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Digital sources on the inter-communal violence in Belfast in 1920-1922

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Abstract:

The inter-communal conflict in Belfast in 1920-1922 was, arguably, one of the most violent episodes of the Irish Revolution. It claimed lives of up to 500 people, up to 10,000 workers were expelled from their jobs and 23,000 people became homeless due. This finding aid presents the digitised primary sources available on the conflict in the two collections of the Military Archives of Ireland: Bureau of Military History (BMH) and the Military Service Pension Collection (MSPC).

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Abbreviations

AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
BMH	Bureau of Military History
Coy	Company
IRA	Irish Republican Army
MSPC	Military Service Pension Collection
O/C	Officer commanding
RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
RUC	Royal Ulster Constabulary
USC	Ulster Special Constabulary
UVF	Ulster Volunteer Force

Introduction

1. The inter-communal conflict in Belfast in 1920-1922

This finding aid aims to direct researchers to available digitized archival sources on the inter-communal conflict in Belfast of 1920-1922 that took place during the Irish Revolution. The conflict in the city was multi-faceted. Grassroot violence between the Protestant and Catholic communities in the city took place along with the IRA guerrilla warfare, repression by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Royal Irish Constabulary and the British army, and the warfare by the loyalist paramilitaries, including the UVF. The violent events in Belfast during these two years were, arguably, one of the most violent episodes of the Irish Revolution. While, the inter-communal violence took place throughout the North of Ireland during this period, this guide primarily focuses on the events in Belfast. This finding aid directs researchers to the available documents with sworn statements and letters that are held by Military Archives of the Department of Defence in the Republic of Ireland.

The conflict in Belfast started on 20th July 1920 with expulsions of Catholic workers from the shipyards by their Protestant co-workers¹; expulsions quickly spread to other businesses in the city. Fatalities of this conflict two years were much higher than previous inter-communal incidents in XIX century in the city. The conflict claimed lives of up to 500 people, up to 10,000 workers expelled from their jobs and 23,000 people became homeless due to burning or destruction of their houses². Intensity of the violent incidents in Belfast was much higher than in other counties of Ireland during the same period Irish Revolution³. Due to the overwhelming violence against Catholic civilians during the conflict, the nationalists in Ireland called it the pogrom⁴. This conflict is usually explained in historiography as self-defence by the Protestant community in Belfast against the actual or

¹ Thomas (ed.) Bartlett, *The Cambridge history of Ireland. Volume 4, 1880 to the present* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 302.

² Alan F. Parkinson, *Belfast's Unholy War: The Troubles of the 1920s* (Dublin: Four Courts P., 2004), 13.

³ Robert Lynch, *The Northern IRA and the early years of partition : 1920-1922* (Irish Academic Press, 2006), 41.

⁴ Niall Cunningham, "'The doctrine of vicarious punishment': space, religion and the Belfast Troubles of 1920-22," Article, *Journal of Historical Geography* 40 (2013): 52, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2013.01.001>, Accessed: 14-05-2020 14:19 UTC.

perceived threat posed by IRA guerrilla campaign across Ireland⁵. During the conflict IRA gained a reputation for protecting Catholic civilians and institutions from mob attacks, although Robert Lynch's research suggests that members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were much more engaged in defensive measures⁶. During the conflict the state of Northern Ireland was established with its own police forces – Ulster Special Constabulary (USC), that were drawn from almost exclusively Protestant background and were involved in violent incidents against the Catholic minority in Belfast⁷.

As a response to the conflict Dáil Éireann announced the Belfast Boycott in September 1920, which was enforced by the Irish Volunteers and later the IRA throughout Ireland and caused massive damage to many Northern businesses⁸. Violence drew thousands members of the Catholic community in Belfast to seek refuge in other parts of Ireland, many of them returned to Belfast later when the violence subsided⁹.

The conflict in Belfast is part of the greater picture of the Irish history of 1920-1922s. It is placed within the events of the Irish Revolution, negotiations of Anglo-Irish War of Independence and later Civil War, Partition of Ireland, establishment of the Free Irish State and Northern Ireland, aftermath of the Great War. Study of the inter-communal violence in Belfast should place the conflict in the broad context to embrace both its unique features and how it reflected general dynamics of Irish politics of the time¹⁰.

⁵ Jim McDermott, *Northern divisions : the old IRA and the Belfast pogroms, 1920-22* (Belfast: Beyond the Pale, 2001); A.C. Hepburn, *Catholic Belfast and Nationalist Ireland in the era of Joe Devlin, 1871-1934* / (Oxford University Press, 2008), 216.

⁶ Robert Lynch, "The People's Protectors? The Irish Republican Army and the "Belfast Pogrom," 1920-1922," Article, *Journal of British Studies* 47, no. 2 (2008): 376, 82, <https://doi.org/10.1086/526757>, <https://doi.org/10.1086/526757>, Accessed: 14-05-2020 14:24 UTC.

