in a public information broadcast at the cinema, and his feelings towards Spain, stating 'in my limited learnings of the history of the friendship that existed between Spain and Ireland and all that Spain tried to do in the sad times my forefathers experienced, the Spanish Armada, giving sanctuary to the O'Donnells and all the rest... I felt indebted to Spain for their kindness

to... our ancestors'. Also refers to strength of his Christian faith as influencing factor on the journey to Spain. Notes his involvement in the Irish army prior to joining the Brigade, the issue of religious persecution, atrocities carried out and his interest in Spanish culture. Also refers to the Blueshirt movement, his view of General O'Duffy, the issue of minors serving in the Brigade and the non-intervention pact, stating 'we had offers from America, even as far as Canada and America, they would've... provided their cavalry units... to go and fight communism' and remembers some of his commanding officers, including Lieutenant George Timlin, and notes, 'There is one person that I particularly remember... Tom Hyde, he was killed by mistake in an engagement between two armies that was... on the Franco side'. Provides account of journey to Spain on board a German vessel, stating 'There was no provision made for meals or for sleeping... The conditions from Galway... was anything but calm', and on to Salamanca, and then Cáceres where he notes the 'royal welcome' of the people and the standard of training there. Also recalls death of Gabriel Lee and carrying his stretcher, the issue of drink in the Irish Brigade, the events of 19 February 1937 and the attempted attack at Titulcia. Notes life in Ciempozuelos including sniper fire and executions of prisoners, and the capture of a Cuban prisoner. Refers also to friendship with an International Brigadier on his return to Ireland in approximately 1946, 'What he saw when he arrived in Red Spain... he was shocked and horrified because he was also a Catholic and the reason that he went to Spain... the propaganda from the International Brigade'. Records also the contents of a private reference from General O'Duffy, his overall impression of O'Duffy, and issue of recognition of efforts of the Irish Brigade from the state, historians and the church, after their return to Ireland. In addition, notes his views on the articles of Sunday Independent Special Correspondent, Gertrude Gaffney, and details on uniforms, weaponry and pay are noted. Also recalls, on his return to Ireland, an attempt by Geraghty and about seven other men to take a Spanish ship from Derry to Bilbao, and the arrest of the vessel prior to departure. *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[Mid 1990s]

Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with Tony Hyde, from Middleton, Cork, younger brother of Lieutenant Tom Hyde, who served in 'A' Company of Irish Brigade in Spain. Records that Tom was an idealist and his Christian faith motivated him to go to Spain at age of around thirty-seven. Refers to accounts of atrocities carried out on priests and nuns in Spain, how Tom met O'Duffy in the National Corporate Party, and how he was wounded during the Irish Civil War. Also addresses popularity of Tom amongst men at home and in Spain, the events surrounding his death in February 1937, and recognition of Irish Brigade by politicians, the government and the church. *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[1992]

Sound recording of interview with Jimmy Kavanagh, Dublin who served in 'C' Company of Irish Brigade in Spain, by his son, James. Notes getting word from the Blueshirts about going to Spain, the trip to Galway, the storm at sea and the rescue operation, the journey to Spain, and impressions of Salamanca: 'That's where we were entertained. We were given lovely sandwiches, tea... cigarettes, everything' and back on the train to Cáceres. Also records being fitted out in German uniforms at the barracks, their arrival at Ciempozuelos, and states of the Brigade, 'the Irish Brigade did not see actually action, we were too small a company to go into action for a start, but we didn't know that. We were really a garrison.' Also recalls being on outpost duty, 'we used to see movements... and I seen this movement and I said... "Hey look... there's a Russian out there"... as the dawn broke... what was it?... It was an umbrella'. Notes also life in La Marañosa, and visit to a German battery, 'the Germans that were there, there was no infantry... and they were a very proud lot, the Germans, 'cos they were nearly all officers, they wouldn't speak to you... we didn't know German'. In addition, records return to Cáceres before coming home, and on the subject of staying on, notes 'those who wanted to could've stayed there but I was frightened to stay along with a good many more because in Cáceres when we were doing our training the Irish wasn't all heroes, there was a lot of them very drunk and caused a lot of old trouble there and we became more or less unpopular.' Records journey home to Dublin, and response of people in Ireland. Recording is poor quality and inaudible in parts. *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[Mid 1990s]

Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with Denis Reynolds, Cootehill, county Cavan, who served in 'D' Company of Irish Brigade in Spain. Records how he heard about the Spanish Civil War through the media, what motivated him to go to Spain at 18 years of age with his friend Phil McBride, the situation in Ireland prior to his departure, his membership of Blueshirts and views on General O'Duffy. Refers to arrival in Galway, stating 'When we arrived then in Galway there was a very big consignment of plain-clothes detectives and garda there and there was an order out for us to be arrested... it was on the 12th December 1936... the bishop of Galway came down... and he got up on the platform and he... appealed to the authorities not to arrest anyone except there were criminals'. Also describes journey on the tender from Galway Bay, and the issue of minors. In addition, notes a mass on the front marking the receipt of Sergeant Cadell into the church, the journey to Spain, impressions of the Spanish people and military training. Notes also drinking habits of Irish in Spain, and events surrounding the deaths of Tom Hyde and Dan Chute, and the attack at Titulcia, stating 'We went out that day very early and we engaged this enemy fire... while we were doing that Franco's troops was closing in behind in a big pincher movement and we had to withdraw to our own trenches that night... we

were in a terrible state... when the morning came my coat was stiff with the white frost and I took it off and got two big sticks and stood it up on the top and I only had it up when it was riddled with machine-gun fire.’ Also records life at Ciempozuelos, including the disposal of corpses from the town, stating ‘I was in the mopping up party, and they picked a very young officer and the youngest lads we had... if you were older... you might never be the better of it, there was people dead for two weeks, more, and the dogs wouldn’t... go near a dead person if they could get a live person so the first thing we done was shot all the dogs... then... we brought all the corpses outside the town to the trenches and all the dead dogs, and buried them all.’ Notes billeting in a convent on arrival in the town, stating ‘the whole place was covered with blood... I saw the bodies of the nuns... and some of them wasn’t dead’. Includes an account of attack by enemy at La Marañososa, the execution of prisoners of war at Cáceres, carrying out religious duties in Spain, and further impressions of General O’Duffy. Also refers to *Irish Independent* journalist Gertrude Gaffney in Spain, digging the trenches and dugouts, and his life in Ireland on his return from Spain. *These items are too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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[Mid 1990s]

Sound recording of interview conducted by Robert Stradling with Patrick Smith, county Cavan, who served in ‘D’ Company of Irish Brigade in Spain. Notes how he heard about the appeal for volunteers for the Irish Brigade in the *Irish Independent*, while working as Chief Butter-maker in creamery in Thomastown, county Kilkenny. States ‘I had an assistant, Jim Morrissey... the following morning... I was reading the paper and read all about this, and this got to me, I was gripped, and every time we met around the dairy... Jim and I, we couldn’t talk of anything else... and the pact was made that the two of us would go to Spain.’ Records also contact with Pádraig Quinn of Gowran House regarding getting a passport for Spain and how he had to lie to the authorities saying that he was going to Denmark to study in a dairy science college. Refers to membership of Blueshirts, views on General O’Duffy, communism and the issue of minors, noting ‘The reason why we left Spain because... more than fifty percent of the Brigade were under twenty-one... our good government of the day, held by Eamon De Valera, rushed the Citizenship Bill through... and if the fellas under twenty-one were not back in Ireland by such a date they were [displaced] persons, they had no country... so O’Duffy made sure they were back.’ Notes journey to Spain via Liverpool and Lisbon, his impressions of Spanish people, allegations of drunkenness, and interviews with other Brigadiers such as Matt Doolan and Paddy Quinn. In addition, notes military training in Cáceres, and events surrounding deaths of Tom Hyde and Dan Chute, noting reasons for incident as follows ‘the uniforms... we hadn’t a distinctive uniform... they were Canary Islanders... and their uniform was different... and lack of communications’. Also mentions attack near Titulcia and mining the track of the armoured train, and impressions of Ciempozuelos and La Marañososa, noting the following about the latter, ‘what our biggest trouble

