



Collection Name 18th Military Mission

Reference Code 18th-MM-001

File Title **Special Papers Related to January - June 1941 on Liaison with British**

Scope and Content File reads back to front. 2 copies of a paper discussing the Irish position in relation to the British dated 03/01/1941 looking at the danger of a British invasion and the possibility of alienating the British by adopting too aggressive a stance towards them, the danger of spreading limited resources too thinly to meet both the British and German threat, the possibility of getting the British to declare that they will not use force against Ireland, highlights the fact that Ireland is entirely dependant on the British for the supply of arms, equipment and aircraft. Letter to Chief of Staff from Brigadier MH Pryce 18 Military Mission reporting on a conversation with GOC British Army in Northern Ireland mentioning the supply of explosives to the Irish Army, requesting something be done about the newspapers, providing details on two battalions located in Co Derry to the West of Derry city, requesting early information on any enemy activity in the area from Donegal to Galway and expressed a desire for a meeting between certain Irish and British officers. 2 copies of a letter from Maj Hill, British Army Northern Ireland to Brig MH Pryce 18 Military Mission regarding the subject of refugees in the event of an invasion of Ireland by Germany, the letter outlines the problems encountered in Belgium during the German invasion and suggest a need for advanced planning with the Irish government to prevent last minute chaos. It outlines a basic plan ,including a map, and goes into various scenarios that could be encountered depending on enemy action. There is also a covering letter from Pryce to D Int outlining briefly what action the British would take in that eventuality and suggests the COS arrange for coordination between the Gardai and the RUC in order to keep roads open. Letter from COS to Minister for Defence listing information requested by the British including air photos, plans of railway stations and seeking advice as to whether the provision of information should continue in light of the British failure to provide the equipment requested. Memo outlining the work of the 18 Military Mission and the functions of the Eire Liaison Officers. Note from COS to Brig Pryce thanking him for facilitating the visit of Irish Officers to Northern Ireland. Order of Battle of British Forces in Northern Ireland including Army, RAF and Fleet Air Arm. An unsigned intelligence report including the possibility of a British invasion from Northern Ireland that was now past as it would have caused problems in the US regarding the "Lease and Lend Bill " being negotiated. It lists some locations in a list of fourteen it was planned to be taken over by the British. It stated that the British had complete details of road and rail networks, harbours and telephone network. The British felt that the majority of people "who count" would welcome their forces. The report also contained information on some troop movements in the Strabane and Sion Mills area and other information on individuals and supplies. Letter from Capt N Hewett, Foynes Airport listing difficulties with BOAC officials regarding US passengers arriving in Ireland and not proceeding on to the UK. Also comments on the general attitude of BOAC officials who regard Foynes as theirs. Second letter dated 01/06/1942 from Capt Hewett reporting on the present conditions at Foynes with particular regard to the expansion of the BOAC operation who now have approx. 100 personnel in situ and the fact that all these people wear some sort of uniform. He suggests that the Irish control officers, all military officers, should be in the military uniforms even though on secondment to the Dept of Industry and Commerce. Also mentions the changing nature of the passengers passing through Foynes, now mainly military. He mentions again relations with BOAC staff and their resentment of Irish officials being involved in the operation. Paper showing organisation of a German parachute rifle regiment including weapons, recognition of German AFVs and the effect of surprise night



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attacks on German AFVs and motor transport. Letter from OC Air Corps to Assistant Chief of Staff reporting on a meeting with Wing Commander Begg, RAF, about condition at Foynes. The Wing Commander reported that there was a lot of friction between the Irish Authorities and BOAC regarding the operation of the airport, the lack of experience of the Irish official in charge, the lack of control officers and their inexperience. OC Air Corps also commented on a meeting within External Affairs at which this information was passed on and various other matters of concern at both Foynes and Rineanna, including the lack of First Aid facilities.

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Reference Code	18th-MM-002
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File Title	Origin and Development of Contacts with The British Army 1940 - 1945
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Scope and Content	<p>File reads front to back. Map of Ireland showing disposition of Defence Forces on the 26 May 1940. Letter from Col Archer G2 to Minister for Defence reporting on a meeting with a member of Sir John Maffey's staff on the 2 July 1940. This person advised Col Archer that he had, that day, attended a staff conference at HQ Northern Ireland with Gen Huddleston GOC presiding. In the event of a German invasion of Ireland, considered very likely by the British War Office, the General stated that British troops would not help Ireland unless they were invited to do so by the Irish Government. The report also states that the British had troops ready to move into Donegal to protect the forts on Lough Swilly. The British requested that Liaison officers be appointed in the border areas. The British also requested supplies of small scale maps of the 26 counties. The informant also requested that he be told immediately the first German soldier arrived on Irish soil to enable British troops in Northern Ireland to be at a state of readiness in the event of a request for assistance. Written brief showing location, strength and armament of 53 British Division in Northern Ireland with attached map. Letter dated 6 July 1940 from Chief of Staff to Minister for Defence stating that as a neutral state Ireland could be attacked by Germany or Britain. It lists possible action by the British including seizure of certain ports and suggests courses of action to counter these eventualities, probable German action including invasion along the South coast with secondary attack on Dublin by paratroops. The COS outlined the decisions that were required to be made in these eventualities and posed a number of questions to the Minister that required answers before further military planning could be progressed. Notes on a meeting at the Taoiseach's office where the various questions posed by the COS to Minister for Defence were discussed and decisions taken. The Taoiseach did not anticipate a British invasion and directed that the focus of planning deal with a German invasion. In the event of a German invasion Irish troops were to attack them with all means at their disposal. Aid will be sought from the British if necessary. Action in the event of a British invasion was also considered in the case of them being the first aggressor. The preparation for the demolition of bridges was also considered and the Taoiseach said preparations should be made. Report of a meeting in the Taoiseach's office on the 15 December 1940. