



PAPERS OF THE ARMY INQUIRY COMMITTEE (1924)

MILITARY ARCHIVES



Hon Mr. Justice James Creed Meredith, K.C., Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee 1924  
(Courtesy of Mr. Rowan Gillespie)

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General Richard Mulcahy, Former Commander in Chief and Minister for Defence (resigned from the Ministry in March 1924)  
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**Papers of the Army Inquiry Committee (1924)**

<b>Reference code:</b>	IE-MA-AMTY
<b>Title:</b>	Papers of the Army Inquiry Committee (1924)
<b>Dates:</b>	December 1923 – June 1924
<b>Level of description:</b>	Fonds
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<b>Creator (s):</b>	Army Inquiry Committee  General Headquarters staff (National Army)

**Administrative/Biographical history:**

The Army Inquiry Committee was appointed by President Cosgrave on 3 April 1924 to ‘enquire into the facts and matters which have caused or led up to indiscipline and mutinous or insubordinate conduct lately manifested in the Army’<sup>i</sup>. The appointment of the Committee followed a tumultuous period for the Army. With the return of peaceful conditions following the close of the Civil War, fast pace demobilisation was necessary to reduce the strength of the wartime Army, and reduce expenditure. An earlier reorganisation created insecurity within Army circles and caused a number of influential Officers to pursue an agenda to revive allegiances to the pre-Treaty Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.), and to the ideals of the deceased General Michael Collins. The manifestation of these efforts was the Irish Republican Army Organisation and the formation of affiliated command clubs Army wide.

As a result of demobilisation pursued by General Headquarters with vigour in autumn 1923, a considerable number of Officers with pre-Truce experience were demobilised with little or no *raison d’être*. There was a view held by I.R.A. Organisation members that preferential treatment was given to Officers with links to the Irish Republican Brotherhood (I.R.B.) and Officers with foreign Army experience (including in the

British Army), with many “undesirable persons”<sup>iii</sup> retaining their ranks and receiving elevated army appointments following the reorganisation.

Prior to the acceleration of demobilisation, a number of clandestine meetings took place between Army higher command, Politicians and a deputation of disgruntled National Army Officers, led by Major General Liam Tobin and Major General Charles Dalton, the architects of the I.R.A. Organisation<sup>iii</sup>. The deputation, led by Tobin, met with President Cosgrave and General Mulcahy (who was at that time Commander in Chief and Minister for Defence) on 25 June 1923<sup>iv</sup>, and a document setting out the objects of the I.R.A. Organisation was read by Tobin. The document directly questioned the commitment of General Headquarters staff to the Republican ideal and inferred that the Army hierarchy operated under a secret I.R.B. influence. Tobin and the deputation pressed for the establishment of an inquiry to investigate their claims.

“The actions of the present G.H.Q. staff since the C.-in Cs death, their open and secret hostility towards us, his Officers, has convinced us that they have not the same outlook as he had [...]”

*“Document” (IE – MA-AMTY-02-002)*

The meeting ended abruptly according to sources and without resolution. Further meetings were held “off the record” during the summer period between interchangeable representatives of General Headquarters, the Executive council and the I.R.A. Organisation deputation. At the same time, the I.R.A. Organisation continued to organise command clubs and circulate literature about their organisation outside the Officer class and amongst the N.C.Os and men. The reach of the I.R.A. Organisation increased and a representative meeting of Officers from all commands was held on 22 June 1923. A deputation of six Officers were nominated to engineer a further meeting with General Mulcahy “to impress upon him what they thought was a very serious situation”<sup>v</sup>. The deputation was successful in meeting Mulcahy the following month and they managed to secure an assurance that channels of communication would be kept open for further discussion<sup>vi</sup>. However, in spite of promises, communications stalled in the following period, and Tobin and Dalton held the view that further discussions “would serve no useful purpose”<sup>vii</sup> and the crisis deepened.

The autumn months of 1923 saw an acceleration of demobilisation especially in consideration of ‘surplus’, unplaced Officers. The I.R.A. Organisation leaders faced a situation whereby their numbers within the Army were dwindling, confirming, in their mind, a much harboured suspicion that an anti-national sentiment was directing the influence of decision makers tasked with downsizing the Army. Attempts by Government departments (notably the Department of Industry and Commerce) to enhance employment prospects for demobilised personnel outside the Army, and to offer financial compensation did not dial down the situation. In November 1923, seven Officers, all members of the I.R.A. Organisation (Curragh camp) refused to accept demobilisation notices which had come down the line following the circulation of Defence Order No. 28 (15 September 1923). Their defiance inspired other side-lined Officers and a total of sixty Officers refused to accept demobilisation notices and surrender kit and equipment. The sixty Officers were forcibly removed from the Curragh and were refused demobilisation pay and grants. The noticeable resistance of the Officers was taken on board by the Government, and in spite of General Mulcahy’s protestations, a redress board known as the Cabinet Committee on demobilisation was established to accept and investigate claims for reinstatement made by Officers with pre-Truce service<sup>viii</sup>.

The Cabinet Committee operated under particular limitations, notably the reticence of Mulcahy to engage with it, and the resignation of Joseph McGrath, Minister for Industry and Commerce from the Committee midway through the process. McGrath’s decision was prompted by what he saw was the aim of other Committee members to merely endorse the initial decisions of the Army Council. It should be noted that no special recommendations were made in any case, and applicants were encouraged to accept their demobilisation papers in a timely fashion so they could apply for a special grant/allowance before the set closing date. The fact that the Cabinet Committee was set up and manned by politicians and senior civil servants, rather than Army personnel was seen by many as a criticism of the ability of the Army Council to manage Army affairs.

The Army crisis culminated in the presentation of an ultimatum written by Major General Liam Tobin and Major General Charles Dalton to President Cosgrave.

President Cosgrave read the letter into the Dáil record, sharing its contents, and the intent of its authors with a public audience.

The ultimatum placed two key demands on the Government of the day;

“[...] we demand a conference with representatives of your Government to discuss our interpretation of the Treaty on the following conditions:-

- a. The removal of the Army Council
- b. The immediate suspension of Army demobilisation and reorganisation [...]

Tobin and Dalton, feeling that an “anti-national spirit”<sup>ix</sup> was leading peacetime Army reorganisation, demanded the resignation of the Army Council and called for the cessation of Army reorganisation. There were immediate repercussions in both Government circles and within the Army, including key resignations such as Joseph McGrath, Minister for Industry and Commerce who resigned in protest against orders

“When the document was received by the President and placed by him before his colleagues in the Executive Council, there was no alternative to regarding this matter as constituting mutiny, and something more than mutiny – mutiny plus treason”

*Mr. O’Higgins, Dáil Éireann debate, Wednesday 12 March 1924*

to arrest Tobin and Dalton. The absconding of military personnel and the taking of military equipment and armament from Army stores by supporters of Tobin and Dalton was also widely reported<sup>x</sup>. The term ‘mutiny’ featured in resulting Dáil discussions and press reports.

The settling of terms with the ‘mutineers’ was entrusted to Kevin O’Higgins, Vice President of the Executive Council, who was acting on behalf of President Cosgrave. Joe McGrath T.D. acted as a broker between the Executive council and the ‘mutineers’ and terms were settled on 12 March 1924. Government concessions included a political commitment to set up of a Committee of inquiry into Army administration and on the military side, an assurance was given to cease raids and to manage an amnesty which allowed for the return of stolen equipment to Army stores. In return, Tobin and Dalton rescinded the original ultimatum and O’Higgins embarked on a damage limitation exercise to explain away the crisis in the Dáil chamber. However, a number of deputies were not satisfied with O’Higgins’ interpretation of the crisis and felt the matter needed to be probed further considering the serious charges made against the Army of the day and individual members of the Army Council.



Suspicion that the crisis was far from over was fuelled by intelligence reports on the activities of Dalton, Tobin and supporters which suggested the group were planning a coup d'état. On the evening of 18 March, following an intelligence tip off, a meeting of leading 'mutineers' was disrupted by troops acting under the orders of General Mulcahy (Minister for Defence) and Adjutant General, Gearóid O'Sullivan. Arrests were made following a protracted stand-off and authorised by fresh orders issued by Adjutant General, Gearóid O'Sullivan<sup>xi</sup>. The action was seen as a "dastardly act as treachery"<sup>xii</sup> by chief members of the I.R.A. organisation. The Government also condemned the raid on the public house and the arrests, and demanded the resignations of the Army Council, and the dismissal of Richard Mulcahy as Minister for Defence. High level resignations were forced across General Headquarters, including the resignation of Gearóid O'Sullivan (Adjutant General) and Sean O'Murthuile (Quartermaster General). The Chief of Staff, Sean MacMahon held firm under pressure and queried the demand placed on him to resign. He was subsequently dismissed, only to be reinstated months later to a different post when the crisis had died down. Vacancies at higher Army level were filled by Government appointee, General Eoin O'Duffy (acting in a newly created post, General Officer Commanding the Forces) who swiftly filled the posts of Adjutant General, Chief of Staff and Quartermaster General with his nominees.

Fulfilling his promise made on 12 March 1924, President Cosgrave worked towards the setting up of an inquiry into Army administration and indiscipline i.e. the genesis of the Army crisis. Cosgrave wrote to P. McGilligan, T.D. and Minister for Industry and Commerce on 5 April 1924<sup>xiii</sup> following his announcement in the Dáil (3 April 1924) to establish the Army Inquiry Committee. Cosgrave suggested that the Committee should commence its deliberations at the earliest possible date and proposed a time, date and location, and set out the terms of reference. In the same letter, Cosgrave introduced his assistant secretary to McGilligan and offered his services to the Committee.

The Army Inquiry Committee met, for the first time on 7 April 1924 in the Council Chamber, Government Buildings, and concluded its work on 7 June 1924 with the submission of its final report to President Cosgrave. During the two month period, the Committee met forty one times (41) and examined twenty seven (27) witnesses.

Paperwork in the collection shows that initial work was delayed owing to the fact that Committee members had to complete groundwork in identifying persons likely to be material to the inquiry, assembling documentation and making contact. President Cosgrave assisted in making contact with particular witnesses including the Judge Advocate General (Cahir Davitt) and the Director of Intelligence (Michael J. Costello)<sup>xiv</sup>. Committee members also discussed a request made by independent Counsel representing General Mulcahy and other Generals in which Counsel asked for leave to cross examine particular witnesses (mainly Kevin O’Higgins). In advance of the first hearing and to mitigate delays and ambiguity, Committee members also discussed the legal weight of hearsay evidence in expectation that such evidence could come before the Committee. Initial contact with witnesses mainly came from James Creed Meredith, K.C, Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee and potential witnesses were invited to supply relevant information by way of written statement in advance of their appearance before the Committee itself<sup>xv</sup>.

A great deal of secretarial work was carried out before, during and after each meeting. All witnesses that appeared before the Committee were presented with a copy of evidence soon after their appearance and copies were produced for each Committee member to allow for afterhours deliberation. Witnesses included senior officials from the Department of Defence, Government Ministers, Army Directors, and members of the late Army Council (General Mulcahy, Lieutenant General Sean MacMahon, Lieutenant General Gearóid O’Sullivan and Lieutenant General Sean O’Muirthile), who were represented by legal representatives. The Committee explored the circumstances which likely influenced the direction of the Army Council in dealing with demobilisation and probed the effectiveness and competency of Army administration during and after the Civil War. The Committee published the ‘Report of the Army Enquiry Committee, 7 June 1924’ and presented the report to the Dáil. The Report was signed by the five members of the Committee, and in the case of the Chairman, James Creed Meredith, subject to a reservation (contained in an extended report which is held in the collection).

**Scope and Content:**

- AMTY- 01** **Papers of the Cabinet Committee** established to investigate claims for reinstatement by demobilised Officers (December 1923 – March 1924). Fifty nine (59) files mostly containing application forms completed by Officers that were demobilised as a consequence of Army reorganisation and demobilisation measures. Files also contain related correspondence between the Secretary, Minister of Defence, the Secretary, Cabinet Committee and members of the Cabinet Committee.
- AMTY - 02** **Army Inquiry Committee** –establishment and preliminaries. Three (3) files containing paperwork on the setting up of the Committee
- AMTY - 03** **Army Inquiry Committee** – hearings and statements. Seventy two (72) files containing record of evidence produced in line with the appearance of witnesses before the Army Inquiry Committee. Includes supplementary statements and questionnaires supplied by witnesses and related correspondence between Committee members and witnesses.
- AMTY - 04** **Army Inquiry Committee** – Administration and report. Six (6) files containing draft reports and final report. With bound volume containing minutes of Committee meetings signed by Committee Chairman.
- AMTY - 05** **Army Inquiry Committee**. Seven (7) files containing press reports compiled by the Army's Intelligence Department on the Army Inquiry Committee.