there was shortage of water... we went searching and three miles down the mountainside we came across a farmhouse and a well... we loaded ourselves up... we drank ourselves sick... we hadn't water for days and days... it turned out that that water after a number of days, we couldn't use it, it was stinking... and we saw... green scum... we got in and emptied the well... there was at least seven or eight bodies in it, a whole family... who had been murdered by the Reds and thrown in the well'. Also refers to marching alongside St. Mary's Band, carrying out religious duties and the issue of recognition of Brigadiers by church or state on their return to Ireland. In addition, notes witnessing execution of prisoners, further impressions of General O'Duffy, and Smith's political persuasion. In addition, records the contents of documents in Smith's possession. *These items are too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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26 May 1988

Copy of sound recording of interview conducted for an edition of 'Looking West' by Jim Fahy on Radio Éireann, with Phil McBride of Newbliss, county Monaghan, who served as volunteer in 'B' Company of Irish Brigade in Spain. Notes trip to Galway, being on board the tender in Galway Bay, and arrival in Spain. Also records arriving in Salamanca, training in Cáceres, and the deaths of Tom Hyde, Dan Chute and Gabriel Lee. On the subject of what motivated him to go to Spain, McBride states 'The communists were a real threat and were it not for the Germans they probably would have dominated Europe. You had to take a stand somewhere.' McBride refers to links between Ireland and Spain, the influence of the church on events in Ireland prior to the formation of the Irish Brigade, and the persecution of priests and nuns in Spain. In addition, notes reception received on return to Ireland, stating 'We got a great reception, everywhere we got it... the Lord Mayor Alfie Byrne, we all got shaking hands with Alfie'. *This item is too fragile to be safely handled. For digital access to contents, please check with a member of staff.*

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26 December 1975 (date of recording)

Printed description of tape contents of Radio Telefís Éireann documentary for Television, 'Even the Olives are Bleeding', listing items in sequence, subjects and duration of stock shots.

15 pp.

2 THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTATION (1936-1939)

2.1 Irish Brigade (1936-1939)

2.1.1 Arrival of the Irish Brigade (1936-1937)

2/1/1/1 [November 1936]
Photocopy of handwritten military dispatch in Spanish which notes the first arrivals of Irish Brigade in Lisbon, stating that between 700 and 2000 more would be arriving in five or six days' time.
1 p.

2/1/1/2 3 December 1936-2 January 1937
Photocopies of mainly military dispatches in Spanish relating to Military Governors at Cáceres, Salamanca and Badajoz, and Nationalist Headquarters at Sevilla and Salamanca, addressing the arrival of the Irish Brigade in Spain and issues such as their travel and interpreting arrangements.
19 items

2.1.2 Arrangements for Volunteers and Developments in Spain (1937)

2/1/2/1 [3 January 1937]
Photocopy of telegram and military dispatch in Spanish regarding the dental treatment which necessitated the hospitalisation of Irish Brigadier, James McEvoy, on his arrival in Spain.
2 items

2/1/2/2 17-21 January 1937
Photocopies of memoranda from nationalist headquarters in Salamanca in Spanish exempting officers of Irish Brigade from having to present documentation attesting to their qualifications.
3 items

2/1/2/3 22 February 1937
Photocopies of mostly letters in Spanish relating to the Military Governor at Cáceres, addressing Irish casualties in Ciempozuelos, and the subsequent funeral ceremonies, overseen by the Bishop of Coria.
3 items (4 sheets)

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2/1/2/4 4 March 1937
Photocopies of telegram and handwritten note in Spanish regarding report on nationalist capture of Sierra Hervás and casualties involved.
2 items

2/1/2/5 13 March 1937
Photocopy of telegram from Mussolini to heads of volunteer troops regarding their progress, stating 'Haga saber a los Legionarios que YO sigo, hora tras hora, su acción, que será coronada por la Victoria'. ('Let the Legionnaires know that I am following hour after hour their action and it will be crowned by victory'.)
1 item

2.1.3 Dissolution of Irish Brigade (1937)

2/1/3/1 24 March 1937
Photocopy of memorandum in Spanish from General Juan Yagüe, Chief-General of Spanish Legion, Chief of La Division Reforzada de Madrid, Navalcarnero, reporting on General Eoin O'Duffy's Irish Brigade and notes their poor discipline, tendency for excessive drinking and their military inefficiency, recommending the Brigade's dissolution and the incorporation of its integrants in other sections of the Legion or their repatriation.
1 p.