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the outline of the General Defence Plan No 2. The Taoiseach stated that the situation with Britain had worsened and there was a danger them attempting a rapid and surprise of the country. The plan as submitted was accepted including the setting up of a separate military district in the Donegal area, the establishing of an LSF piquet system along the border, the LSF to be placed under military control, the setting up of a Northern Field Force to command the border area to be called the 2nd Division, coastal block houses to be built. Other matters discussed included training and strength of the army, use of our territorial waters by the British, cancellation of Christmas leave, , manufacture of munitions and armament. Paper outlining the work of the 18 Military Mission which includes ensuring a smooth flow of information between the Irish military authorities and the British military authorities. It also lists the functions of Eire Liaison officers. Various memos and papers dealing with a British Questionnaire (not in the File) that asks about Irish plans to deal with a German invasion. Notes on a meeting in the Taoiseach's office about the British Questionnaire. Report of a meeting on the 5 Nov 1940 between Irish and British officers including the Chief of Staff, Col Archer, Gen Harrison, Lt Col Pryce and Mr JP Walshe. Meeting dealt with supplies, laying of sea mines, liaison officers, provision of communications for liaison officers. Discussion around the response time of the British to a request for assistance was also discussed. Report of a meeting on the 17 Feb 1941 between the same group. Among the items discussed were barriers on the roads in the border area, state of military equipment and Irish needs in this area, location of evacuee reception areas, the provision of a supplies holding area for British supplies and the use of Dublin Port by the British in the event of them coming to our aid. The Irish saw the defence of Dublin as their</p>
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responsibility and had concerns about large numbers of British troops massing in the North Dublin area. Copy of note to British HQ Northern Ireland from MP Pryce dated 20 Feb 1941 outlining further explanation of plans by the British as explained to Col Archer G2. Unsigned note of information received from Gen Harrison, GOC Northern Ireland on the 16 Oct 1940 outlining how the War office had given consideration to a German invasion of Ireland and was considered more possible as the invasion of England was now less likely. The invasion would have two objectives, to strangle the supply routes into the UK and create a diversion from the situation now existing in the near East. It then talks about the likely tactics to be employed by the Germans and the steps necessary by Ireland to prepare for the invasion. Letter dated 11 Feb 1941 from ACS to COS regarding the questionnaire from the British in which he discussed the British proposals regarding their deployment vis-via Irish forces in the event of a request for assistance by the Irish. Notes on a conference held in Government buildings on 22 Feb 1941 to decide on the final form of reply to the British Questionnaire. Note on a meeting between Brig Gen Gregson Ellis, Lt Col Pryce, Gen McKenna and Col Archer. Items discussed included the security of the aerodromes at Baldonnel and Collinstown, the possibility of a German invasion of the Irish West coast, road blocks, the proposed positioning of British logistics base in the Naas area. Brig Gen Gregson Ellis indicated that he did not see any hope of further supplies for the Irish but that Gen Pownall GOC NI would make representations on our behalf when in London. Report to the COS from Col Archer dated 28 Jan 1941 containing information from Lt Col Pryce on the British plan of operation in the event of them having to come across the border. Letter dated 27/03/1941 from Col Archer to Minister for Defence reporting on the visit to Belfast of Major O'Sullivan to see ARP arrangements in Belfast and Comdt Delamere to see the latest development in air observation and reporting. The letter deals primarily with the Delamere visit . It outlines that he was taken to the Control and Fighter HQ at Aldergrove where he met the Gp Capt McDonald, Wing Comdr McGregor RAF and Major Picard Army Signal Corps. Wing Comdr Linwood, who had travelled from Dublin with the Irish officers was also present. It became apparent to Delamere that the British officers were under the impression that he was there to arrange the direct interchange of air information between the Irish and the British. Delamere explained that he was not in a position to make such arrangements and was only there to see the latest developments being used by the British. It also became clear that the British were not intercepting any Irish radio transmissions regarding the sighting of German aircraft over Ireland. Comdt Delamere contacted Dublin and a test transmission was sent and received by the British. In his report to Col Archer Delamere stated that there were 40 observation posts along the coast and border in Northern Ireland manned by signal personnel and reporting by radio to the control centre. Delamere was offered four radios to be used in four proposed control centres to provide comms in the event of telephone outages. Delamere reported that there was a lot of equipment is being held in Northern Ireland in anticipation of a move into the 26 counties and that a belief exists in the British forces that they will be in the South by invitation before the summer is out. Col Archer and the COS were of the opinion that radios should not be accepted as it committed the Irish army to direct co-operation with the British, a road they were not ready to go down at that time. Copy of report on visit to Northern Ireland from Comdt Delamere. Note of Delamere's request that Dublin make a radio transmission and confirmation of wavelengths used during his visit to Northern Ireland. Report dated 19/04/1941 from Col Archer to COS outlining discussion with Lt Col Pryce about the situation on the island. Archer expressed his displeasure at the size of the British force in Northern Ireland and the equipment they had, equipment he felt that would be better off in the hands of the Irish army. Pryce stated that there was a view among British politicians that if the Irish were to well equipped they would invade Northern Ireland. Pryce also stated that he was to succeed Gen Harrison as head of 18 Military Mission. There was also a discussion on Liaison Officers and their modus operandi. 6 page report dated 02/08/1941 from Lt Gen McKenna to Minister for Defence on a visit to British Army HQ Northern Ireland for lunch followed by a briefing. After lunch the COS was advised that 20,000 anti-gas respirators were ready for delivery to Dublin. COS questioned the British staff on various weapons and their uses. The