## Access conditions

<b>Access:</b>	Available by appointment
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Finding aid:</b>	Descriptive list (digital and hardcopy available)

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<sup>i</sup> Dáil deb., vi (1924) col.2502.

<sup>ii</sup> Tobin mutiny file, Mulcahy Papers, P7/B/195, UCDA

<sup>iii</sup> Initiated on 29 January 1923 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-02-002)

<sup>iv</sup> Statement submitted by General Richard Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee, 29 April 1924 and 2 May 1924 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-021)

<sup>v</sup> The Irish Republican Army Organisation, *The Truth about the Army Crisis [Official]* (Dublin, 1924), p.5 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-068)

<sup>vi</sup> Mulcahy to Cullen, 27 July 1923, Military Archives (copy letter held in IE-MA-AMTY-03-021)

<sup>vii</sup> The Irish Republican Army Organisation, *The Truth about the Army Crisis [Official]* (Dublin, 1924), p.6 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-068)

<sup>viii</sup> Papers of the Cabinet Committee established to investigate claims for reinstatement by demobilised Officers December 1923 – March 1924 (*See* IE-MA-AMTY-01)

<sup>ix</sup> The Irish Republican Army Organisation, *The Truth about the Army Crisis [Official]* (Dublin, 1924), p.2 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-068)

<sup>x</sup> *See* IE-MA-AMTY-03-064

<sup>xi</sup> Gearóid O'Sullivan to All Officers Commanding, 18 March 1924, Military Archives (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-02-001 and IE-MA-MS-388-01)

<sup>xii</sup> The Irish Republican Army Organisation, *The Truth about the Army Crisis [Official]* (Dublin, 1924), p.14 (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-068)

<sup>xiii</sup> Cosgrave to McGilligan, 5 April 1924, Military Archives (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-02-001)

<sup>xiv</sup> Cosgrave to McGilligan, 5 April 1924, Military Archives (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-03-072)

<sup>xv</sup> Cathoirleach [J.C. Meredith] to Sean McGarry, T.D. 11 April 1924, Military Archives (*see* IE-MA-AMTY-02-001)



Certain members of the Executive Council and Dáil on the steps of Government buildings on the occasion of the review of the new Civic Guard, 21 February 1923. Image includes President W.T. Cosgrave, Kevin O'Higgins, Hugh Kennedy K.C., Major General Sean McKeon, Ernest Blythe and Commandant General O'Reilly. (IE-MA-GPN-057-037, An tOglach Glass plate negatives)

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-001

**File Title:** [File] Index of claims for reinstatement by demobilised Officers

**Scope and Content:** Names and ranks of officers who applied for reinstatement.

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**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 3pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-002

**File Title:** Patrick Beirne

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Patrick Beirne of Cloncunny, Clooneyquin, Castlereagh, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Roscommon Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Beirne in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File includes related correspondence including a letter from Malachy MacBranain, The presbytery, Castlereagh and a personal letter from Beirne. MacBranain also refers to the case of Peter Leavy from Elphin. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Beirne's case and information made available to him by Army authorities. The observations of one of the Cabinet Committee [McGrath] are also included on file.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-003

**File Title:** John P Brennan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by John Brennan of Derryhawn, Kenagh, Cloncunmy, Clooneyquin, Castlereagh, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Longford Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Brennan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Brennan's case and information made available to him by Army authorities. The observations of one of the Cabinet Committee [McGrath] are also included on file.

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**Date (late):** 3 March 1924

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**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-004

**File Title:** Edward Byrne

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Byrne of 5 Fairview Strand, Dublin detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Meath Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Byrne in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Byrne's case and information made available to him by Army authorities. The observations of one of the Cabinet Committee [McGrath] are also included on file.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-005

**File Title:** Thomas Byrne

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Byrne of Molroe, Delvin, Co. Westmeath detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Meath Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Byrne in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Byrne's case and information made available to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth and Secretary Murray] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-006

**File Title:** David F Bulman

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Bulman of Ballinamona, Mitchelstown, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork no.2 Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Bulman in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letters from Bulman to the Secretary of the Cabinet Committee who were reviewing his case. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Bulman's case and information made available to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth and Secretary Murray] are also included on file.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-007

**File Title:** James Corbett

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Corbett of Clonkerry, Labasheed, Clare detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (5 Brigade, 1 Western Division) and National army. The form was submitted by Corbett in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from Corbett to the Secretary of the Cabinet Committee who were reviewing his case. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Corbett's case and information made available to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth and Secretary Murray] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 14 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 9pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-008

**File Title:** Seamus Culleton

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Culleton of Castlecomer, Kilkenny detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Kilkenny Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Culleton in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from Culleton to the Secretary of the Cabinet Committee who were reviewing his case. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Culleton's case and information made available to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 8 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-009

**File Title:** John Daly

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Daly c/o Thomas Shevlin, Elphin Street, Strokestown, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Roscommon Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Daly in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from Daly to the Secretary of the Cabinet Committee who were reviewing his case. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Daly's case and information made available to him by Army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 30 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 8pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-010

**File Title:** Sean Donovan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Donovan of Ardagh, Roscarberry, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Donovan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Donovan's case and information made available to him by Army authorities; it was noted that Donovan had secured paid employment as a District Clerk. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-011

**File Title:** Edward Duffy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed Duffy of Monadaragh, Edgeworthstown, Longford detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Longford Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Duffy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. A letter from Duffy to the Cabinet Committee is also on file. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Duffy's case and information made available to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 17 December 1923

**Date (late):** 10 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-012

**File Title:** Thomas Dunleavy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Dunleavy of Togher, Tuam, Galway detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Active Service Unit, North Galway) and National army. The form was submitted by Dunleavy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. A letter from Dunleavy to the Cabinet Committee is also on file. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Dunleavy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – remarks are made in connection with Dunleavy's pay claim, considered by the Minister to be "outrageous". The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 18 December 1923

**Date (late):** 3 March 1924

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-013

**File Title:** Thomas Fagan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Fagan of Cartonfree, Granard, Longford detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (West Cavan Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Fagan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. Letters from Fagan to the Cabinet Committee are also on file. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Fagan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – remarks are made in connection with Fagan's pay claim and the letter indicates that his case was to be sent to a "Back-pay commission". The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 14 March 1924

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-014

**File Title:** James Fallon

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Fallon of Cappagh, Killooskey, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Fallon in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Fallon's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities, including Major General McKeon. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 6 March 1924

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**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-015

**File Title:** James Farrelly

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Farrelly of Clongall, Edenderry, Offaly detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (1 Offaly Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Farrelly in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Farrelly's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The letter includes a reference to a court of inquiry whereby Farrelly was found guilty of negligence in not exercising sufficient precaution to safeguard mails when the mails were in military custody. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 6 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-016

**File Title:** Timothy Farley

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Farley of Cork Street, Kinsale, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Farley in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Farley's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 13 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 8pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-017

**File Title:** James Joseph Filan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Filan of Kilree, Tulska, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Filan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (11 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Filan's case based on information supplied to him by Army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-018

**File Title:** John Flynn

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Flynn of Gortaquill, Belturbet, Co. Cavan detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cavan Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Flynn in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Flynn's case based on information supplied to him by Army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 8 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 6pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-019

**File Title:** Thomas Flynn

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Flynn of Castle Street, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Flynn in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Flynn case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – unfavourable mention is made of Flynn’s involvement in the attempted rescue of prisoners from the Civic Guard (24 April 1923) and the destruction of a wooden box which belonged to a James O’Connor. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 8 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-020

**File Title:** Patrick J Gibbons

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Gibbons of Castlebar Road, Newport, Mayo detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (West Mayo Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Gibbons in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. A letter from Joseph McBride T.D. recommending Gibbons’ case for re-employment is on file. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Gibbons’ case based on information supplied to him by army authorities, including the General Officer Commanding the area in which Gibbons served. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 6 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 10pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-021

**File Title:** James Hassett

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Hassett of Stonehall, Newmarket-on-Fergus Road, Clare detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (East Clare Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Hassett in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. Hassett's application specifically seeks financial compensation. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Hassett's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923                      **Date (late):** 6 March 1924

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-022

**File Title:** Sean Keane

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Keane of King Street, Mitchelstown, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork no. 2 Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Keane in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Keane's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – reference is made to Keane's health problems and the view of Keane's General Officer Commanding that "he would not make a good private". The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-023

**File Title:** Liam Kelleher

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Kelleher of Carlough, Bawnbay, Cavan detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cavan Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Kelleher in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Kelleher's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – the letter confirms that Kelleher later accepted his demobilisation papers and made an application to join the Civic Guard. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 13pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-024

**File Title:** John Kiloury

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Kiloury of c/o O'Connor & company, Main Street, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Kiloury in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (11 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Kiloury's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 14 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-025

**File Title:** James J Kerley

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Kerley of Newtown, Ballysimon, Co. Limerick detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (West Limerick Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Kerley in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Kerley's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923                      **Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 16pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-026

**File Title:** Peter Leavy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Leavy of Elphin, Co. Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Leavy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. His application was supported by Reverend Father MacBranain of the Presbytery, Castlerea (letter of support on file). File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Leavy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 22 December 1923                      **Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 12pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-027

**File Title:** Peter Lynch

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Lynch of Omard, Kilnaleck, Cavan detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (West Cavan Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Lynch in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (11 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Lynch's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 14 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 6pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-028

**File Title:** Peter Maguire

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Maguire of Gowlan, Blacklion, Cavan detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Fermanagh Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Maguire in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Maguire's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – mention is made of remarks made by Major General McKeon who had a view on Maguire's abilities. The observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-029

**File Title:** Thomas Mitchell

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Mitchell of Soldier's Home, Parkgate street, Dublin detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Leitrim Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Mitchell in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Mitchell's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 10 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 8pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-030

**File Title:** Thomas Mitchell

**Scope and Content:** Statement written by Mitchell of Manor Hamilton, Co. Limerick, in which he outlines his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Leitrim Brigade) and National army and confirms he 'was forcibly removed and placed outside the barrier at the Curragh camp' after he refused to accept his demobilisation papers on 11 December 1923.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-031

**File Title:** Peter Monaghan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Monahan of Toneen, Granard, Longford, Dublin detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Longford Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Monahan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Monahan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 17 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 10pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-032

**File Title:** Martin Moran

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Moran of Bangor Erris, Mayo detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Mayo Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Moran in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Moran's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-033

**File Title:** William Mulcahy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Mulcahy of Kilbehenny, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (3 Tipperary Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Mulcahy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Mulcahy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-034

**File Title:** Patrick Mulleady

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Mulleady of Cloontaskert, Lanesboro, Longford detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by Mulleady in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Mulleady's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – mention is made of a past court martial whereby Mulleady was answerable to a charge of “wilfully obstructing Peace Officers in the execution of their duty”. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-035

**File Title:** Garrett Murphy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Murphy of 1 Rockwell Terrace, Winer Hill, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork no.1 Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Murphy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Murphy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – mention is made of Murphy's health problems. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-036

**File Title:** Thomas Murray

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Murray of c/o Mr McTiernan, Harrison Hall, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Murray in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Murray's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 19 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-037

**File Title:** Martin McKenna

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by McKenna of 6 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (3 battalion, Dublin Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by McKenna in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of McKenna's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 22 December 1923                      **Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-038

**File Title:** Michael McNamara

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by McNamara of 52 Dixons Place, Limerick detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Mid Limerick Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by McNamara in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of McNamara's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923                      **Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 11pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-039

**File Title:** Andrew McPartlan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by McPartlan of Callowhill, Ballinamore, Leitrim detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Leitrim Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by McPartlan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of McPartlan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-040

**File Title:** James McTiernan/McTernan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by McTernan of Main Street, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Roscommon Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by McTernan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of McTernan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities - unfavourable mention is made of his involvement in the attempted rescue of prisoners from the Civic Guard (April 1923) and the fact he was also reprimanded for discharging his revolver. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 10 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-041

**File Title:** Michael O'Neill

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Neill of Breska, Clarina, Co. Limerick detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Mid Limerick Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by O'Neill in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Neill's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-042

**File Title:** Thomas O'Neill

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Neill of Coleen, Skibbereen, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by O'Neill in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Neill's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – unfavourable mention is made of a reprimand given to O'Neill during his period of service with the Railway Protection Corps. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-043

**File Title:** James O'Reilly

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Reilly of Aughnasheelan, Ballinamore, Leitrim detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Leitrim No.2 Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by O'Reilly in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Reilly's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – unfavourable mention is made in respect of O'Reilly, noting "he was involved in the losing of a post (Ballinamore) to the Irregulars in circumstances which would point to neglect or cowardice". The Minister's secretary further notes that O'Reilly eventually accepted his demobilisation papers and was pursuing a grant. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 10pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-044

**File Title:** Thomas O'Reilly

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Reilly of Miskawn Glebe, Ballinamore, Leitrim detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Leitrim Brigade) and National Army. The form was submitted by O'Reilly in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Reilly's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities, an ongoing pay claim and his involvement in an incident at Ballinamore. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-045