⁷ Michael Farrell, *Arming the Protestants : the formation of the Ulster Special Constabulary and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, 1920-7* (1983), 211; Bew, Gibbon, and Patterson, *The state in Northern Ireland, 1921-72 : political forces and social classes*, 17-22, 27; R. F. Forester, *Modern Ireland: 1600-1972* (Allen Lane, 1988), 529; Oliver Rafferty, *Catholicism in Ulster* (London: Hurst, 1994); Parkinson, *Belfast's Unholy War: The Troubles of the 1920s* 309.

⁸ Lynch, *The Northern IRA and the early years of partition : 1920-1922*, 44-45.

⁹ Robert Lynch, *The Partition of Ireland 1918-1925* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), 171-72.

¹⁰ Peter Hart, *The I.R.A. at war 1916-1923* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), 258.

2. About the finding aid

This finding aid presents digitised primary sources to study the inter-communal conflict in Belfast in 1920-1922 during the Irish Revolution. The documents presented belong to two collections within the Military Archives of Ireland: Bureau of Military History (BMH) and the Military Service Pension Collection (MSPC). Department of Defence is the holder of both collections. Websites of both collections provide free online access to the catalogues and digitised copies of the primary documents.

This finding aid is organised by collections. The collection consists of two sections containing documents from the BMH and MSPC. The section with documents from the BMH presents witness statements by the members of the IRA, Irish Volunteers, Fianna Éireann, Cuman na mBan, Irish Republican Brotherhood and other organisations that discussed the conflict of the 1920s in Belfast. The section with the documents from the MSPS presents documents that were used in the formal proceedings of award of military service pensions, gratuity, medals. These are the statements made by applicants and persons that submitted references on their behalf in support of their claims to take part in the military campaign of the IRA in the North of Ireland and in the inter-communal conflict in Belfast.

Documents in this aid are grouped in the alphabetical order of names of individuals concerned. These individuals either submitted witness statements or were applicants for the pensions related to their military service. Documents from the BMH are presented one per individual. Documents from the MSPC are presented in batches that are related to each individual. Each unit of documentation is accompanied by its catalogue number, biographical information about the individual from the catalogue, URL link, themes mentioned in the document and a brief description. The list of themes and descriptions were written based on the author's interpretation of the documents and, in relation to the papers from the Military Service Pension Collection, archivist's notes available in the online database of the Collection.

The terminology used in descriptions and theme names in this finding aid is influenced by political research on political violence. Although acknowledging that the conflict was called the pogrom in nationalist and Republican discourse of 1920s and later in XX century, and that the conflict is often referred to in historiography as “sectarian violence”, this finding aid uses contemporary terms of conflict studies such as “inter-communal violence/conflict”, “violence against civilians”, “repression by state forces” etc.

3. Considering the sources presented

Selection of the documents for the finding aid was based on whether they contain reference to accounts of the inter-communal conflict in Belfast. Due to the fact that the line between combatant and civilian casualties can be hard to draw, this finding aid includes references to the military campaign of the IRA in Belfast during the conflict even though it may not be obviously related to specific inter-communal clashes. Also, claims about inter-communal mob violence have to be treated with caution, because such attacks may involve not only civilians, but also members of the security forces and paramilitary organizations.

This finding aid presents accounts of various acts of political violence in Belfast in 1920-1922 and speech about it as reported by informants of the archival documents. These include the violence against the Catholic and the Protestant civilians and their property, measures taken by the nationalist forces in Belfast to defend Catholic civilians and areas from inter-communal violence, violence between the various actors of the Irish Revolution: Irish national organisations, British army, police (RIC, RUC, USC), loyalist paramilitary organisations, including a generalised reference ‘the Protestant murder gang’. Several witness statements from the BMH refer to the measures implementing the Belfast boycott in Belfast itself and in other parts of Ireland, as the inter-communal conflict in Belfast often served as a justification to enforce the boycott. There are two witness statements referring to Catholic refugees fleeing from the conflict to Dublin and Donegal. Lastly, some of the statements refer to the inter-communal conflict as an explanation for the military and political events throughout Ireland. Due to the purpose of the collection, documents from the MSPC almost exclusively provide information about the military campaign of the IRA in Belfast and in the North during the conflict. Some of them also describe

defensive measures by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians and areas. A number of applicants for pensions and gratuity were interned at the SS 'Argenta' prison ship. Their files contain documents regarding their internment.

Both the BMH and the PSMC provide memories of the revolutionary events. In case of the BMH the interviewers were looking for detailed accounts of events and names of other participants. In the papers on the PSMC statements memories are corroborated by memories of other participants. Also, there are other primary sources submitted or produced in support of the claims by the applicants on the PSMC files: medical reports, an act of internment.