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British enquired about the possibility of lodging £70,000 in a bank in the 26 counties. COS was asked for a copy of the Irish ARP scheme and about the requirements for barbed wire to block roads in the Dublin area. He was advised about a new aerodrome being built at Strangford Lough to improve the British fighter range over the Dublin area. The British also suggested it would be prudent to build an aerodrome in Co Wexford. Notes on the visit to Dublin of Lt Gen H Franklyn GOC British Forces Northern Ireland. The visit included a lunch with Sir John Maffey at which Lt Gen McKenna and Col J Flynn were also present, a visit to Collinstown, Malahide and Baldonnel. The provision of equipment to the Irish army was discussed and Franklyn felt it was essential but Churchill remained to be convinced. Tours were also made on the following days in the Tipperary, Cork and Kilkenny areas and the Wicklow North Wexford and Carlow areas. During a subsequent meeting Gen Franklyn outlined a time sequence that would decide whether the Germans would invade Ireland. The campaign in Russia would impact on the German decision. Nevertheless he felt preparations should continue for invasion and he suggested it would be helpful if the Irish built airfields in South Tipperary and in the Mullingar area. He also indicated how he would move the 53rd Div in the event of a request for assistance. Also included is a list of equipment require by the Irish army and a CV for Gen Franklyn. Minutes of a meeting between Lt Gen McKenna COS and Lt Gen Franklyn GOC BTNI In the British delegation were three officers identified as being with the 18 Military Mission, Brigadiers Woodhouse and Pryce and Major Borrodaile. Items discussed included the release of equipment by the British for Irish use, supply od ammunition and explosives, first line replacements, aerodrome at Mullingar, reconnaissance of railheads, arms for the LDF, coal supply for the British, bridges in the border area and over the Boyne. List of equipment and ammunition to be supplied to Irish. Notes on supply of equipment, change of attitude of British government to supplies for the Irish, reference to strength of British forces in Northern Ireland. Report dated 15/12/1941 from COS to Minister for Defence outlining matters discussed in a conversation between the COS and Gen Franklyn giving particulars of arms and equipment to be released to the Irish in the near future, telling COS to route all requests for arms and equipment through him. Franklyn also outlined how he would come to the aid of the Irish if requested. Franklyn stated that it was the opinion of himself and the War office that Ireland would not be invaded by Germany unless they were invading the UK. Attached to letter to Minister is a copy of a British "Appreciation of the situation relative to possible operations in Ireland". Included in the paper is the nature of the threat against Ireland, influence of the ports, airbases, probable scale of German attack, possibilities of attack against Northern Ireland, possibility of reinforcement, conduct of operations, invitation to cross the border, the most likely plan for the enemy and an alternative method of dealing with the invasion, maps of Collinstown, Baldonnel, Navan area, area of the River Boyne, chart listing of advanced base area. Irish Army "Order of Battle". Report dated 08/03/1943 from COS to Minister for Defence outlining meeting with Brigadier Woodhouse. Woodhouse advised that 61st Div withdrawn from Northern Ireland , 59th Div to follow, Gen Franklyn and staff also leaving, 18 Military Mission being abolished, all work on plans for co-operation with Irish being suspended, division from London district moving to Northern Ireland. These decisions have been taken because Germany will not be in a position to attack Ireland in the coming year. Woodhouse could not say if the Irish army would get any more equipment.

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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-003		
File Title	Provision of Forward Dumps and Carrying Out of Certain Works to Facilitate the British Army's Move South		
Scope and Content	British letter dealing with the specification for Reserve Holding areas for supplies at Dunboyne and Fairyhouse dated 18/11/1941. Hand written note to QMG from unknown officer relating to improvement works at Dunboyne and Blackbull railway stations dated 23/03/1942. Letter to the COS from A/Director of Engineers regarding estimate of cost of works at Dunboyne and Blackbull. Note on specification for ground work at the same locations. Note on the establishment of a Petrol Reserve for British Forces at Carton House. British letter outlining plan for the movement of fuel stocks to Carton House dated 28/01/1943. British hand written letter to Assistant COS discussing proposed movement of fuel. Copy of inspection report concerning WD petrol dump in Eire. The party visited Carton House where a 1,000 tons of petrol was stored. The visit looked at security, storage, fire precautions, petrol losses. There were also discussions with Irish Shell on petrol losses, quality of cans, payment for can filling. Summary of all action to be taken arising from the visit. 4 notes relating to the movement of 250 tons Royal Engineers stores to Gormanston. Note to QMG from D/S&T regarding the movement of 1,000 tons of coal for the British by GNR to Navan. A series of letters and reports about the provision in the 26 counties of aerodromes for RAF use including specification, report from the Air Corps on the availability of suitable fields. These aerodromes would be located near the South coast with Rathduff and Oakpark mentioned as inland sites.		
Date (early)	21 February 1941	Notes	
Date (late)	09 June 1944		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-004		
File Title	Extension of Our Fixed Defences		
Scope and Content	British report of reconnaissance of potential Coastal Defence positions on the River Shannon. British letter dealing with the supply of two searchlights for the Shannon. British letter dealing with the supply of spare parts for coastal defence guns at Fort Carlisle and the Shannon with list of spares. Various other notes on the Shannon defence guns and equipment. British letter dealing with spare parts for coastal defence guns. Letters dealing with the provision of equipment and mines for the mining of Cork Harbour. Report dealing with difficulties experienced with the minefield at the entrance to Cork Harbour with alternative proposals including map of proposed location of the mines. Letters from the Marine Service dealing with Cork harbour minefields including sketch of minefield and handwritten notes. Further correspondence about Cork Harbour minefields including Admiralty Chart for the Cork Harbour and Cobh area and sketches showing locations of the minefields. British letter outlining additional coastal defence weapons and equipment they were prepared to release to the Irish to provide defence at Waterford and Galway harbours and Donegal Bay with covering letter to the COS. Various handwritten notes on coastal defence equipment.		