**File Title:** Sean T O'Sullivan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Sullivan of Hotel Central, Bantry, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork No. 3 Brigade, Cork No.5 Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by O'Sullivan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Sullivan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – unfavourable mention is made of his conduct and an incident in Allihies whereby he discharged his firearm, injuring a cow, and was ordered to pay compensation to a Peter Harrington [owner?]. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-046

**File Title:** D.P. Quish

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Quish of Duntryleague, Galbally detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Republican Police) and National army. The form was submitted by Quish in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Quish's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 10pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-047

**File Title:** Amos Reidy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Reidy of Rathina, Newcastle West, Limerick detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Limerick Brigade – East, West and Mid) and National army. The form was submitted by Reidy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Reidy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – reference is made to Reidy's medical issues. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-048

**File Title:** Luke Roddy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Roddy of Ballinameen, Boyle, Roscommon detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (North Roscommon Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Roddy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Roddy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 13 July 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 8pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-049

**File Title:** Patrick Ryan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Ryan of Knockgorman, Donohill, Tipperary detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (South Tipperary Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Ryan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Ryan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-050

**File Title:** John Shannon

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Shannon, Moneen, Kilrush, Clare detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (West Clare Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Shannon in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Shannon's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – unfavourable mention is made of his conduct. The Minister's secretary also details the rate of pay received by Officers on demobilisation, and a facility whereby officers with Pre-Truce service could apply for a supplementary grant. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 3 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 12pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-051

**File Title:** Andrew Sheehy

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Sheehy, Buncurragh, Ballyhaigue, Kerry detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Kerry No. 1 Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Sheehy in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Sheehy's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 18 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-052

**File Title:** Michael Tully

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Tully, Riversdale, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, Galway detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Galway brigade – East and North) and National army. The form was submitted by Tully in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Tully's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. The letter makes reference to views expressed by Major General Michael Hogan, and an ongoing pay claim. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 28 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-053

**File Title:** Michael White

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by White of Agher, Enfield, Meath detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Meath Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by White in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of White's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 10pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-054

**File Title:** Cornelius Whooley

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Whooley of Lissaclarig, Aughadown, Cork detailing his previous service in the I.R.A. (Cork no. 5 Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by Whooley in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Whooley's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-055

**File Title:** John Whelan

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Whelan of 49 Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, detailing his previous service in the I.R.A and National army. The form was submitted by Whelan in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Whelan's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Investigations into Whelan's National Army service concluded that Whelan never held commissioned rank and his appointment was in the Marine Investigation Department in an appointment that corresponded to the rank of an N.C.O. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 9 January 1924

**Date (late):** 6 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 8pp.

**Conditions  
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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-056

**File Title:** John Reynolds

**Scope and Content:** Application form and letter completed by Reynolds of Killasonna, Lismacaffrey, Westmeath in which he outlines his previous service in the I.R.A. (Longford Brigade) and National army, with an aim to be considered for reinstatement as an Officer in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Reynolds' case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Eoin MacNeill, Ernest Blyth and Murray, Secretary, Cabinet Committee] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 30 December 1923

**Date (late):** 10 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-057

**File Title:** Michael O'Hehir

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by O'Hehir of Royal Exchange Hotel, Dublin, detailing his previous service in the I.R.A (East Clare Brigade) and National army. The form was submitted by O'Hehir in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of O'Hehir's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Investigations showed that O'Hehir ran for election in Clare and as a result, automatically lost his position. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath and Eoin MacNeill] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 7 September 1923

**Date (late):** 7 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 11pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-058

**File Title:** Christopher Fortune

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Fortune of 90 South Lotts Road, Dublin, detailing his previous service in the I.R.A and National army. The form was submitted by Fortune in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (3 March 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Fortune's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities – investigations showed that Fortune never held a commissioned rank, rather an appointment in the Marine Investigation Department which corresponded to that of an N.C.O. Observations of the Cabinet Committee [Joe McGrath, Eoin MacNeill and Ernest Blyth] are also included on file.

**Date (early):** 9 January 1924

**Date (late):** 6 March 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 7pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-059

**File Title:** Robert Holland

**Scope and Content:** Application form completed by Holland of 37 Synge Street, South Circular Road, Dublin, detailing his previous service in the I.R.A and National army. The form was submitted by Holland in line with his case for reinstatement in the National Army. File also includes a letter from the Secretary, Minister of Defence to the Secretary, Cabinet Committee (7 May 1924) containing the views of the Minister of Defence in his consideration of Holland's case based on information supplied to him by army authorities. Investigations showed that Holland held a very specific appointment as a meat inspector and following the army reorganisation in 1924, it transpired that there was no appointment suited to his special qualifications. Observations of the Cabinet Committee are also included on file. File also includes paperwork produced by the Quartermaster General's department (various) in connection to meat inspections carried out by Holland in the course of his duties. Also includes statement dated 7 February 1924 by Captain Holland on the subject of contractors 'defrauding the army' and exchanges he had with Commandant Whitmore in Waterford on that subject. Paperwork is also held on file in connection with an incident in the Imperial Hotel, Claremorris on 12 December 1923 which led to a confrontation between Holland and a Lieutenant Clifford the following day (13 December 1923).

**Date (early):** 8 November 1923

**Date (late):** 8 May 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 23pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-01-060

**File Title:** General File - Cabinet Committee - Certain Demobilised Army Officers

**Scope and Content:** General file (2 files) containing paperwork assembled by the Cabinet Committee which was appointed December 1923 to consider the cases of 59 officers who refused to accept their demobilisation papers and submitted a claim for reinstatement. Cabinet Committee members included Deputy Eoin MacNeill (Minister for Education), Deputy Ernest Blythe (Minister for Finance), Deputy Joe McGrath (Minister for Industry and Commerce) and Henry D. Murphy/O' Muireadaigh (Secretary to the Cabinet Committee). File includes letter from Henry D. Murray/O' Muireadaigh to the Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee (23 April 1924) detailing the aims of the Committee, details of their work, procedures followed and problems encountered by them (the resignation of Deputy Joe McGrath is noted). Paperwork shows that Murray forwarded paperwork concerned with the Cabinet Committee to the Army Inquiry Committee in April 1924 to assist with their inquiries. A note shows that paperwork was returned to Murray on 11 June 1924. In his exchange with the Secretary of the Army Inquiry Committee, Murray confirmed that each member of the Committee made observations after consulting a military report (applied for by the Minister for Defence) in each case. Paperwork also shows that an army Committee made up of General Officers Commanding and members of the Defence Council were involved at another reporting stage as this group were familiar with new posts/appointments which were established as a consequence of army reorganisation in February 1924. File also includes blank copy of the form sent to all officers who wished to be considered for reinstatement (including a hand drawn template of form), copy circular/cover letters used by the Secretary and copy of a phone message dated 20 February 1924 from the Minister of Defence to Murray confirming that no special recommendations were made in any case, and suggesting that ex-officers should accept their demobilisation papers in order to apply for a special grant/allowance in consideration of the nearing closing date.

**Date (early):** 21 December 1923

**Date (late):** 11 June 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 88pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-02-001

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** File containing paperwork which was assembled by the Army Inquiry Committee. File includes letters from William T. Cosgrave dated 5 April 1924, President of the Government, to JC Meredith K.C. Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee and P McGilligan T.D. member of the Army Inquiry Committee in which Cosgrave urged Meredith and McGilligan to commence the inquiry as soon as possible and work on setting out the terms of reference. File also includes original and copy of a letter from the Army Inquiry Committee to Mr Sean McGarry T.D. (11 April 1924) asking him to make contact with the inquiry as he came under their notice due to remarks made by him in the course of Dáil debates; the letter adds "it has occurred to the Committee that you are in a position to furnish it with information" [...]. File also includes a copy memo written by the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence titled 'Constitution of the Ministry of Defence and the duties of its Secretary' – the memo details the duties performed by the Ministry post January 1922 and describes how it was staffed and structured. The memo also contains observations on the relationship between the Ministry, the army and the Council of Defence. Also included on file is paperwork pertaining to the Council of Defence (its constitution on 28 August 1923). File also includes copy letter addressed to the Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee from Professor James Hogan (ex-Major General) dated 12 April 1924 offering his assistance to the inquiry and attaching a copy of a letter he addressed to the then Chief of Staff, General Sean McMahan (dated 7 August 1923). Hogan confirms that he produced the report on the state of the army prior to his departure from his post as Director of Intelligence (Hogan's report refers to factions existing in the army, troublesome commands referring to Athlone and Kerry, noting in particular an incident in Kenmare and the presence of British officers in the army). The same file includes reports prepared by Secretary, Ministry of Defence (12/15 April 1924) including: 'Report relating to Officers for the Army Enquiry Committee': 'Conditions of Recruitment for the National Army' and 'Inspection of the Army' (detailing the work of the Inspection Branch post January 1923) - see also IE-MA-AMTY-03-005. Other correspondents with Army Inquiry Committee members include Ernest Blyth (letter dated 15 April 1924) and President William T. Cosgrave (28 April 1924) in response to a request made by Meredith for access to the records of an Executive Council meeting whereby the Kenmare case was discussed and a legal opinion given by the Attorney General was considered.

**Date (early):** 5 April 1924

**Date (late):** 28 April 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 112pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-02-002

**File Title:** Army Crisis - Early history

**Scope and Content:** Paperwork supplied by Director of Intelligence, General Headquarters, Parkgate to Chief of Staff on 'Old I.R.A. organisation'. Paperwork includes copies of circulars issued by the Old I.R.A. Organisation including an intelligence form which sought the names and appointment details in the case of men serving considered not suitable. Paperwork also alludes to a meeting held between a deputation of officers and the C-in-C (Commander in Chief) on 23 July [1923] and the roll out of 'command clubs' throughout the army. A document titled 'History of events' written by E. Cranston (dated 13 September 1923) provides a timeline of the Old I.R.A. organisation from 29 January 1923 and detailing 'the first meeting' on 23 July 1923 when a deputation (including Major General Cullen) met the C-in-C (Commander in Chief) and principal matters were agreed.

**Date (early):** 13 September 1923

**Date (late):** 28 July 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 15pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-02-003

**File Title:** List of Officers who resigned after Army Crisis

**Scope and Content:** List of officers that absconded ("who absented themselves in such a manner as to show wilful defiance of authority"), list of officers that resigned without having been absent and list of officers with foreign army service. Lists are dated to April 1924.

**Date (early):** 12 April 1924

**Date (late):** 1 July 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 16pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-001

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr Joseph McGrath T.D., 10 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr Joseph McGrath to the Army Inquiry Committee, 10 April 1924. Each report is in a separate file cover marked 'for Chairman', 'Spare', 'For Deputy McGilligan' and one file contains a corrected copy of statement (corrections to grammar and spelling evident).

**Date (early):** 10 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 44pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-002

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence, 9 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Seven (7) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr. C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Ministry of Defence to the Army Inquiry Committee, 9 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked 'for Chairman', 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', 'Spare' and one file contains a corrected copy of statement (corrections to grammar and spelling evident).

**Date (early):** 9 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** c. 100pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-003

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Richard Mulcahy T.D., 11 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Richard Mulcahy, T.D. to the Army Inquiry Committee, 11 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked 'for Chairman', 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and one file contains a corrected copy of statement (corrections to grammar and spelling evident).

**Date (early):** 11 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.40pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-004

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Messrs. Sean McMahon, Gearoid O'Sullivan and Sean O'Murthuile, 12 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Messrs Sean McMahon, Gearoid O'Sullivan and Sean O'Murthuile to the Army Inquiry Committee, 12 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked 'for Chairman', 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and one file contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident).

**Date (early):** 12 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.30pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-005

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence, 14 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr. C.B. O'Connor, to the Army Inquiry Committee, 14 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked 'for Chairman', 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and one file contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident). The evidence supplied by O'Connor on that day focused mainly on the content of two reports prepared by him for the Army Inquiry Committee titled 'Report relating to Officers for the Army Enquiry Committee' and 'Conditions of Recruitment for the National Army' (see also IE-MA-AMTY-02-001). Copy of reports are held in Deputy McGilligan's file.

**Date (early):** 14 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c. 30pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-006

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Richard Mulcahy T.D., Messrs Sean O'Murthuile, Sean McMahon and Gearoid O'Sullivan, 15 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Three (3) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Richard Mulcahy T.D., Messrs Sean McMahon, Gearoid O'Sullivan and Sean O'Murthuile, and their legal representatives, to the Army Inquiry Committee, 15 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked for 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and 'Spare' file contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident). The evidence supplied by Mulcahy and others on that day focused mainly on charges made by Deputy Joe McGrath in the Dáil (a letter written by McGrath to the Army Inquiry Committee and dated 14 April 1924 was read into the record), army administration, press reports on the work of the [Cabinet] Committee and the work performed by the Inspection branch.