2/1/3/2 27 March-22 April 1937
Photocopy of mostly telegrams and military dispatches from General O'Duffy and the nationalist headquarters at Salamanca, addressing the character and behaviour of General O'Duffy and Captain Diarmuid O'Sullivan of the Irish Brigade, and alleged breaches of behaviour.
12 items

2/1/3/3 29 March-18 June 1937
Photocopies of mostly memoranda and military dispatches in Spanish and English from nationalist headquarters in Salamanca, General O'Duffy, and Chief Liaison Officer, Captain González Camino at Cáceres, addressing the reasons and arrangements for repatriation of Irish Brigade, the provision of demob clothing and the release from custody of Captain Diarmuid O'Sullivan of Irish Brigade.
28 items (33 sheets)

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- 2/1/3/4** 9-22 April 1937
Photocopies of mostly military dispatches in Spanish from General O'Duffy and nationalist headquarters at Salamanca, including letter from General O'Duffy to Franco addressing the dissolution of Irish Brigade and requesting the formation of another Irish Unit from the Brigadiers who would remain behind (9 April 1937), and a military dispatch which cites the reason for the dissolution of Irish Brigade as being primarily indiscipline.
4 items (10 sheets)
- 2/1/3/5** 24 June-9 August 1937
Photocopies of mostly memoranda and military dispatches in Spanish from Military Governors at Cáceres and Salamanca, nationalist headquarters at Salamanca, and General Juan Yagüe, addressing arrangements for integration into other Spanish nationalist units of Irish Brigade volunteers who wished to remain and fight after the dissolution of the Brigade and in addition, arrangements for the transfer of responsibility for hospitalised Irish Brigadiers.
23 items (25 sheets)
- 2/1/3/6** 22-23 June 1937
Photocopies of mostly military dispatches in Spanish from nationalist headquarters at Salamanca, referring to arrangements for repatriation of Irish Brigadiers who had been hospitalised at the time of the dissolution of the Brigade, and in addition, three Irish volunteer nurses.
7 items (8 sheets)
- 2/1/3/7** 3 August 1937
Photocopy of military dispatch in Spanish from Juan Yagüe, Chief-General of Spanish Legion, reporting on application of a member of the dissolved Irish Brigade to remain in Spain where he was assigned to the Fifth Brigade of the Legion, and his public declaration of being a mason. Permission is requested for him to be forcefully repatriated.
1 item

2.1.4 Other Matters (1937-1939)

- 2/1/4/1 1 June 1937-4 September 1939
Mainly photocopies of correspondence in English, Spanish and French between Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and General Espinosa De Los Monteros, Sub-secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Nationalist Zone), L.H. Kerney, Irish Minister of Irish Legation to Spain in San Sebastian, and [H. Shilton] of the British Embassy to Spain in Hendaye, addressing a number of issues including Irish prisoners of war in Spain such as International Brigadiers, Frank Ryan and Andrew Delaney, the death in action of Irish Nationalist volunteers such as Austin O'Reilly and Daithí V. Higgins, and the issue of desertion charges against Irish nationalist volunteer, Andrew O'Toole.
35 items (40 sheets)
- 2/1/4/2 17 January 1938-31 May 1940
Mainly photocopies of letters in English, Spanish and French to Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence including correspondence with Irish Legation in Spain, Madrid, the British Agency in Spain, Salamanca, and with Juan Yagüe, Chief-General of Spanish Legion, referring to demobilisation of Irish Nationalist volunteer, John James Madden, of Roscrea, county Tipperary, due to ill-health.
17 items (18 sheets)
- 2/1/4/3 17 February-25 April 1937
Photocopies of mostly correspondence in Spanish and English between bodies such as the nationalist military headquarters in Salamanca, Irish Legation in Spain at St. Jean de Luz, Spanish Legion at Talavera De La Reina, and Office of Protocol and Diplomatic Affairs (Nationalist Zone) at Salamanca, addressing issue of minors serving in Irish Brigade and their removal from the front due to diplomatic and family requests.
18 items
- 2/1/4/4 29 March 1937
Photocopy of memorandum in Spanish from nationalist headquarters in Salamanca reporting on the activities of *Irish Independent* journalist, Gertrude Gaffney, in Spain, her concerns about the failure of post from Ireland to reach Irish Brigadiers, and the economic state of their families in Ireland without government support.
1 p.