Date (early)	26 February 1942	Notes	
Date (late)	01 April 1943		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission
Reference Code	18th-MM-005
File Title	Questionnaires for the Period
Scope and Content	<p>Each file contains 4 sub-files covering different periods of time and deal with questions posed by the British Army that they required answered in order to prepare to respond to an invitation to assist the Irish Army in the event of a German invasion. The first sub-file deals with the period 25/05/1940 to 12/12/1940 and asks the following questions to which detailed answers are provided: Q1 - What is the general organisation of the Defence Forces? Q2 - What is the capacity of main railway lines from Dublin to South and West? This question also deals with fuel and food supplies, system of requisitioning supplies, signals communications, aviation fuel supplies, numbers of aircraft and list of aerodromes. Q3 - What is the actual strength of Defence Forces units? The location of each unit is provided with the authorised strength and the actual strength as a percentage. List of deficiencies in weapons is also listed. An outline plan of how to transport thousands of troops from Dundalk southwards by rail and bus using the Great Northern Railway (GNR) and the Great Southern Railway. Details are given of the GNR fuel supplies. The next set of questions deal with defensive planning , the perceived threat particularly from the West with the River Shannon being seen as defensive line. It outlines defensive arrangements. Coastal defences are also dealt with as is the treatment of refugees. Telephone communications are also looked at with a description provided of the systems in operation around the country. The next questionnaire deals with ammunition, road transport, civilian labour, identification of personnel, both civilian and military, requisitioning of accommodation, water supply. Petrol supplies, stocks of food stuffs, government services, installations in the Dublin area. Question on all matters medical. Questions on defence of harbours. Identification of sites for dumps of petrol, ammunition and supplies, list of bridges over the Shannon including description of each bridge. British information is provided on plans for locating troops West of Derry and the use of liaison officers is dealt with. British questions on the disposition of Irish units and equipment. Questions on large houses in the Swords, Co Dublin area and local area. Replies give information broken down by each house, request for aerial photos of each house and estate. Details on the supply of water in the North Dublin area. Set of questions dealing with liaison , billeting of troops, requisitioning of lands, buildings, stores and vehicles, treatment of military casualties in civilian hospitals. Questions about and information on aviation spirit. Sub-file 2 covers period 08/01/1941 to 04/02/1941. Question requesting detailed information on the Irish observer system. Questions on Army Forms, billeting, repair depots, selection of a base area, Balbriggan and Naas mentioned. Question on dealing with German paratroopers in British uniforms. Questions relating to layout of advanced base including capacity, equipment and water supply in North Dublin. Questionnaire including questions on availability of labour, ammunition, gun repairs, petrol supplies, other supplies including food. Ration scale for the Irish Army is provided, boot repairs, laundries, medical, plans of a list of railway stations. Question regarding engineers supplies available. Question requesting information on Gormanston Aerodrome, Belgard Castle and Lucan House. Question regarding the availability of billeting for troops, availability of signal poles. Sub-file 3 covers the period 26/02/1941 to 27/10/1941. Questions on roads, petrol supply, maps, road excavators, water supply, location of military hospitals. Questions on the movement of tanks by rail, prisoner of war camps, the Royal Canal and availability of barges. Information requested on road bridges on the Belfast to Dublin route and in the County Dublin area. Request for additional information on Lucan House, information on an additional list of houses. Further questions on medical matters and suitable locations for casualty collecting stations. Additional information on a list of houses in the North Dublin area. Information on garages in the Drogheda, Balbriggan and Skerries areas. Request for information on Poulaphouca Reservoir. Questionnaire No 4 dated 23/12/1941 to 30/01/1942 includes a request for information on all bridges over the Royal Canal with information on the bridges provided, question and information on telephone communication</p>



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circuits between Dublin via Howth Head and UK, questions on defence of Dublin, appointment of a liaison officer, code names, provision of radios, use of the British signalling system to ensure compatibility. Question on tactical training manuals used by the Irish army, British request for additional Irish Army forms, heights of various railway bridges throughout the country. Questions on the suitability of Abbotstown and Luttrellstown houses and estates as medical facilities with description of facilities provided. Question and answer regarding the routing of military traffic to avoid Drumcondra and information on bridge clearances in the Drumcondra and Ballybough area. List of Trigonometrical stations in Co Dublin. Information on the capacities of Wicklow and Arklow quays to discharge coal and the fuel consumption of an engine hauling a full passenger train. Information on the stock of tar and bituminous emulsion in Ireland. Request for diagrams and technical information on the telephone system, request for aerial photos of various locations, list of aerial photos of locations in Ireland held by the British Army.

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File Title Questionnaires - Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note explaining some of the information in the file, list showing strength of 27 Irish Infantry Battalions on the 31/08/1940, list showing distribution of armoured cars and how equipped. Request for maps and survey data. List of questions on communications in the Dublin Area with detailed responses including diagram of exchanges. Two notes relating to information on the Irish coastline. Questionnaire dealing with refugees, buildings for hospitals, signal procedure, aerial photos and railheads. Notes regarding a survey for the construction of a railway line from Kingscourt to Castleblaney. Note requesting information on cement output, stock of pickets, explosives, stocks of railway sleepers, map showing sites of sawmills, quarries, sandpits, brickworks, organisation of the Irish Army Construction Corps, channels for the hire of civilian labour, request for additional map information, questionnaire on Engineer service available with replies that included list of ironmongers, timber and cement contractors, suppliers of tools, suppliers of bricks and tar. Questionnaire listing information required on a list of railway stations provided. Questions on Irish Army uniforms, notes on railway bridges, canal barges and location of depots and dumps for various supplies with answers on rations, ammunition, coal and petrol. Information is also provided on the make-up of field rations.

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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-007		
File Title	Questionnaires not Answered		
Scope and Content	4 pages of questions asked by the British but not answered at that time by the Irish relating to army organisation, unit strengths, disposition of air defence weapons, blockhouses, equipment and defensive plans.		
Date (early)	09 January 1941	Notes	
Date (late)	14 May 1941		
Extent	4 pages	Normal Location	A_59_D_06
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-008		
File Title	Queries - Miscellaneous		
Scope and Content	<p>Note referring to the collection of spare parts for Lockheed Hudson aircraft. Note on defence of Baldonnell, note referring to the evacuation of British personnel from Dublin. Hand written note from Col Archer to COS about a meeting with Lt Col Pryce at which Pryce asked for the Irish Order of Battle, aerial photos, information on Irish minefields, hand written notes from Lt Col Pryce asking for information on Newbridge House and Howth Castle, the supply of requisition forms, coastal defence guns, controlling the border and the general medical position, liaison officers, escort for 18 MM, letter regarding the transportation of 2 4.7" and 2 6" guns to Dublin from the North. Letter from Lt Col Pryce to Col Archer requesting aerial photos, permission to carry out a detailed technical reconnaissance of two unnamed railheads, details as to the provision of cash in an emergency and request for two sets of 1" maps. Letter about the availability of cash at certain banks in Ireland for the British Army, letter discussing the details of recces in Ireland by British officers and whether cars used should be registered in Northern Ireland or in Ireland. Note on aerial photos, Foynes security, requirement for Irish military radios at certain locations, query about Kingscourt - Carrickmacross railway, with replies. Notes on proposal by the Irish Army to use four letter code names and the suggestion that the British assign a series of code names to the Irish to prevent duplication of code words. Notes on railway lines that no longer exist, note on the height of bridges over railway lines in Counties Clare, Donegal and Wexford. Note on the locations of anti-aircraft batteries.</p>		
Date (early)	21 February 1941	Notes	
Date (late)	04 January 1943		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-009		
File Title	Requests for Maps		
Scope and Content	Series of requests for maps of Ireland not available at the time to the British with a cover note explaining this.		