**Date (early):** 15 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.40pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-007

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Cahir Davitt, 16 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Cahir Davitt, Judge Advocate General, Colonel O'Connell, Director of Inspection and Commandant Costello, Director of Intelligence, to the Army Inquiry Committee, 16 April 1924. Captain Murray former Secretary of a body called the Cabinet Committee also appeared and gave evidence. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked for 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and 'Spare' file contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident). Discussions between Davitt and the Committee members focused mainly on Court Martials and matters of discipline handled by Cahir Davitt. The report shows that the Committee sought information on cases which were 'dropped' or handed over to civil authorities. The Committee also expressed an interest to know more about communications the Judge Advocate General had with the Minister for Home Affairs, and about cases the Judge Advocate General felt were not dealt with satisfactorily (cases of accidental shootings are cited). The evidence supplied by O'Connell focused on his duties as Director of Inspection in consideration of army efficiency and discipline during the period 1 June 1923 to 29 February 1924. O'Connell acknowledged difficulties experienced by him in terms of his own staff's expertise and the authority they held, adding "They [the Generals in command] sent me all the duds". The Committee's questioning of Commandant Costello focused on Costello's awareness of growing dissatisfaction amongst army personnel. The Committee asked Costello to produce a report and if he would be amiable to appearing at a later date to discuss it. Costello responded by expressing concern that any assistance he gave to the Committee could prejudice his current appointment (as Director of Intelligence) yet promised to produce a preliminary report by a set deadline. Report also includes evidence supplied by Captain Murray as to his position as Secretary to a Cabinet Committee which was constituted to examine 60 cases of particular demobilised/dismissed Officers.

**Date (early):** 16 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c. 40pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-008

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence, 17 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Ministry of Defence to the Army Inquiry Committee, 16 April 1924. Also present was General Mulcahy and Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile, and their legal representatives. Commandant Thomas Ryan also provided information to the Committee in connection with his appointment as Officer Commanding Ballymullen barracks, Tralee (10 December 1922), a General Headquarters appointment held by him post 8 January 1923 (staff of General Murphy) and his resignation following "his treatment" in Kerry (March 1923). Ryan promised to submit a detailed statement in connection with his experience in Kerry. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked for 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and 'Spare' file contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident). Discussions between O'Connor and the Committee members focused mainly on the resignations of Army Officers and Mulcahy's comments on resignations made in the Dáil (19 March 1924). O'Connor was also questioned on a memoranda he prepared which detailed the following subjects; the reassignment and demobilisation of officers holding temporary commissions in the Railway Protections and Repairs corps (26 July 1923); orders and regulations issued by Headquarters: arrangements put in place to assist in the resettlement of demobilised officers and men (and the action of the Ministry of Defence in that regard) with reference to an employment scheme which was introduced to deal with the "imminent problem" post March 1923. The Ministry's communications with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce regarding that scheme and the success/limitations of the scheme were also discussed.

**Date (early):** 17 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.60pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-009

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence and Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, 22 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs to the Army Inquiry Committee, 22 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked for 'for Chairman' 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.', 'For Deputy McGilligan', and 'Spare' files contains a corrected copy of report (corrections to grammar and spelling evident). Discussions between O'Connor and the Committee members were brief and related to memoranda prepared by O'Connor for the Committee. Permission was given by O'Higgins to allow legal representatives (of Mulcahy) to question him in connection with a statement made by O'Higgins in the Dáil. The line of questioning followed by Mr. Maguire B.L. focused on O'Higgins' comments which asserted that "Some members of the Executive Council came gradually to the view that the Army was breaking up into factions societies or combinations" and his view that many officers of the Army seemed to have no defined duties, responsibilities and very little control. O'Higgins also referenced observations made by the Dublin Metropolitan Police (not named) and a view held that some officers were "either actual or potential criminals". O'Higgins referred to monthly confidential reports prepared by the Civic Guard about conditions in each county, and provided extracts from reports which pointed to lawlessness, the presence of armed gangs and agrarian outrages in Leitrim, Cork (West Riding) and Cork (East Riding) during the period September 1923 to January 1924. Maguire focused closely on a statement made by O'Higgins and comments made in respect of the "The Old I.R.A", the I.R.B. (O'Higgins admits he was a member of the I.R.B in pre-treaty days), a meeting he attended in June 1923 at which the President (W.T. Cosgrave), Dr. MacNeill, the Minister for Defence (Mulcahy), Sean McMahon and Sean O'Murthuile were also present and the I.R.B was discussed. O'Higgins also recalled a meeting he had with Colonel Jephson O'Connell (Director of Inspection) at a Senator's house by arrangement, adding "he spoke of rival combinations tearing the Army to pieces and rotting discipline and morale". O'Higgins said the same officer also spoke of a resurrected I.R.B which was under the direct auspices of the Headquarters staff, with the Quartermaster General being "head centre". O'Higgins also provided evidence on what he knew about the Kenmare outrage (2 June 1923) and his opinion on whether his Ministry could have directed a prosecution in the aftermath.

**Date (early):** 22 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c. 150pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-010

**File Title:** Statement from Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence to the Army Inquiry Committee, 22 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Original report/statement prepared by Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence addressed to the Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee, 22 April 1924, with appendices. With two (2) typed copies held in a separate file cover marked for 'for Chairman' and 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.'. The report deals with the following areas; facts and circumstances which, in Costello's view, led to the mutiny of a section of the Army. Costello referred to difficulties experienced in the reorganisation of the Army following the I.R.A. split (period March to August 1922) which caused staff vacancies, frequent desertions and fuelled suspicions held by senior officers. Costello added "senior officers naturally gathered around them those men whom they knew intimately and whom they could trust [...]". Costello also spoke of issues arising over the regularisation of the army post January 1923 and redundant posts. Costello confirmed that many officers "not gazetted on account of incompetence were sent to the Officer Training Corps, Curragh" and spoke of the vulnerability of such a position. Costello also spoke of men, he felt had personal attachments to leaders and his belief that the situation of such loyalties created factions and led to the formation of groups "inclined to oppose the authority of the army chiefs". O'Connell also spoke of army reorganisation post January 1923 which led to the commissioning of a number of ex-British army personnel, proposing that such an occurrence led to the resignations of some officers (examples given in appendix 4) and caused discontent amongst the ranks. Costello also cited "outside influences" (freemasonry, communism and politics) as factors which caused problems in the army. Costello included extracts from a report submitted by the Director of Intelligence to the Chief of General Staff (7 February 1924, 1 March 1924) on the subject of the Old I.R.A. Men's organisation and the leaders of particular groups in that organisation- the report highlighted the existence of Group 1 made up of Joe McGrath, Bill [Liam] Tobin, Frank Thornton and Charlie Dalton. Appendices include; copy letter written by Humphrey Murphy, Kerry Irregular to Paul Fitzgerald (26 July 1922); copy letter written by Commandant Ned O'Leary (former Adjutant of 3 Southern Command) who resigned due to the Mutiny; copy 'special' report from Commandant Egan dated 14 August 1923 (submitted to Major General Hogan, then Director of Intelligence) on his visit to Athlone to set up a military intelligence section with commentary on ex-British personnel and influence in the Athlone command citing examples: copy letter (dated 15 November 1923) from an officer in the Officer Training Corps to his friend Michael (an Irregular) about his involvement in the I.R.B in the Curragh camp and their aims: copy report dated 2 February 1924 from ex Lieutenant Patrick Shields to the Dublin Command Intelligence Officer about an encounter he had with another demobilised officer called Monaghan; copy report written by Costello to Major General Hogan (then Director of Intelligence) dated 7 June 1923 titled 'Report on situation from Military Intelligence Section' (6pp.); copy letters captured on 26 March 1924 from Frank Kelly, Dalkey which commented on demobilised officers and Joe McGrath and containing comment "he was plotting to become President": extracts from publications which spoke of a 'dissenting force': copy letter dated 12 March 1924 attributed to Colonel P. Madden, Colonel. F. Simons and Commandant P. Mullooly, all G.H.Q. Officers who resigned and offered an explanation for that move: copy of a file concerning a 'mild mutiny' which occurred in Oriel house, March 1922 including copy correspondence between Tobin and Thornton on pay related grievances highlighted by intelligence officers namely Joseph Guilfoyle, Joseph Dolan, Charles Dalton, Patrick Kennedy, E.J. Kelliher, D. McDonnell, Charlie Byrne and F. Saurin.

**Date (early):** 22 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-011

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr P Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, Colonel Cahir Davitt Judge Advocate General and Mr Harry Murray, 24 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Three (3) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr. P. Hogan, Minister for Agriculture, Major General Cahir Davitt, Judge Advocate General and Mr. Harry Murray to the Army Inquiry Committee, 24 April 1924. Each copy is held in a separate file cover marked for 'for Chairman' 'Gerald Fitzgibbon K.C.' and 'copy file. Discussions between Hogan and the Committee members related to a statement prepared by Hogan for the Committee and Hogan's recollection of a meeting of the party on 11 March 1924 (Cumann na Gaedheal) which every member of the government was in attendance and the mutiny, and possible factors which led to the mutiny, were discussed. Hogan recalled that Joe McGrath read various statements to the assembled members and shared what he knew about the 'O'Daly case' and the Old I.R.A. organisation. Much of the report is taken up with grievances expressed by Mr Maguire (representing General Mulcahy) that he was not afforded time to consider Hogan's statement and prepare questioning. After some time discussing Maguire's point, the report shows that the Committee members did not concede to Maguire's request for more time as they felt it would delay proceedings and a decision was made to move on. The Committee further made the point that they were also in the same position as they had just heard the statement orally and that it created no issue for them when it came to questioning the witness. Cahir Davitt's evidence focused on his pre-penned responses to a questionnaire which was produced by the Army Inquiry Committee. Cahir Davitt made reference to returns held by his office which showed the number of persons subject to military law tried by Court martial prior to 1 December 1922 (166), the number of persons subject to military law tried by Court martial between 1 December 1922 and 3 August 1923 (796) and the number of persons subject to military law tried by Court martial between 3 August 1923 and 1 April 1924 (274). Cahir Davitt broke down the figures further to show that 139 Officers were tried by Court martial and 1097 N.C.O.'s. and men were tried in the same fashion. He further set out the numbers of those convicted and the sentences imposed by court and the ranks of the Officers tried. To illustrate various points, Cahir Davitt points to a number of cases, including the Kenmare case, the Harrington case and the case of seven officers who were tried in the Curragh 12 and 16 November 1923 for refusing to accept their demobilisation papers. Cahir Davitt also spoke of the effect demobilisation had within his own staff. The Committee sought further information from Cahir Davitt on the following areas in respect of the performance and expertise of officers who sat on Court martials including particular mention of a General Court martial held in Claremorris 23 July 1923 in the case of Officers tried for rape, the case of Patrick Liddy, a civilian who was charged with entering a military building without permission and stealing a suit (26 August 1922) and the Kenmare case. The report of evidence in the case of Harry Murray contains a statement made by him about the workings of the Cabinet Committee which was set up to investigate the cases of particular demobilised officers, and the questioning of the Army Committee on aspects covered by him in that statement.

**Date (early):** 24 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c. 103pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-012

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr P Hogan Minister for Agriculture, 24 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Copy of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr. P. Hogan, Minister for Agriculture to the Army Inquiry Committee, 24 April 1924, with copy of a letter from Hogan dated 23 April 1924 addressed to the Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee. File also contains handwritten notes (written by unknown member of the Army Inquiry Committee).

**Date (early):** 24 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 59pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-013

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Cahir Davitt Judge Advocate General, 24 April 1924

**Scope and Content:** Copy of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Cahir Davitt, Judge Advocate General to the Army Inquiry Committee, 24 April 1924, with corrections to text.

**Date (early):** 24 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 61pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-014

**File Title:** Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry into the McCarthy Case, Kenmare, Co Kerry

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Proceedings of a court of enquiry held at the O'Connor Barracks, Kenmare on 26 and 28 June 1923, presided by Major General D.J. Reynolds, (General Officer Commanding Cork Command) and members Colonel James Shields and Commandant John Ahern. Includes list of witnesses, Officers who attended, cross examined witnesses and summary of evidence provided by Major General Patrick O'Daly, Commandant Hancock, Captain Flood and Captain Clarke. The court of enquiry was established to enquire into a raid which took place at the home of Dr. Randal McCarthy, Erinville, Kenmare on 2 June during which Miss Jessie McCarthy (daughter of Dr. McCarthy) was assaulted. The evidence was submitted by Cahir Davitt, Judge Advocate General to the Army Inquiry Committee.