2.2 International Brigade (1936)

2/2/1

3 October-3 November 1936

Mostly photocopies of official letters between Metropolitan Division of Garda Síochána, Department of Justice, and Department of External Affairs, concerning applications for passports for Christopher Conway and James Cummins. Includes a letter of reference from Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, 5 South King Street (1st floor), Dublin, in support of the character of Christopher Conway, and his attempt to secure a passport, stating 'I... certify that Christopher Conway has been staying with me for the past 2 years, and I know him to be honest and upright' (3 October 1936). Also contains letter marked 'SECRET' from Michael J. Mansfield, Metropolitan Division of Garda Síochána, Special Branch, Dublin Castle, regarding passport applications of Christopher Conway, 5 South King Street, Dublin, and James Patrick Cummins, 30 Hanbury Lane, Thomas Street, Dublin, noting 'Christopher Conway... has made application for a passport to travel to France; Italy; Belgium; Germany; Switzerland and Holland, for the ostensible purpose of visiting Lourdes... James Patrick Cummins... has applied for a passport for France for the ostensible purpose of visiting the grave of his deceased brother... Both Conway and Cummins are active members of the Communist Party of Ireland and Conway is also associated with the Republican Congress Group... it would appear that both recently volunteered for service in Spain and... that the object of these men in applying for passports is to make their way to Spain via France' (9 October 1936). Also includes photocopy of handwritten letter from James P. Cummins, 30 Hanbury Lane, to Minister for External Affairs, Dublin, requesting the office to hasten the processing of his passport application 'as the slowness of the officials concerned has almost spoiled the travel as owing to the lateness of the season & delay the journey will be anything but pleasant' [29 October 1936].

7 items (8 sheets)

3 THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR: MEDIA COVERAGE IN IRELAND AND ABROAD (1931-1997)

3.1 Newspaper Articles (1931-1997)

3.1.1 Coverage Before and During Spanish Civil War (1931-1937)

3/1/1/1

15 January-17 March 1937

Articles in *Irish Independent* and *Evening Herald* addressing the Spanish Civil War, noting the second church parade of Irish Brigade on Feast of the Epiphany at Salamanca, the unveiling of a tablet by O'Duffy in Church of San Dominic, Cáceres, commemorating First Bandera of Irish Brigade, events in Malaga, response of the pope and bishops, the deaths of Brigadiers Thomas Hyde and Daniel Chute on Madrid front, the issue of refugees, life in barracks at Cáceres, deaths of Brigadiers John MacSweeney and Bernard Horan on the front. Includes a series of articles by *Irish Independent* Special Correspondent, Gertrude Gaffney. Outsize.

14 items

3/1/1/2

26 April 1931-25 March 1939

Photocopies of articles in number of mostly Irish newspapers including *The Congress News*, *Irish Independent*, *Limerick Chronicle*, *Limerick Leader*, *Cork Examiner*, *Connacht Tribune*, *Irish Press*, *Tuam Herald*, *Daily Express* and *Daily Telegraph*, addressing the Spanish Civil War, noting recruitment of Eucharistic Congress by Chief Marshall, General Eoin O'Duffy, proposal of an Irish Brigade by O'Duffy, recruitment in Cashel, county Tipperary, the 'red terror' in Spain, events in Barcelona, public request for funds by O'Duffy, O'Duffy's speech at commemoration of death of Michael Collins, volunteers from Oughterard, arrival in Spain, the *Dun Aengus* ship in distress, on board the *S.S. Urundi*, letters home from Irish Brigadiers, application of Ballinasloe Urban District Council to repossess the cottage of family of Irish Brigadier, Martin Bradley, issue of non-intervention, life in barracks at Cáceres, accounts of destruction by the 'Reds', General Franco's visit to Madrid front, deaths of Brigadiers Gabriel Padraic Lee and Thomas Foley, lecture on Spanish Civil War by Jesuit priest, Rev. F. Woodlock, the battle for Madrid, and Irish Brigade leaving for home. Includes copies of a series of articles by *Irish Independent* Special Correspondent, Gertrude Gaffney. Mostly outsize.