Date (early)	16 December 1940	Notes	
Date (late)	21 October 1947		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-010		
File Title	Requests for Air Photography		
Scope and Content	Various requests for aerial photos of locations in Ireland with replies. Technical information on all aerodromes in Ireland		
Date (early)	21 March 1942	Notes	
Date (late)	21 October 1947		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-011		
File Title	Conferences with British Army Authorities		
Scope and Content	<p>Cover note stating the nature of the file. Report of a conference on "Q" matters between the Irish Army and the British Army Northern Ireland considering such matters as movement control, maintenance during operations, POWs, "A" liaison, Fairyhouse and Dunboyne railway stations, construction of railway line Kingscourt - Carrickmacross, rear areas, spares for Bren Gun carriers, index of railheads and use of the Cavan - Mullingar railway line by the British. Report on conference between British and Irish officers held on the 04/02/1942 considering such matters as coastal defence guns, equipment required by the Irish, Bren Guns, Artillery instruments, fighter aircraft, aircraft spares, barrage balloons, AA guns, ground to air comms, operation of fighter aircraft, training pamphlets, mines, coal for Navan, petrol at Carton House, co-ordination with British plans, Spike Island, plans in the event of a German attack, wireless frequencies and air intelligence. Additional notes are also included with this report dealing with Irish equipment requirements. A memo raising matters discussed in the main report, list of items not now demanded, note on aircraft equipment, list of wireless transmitters, list of infantry equipment required, artillery equipment required, field engineering equipment required,, signal and medical equipment required, list of spare parts required for weapons, note on movement control, report of a meeting held on the 14/07/1942 on railway matters. Report on meeting about movement control. Report on Exercise "Turf" a meeting between British and Irish officers and railway liaison officers for GSR and GNR railways including a timetable of the various meetings attended.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-012		
File Title	Evacuation and Military Routes Conferences		
Scope and Content	<p>Various notes about evacuation routes and routes to be kept clear for military traffic with an overlay depicting routes. Letter on the evacuation from Dublin of British Government personnel. Report of a meeting between Irish and British military officers on the evacuation of Dublin City held on the 3rd/4th June 1941, including information on the deployment of British divisions in the Dublin area. One division on a line West of Dublin with a brigade in the Phoenix Park with a second division in the Mullingar area. The division of Dublin for the purpose of creating evacuation routes for refugees towards the North West. British report of the same meeting. Report of a meeting held between British and Irish officers on the 5th June 1941. Topics discussed included refugees from Dublin, traffic control, road blocks, routes , Fifth Columnists, Phoenix Park and police liaison. Notes on a meeting held on 31st Jan 1942 about the evacuation of refugees from Dublin in the event of air raids or an attack on Eire. Topics discussed included Train and bus arrangements for evacuation, pedestrians, re-fuelling, military routs, feeding, refugee camps, road blocks and prisoners of war. Report to the Minister for Defence on a visit by British officers to Dublin to discuss RAF evacuation routes. Report on a road and terrain reconnaissance conducted on the 2nd July 1941 by British and Irish officers in West Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Tipperary, Limerick , Cork, Waterford and Kilkenny. List of equipment urgently needed. Further information on evacuation plans with some route changes. Number of overlays showing agreed military routes and evacuation routes.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-013		
File Title	Air Defence		
Scope and Content	<p>Covering note giving a back ground to the file. Letter from Comdt Delamere, Air Defence to Col Archer describing a meeting with Group Capt McDonald RAF where the main topic was radios and radio frequencies. Hand written letter from Group Capt McDonald to Comdt Delamere on the subject of radio frequencies. Letter from Brigadier Pryce to Col Archer enquiring as to the status of four radios recently handed over. Report on the organisation of the Observer Corps and method of reporting aircraft plots. Note referring to messages on unidentified aircraft. Report from the British to Col Archer on the reception of signals from four wireless stations around Ireland. Letter from D Sigs to ACS regarding radio tests including technical instruction on their operation. Note from British giving list of radio frequencies. Lists of radio messages broadcast from Eastern, Cork and Athlone sectors.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-014		
File Title	Arrangements for Liaison in Time of War		
Scope and Content	Memo on liaison between the British and US Forces in Northern Ireland and Eire Army outlining the make-up of the 18 Military Mission and channels of communication, British document titled "Short notes on Eire for Junior Commanders". Note stating that no list of names was ever supplied to the British but describes Major Collins Powell as the chief liaison officer. Note about liaison officers in border areas. Letters from Brigadier Pryce to Col Archer requesting increases in the number of Irish liaison officers as the number of British troops in Northern Ireland increased particularly in the border area. Notes on a Major Hales Pakenham Mahon. Short CV of Maj Gen Harrison British Army.		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-015		
File Title	Wireless Communication with 18 MM		
Scope and Content	Note dated 19/06/1940 from Lt Col Pryce to Col Archer outlining a proposed wireless communication between them. Further letter about the British giving the Irish a wireless set with additional notes on arrangements for its transportation South. Note showing the transfer of the radio with its truck and including a list of all parts and equipment on the 12th sept 1941. A note stating that a long series of tests were carried out and listing the messages received with notes on interference. Note to Col Archer referring to the radio and truck on loan. The British would like the Irish Army to take it on charge. Notes on the British Army's signals plan in Northern Ireland including a radio net diagram. Notes on Irish Army radio frequencies.		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-016		
File Title	Contacts and Correspondence with 18 MM		