**Date (early):** 24 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.30pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-015

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Colonel J O'Connell to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of a statement prepared by Colonel J O'Connell. Includes signed cover letter from Colonel Jephson O'Connell addressed to the Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee dated 26 April 1924, in which O'Connell introduced his report as "a pretty accurate representation of the Army in its various phases as viewed from my standpoint as G.S.O. (2) in charge Inspection Branch of the Chief of Staff's Department from June 1 1923 to February 29 1924". Report includes; copy of questionnaire furnished by the Army Inquiry Committee with O'Connell's replies; introductory chapter on the Inspection staff (formation, training, functions and relationship with Quartermaster General Department); chapters on the Athlone Command, Claremorris Command, Cork Command, Curragh Command, Donegal Command, Dublin Command, Kerry Command, Limerick Command, Waterford Command and details of Special inspections held (with particular mention of Gorey Workhouse, the Marine Investigation Department, the Military Customs Brigade and Woodlands, Stradbally).

**Date (early):** 26 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.228pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-016

**File Title:** Statement from Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan, ex-Commandant [General Staff] Training and Operations

**Scope and Content:** Additional statement prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan to the Army Inquiry Committee and received by them on 26 April 1924. Includes cover letter from Ryan to the Army Inquiry Committee. The statement relates to the period in which Ryan was late Commandant of the G.S.O. (2) training and operations. Ryan describes how the training and operations section responded to issues prevalent in the Wexford and Waterford command, pointing in particular to a scheme of operation which was drawn up by Major General Murphy to deal with such issues. He observed that General Headquarters frequently had issues in getting commands to obey their orders. Includes copies of orders and circulars issued by the training and operations section January 1923.

**Date (early):** 26 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 22pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-017

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. Connor, Secretary of Department of Defence, Colonel Henry In Charge Discipline, Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence and Professor James Hogan.

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. Connor, Secretary of Department of Defence, Colonel Henry (Officer In Charge Discipline), Colonel Costello (Director of Intelligence) and Professor James Hogan in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee. Colonel Henry was asked to prepare certain information for the Committee and he was asked to return a report by a set date. The report shows that Colonel Costello was further pressed on his statement (see MA-AMTY-03-010) by members of the Committee and also legal representatives of Mulcahy (namely Mr. Maguire B.L.). Costello was asked to elaborate on references he made to the 'popularity' and 'unpopularity' of various senior Officers and his remarks on the I.R.B. and the Officer Training Corps (O.T.C.). The Committee's questioning of Professor Hogan (former Director of Intelligence) focused on the period July 1923 and a letter he addressed General Sean McMahon, Chief of General Staff. Hogan also expanded on his reasons for leaving the army. Hogan spoke of his membership of the I.R.B. and later, during cross examination by Mr. Maguire B.L. spoke of political connections to Tobin and other Officers and an occasion whereby General Mulcahy met with a deputation of senior Officers to discuss their grievances.

**Date (early):** 28 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** c.100pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-018

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel M.J. Costello, Director of Intelligence

**Scope and Content:** Additional copies of a statement prepared by Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence addressed to the Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee, 22 April 1924, and part of evidence supplied in line with his appearance before the Committee.

**Date (early):** 28 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 45pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-019

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Lieutenant Colonel T Ryan, late Commandant [General Staff] Training & Operations

**Scope and Content:** Additional copy of statement prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan to the Army Inquiry Committee and received by them on 17 April 1924, and second statement received by the Army Inquiry Committee on 26 April 1924. File also includes evidence recorded during Ryan's appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee [29 April 1924] which focused on his connection with General O'Daly when Ryan held an appointment in Kerry (Officer Commanding Ballymullen Barracks, Tralee). Ryan claimed that a report damaging to his reputation was circulated and his view that such a report might have led to his demobilisation. Ryan further recounted his military experience before the National Army including membership of the Irish Volunteers and service in the British Army. The Committee admitted that they agreed that a portion of Ryan's report was not relevant to the inquiry (portion relating to the preparation of training manuals). The recorded evidence also shows that members of the Committee discussed proceedings and the instances of cross examination that had occurred (see heading E.3. Army) that day and how it was not desirable. Ryan's evidence primarily focused on his appointment in Wexford (February 1923) with commentary and questioning on incidents (including incidents suggesting ill-discipline and inefficiencies within the army) which occurred during that period. Much of the discussion focused on military strategies developed at that time to deal with the Irregulars in Wexford and Waterford specifically. File includes copy orders and directives which were issued by Ryan during his appointment and copy correspondence between Ryan as Officer Commanding Ballymullen barracks and Patrick O'Daly as General Officer Commanding Kerry Command (dated 14 December 1922 to 6 January 1923).

**Date (early):** 29 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 106pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-020

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J O'Connell, Lieutenant Colonel T Ryan and General R Mulcahy

**Scope and Content:** Three (3) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J O'Connell (1 page) further to a statement submitted by him to the Committee (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-015) and part of Lieutenant Colonel T Ryan's evidence (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-019). There is no paperwork on file regarding General Mulcahy.

**Date (early):** 29 April 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** c. 80pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-021

**File Title:** Statement submitted by General R Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee, 29 April 1924 and 2 May 1924

**Scope and Content:** Complete and part copies of statement submitted by General R Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee. File labelled 'for Deputy McGilligan' contains handwritten notes on the statement – most copies contain underlining and margin notes [written by Committee members]. Mulcahy's statement includes an opening statement "I cannot but at first express my very deep sense of National humiliation at the circumstances in which this enquiry has come about [...]". Mulcahy refers to Dáil statements which related specifically to the army and its responsibility to the Dáil Eireann Ministry at various points in 1922. He recalled a meeting of the General Officers Commanding in Portobello on 5 November 1922 which was attended by President Cosgrave and where one of the General Officers Commanding (not named) stated "What my officers and men want to know is do you mean to get a Republic" – further to that Mulcahy includes copy of a private letter he received from an undisclosed General Officer Commanding (15 May 1923) in which the Officer commented on a meeting held in connection with army reorganisation and how some of the officers who were in attendance were critical of members of the Government. Mulcahy's statement also includes a list of officers who were also T.D.'s and others that resigned from the army in order to become Dáil representatives. Part of Mulcahy's statement labelled 'Facts about the material roots of the Army', includes data showing the strength of the Army as on 23 November 1921 (based on figures contained in Director of Organisation reports), the handover dates of British War Department properties (barracks, camps, rifle ranges, forts, stations/works, depots, houses, hospitals, offices and gaols) to the Provisional Government presented in alphabetical order (page 8 and 9), details of a memo addressed by Mulcahy to Michael Collins dated 1 July 1922 on a recruitment call for volunteers and concentration points for recruitment (Mulcahy also confirms that authorisation was given by the Executive Council on 21 July 1922 to recruit an army force of 15,000 regulars and 20,000 men for special service), details of a memo to Commander in Chief (Collins) dated 4 August 1922 giving strength of army in each division/command and reporting on the military situation in Waterford, Cork, Kerry, Limerick area and the western area. Mulcahy also included an inventory of pre-Treaty supplies (rifles, revolvers and machine guns) and post-Treaty supplies (akin to pre-Treaty list but with addition of 18 pounders and armoured cars) held by each command. Paperwork on file also includes; statement of prisoners in custody (as on 31 July 1922) and a casualty list. Part of Mulcahy's statement labelled 'Facts about the responsibility for army control from January 1922' accounts for his own position (Minister of Defence from 10 January 1922 and Commander in Chief from 24 August 1922), the work of the Defence Council and the situation which led to the creation of an Army council (28 September 1922). Mulcahy confirmed that the Army council was made up of the Commander in Chief, Chief of Staff, Adjutant General and Directors of Organisation and Intelligence and from January 1923, the Quartermaster General was added and other members removed. Mulcahy also discussed the establishment of the Council of Defence on 17 April 1923 which consisted of the President, the Minister of Home Affairs, the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the Minister of Defence. Mulcahy provided details on its powers and remit. Appendices to the statement include; copy correspondence dated 21 July 1922 between Eamon Price, for Director of Organisation (O'Hegarty) to Commander in Chief referring to attached list of divisions and brigades with names of Officers which fell within the Western Command. Other parts of the statement include, 'facts about the I.R.B.', 'facts about the Tobin group' which includes notes on a meeting held between President Cosgrave, Mulcahy, Liam Tobin, Charlie Dalton, Frank Thornton and C. O'Malley on 25 June 1923 and further meetings held in July – this portion also includes related copy correspondence between Mulcahy and senior Officers including Tom Cullen, J.J. Slattery and C. O'Malley. Other areas in the statement include 'facts regarding demobilisation' and 'facts with regard to the Cabinet Committee set up to deal with the complaints of certain demobilised officers'.

**Date (early):** 29 April 1924

**Date (late):** 2 May 1924



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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-022

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Colonel J O'Connell to the Army Inquiry Committee, 6 May 1924

**Scope and Content:** Second statement submitted by Colonel J O'Connell to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 6 May 1924. File includes copy of O'Connell's first statement (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-015) relating to barrack and post inspections. Statement dated 6 May 1924 contains O'Connell's knowledge of the I.R.B. and the I.R.A. within army circles with reference to who he knew to be the chief organisers of the I.R.B. and I.R.A. within the army, the membership of both organisations within senior officer circles and details on meeting places used by both organisations.

**Date (early):** 6 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 238pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-023

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence and Colonel Henry, 2 May 1924

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr C.B. O'Connor, Secretary, Department of Defence relating to a request made by the Committee for paperwork concerning officers that served in other armies and in respect of an Officer named Captain J. McCormack and Commandant T. Ryan (former Officer in Operations and Training section). The report commenced with an address made by Mr. Maguire B.L. (legal representative of General Mulcahy) pertaining to a statement made by General Mulcahy (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-021) and requesting direction from the Committee as to what heads/subjects they wanted their client Mulcahy to cover in a supplementary statement. The Committee questioned Colonel Henry as Officer in Charge of Discipline on discipline in the Army and how demobilisation was effected in his own department.

**Date (early):** 2 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c. 25pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-024

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Colonel Henry (Mac Enri) to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 1 May 1924

**Scope and Content:** Original and three (3) copies of a report submitted by Colonel Henry (Mac Enri), Officer in Charge of Discipline to the Army Inquiry Committee dealing with the state of discipline in the Army. Part 1 of the report gave a summary of Henry's work from the time of the formation of the Provost and Discipline staff (from August 1922) and overview of military law generally. Part 2 included data to demonstrate the workings and effectiveness of the Provost and police branch of the army giving figures of arrests made per month from August 1923 to April 1924; a list of military prisoners arranged by name with details of charge (s) in each and further list of cases that were handed over to civil authorities between 3 August 1923 and 30 April 1924 as reported to the Judge Advocate General by Command Legal Officers (table records name of each prisoner, rank, service number and command – also the details of charges).

**Date (early):** 2 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.40pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-025

**File Title:** Statement submitted by General R Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** Original statement submitted by General R Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee including original letters dated 21 July 1922 between Eamon Price, for Director of Organisation (O'Hegarty) to Commander in Chief (Michael Collins) concerning divisions and brigades of Western Command and staff appointments. Mulcahy's statement includes his corrections and margin notes. File also includes documents received by the Army Inquiry Committee on 19 May 1924 and 24 May 1924 including a document titled 'Mr. McGrath's charges' (written by Mulcahy) and document titled 'Duties of the G.O.C. District and his Staff'.

**Date (early):** 2 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 137pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-028

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J O'Connell

**Scope and Content:** Six (6) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J O'Connell from when he appeared before the Army Inquiry Committee on 8 May 1924. The Committee asked O'Connell questions based on his statement, and former appearance before the Committee. At times, O'Connell is questioned by a Mr. Maguire and Mr. Lavery (legal representatives of General Mulcahy). Aspects of O'Connell's army career (taking in his earlier career before he served in the National Army) were discussed at length by members of the Committee and Mr. Maguire and Mr. Lavery.

**Date (early):** 6 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.40pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-029

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** Original statement, and four (4) copies submitted by Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 29 April 1924. O'Murthuile's statement covered the following areas; Secret Societies in the Army; policy of the I.R.B. up to 1919 (establishment of the Dáil ) and afterwards; Army administration and the situation in the army when he became Quartermaster General in January 1923; charges of incompetence levelled against his department, and an offer made to him to assume responsibility for the setting up of the Civic Guard; charges levelled against him that he regarded himself to have proprietorial rights in respect of his army postings; his views concerning the area of discipline, mutiny and his knowledge of "Army contracts scandals". The statement also covered O'Murthuile's impressions of demobilisation (the dangers of too rapid a demobilisation), the surplus of Officers, reorganisation following demobilisation (from strength of 53,000 to 20,000) and the work of the Inspection department. O'Murthuile's statement concluded as follows "If there are matters upon which your Committee desire me to answer any questions, I shall gladly do so conditional of course on their not soliciting information in respect of matters that I regard as confidential in respect of the Irish Republican Brotherhood".