76 items

3.1.2 Post-War Coverage (1955-1997)

3/1/2/1

1 May 1955-7 December 1997

Articles in newspapers with some photocopies of articles in *Sunday Independent*, *Irish Press*, *Sunday Press*, *Evening Echo*, *Irish Times*, *Sunday Tribune*, *Northern Standard*, *Tuam Herald* and *Limerick Chronicle*, addressing topics related to the Spanish Civil War, including the return of tri-colour pennant, the battle-flag of Irish Brigade from Spain, death of Joseph Cunningham of Enniscorthy, county Wexford, departure of the Advance Guard from Ireland, the storm in Galway Bay *en route* to Spain, life at Cáceres, the ruins of Ciempozuelos, Frank Ryan and the International Brigade, commemoration on Achill Island of sixty-one Irish volunteers who died on Republican side, interview with Maurice Fennell from Rathkeale, county Limerick, Waterford and the Spanish Civil War, circumstances of death of Frank Ryan of International Brigade, the centenary of birth of General O'Duffy, planned march on Dublin by Blueshirts, burials of Irish volunteers of International Brigade, the Jarama battle, Limerick volunteers in the Irish Brigade, and stories of International Brigadiers, Peter O'Connor, Eugene Downing and Michael O'Riordan. Includes a series of articles by T. P. Kilfeather in the *Sunday Independent*. Outsize.

53 items

3.2 Other Published Material (1938-1996)

3/2/1

10 August 1933-Summer 1996

Photocopies of articles in various publications addressing the Spanish Civil War, such as the Spanish newspaper *Solidaridad Obrera*, and journals such as *The Irish Monthly*, *The Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, *Journal of Breifne Historical Society*, proceedings from the House of Commons, *Studia Hibernica*, *Journal of Irish Studies*, *History Ireland*, and *Volunteer for Liberty*, and includes a poem entitled 'O'DUFFY, THE CHIEF OF THE "NATIONAL GUARD"', signed 'L.O.' and dated 10 August 1933, an article in Spanish in *Solidaridad Obrera* entitled 'LA FUGURA DEL DIA. DE VALERA', accusing Eamon De Valera of fascist sympathies (1938), and also a number of quotes in Italian from diplomat, Lodi Fé, concerning General O'Duffy, in Keogh's 'Eye Witness', which includes the following translation, 'O'Duffy is not a man of great intellectual resources; he has neither culture nor much political sense, other than a certain coarse intuition. He is above all a man of action, of great personal courage, disinterested and generous. These qualities, in the right circumstances, can make of him a useful and safe tool – Therefore it is expedient not to forget him' (29 January 1937). In addition, an article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Record* by Rev. Arthur H. Ryan, entitled 'SPAIN, THE CHURCH, AND EUROPE', noting events in Spain, an essay by J. Bowyer Bell in *Studia Hibernica* entitled 'Ireland and the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939', an essay by Mike Cronin entitled 'Blueshirts, Sports and Socials', an article in *Breifne* by Dermot Keogh entitled 'AN EYE

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WITNESS TO HISTORY: FR ALEXANDER J. McCABE AND THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR 1936-1939', an article entitled 'Claremen in the Spanish Civil War' by Peadar McNamara, and the Roll of Honour of Irishmen who fell in action in Spain whilst fighting on the Republican side and a list of International Brigadiers from Ireland that survived. Four pages outside.

36 items (220 sheets)

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[1976]

Booklet entitled *Saga of The Irish Brigade to Spain 1936 (November 1936-June 1937)* by Seósamh Ó Cuinneagán.

24 pp.

**4 LETTERS FROM DONORS AND OTHER MATERIAL
(1970-1994)**

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7 September 1970-20 September 1994

Mainly letters to Prof. Robert Stradling from donors of material in collection. *Closed. Review in 2044.*

3 items