Scope and Content	<p>Note from JP Walshe, Dept of External Affairs, to Lt Gen Peadar McMahon (Retd), Secretary of Dept of Defence regarding a conversation with Maffey, British Delegation, Dublin who stated that in view of the occupation of France by the Germans the British Navy's primary interest in ports in Ireland would now be the Shannon estuary. Note from Col Archer to COS referring to a talk he had with Lt Col Pryce who suggested that the Irish, based on figures given, should be capable of putting 2 Divisions and 2 Brigades in the field. Notes about radio exercises. Memos about the illegal traffic in arms across the border. Report to COS from Col Archer based on conversations with British, regarding the movement of British troops to Northern Ireland, sending a signals officer to Northern Ireland to brief British on Irish radio procedures, talk of facilities for Americans for convoy purposes. Letter to Col Archer from Lt Col Pryce regarding liaison officers, maps and advanced base area. Notes on a conversation between Col Mulcahy OC Air Corps and Commander Gallery of the US Legation in London. Gallery was in Ireland looking at RAF operations in Northern Ireland and decided to visit the South during his visit. The report was general in nature and Mulcahy emphasised how short of equipment the Irish were. British report dated 23/07/1941 on British aircraft flying over Ireland. Letter to Col Flynn from Lt Col Pryce referring to a conversation that they had with follow-up information. Items mentioned included a Signals exercise in Northern Ireland, radio tests, Recces by British officers in Ireland, invitation to send officers to view modern trenches, administrative and logistical matters, hospitals and camouflage. Letter to Lt Col Pryce from COS relating to the alleged sightings of parachutists in Counties Galway and Clare. Letter to Minister for Defence from COS relating to runways and security at Rineanna and concerns expressed by the British. Report to COS from Col Archer dated 05/01/1942 regarding a meeting with British officers at which provision of air defence guns, unexploded bombs and motor torpedo boats were discussed. Note to COS from Col Archer dated 12/01/1942 referencing traffic control of refugees, 6" guns for the Shannon, petrol dump at Carton House, coal dump at Navan, radio sets and proposed meeting with British. Letter from Supt TA Kelly, Donegal Division, to COS reporting on a meeting he attended with British in Derry regarding the movement of refugees with a reply from COS. Notes on refugees entering Ireland in the event of Derry being bombed. Notes on meeting with Brigadier Wodehouse mention that the British War Office refused to release trucks, 3.7 AA guns and various other equipment. Note on meeting with Major Cairns at which was mentioned the appointment of liaison officers, demolitions in Cobh, possibility of training on fighter aircraft in UK for Air Corps pilots. Note mentioning maps, firing pins for Vickers Machine Guns, coal site in Drogheda, movement control, list of contractors and other matters. Note to COS from Col Archer on 6" guns. Note to Director Medical Corps from ACS on Infectious diseases. Note to COS from Col Archer on a meeting with Brigadier Wodehouse at which were mentioned 4.5" guns, Petrol dump, mines for Cork Harbour, demolitions and liaison officers and box girder bridges. Notes on meeting with Brigadier Wodehouse dated 11/01/1943 at which the usual topics were discussed including Rineanna, weapons and new US Defence Attaché. List of reminders for Col Archer including ringing Brigadier Wodehouse. Notes on the dropping of markers in the sea in the Inishbofin area in 1945.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission
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File Title	Contacts and Correspondence with the British Air Attaché
Scope and Content	Notes between Col Archer and JP Walshe, Dept of External Affairs about a Junkers JU 90 observed over Co Wexford in Dec 1940. Suggested questionnaire on meteorological co-operation between the armed forces of Great Britain and Ireland. Report on a meeting between Col Mulcahy OC Air Corps and RAF officers who came to inspect a crashed German aircraft. Report of a meeting between OC Air Corps and Mr Lynwood to discuss the final arrangements for the delivery of ten Hawker Hector aircraft. Note to Col Mulcahy from Mr Lynwood expressing the Air Ministry's appreciation for the help rendered to a British flying boat that landed close to Bundoran. Note on meeting between OC Air Corps and Mr Lynwood in which mention is made of the Bundoran landing , that Air Commodore Boyle would be in Dublin shortly, arrangements for the 10 Hector aircraft to be flown from Scotland to Newtownards for collection by the Air Corps were made, observations by Air Corps officers on RAF airfields in Scotland . Report on meeting between Mr Lynwood and OC Air Corps on the 08/07/1941 in which the purchase by Ireland of British aircraft that forced landed in this country was discussed, also mentioned was the purchase of Hurricanes. Mention was made of six escaped internees who had made it across the border, how effective radar was proving in the defence of the UK, comments on the merits of various US aircraft and British concerns about the defence of Irish aerodromes. Notes about navigation equipment that may have been found in crashed British aircraft. Letter to Col Archer from (unreadable signature), but part of the British delegation in Ireland, informing him of the re-location of a radion set to his house in Castleknock. Memo concerning the reporting of two British aircraft in the Louth/Meath and Dublin areas on the 26/02/1942. Further correspondence on the same incident. Report on the visit of Wing Commander Begg to Baldonnel to discuss the supply of spares for the re-building of a Hurricane aircraft that the Air Corps had acquired. The question of the British supplying an Instructor to teach Air Corps pilots how to fly Hurricanes is also addressed. Report stating that the arrangements for the RAF instructor to come to Ireland were in place. The handing over of chemicals and photographic paper is also mentioned as is an additional radio for the control centre at Baldonnel. The British were also seeking a list of parts salvaged from crashed aircraft with a view to doing a deal. Report on the initial training carried out by Flt Lt West with Air Corps pilots. Initial training was carried out on a Master aircraft that West brought with him before moving onto the Hurricane. OC Air Corps presses the need for the Air Corps to obtain at least six Miles Master aircraft for training purposes. Note from Wing Commander Begg to Col Archer on the treatment of burns. Letter to Col Archer from OC Air Corps dated 23/04/1942 listing all salvaged British aircraft and equipment, location crashed and current status. Letter to Col Archer from OC Air Corps dated 15/06/1942 regarding a visit by Wing Commander Begg to Foynes and the impressions he formed. Notes on various pieces of equipment and barrage balloons. List of aeronautical maps received from British Air Attaché. Notes about the failure of a Sunderland flying boat to land at Foynes after arrangements had been put in place. Request from British to be kept informed of the unserviceability of certain Irish lighthouses with supporting correspondence. Request from OC Air Corps for information on Allied and Axis aircraft in order to prepare identification charts. Note on a request by the British Air Attaché to use Baldonnel for landings, take-offs of an aircraft being allocated to him. Thank you note from Col Archer to British Air Attaché for models of aircraft provided to the Irish Army. List of Air Corps officers, dated 21/07/1944, including officers on control duties at civil airports. Notes regarding the provision of penicillin by the British for a seriously ill Irish soldier. Notes about a dinghy found by an Irish fisherman near the Fastnet Rock. Notes about a Flt Lt Weston, a deserter. Letters regarding a request by the new British Air Attaché, Wing Commander Boyd to base an aircraft at Baldonnel. Letter to Col Archer from Wing Commander Boyd regarding marker beacons in Co Kerry.