**Date (early):** 6 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.25pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-032

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Colonel Charles F Russell to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** File containing two (2) copies of statements submitted by Colonel Charles F Russell, Officer Commanding Army Corps of Engineers and late General Officer Commanding Railway Protection Corps, to the Army Inquiry Committee on 7 May 1924. File also includes supplementary statement by Russell dated 10 May 1924. The statement contains Russell's views on how the Army crisis developed, with particular reference to Tobin's position within C.I.D. (Oriel House) and Collin's intelligence department during the War of Independence and some of the key personalities involved in the running of intelligence in the same period.

**Date (early):** 7 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 25pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-033

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of the Evidence of Colonel Jephson O'Connell

**Scope and Content:** Six (6) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J O'Connell in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 8 May 1924 (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-033).

**Date (early):** 8 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 64pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-034

**File Title:** Statement submitted by Colonel D Neligan to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** Original statement submitted by Colonel D Neligan, Chief Superintendent, Dublin Metropolitan Police, to the Army Inquiry Committee on 8 May 1924. Includes cover letter signed by Neligan. Neligan's statement referred to his former appointment as Director of Intelligence (August 1923). It is noted that he replaced Major General Hogan. The statement contains details of the I.R.B organisation within the Army and what he saw as frictions between old I.R.A. officers and men and ex-British officers and ex-British N.C.O.'s that were recruited during the Civil War. The statement also contains his views on the leadership in General Headquarters (with particular reference to General Mulcahy and the Adjutant General, Gearoid O'Sullivan). File includes three (3) copies of the statement.

**Date (early):** 8 May 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 9pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-035

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Charles Russell

**Scope and Content:** Three (3) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Charles Russell in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 9 May 1924. The Committee asked Russell questions based on a statement he submitted. Russell discussed his pre-Truce experience, including his service in the British Army. Russell also stated that his National Army rank of Major General was not retained following the reorganisation. Russell also shared what he knew about a dispute which arose between General O'Duffy and Generals Tobin and Cullen in June 1922 and [their] objections to Joe McGrath's appointment as Director of Intelligence in August 1922. Russell also recalled incidents in Griffith Barracks which involved Commandants Griffin, McCabe and Halpin and Colonel J. Slattery who were quartered in the barracks but were not part of any unit located there.

**Date (early):** 9 May 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 24pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-036

**File Title:** Verbatim Reports of Evidence of Colonel Charles Russell and Colonel D. Neligan

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Charles Russell and Colonel Neligan in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 10 May 1924. The Committee asked Russell questions based on a statement he submitted and in continuation of evidence discussed at his appearance before the Committee on 9 May. Russell discussed the impact General Collins' death had on the Army, and in particular, Liam Tobin and Tom Cullen. Russell also spoke about what he perceived to be positions of power held by respective General Officer's Commanding (G.O.C.'s) and General McMahon's demobilisation scheme. Russell also referred to evidence he supplied to illustrate tool and equipment shortages. The report also shows that Russell spoke about an offer of employment made to him by Colonel Dalton (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-032), and that he objected to cross examination (a request to do that was made by Mulcahy's counsel). Colonel Neligan appeared after Russell and was asked to provide details about his resignation in November 1923 and what he knew about frictions between ex British Officers and those in the army with pre-Truce I.R.A. service. Questions were also put to Neligan on the resignation of Major General Ennis, the I.R.B. and influence in the army, recruitment, the setting up of Oriel House (C.I.D.) and the period in which he served as Director of Intelligence. File held by Deputy McGilligan also contains a copy of Colonel Charles Russell's statement (date stamped 7 May 1924) and handwritten notes on Russell's evidence.

**Date (early):** 10 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.108pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-037

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel D Neligan

**Scope and Content:** Copy of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel Neligan from when he before the Army Inquiry Committee on 10 May 1924. The copy is held in a file cover marked 'for Colonel Neligan'. See IE-MA-AMTY-03-037.

**Date (early):** 10 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 40pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-038

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J.J "Ginger" O'Connell

**Scope and Content:** Copy of Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J.J O'Connell in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 12 May 1924. The file also includes a written statement by Colonel O'Connell date stamped 12 May 1924, with attached map showing "Mutinous Areas" (strong Irregular areas) potentially linked to early army organisation at the start of the Civil War. O'Connell's statement also provides details on the handover of military posts, his strategy to create a dividing line between Irregular areas (separate the west from the south) and to create a 'Templemore' force to travel to Limerick (March 1922). Statement is attached to map (detailed earlier), and copy documents supplied by O'Connell include copy correspondence between O'Connell, G.O.C. Regular Forces, Colonel Commandant Gaynor, Kilkenny and the Office of the Chief of Staff (10/11 and 14 March 1922) concerning the supply of troops to Templemore, and issues faced by a National army party that were refused entry by troops occupying Templemore barracks. O'Connell's statement provides details on how that situation developed in Limerick and Templemore and also how the Regular army attempted to recapture Renmore barracks, resulting in a meeting of 'both sides' held on 1 May 1922. O'Connell accounts for his actions during the subsequent Truce period, and concludes his statement with a personal view on the treatment of officers that were "uncompromising opponents of the mutineers". The Report of Evidence refers in part to the statement, with particular reference to 'seething' tensions before the Four Courts action (June) and the treatment of certain officers named by O'Connell in his statement. O'Connell and the Committee also discussed the revival of the I.R.B. within army circles in 1923.

**Date (early):** 12 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 58pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-039

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel J.J "Ginger" O'Connell, Professor James Hogan, Colonel Henry, Colonel C Russell and Major Stapleton

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Reports of Evidence of Colonel J. J O'Connell (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-038), Professor James Hogan and Colonel Henry produced in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 12 May 1924. Includes Reports of Evidence in the case of Colonel C Russell and Major Stapleton and their appearance before the Committee on 12 May 1924. The transcript of evidence supplied by Professor James Hogan refers to the content of a statement he submitted to the Committee, and certain remarks he made about political pre-occupations, secret organisations and proposals that an oath (similar to one taken by the Civic Guard) should be introduced. Hogan also referred to the fact that the Minister of Defence was also Commander in Chief (held an army position) during a certain period. Hogan's evidence also contains criticism of the demobilisation grant scheme and the payment of gratuities as opposed to pensions. Colonel Henry, at the time of his appearance was Assistant Adjutant General and was broadly questioned on statistics, and in particular, statistics which dealt with increases and reductions in army strength. Henry was also questioned about instances of ill-discipline and references was made to a number of cases including the Kenmare case. The report also shows that Colonel Charles Russell and Major Stapleton were recalled on 12 May 1924. In Russell's case, he was questioned about the demobilisation of ex-British officers, and a claim made by Colonel Neligan that Russell and Colonel Dunphy were at the head of an organisation made up of ex-British Officers. Major Stapleton was questioned about Liam Tobin and his relationship with General Michael Collins, the Active Service Unit and the Squad. Stapleton, who admitted he was also a member of the Squad, discussed at length, the treatment of members of the Squad after the Truce and the National Army commissions they received. Stapleton was also asked why he did not mutiny.

**Date (early):** 12 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 85pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-040

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of ex Captain Martin Nolan, Colonel Broy, Professor James Hogan and ex-Captain James Corcoran

**Scope and Content:** Six (6) copies of verbatim reports of Evidence of ex Captain Martin Nolan (with an attached statement), Colonel E Broy, Professor J Hogan and ex Captain J Corcoran produced in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 13 May 1924. Nolan's statement set out five (5) reasons why he believed there was discontent over the recent Army reorganisation, and the report of evidence in his case sets out how he believed there was preferential treatment given by senior officers to certain officers in their staff; he also provided details on his own grievance. Nolan offered details about the Kenmare case and his communications with a Commandant Hancock, Kerry Command about dumps containing stolen property. Colonel Broy was questioned about the setting up of Oriel House (C.I.D.), Liam Tobin's appointment in Beggars Bush and Oriel House before the Civil War started (June 1922) and his own reasons for leaving Oriel House in April 1922 "I was dissatisfied with doing nothing for two or three months". Professor Hogan read a statement into the record concerning the I.R.B. and his own membership as both a "rank and filer" and an Officer. Hogan also spoke of the I.R.B. split following the signing of the Treaty, I.R.B. meetings he attended following the split, the adoption of a new constitution in 1923, and was questioned about whether he felt membership of the I.R.B. influenced promotion or selection in the army. Hogan confirmed that he held was in a position to share this information as he was a member of the I.R.B. and also held position as Director of Intelligence in 1923. The appearance of ex Captain J Corcoran was also recorded. Corcoran read a statement into the record (drawn up 12 May 1924) in which he provided details of the scheme of demobilisation, complaints handed by him in his role as Adjutant 1 Battalion, Military Customs Brigade and his own grievance.

**Date (early):** 13 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 57pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-041

**File Title:** Statement submitted by General Sean McMahon to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** File contains section IV (4), VI (6) and VII (7) of a statement submitted by General Sean McMahon to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 13 May 1924, with cover sheet signed by General McMahon, and date stamped 14/16 May 1924. McMahon supplied information on army organisation, intelligence, training and matters that were brought to his attention when he was Chief of Staff from September 1922. He noted that when he became Chief of Staff, he had to develop the General Staff department from a foundation level, re-arrange Southern Western Command into three commands and establish new commands and battalions. McMahon also addressed comments made by Commandant T. Ryan about the military situation in Wexford during the Civil War. McMahon's statement also contains copy instructions issued by his department concerning personnel administration, education, operations generally and training. File includes copy of staff training memo no. 1 (Training of Infantry Companies) and copy of staff training memo no. 2 (The drill instructor).

**Date (early):** 13 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 259pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-042

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of ex 2/Lieutenant Robert J Page and Lieutenant General Gearoid O'Sullivan

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Reports of Evidence of Second Lieutenant Robert Page and Lieutenant General Gearoid O'Sullivan, produced in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 14 May 1924. Second Lieutenant Robert Page was questioned about his demobilisation which was effected on 31 January 1924 and a case made by him for reinstatement. Lieutenant General Gearoid O'Sullivan responded to questions posed about his membership of the I.R.B. and responded to suggestions that the I.R.B. had a secret influence over the army in terms of career advancement. O'Sullivan was also asked about McMahon's scheme of demobilisation and how matters of ill-discipline were dealt with during his tenure as Adjutant General (includes reference to the Kenmare case, the Hartnett case and reports concerning the conduct of Officers in the Theatre Royal). O'Sullivan also responded to claims made by other witnesses including Colonel Russell and Colonel O'Connell.

**Date (early):** 14 May 1924

**Date (late):**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-043

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Lieutenant General Gearoid O'Sullivan and Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile

**Scope and Content:** Five (5) copies of Verbatim Reports of Evidence of Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile and Lieutenant General Gearoid O'Sullivan, produced in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 15 May 1924. O'Sullivan responded to questions about the workings of the Officer Demobilisation board (December 1923) and his legal staff (and the fact that many were ex British officers). O'Murthuile was questioned about his presence at a meeting in the President's rooms in which surrender (of the I.R.A) was discussed and the role the I.R.B. would play in such negotiations.

**Date (early):** 15 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.50pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-044

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile

**Scope and Content:** Copy report of Evidence of Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile produced in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 15 May 1924 (see IE-MA-AMTY-03-043). Annotated copy [possibly Deputy McGilligan's copy].

**Date (early):** 15 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 37pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-045

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile and General Sean McMahon

**Scope and Content:** Three (3) copies of Verbatim Reports of Evidence of Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile and General Sean McMahon, produced in line with their appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 16 May 1924. O'Murthuile was further questioned about his knowledge of the I.R.B. and membership. General McMahon was questioned about his various appointments in the National Army (Quartermaster General and Chief of Staff) and accusations made by O'Murthuile that the Department of the Quartermaster General was chaotic when he took up the appointment as Quartermaster General in January 1923. McMahon was also questioned about the Council of Defence (also known as the Supreme Council of War), the Officer Training Corps (Curragh), the demobilisation scheme (staff memos no. 12 and no. 13) and the materials considered by the Officer Board when either making a decision to retain officers or demobilise them.

**Date (early):** 16 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.50pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-046

**File Title:** Supplementary statement by Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile to the Army Inquiry Committee

**Scope and Content:** Copy of a supplementary statement made by Lieutenant General S O'Murthuile to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 17 May 1924. The statement deals with certain matters not covered in his previous statements with particular reference to the I.R.B. and his limits in providing information about the I.R.B. for fear of breaking confidences. O'Murthuile also refuted some of the charges made by Colonel Russell concerning him, General O'Sullivan and the membership of the Army Council. O'Murthuile also responded to comments made by Colonel O'Connell in which O'Connell stated that "Quartermastering was hopeless" and did not improve during O'Murthuile's term as Quartermaster General.