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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-018		
File Title	Contacts and Correspondence with British Naval Attaché		
Scope and Content	<p>Report by the Director of the Marine Service to Col Archer on a visit by the British Naval Attaché looking for information on minefields at Cork Harbour, mining of the Shannon and implications for shipping, would the Irish Marine Service be placed under Royal navy control in the event of the British coming to Ireland's aid, would the Irish be able to man trawlers that the British may give them. The Director of Marine Service raised issues with MTB engines and the delay in delivering additional MTBs. Report of a further meeting between the Director of Marine Services and the British Naval Attaché covering topics such as Mines, Mine sweeping, possibility of swapping Irish MTBs for British trawlers. Letter from Col Archer to British Naval Attaché regarding the possibility of the British supplying trawlers instead of the MTBs on order. Letter to British naval Attaché from Col Archer spare parts for MTBs with list of spares required. Other notes on the spare parts issue. Note on an operation in Cork harbour.. Notes on the returning of armament removed from a British vessel that went aground in Blacksod Bay and their return to Northern Ireland. Notes on the British Salvage Act.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-019		
File Title	Correspondence with the 18 MM Regarding Supplies		
Scope and Content	<p>Letter from British Director of Military Operations to The High Commissioner for Eire dated 15/09/1940 regarding the supply of artillery equipment. Hand written notes relating to artillery equipment. Letter from COS to Brigadier Harrison dated 10/02/1941 about proposed meeting and assistance regarding the supply of equipment. List of ammunition and equipment required. Letter from Lynwood to Col Archer dated 28/03/1941, with attached lists of equipment supplied, requesting payment. Two list of equipment supplied in May and June 1941. Two letter relating to the supply of anti-gas capes and eye shields. Various notes relating to steel helmets. Notes relating to supply of 3.7" anti aircraft guns. Note relating to mortar and machine gun handcars. List of spares on order for Bren guns. Cover note with list of equipment to be handed over from Northern Ireland under the code name "Exercise Tractor". Various Irish and British reports on the handover of equipment under code name "Exercise Tractor". Letter from Dept of Posts & Telegraphs relating to a delay in the supply of a printing machine to Ordnance Survey. Notes relating to hand grenades parts and delay in supply. Copy of letter from COS to Gen Franklin thanking him for supply of AA guns. Letter from DOD to Office of the High Commissioner for Ireland, with list of spares required for Lewis Guns, pistols rifles and Vickers machine guns, requesting to know whether drawings for all these parts were available in order to facilitate manufacture of these parts in Ireland. Notes on the supply of various items including tubes and tyres and ball bearings for motor cycle wheels. Memo on order for Ford motor spares from USA. Note on request for barbed wire for Rineanna Aerodrome. List of equipment requested and supplied. Copy of telegram from UK relating to equipment, spares and ammunition requested by Ireland and whether available or not dated 18/09/1943.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-020		
File Title	Correspondence with the British Air Attaché regarding Supplies		
Scope and Content	<p>Note on efforts by Air Commodore Carr to obtain spare parts for Hurricanes and Lockheed Hudson for Irish Army. Note from Lt Col Pryce to Col Archer outlining that Harvard trainers were not available and offering 10 Hectors trainers instead. Notes on whether to accept Hectors or not. Letter to British Air Attaché from Col Archer about monies paid and owed for equipment with additional internal letter. Hand written note to Wing Commander Begg about the provision of Master aircraft. Letter dated 21/11/1942 from OC Air Corps to ACS outlining the perilous state of supply of aviation fuel. Note to Wing Commander Begg on requirement for a supply of ammunition for the Air Corps. Correspondence relating to the salvage and delivery to the border of British aircraft that are damaged on landing in Ireland. Correspondence relating to spare parts delivered to the Air Corps but not so far billed by the British including list of the vouchers. Note about the requisition of caterpillar tracks for a mobile crane. Note from Col Archer to Wing Commander Begg regarding order for towed target cable. Notes about procedures regarding supply of RAF stocks and paperwork. Correspondence relating to the supply of a 1087 radio transmitter to Central Control at Clondalkin and problems arising. Note about a Hurricane propeller damaged during a delivery flight. Notes about a visit by Wing Commander Begg to Air Ministry. Notes about missing vouchers. Note from ACS to Wing Commander Begg requesting assistance in the procurement of additional Miles Master aircraft with supporting letter from OC Air Corps. Correspondence relating to proposal to modify two Lysander aircraft for target towing duties. Correspondence regarding Hurricane aircraft with brief description of the Hurricane IIc. Correspondence relating to the supply of earth moving equipment for work on extending Baldonnel and Gormanston aerodromes. Information on the Martinet target towing aircraft.</p>		

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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-021		
File Title	Information Supplied by 18.M.M. at Our Request		
Scope and Content	<p>Note on information contained in the file dated 18/10/1947. Proposed establishment for an "Independent Company". Information on obstacles against tracked vehicles. Note on the protection of Ardnacrusha Power Station. Information on fighting in Crete and lessons learned. Note on likely use of landing craft by the Germans. Note on 68 A anti tank Grenade Rifle. Note on tent camouflage. Note on legal situation where an NCO from another Allied country disobeyed an order given by a British officer. Note about building camouflage. Note about pension rates for retired British officers and rates of pay for British enlisted personnel. Notes on the immobilisation of ports in the event of invasion. Request for spare parts list for Bren Gun carriers. Notes on the destruction of petrol and oil supplies. Note on "G" Squadron, a British liaison unit. Blank British confidential report forms. Map showing radius of action of British and German aircraft in Northern Ireland.</p>		

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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-022		
File Title	Other Information Supplied by 18.M.M.		