**Date (early):** 17 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 6pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-047

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Sean McMahon

**Scope and Content:** Four (4) copies of Verbatim Reports of Evidence of General Sean McMahon, produced in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 17 May 1924. McMahon was further questioned about his statement with particular focus on the reorganisation of the army (southern command), claims he made about other 'minor' mutinies that had occurred including a dispute which arose in June 1922 in the Gresham Hotel over General Tobin's rank, and appointments made to the post of Director of Intelligence. McMahon was also asked to discuss individual cases of demobilisation and the relationship between the Army and the Ministry of Defence.

**Date (early):** 17 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 51pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-048

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Professor James Hogan

**Scope and Content:** Consolidated reports of Evidence supplied by Professor J Hogan on the 28th April, 12th May and 13th May 1924. File includes copy of letter of introduction written by Professor James Hogan and addressed to the Army Inquiry Committee date stamped 17 April 1924, copy of letter written by Hogan and addressed to General Sean McMahon, Chief of Staff (dated 7 August 1923) and copy letter written by Hogan and addressed to J. Creed Meredith, Chairman, Army Inquiry Committee (dated 9 May 1924).

**Date (early):** 17 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 97pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-049

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of ex Captain Denis Cronin, General Sean McMahon and General Richard Mulcahy T.D.

**Scope and Content:** Two (2) copies of Verbatim Report of Evidence given by ex-Captain Denis Cronin, General Sean McMahon and General Richard Mulcahy T.D. to the Army Inquiry Committee on 19 May 1924. Cronin's evidence (7pp), covers his service in the National Army (joined February 1922) and provides information on battles between the Irregulars and the National Army which took place in Bantry between February and August 1922. Cronin also spoke of issues concerning pay between the months of March and August because of conditions in the south, and how he submitted a claim to the Quartermaster for the southern area for money in order to pay his men. Cronin acknowledged that he received £200 and distributed that sum amongst his men. Cronin said that he was arrested on 23 February 1923 for obtaining that sum through an illegal channel. Cronin also outlined his particular grievances in connection with his demotion (reduction in rank) and the circumstances which led to his resignation. In relation to McMahon's appearance, the Chairman addressed General Sean McMahon directly before the Committee continued with their examination and expressed sympathy with McMahon who had admitted previously that he felt 'a sense of degradation'. The Committee posed a number of questions to McMahon including questions on the establishment of the Special Infantry Corps (and the request made by the Minister for Home Affairs for the army's assistance in dealing with agrarian issues) and the question of civil authority/control of the army. McMahon was also questioned about the relationship between the Athlone command and the Claremorris commands ("complaint of intrigues that Athlone was being used as a base for fomenting trouble in the Claremorris command") and events leading up to the passing of the Defence Forces Act 1923 (passed 7 August) including the Kenmare incident, the setting up of the Supreme Council of War (27 March 1923) and the Council of Defence (28 August 1923). McMahon also addressed a number of individual cases which were dealt with by the Officer Board. Mulcahy's evidence commences at section J.4 of the report and he was questioned on aspects of his statement, and explicitly asked by the Chairman "Could you say shortly in a few words what you definitely say was the real cause and genesis of this mutiny"? Mulcahy's response spoke of a "general national tendency to indiscipline from top to bottom" and his words were discussed at length. Mulcahy was also asked about meetings with members of the Tobin faction and Joe McGrath, T.D. during the summer months of 1923 and Dáil resolutions which authorised executions during the Civil War.

**Date (early):** 19 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.114pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-050

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Sean McMahon

**Scope and Content:** Copy Report of Evidence given by General Sean McMahon to the Army Inquiry Committee on 19 May 1924. This copy has handwritten corrections to text and is a copy of report held in AMTY- 03-049.

**Date (early):** 19 May 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 68pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-051

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of General Richard Mulcahy T.D.

**Scope and Content:** Verbatim report of evidence (3 copies) produced following the further examination of General Richard Mulcahy by the Army Inquiry Committee on 20 May 1924. File also includes additional copy of Report of Evidence given by General Richard Mulcahy to the Army Inquiry Committee on 19 May 1924 (see AMTY-03-049). Mulcahy was asked to explain why the Council of Defence did not function during a particular period and why it lapsed. Mulcahy was also asked about his connection to the I.R.B. and Colonel O'Connell's claim that Mulcahy was the head and chief influencer in the I.R.B. Mulcahy was also asked why the demobilisation scheme was not put to the Dáil (see section C3) and why he walked out of a meeting with Tobin which was held in the presence of the President [W.T. Cosgrave]. Mulcahy was also asked to clarify if he attended that meeting as Commander in Chief or the Minister for Defence. Mulcahy further detailed later meetings held with Tobin and Joe McGrath T.D. and the aftermath of a meeting held between Tobin and representative officers on 22 July 1923. He also acknowledged that he received a long list of [army] people that Tobin and others objected to. Mulcahy was also asked about the Cabinet Committee which was set up on 26 November 1923 with a direction to receive and hear any complaints made by National Army officers who had been demobilised, or faced demobilisation.

**Date (early):** 20 May 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** c.60pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-052

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Mr John Cullen and General Richard Mulcahy T.D.

**Scope and Content:** Verbatim report of evidence (4 copies) produced following the further examination of General Richard Mulcahy and John Cullen by the Army Inquiry Committee on 22 May 1924. John Cullen introduced himself to the Army Inquiry Committee as a former Private soldier in the National Army who worked as a clerk in General Headquarters. Cullen set out his grievance with the National Army but was told by the Army Inquiry Committee that the terms of reference of the Committee did not extend to hearing personal grievances. Mulcahy was further quizzed on the work of the Cabinet Committee, the work performed by the Adjutant General (Lieutenant General O'Sullivan) and Quartermaster General (Lieutenant General O'Murthuile), and army reorganisation generally. Mulcahy was also asked about his responsibilities as Minister for Defence as in August 1923 (he ceased to be Commander in Chief at that point) and his working relationship with the different army departments (Chief of Staff, Quartermaster General, Adjutant General). He was also asked for his opinion about the four General Officers Commanding and their role in producing lists of men and officers recommended for demobilisation. Part E and F of the report deals with the Kenmare case, the Hartnett case and figures presented by Mulcahy as to the number of prisoners that were held during the period of hostilities. File includes copy of the terms of reference and notes [made by Mr. G. Fitzgibbon, K.C.]

**Date (early):** 22 May 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.52pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-053

**File Title:** Verbatim Report of Evidence of Colonel S Woods, Professor E MacNeill and General R Mulcahy T.D.

**Scope and Content:** Verbatim report of evidence (5 copies) produced following the further examination of General Richard Mulcahy, Colonel Seamus Woods and Professor MacNeill by the Army Inquiry Committee on 23 and 24 May 1924 (the final day of proceedings). Colonel Woods was the first person to appear before the Committee on 23 May and he confirmed that he still held a position in the National Army and spoke of his objection to the Defence Forces Bill and in particular, his concerns (shared also by the General Officers commanding), about the proposed chain of command. Professor Eoin MacNeill, Minister for Education was also called and examined. He was pressed about his attendance at meetings at which the President, the Minister for Home Affairs, General Mulcahy and/or General McMahan were present and the matter of I.R.B. organisation was discussed. MacNeill shared his views on the nature of secret organisations with Committee members and made reference to members of his own family "I discussed it with members of my own family, with my own sons, who were in the Army and I strongly cautioned them against having anything to do with any Secret Organisation" (see section B.3). General Mulcahy appeared at the afternoon session (23 May) and was questioned about the Council of Defence and later, the Supreme Council of Defence (April 1923) and to elaborate on the atmosphere which contributed to both councils being set up. Mulcahy was also asked why he did not inform the Executive Council of his meetings with Liam Tobin and grievances expressed by other National Army officers. Mulcahy was also presented with figures showing the strength of the pre-Truce I.R.A. and was invited to comment on them (see section E.1). Section J.3 shows that Mulcahy was directly asked "Do you consider that the Minister for Defence of the future should be some person who had held high rank in the Army?".

**Date (early):** 23 May 1924

**Date (late):** 24 May 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 112pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-054

**File Title:** Schedule "D". Documents submitted by Professor James Hogan, late Director of Intelligence

**Scope and Content:** File contains paperwork concerning the evidence supplied by Professor James Hogan. File includes a letter addressed to Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee, Government Buildings, from Professor James Hogan dated 12 April 1924, with attachment. The attachment is copy of a letter from Hogan and addressed to General Sean McMahon, Chief of Staff, dated 7 August 1923. File also includes original statement (and 3 copies) made by Hogan and addressed J. Creed Meredith, K.C. Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee dated 9 May 1924, which sets out Hogan's view on how the army position could be improved, and offers responses to questions posed by Committee members prompted by Hogan's appearance before the Committee. File also includes copy of Hogan's report of evidence, produced in line with his appearance before the Army Inquiry Committee on 13 May 1924.

**Date (early):** 17 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 9 May 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 80pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-055

**File Title:** Documents submitted by Mr Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs

**Scope and Content:** File contains mainly letters from Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, addressed to the Army Inquiry Committee between 14 April and 23 May 1924. Some of the documents listed on the file cover are missing. File includes statement of facts (document no. 1) produced by Kevin O'Higgins on 14 April 1924 and addressed to the Chairman of the Army Inquiry Committee in response to a letter he received from the Committee dated 11 April 1924. In the same letter, he addressed parts of a statement he made in Dáil Eireann concerning the Army crisis. File also includes copy of a letter from Kevin O'Higgins to President Cosgrave dated 17 August 1923 (document no. 2) which made reference to the Kenmare 'scandal'. The file contains original letters signed by O'Higgins and typed copies. One original letter is from O'Higgins to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 12 May 1924 and refers to a statement made by General Mulcahy to the Committee which referred to the role played by the Executive Council in army affairs during the early months of 1923. In regards to Mulcahy's comments, O'Higgins pointed to the fact that the Special Infantry Corps was established as a direct result of memoranda submitted by the Minister for Agriculture and his department, and "did effective, if rough and ready work in stamping agrarian anarchy and other serious abuses existing and arising at that time". File also includes letters dated 16 May, 22 May and 23 May 1924 from O'Higgins to the Army Inquiry Committee containing his commentary on the evidence given by other witnesses. In a letter dated 23 May, O'Higgins outlined his view on why the mutiny occurred.

**Date (early):** 14 April 1924

**Date (late):** 23 May 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 95pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-056

**File Title:** Documents submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan late G.S.O. (2) Training & Operations

**Scope and Content:** File contains documents submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan to the Army Inquiry Committee on 17 April 1924. Some of the documents include copy letters from Commandant Thomas Ryan to the Chief of Staff dated 9 February, 21 February, 27 February and 5 March 1924; a copy of these letters was circulated to each member of the Army Inquiry Committee, and the letters set out Ryan's request for a court of enquiry following a dispute he had with Major General P. O 'Daly, Officer Commanding Kerry Command in January 1923 when Ryan was Officer Commanding (O.C.), Ballymullen Barracks. Ryan alleged that he was unfairly treated by O 'Daly because of his former service in the British Army. File also includes copy of correspondence between O 'Daly and Ryan 1 January to 7 January 1923 and copy orders issued by Ryan when he was Officer Commanding Ballymullen Barracks, Tralee. Training and operations documents which were produced by Ryan when he was on the staff of Major General Murphy (General Staff) are also on file and are attached to a detailed statement penned by Ryan dated 23 April 1924.

**Date (early):** 17 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 63pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-057

**File Title:** Documents submitted by the President

**Scope and Content:** File containing cover letter from President Cosgrave to the Army Inquiry Committee dated 29 April 1924 in which he referred to the enclosure of a letter he received from Army Officers dated 6 June 1923, and offered to appear before the Committee if it was considered necessary. It would appear that the letter from Army Officers was returned to the President's office on 10 June 1924 when the Inquiry Committee concluded.

**Date (early):** 29 April 1924

**Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 2pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-058

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Evidence (Kevin O'Higgins)

**Scope and Content:** File contains additional copy of evidence produced in line with the appearance of Kevin O'Higgins (Minister for Home Affairs) before the Army Inquiry Committee (see AMTY-03-009).

**Date (early):** 14 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 22 April 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 137pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-059

**File Title:** Documents Submitted (Ministry of Defence)

**Scope and Content:** File includes copy memoranda, produced by the Secretary, Ministry of Defence and supplied for the information of the Army Inquiry Committee including the following titles: Inspection of the army – Inspection under the Chief of Staff dated 15 April 1924: Army council etc. dated 30 April 1924: Constitution of the Ministry of Defence and the duties of its Secretary dated 15 April 1924: Orders and regulations issued from Headquarters dated 17 April 1924: Officers of the late Railway protection, repair and maintenance corps dated 17 April 1924 and Resettlement of demobilised officers and men dated 17 April 1924, with copy forms linked to the demobilisation scheme that was introduced in June 1923, and detailed in the memo.

**Date (early):** 17 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 8 May 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 76pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-060

**File Title:** Colonel Cahir Davitt Judge Advocate General Papers

**Scope and Content:** File includes the questionnaire produced by the Army Inquiry Committee and completed by Colonel Davitt. File also includes correspondence relating to cases dealt with by the Judge Advocate General (namely the Kenmare case concerning Misses McCarthy and the Hartnett case). Davitt's response sheet (date stamped 24 April 1924) presents total number of courts martials held before 1 December 1922, between 1 December 1922 and 3 August 1923 and between period 3 August 1923 and 1 April 1924. Davitt also confirmed that out of 901 convictions, six (6) persons were sentenced to death, forty five (45) were sentenced to penal servitude and the remainder sentenced to terms of imprisonment or further detention or less. A number of cases are highlighted.

**Date (early):** 14 April 1924

**Date (late):** 24 April 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 71pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-061

**File Title:** Army Enquiry Committee Unimportant

**Scope and Content:** File includes notes penned by members of the Army Inquiry Committee and paperwork concerning the payment of expenses incurred by witnesses that were summoned to attend before the Committee. The file includes support documents used by the Committee for example, document showing the returns (numbers rather than names) of serving Officers who had been in other armies, organised by rank.

**Date (early):** [1924]

**Date (late):** [1924]

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 68pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-062

**File Title:** Miscell

**Scope and Content:** File titled 'Miscell' [Miscellaneous] containing additional copies of statements made by J.J. O'Connell, the Minister for Home Affairs (Kevin O'Higgins), Mr. Harry Murray (of the Cabinet Committee which was set up to investigate the cases of certain demobilised officers) and Lieutenant General Sean O'Murthuile. File also includes memo on the organisation of the British War Office (date stamped 22 April 1924): letter from Thomas J. Corcoran (ex-Captain, Military Customs Brigade), 74 Leinster Road, Rathmines to the Army Inquiry Committee (date stamped 13 May 1924) setting out his views on demobilisation and his personal grievance.

**Date (early):** [1924]

**Date (late):** [1924]

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 39pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-063

**File Title:** Mr McGilligan's Papers

**Scope and Content:** File containing papers assembled by Mr. McGilligan, member of the Army Inquiry Committee. File includes additional copies of letters from witnesses, and statements/report of evidence in the case of Mr. Harry Murray (of the Cabinet Committee which was set up to investigate the cases of certain demobilised officers) and the Minister for Home Affairs (Kevin O'Higgins). File also includes material assembled for the preparation of interim (draft) report and final report of the Army Inquiry Committee including opinions expressed by Committee members (Deputy Gorey, Deputy McGilligan and Deputy Cooper and J.C. Meredith). With copy correspondence between Committee members, Gerald Fitzgibbon and Bryan Cooper (24 – 26 May 1924) about the production of the draft report and points of difference. The file includes two documents titled The Army Inquiry Committee Report: one document is 52pp. and contains a schedule listing witnesses who appeared before the Committee and copies of key documents referred to in the report. The other report (3 copies) is 14pp.

**Date (early):** [1924]

**Date (late):** [1924]

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 214pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-064

**File Title:** General staff Duty Memos and General Directions by the Chief of staff

**Scope and Content:** File contains General Staff duties memo no. 1 to no.12 which were issued by the Office of the General Staff, General Headquarters, Parkgate: copies of General Direction no. G.7 (subject – Appointments and discharges), G. 9 (subject – supplementary grant) and G.13 (Appointments and discharges – additional list of Officers) and copy order addressed to all General Officers Commanding from Lieutenant General Gearoid O’Sullivan (18 March 1924), which ordered the arrest of every person associated with an attempt at mutiny. File also includes list of officers known to have resigned due to the ‘Crisis’ and table showing summary of munitions abstracted during the Army Crisis, March 1924.

**Date (early):** 26 May 1923                      **Date (late):** 4 April 1924

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 28pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-065

**File Title:** Parliamentary Debates Official Reports (selection)

**Scope and Content:** Official Dáil Reports which refer to Defence matters. Includes copy of Dáil proceedings on 11 March 1924 in which a letter from Liam Tobin and C.F. Dalton was read into the record, and a statement by Deputy McGrath followed.

**Date (early):** 11 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 3 April 1924

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 10 items

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-066

**File Title:** Training of Infantry Companies. Syllabus for one month's progressive course.

**Scope and Content:** Official Training booklet for a course (duration one month) on the instruction of infantry companies, issued by the Army Council, General Headquarters. With foreword by Chief of General Staff.

**Date (early):** 25 May 1923                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** Item                      **Extent:** 20pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-067

**File Title:** The Drill Instructor. Outline lecture for use of Company officers.

**Scope and Content:** Official Training booklet for use by company officers, issued by the Army Council, General Headquarters. With foreword by General Staff Officer in charge of training.

**Date (early):** 18 June 1923                      **Date (late):** 18 June 1923

**Description Level:** Item                                      **Extent:** 10pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-068

**File Title:** The Truth about the Army Crisis with a foreword by Major General Liam Tobin

**Scope and Content:** Booklet issued by the Irish Republican Army Organisation, 78A Summerhill, Dublin. 2 copies.

**Date (early):** [1924]                                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** Item                                      **Extent:** 16pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-069

**File Title:** Inspection notes on commands, battalions and posts submitted to the Army Inquiry Committee by Colonel J. O'Connell

**Scope and Content:** File contains inspection questionnaires i.e. typical questions posed by an Inspection Officer during an inspection of a command, battalion or post (3 copies).

**Date (early):** [undated]                                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** c.80pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-070

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Correspondence

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence between Army Inquiry Committee members, potential witnesses and various witnesses invited to appear before the Army Inquiry Committee. Correspondents include Professor James Hogan, Colonel D. Neligan (Chief Superintendent, Detective Branch), Mr. Kevin O'Higgins (Minister of Home Affairs), Colonel J.J. O'Connell, Colonel Charles F. Russell, Colonel Henry, Mr. Harry Murray (Ministry of Industry and Commerce), Colonel Michael Costello and Ernest Blythe (Minister of Finance). Correspondence indicates that certain members of the Dáil were issued with an invitation to write a statement to assist the Committee and potentially volunteer to appear before the Committee. Correspondence also shows that witnesses received transcripts of their evidence following their appearance before the Committee.

**Date (early):** 10 April 1924

**Date (late):** 18 June 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** c.163pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-071

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Correspondence with Deputy Joseph McGrath

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence between the Army Inquiry Committee and Deputy Joseph McGrath relating to the progress of the Army Inquiry Committee and his statement made before the Committee on 10 April 1924. In a letter to the Chairman (14 April 1924), McGrath informs the Chairman that he will not participate further in the inquiry and suggests that officers currently serving in the army could perhaps offer valuable evidence. File also includes letter from McGrath following Kevin O'Higgins' appearance before the Committee and copy of letter of Indemnity offered by President W.T. Cosgrave which protected witnesses from criminal prosecution. The text of the aforementioned letter was considered by McGrath to be "wholly inadequate" (23 April 1924).

**Date (early):** 8 April 1924

**Date (late):** 28 April 1924

**Description Level:** File

**Extent:** 28pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-03-072

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Correspondence with The President

**Scope and Content:** Correspondence between the Army Inquiry Committee and President W.T. Cosgrave relating to the setting up of the Army Inquiry Committee and its progress. Preliminary matters discussed included meeting times, locations, the supply of secretarial staff, proposed terms of reference and the appointment of J. Creed Meredith as Chairman. President Cosgrave also supplied a copy of the letter he received from Liam Tobin and Charles Dalton (6 March 1924) and set out the events which followed his receiving the letter, including the following remark; "The Executive Council ordered the arrest of these officers in consequence and after I had given that information to the Dáil, Mr. Joseph McGrath rose and announced he had resigned from the Executive Council" (see letter dated 7 April 1924). The President also offered assistance to the Committee in terms of supplying relevant documentation at his disposal, and in contacting persons of interest to the inquiry (namely the Judge Advocate General and Director of Intelligence). File also includes letters of invitation which were circulated to prospective Committee members. Correspondence between President Cosgrave and J. Creed Meredith also referred to the issue of a letter providing indemnity to prospective witnesses and the part the Executive Council played in considering the Kenmare case (President Cosgrave did not accede to Meredith's request for a copy of the legal opinion given by the Attorney General as he did not want to create a precedent in publishing confidential legal advice). Please note that the aforementioned original letter from Cosgrave dated 28 April 1924 is partly missing but a copy of the full letter is held on file. File also includes letters from J. Creed Meredith to the President which reported on the progress of the Committee (see 22 April 1924) and problems encountered.

**Date (early):** 5 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 28 April 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 55pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-001

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Draft Report

**Scope and Content:** File contains handwritten and typed drafts charting the preparation of the final report of the Army Inquiry Committee. File also includes handwritten letter from Bryan Cooper (Committee member) addressed to the Chairman (26 May 1924) relating to his contribution to the report, and in particular, the emphasis he placed on O'Higgins' "charges" and his divergent view concerning the Cabinet Committee and what he saw were its limitations. File also includes copy letter from Gerald Fitzgibbon (Committee member) to Bryan Cooper (24 May 1924) concerning preparations for the final report and points made by Cooper in his memo.

**Date (early):** 24 May 1924                      **Date (late):** 26 May 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 229pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-002

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Report of the Committee Saturday 7 June 1924

**Scope and Content:** File contains typed report of the Army Inquiry Committee (6 copies) with two printed copies (published by the Stationary Office, June 1924). File also includes schedule of witnesses and details of documents supplied to the Committee.

**Date (early):** 7 June 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 126pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-003

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Chairman's Reservation to Committee's Report 10 June 1924

**Scope and Content:** File contains document titled Chairman's reservation to Report of the Army Inquiry Committee (3 copies). The document was produced by James C. Meredith on 10 June 1924 and set out points he felt were important to impart but were excluded from the final report.

**Date (early):** 10 June 1924                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 132pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-004

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Minutes of Meetings (bound volume)

**Scope and Content:** Minutes of meetings held by Army Inquiry Committee presented in bound volume, and signed by James Creed Meredith, Chairman. Minutes contain record of items discussed at each meeting, attendees (including Committee members and witnesses) and decisions made by Committee members in respect of business discussed.

**Date (early):** 7 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 7 June 1924

**Description Level:** File                      **Extent:** 80pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-005

**File Title:** Army Inquiry Committee Minutes of Meetings (typed, extra copies)

**Scope and Content:** Copies of the Minutes of Meetings of the Army Inquiry Committee (see IE-MA-AMTY-04-004).

**Date (early):** 7 April 1924                      **Date (late):** 7 June 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 160pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-04-006

**File Title:** Sketches of Unidentified Persons

**Scope and Content:** Pencil sketches of unknown man and Army Inquiry Committee members Gerald Fitzgibbon and P. McGilligan by Denis J. Gorey.

**Date (early):** [1924]                                      **Date (late):**

**Description Level:** Item                                      **Extent:** 3 items

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-001

**File Title:** Irish Army Crisis British Press Views

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing typed extracts from British newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis.

**Date (early):** 11 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 23 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 44pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-002

**File Title:** Irish Army Crisis Press Cuttings

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing newspaper clippings from British and Irish newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis.

**Date (early):** 11 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 25 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 46pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-003

**File Title:** Army Crisis 1924 . Ultimatum Presented by Leaders and Press Reports on Dáil Debate

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing newspaper clippings from British newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis and the resignation of General Mulcahy (Minister for Defence) and Joseph McGrath (Minister of Industry and Commerce).

**Date (early):** 12 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 11 July 1925

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 8pp.

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-004

**File Title:** Article by John Devoy re: Military Discipline reference Army Crisis 1924

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing newspaper clippings from Irish newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis, the resignations of General Mulcahy (Minister for Defence), Joseph McGrath (Minister of Industry and Commerce) and key Army Officers.

**Date (early):** 20 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 20 December 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 128pp

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-005

**File Title:** Army Crisis 1924

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing newspaper clippings from regional Irish newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis and the disappearance of arms and ammunition from several camps.

**Date (early):** 10 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 8 April 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 15pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-006

**File Title:** Irish Army Crisis Saorstat Press Views

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing typed extracts from regional Irish newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis.

**Date (early):** 11 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 23 March 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 100pp.

**Conditions**

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**Reference Code:** IE-MA-AMTY-05-007

**File Title:** Press Comments on Army Situation

**Scope and Content:** File created by the Intelligence Department and containing newspaper clippings from Irish newspapers relating to the Irish Army crisis

**Date (early):** 10 March 1924                      **Date (late):** 6 November 1924

**Description Level:** File                                      **Extent:** 92pp.

**Conditions**

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