Scope and Content	<p>Note compiled in 1947 on intelligence summaries in file. Notes on handling intelligence documents. British intelligence summary on how Germans recognise their own troops, German chemical weapons and tactics and conditions on the Eastern front. War Office weekly intelligence summary dealing with Eastern front, Italy and the Mediterranean, Balkan states and Far East. Annex dealing with roles of German TODT organisation including SS and Police. 1947 note on British training instructions. Instruction on training plans for the winter of 1940/41. Instructions on use of cloth models. 1947 note on British technical reports. Summary of technical reports regarding weapons, war industry and war transportation including notes on German and Japanese equipment with drawings. 1947 note on British War Office publications including "War" and "Current Affairs". Correspondence on these publications with a copy of each included. 1947 note on addresses given by General Franklyn. Copy of one address given by GOC Northern Ireland about the German army. Notes on the organisation of the Coast Preventative Service and Local Defence Volunteers in Northern Ireland. List of films provided to the Irish Army. Note on German Army identifications. Note on defence of aerodromes. Letter on handling refugees and lessons learnt from Belgium and France. Aide memoire for staff officers in Northern Ireland.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-023		
File Title	Visits to N-Ireland and England of Our Army Officers		
Scope and Content	<p>Note on conference held in Lisburn on 03/06/1941 to discuss evacuation of Dublin and tactical plan for British assistance in the event of German invasion. Shows who was present only. Letter dated 11/07/1941 with attached report on a visit to the UK to gather information on harbour defences. Letter to COS from Major Collins Powell dated 10/07/1941 on a visit to Northern Ireland with attached report on a British army exercise dealing with a German invasion of Ireland. Extensive report dated 11/08/1941 on war exercises in Northern Ireland at which Irish officers were in attendance and included visits to various British units. Overlays showing deployment of British troops on exercise. Note on a visit by COS to Northern Ireland without details. Report on a visit to Military posts in Northern Ireland by officers of the Defence Forces in March 1943. Report deals with visit to an artillery range and looks at its procedures, organisation and construction. Notes on Anti-tank guns in defence with timetable for a 2 pounder anti-tank cadre class. Report to COS from ACS on visit paid to England to visit RAF stations. Report includes information on the induction process for aircrew and tactics used by RAF, comments on the general situation in England. Short note on visit of COS to Northern Ireland on 02/08/1944. Hand written note on visit to Northern Ireland of Col Collins Powell and Comdt Quinn.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-024		
File Title	Visits of British Officers to Eire		
Scope and Content	<p>Note to Col Archer from Col Mulcahy concerning the visit of Air Marshall Carr, RAF Northern Ireland to Dublin. Notes on a conversation with Admiral Godfrey, Royal Navy Intelligence in which the situation in Europe was discussed. Note on a conversation between Air Commodore Carr and OC Air Corps. Subjects discussed included repair of a Lockheed Hudson aircraft, lack of air defence at Shannon and conscription. Letter to COS from OC Air Corps dated 24/08/1941 on the visit of a group of British officers to Baldonnell and Collinstown. The visit included an inspection of the defences and suggestions for location of anti aircraft weapons, camouflage. Note on a meeting between COS and Brigadier Woodhouse. Letter to ACS from Director of Engineers on a meeting with a Lt Drapier of the Royal Engineers who was interested in the location of large stocks of building supplies, the organisation of Irish field engineer companies and the Irish methods of purchasing and requisitioning. Note on the visit of Gen Franklyn GOC Northern Ireland and party to Ireland. Visit included a tour of the South and Southwest in 1942. Note on another visit by Gen Franklyn and party that included a tour of the West coast (with attached itinerary). Note on a visit to Dublin of Gen Franklyn in November 1942. Letter to Gen Franklyn from COS dated 16/03/1943 thanking him for the assistance given by a Col Smith regarding anti tank crew training. Report of meetings between Irish and British artillery officers on anti tank tactical employment in December 1942 and January 1943. Included a visit to the Artillery School. Short notes on visits by various British officers in 1942/43. Note on a visit by General Sir Alan Cunningham in 1944. Visit included a tour of the South coast. Note on a visit in 1945 by Major General Bucknall. Included a tour of the South and part of the West coast.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-025		
File Title	Correspondence and Contacts with the American Army		
Scope and Content	<p>Memorandum on relationship between US Defence Attaches and Defence Forces from when USA entered the war. Covering note dated 03/05/1941 with suggested answers to a questionnaire submitted by the American Defence Attaché on the make-up of the Irish Defence Force. American memo on the Invasion and Defence of Ireland in which Ireland is regarded as defenceless. Reply to Mr David Gray, American Legation from COS dated 19/03/1942 in which Gen McKenna makes the case for the US to supply Ireland with equipment. Letter to ACS from US Defence Attaché with attached letter requesting information on the duties of G1. Hand written notes for reply. Note on the visit of US officers General Ward and Col Leavey to Ireland in July 1942. Note from US Defence Attaché thanking Major Lawlor for visit made to Fort Dunree and Fort Lenan in Co Donegal. Memo on Irish cavalry units prepared for US Defence Attaché. Letter from Defence Attaché requesting information on military education being conducted in the Irish Army with attached reply containing general information and the forewords from various courses conducted. Itinerary of a tour of Southern Ireland provided for visiting American officers with letter of thanks from Americans. List of Air Intelligence Broadcast Frequencies. List of Coast Watching Look-Out Posts. Letter to COS from US Defence Attaché expressing gratitude to the Irish Army for the assistance rendered in regards to US aircraft making forced landings in Ireland with reply from COS. Report to the Minister for Defence from COS dated 09/06/1943 on a visit to the US Hq in Northern Ireland at the invitation of Brig Gen Hill. American Forced Landing Procedures in Neutral Territory. Thank you letter to COS from Brig Gen Hill for courtesies extended to US officers on visit to Ireland. Three letters relating to markings showing the word EIRE placed on the Irish coast line. Request for information on Major Delamere and the Air Corps with answers provided. Itinerary of visit to Ireland by Brig Gen Hill. Invitation to Brig Gen Hill from COS to visit Dublin in Dec 1943 with note on the visit. Hand written report on an American soldier who had taken ill in Dublin and overstayed his leave. Note on LOP markings on the coast and difficulties encountered by US aircraft in seeing them. Report to COS from Comdt Childers on a visit made by him and Capt Teague, Air Corps to Northern Ireland. They were taken in a US aircraft around the coast of Ireland to inspect the Eire signs. The visit also included a visit to a Lockheed plant at Langford Lodge. Letter to Col Sutton US Army from Comdt Childers thanking him for the hospitality shown on his recent visit to Northern Ireland.</p>		
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Collection Name	18th Military Mission		
Reference Code	18th-MM-026		
File Title	Technical Reports		
Scope and Content	<p>Reports, provided by the British, on German, Japanese, Italian and French weapons, vehicles and ammunition.</p>		
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