It is important to evaluate presented documents with regard the purpose of their creation. Statements on the BMH were to provide accounts of the Irish movement for independence¹¹, although more accurately they represent how these events were remembered at the time of witness interviews¹². Statements on the MSPC were meant to show that the applicant is the person to whom the Act applies. Letters and sworn statements by the references on behalf of the applicant were used to corroborate evidence provided by the applicant. This finding aid presents the documents of a number of individuals who were applicants themselves, but also acted as referees for other applicants. It is notable that the two collections have had impact on each other's contents. Applicants who were dissatisfied with the outcome of their pension application were prone to refuse to provide

¹¹ *An introduction to the Bureau of Military History* (Dublin: Military Archives), 1,

http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/An_Introduction_to_the_Bureau_of_Military_History.pdf , Accessed: 30-04-2020

12:17 UTC

¹² Evi Gkotsaridis, "Revisionist Historians and the Modern Irish State: The Conflict between the Advisory Committee and the Bureau of Military History, 1947-66," *Irish Historical Studies* 35, no. 137 (2006): 111,

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/20547412>, Accessed: 22-04-2020 22:47 UTC.

testimony to the BMH¹³. Also, there were instances when information submitted to the BMH in confidence resulted in revision of a number of successful pension claims¹⁴.

The documents in this finding aid represent information submitted by and in relation to individuals, who were predominantly Republican. Due to the fact that many of the individuals concerned claimed having actively participated in guerilla warfare and the inter-communal warfare, their information about the conflict may overlook or even distort (deliberately or not) accounts of events that were of importance for other sides of the conflict. This finding aid contains only one statement about the conflict by a witness who was serving as a member of the RIC, which sheds some light on perception of the conflict in Belfast by members of the RIC. However, perception of the conflict by unionists, moderate nationalists, members of the British forces in Ireland etc is not represented here. Their perception of the conflict may be inferred from some of the witness statements referring to encounters with members of these groups, but such statements have to be critically evaluated as they are coming from predominantly Republican speakers.

4. How to use this finding aid

This finding aid includes a classification of the themes mentioned by individuals who provided information for the archives. Researchers interested in specific themes may find it useful to skim through the aid while searching for documents that contain reference to those specific themes. Researchers interested in specific speakers (based on gender, membership in organisations, rank) can use biographical descriptions of speakers to find those of their interest.

¹³ Marie Coleman, "Military service pensions and the recognition and reintegration of guerrilla fighters after the Irish revolution," *Historical Research* 91, no. 253 (2018): 571-72, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2281.12231>, Accessed: 13-05-2020 13:31 UTC.

¹⁴ Eve Morrison, "The Bureau of Military History and the Boston College Project compared and contrasted," *History Ireland* 23, no. 3 (2015): 8, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24292297>, Accessed: 22-04-2020 22:48 UTC.

Information provided by the statements in the documents presented can be used in diverse types of research of the inter-communal conflict in Belfast, the Irish Revolution and Irish history of XX century. For example, they may be used to reconstruct the timeline of the conflict and actors involved. They also may be used for study of popular political views among members of the IRA and how the events were seen by their contemporaries. Since both collections were a product of functioning of the Department of Defense, they may be used to study how representation of the events in documents by the individuals was related to the official stance of the state with regards to the Irish Revolution and the inter-communal conflict in Belfast.

Finding aid

I. Bureau of Military History

About the Archive

This collection was aimed at collecting sworn witness statements about the events of the Irish Revolution and War of Independence from formation of the Irish Volunteers until 1921¹⁵, but in fact it contains statements about earlier and later events, including the Ulster Crisis and the Civil War. The witnesses were the members of the Irish Republican Army, Irish Volunteers, Irish Republican Brotherhood, Cumann na mBan and other organisations. Their membership is indicated in the descriptions of the documents. Witness statements presented in this finding aid provide insights into how the inter-communal conflict in Belfast of 1920-1922 during the Irish Revolution was perceived and remembered by the members of the IRA and other Irish national organisations.

Witness statements were collected in 1947-1954¹⁶. Individual statements available in the archive do not indicate a specific date when they were collected. Therefore, it is suggested to assume that all presented statements were collected within the officially stated period of time. The collection contains 1773 witness statements and a range of other types of sources: contemporary documents, photographs, voice recordings, press cuttings¹⁷.

The digitised collection presents one file per each individual that contains a witness statement. Occasionally, the statements are quite long and they are divided into two files. Also, some files additionally include memos of the interviewers. The scanned files allow for the in-text search. All documents presented are in English.

¹⁵ *An introduction to the Bureau of Military History*, 1.

¹⁶ Gkotzaridis, "Revisionist Historians and the Modern Irish State: The Conflict between the Advisory Committee and the Bureau of Military History, 1947-66," 111.

¹⁷ *An introduction to the Bureau of Military History*, 1.

Links

Web-page of the collection on the Military Archives web-page:

<http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921>

The full official guide to the collection:

http://bmh.militaryarchives.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/An_Introduction_-_to_the_Bureau_of_Military_History.pdf

List of sources with descriptions

1.	Name of the witness:	Brady, Margaret
	Document No:	WS1267
	Bio:	Member of Cumann na mBan, Cloone, Co. Leitrim, 1918-1921.
	Themes mentioned:	Inter-communal violence in Belfast as justification for the Belfast boycott
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS1267.pdf
	Description:	The witness reflects on the measures of the Belfast boycott implemented due to the ongoing violence against the Catholic civilians in Belfast.

2.	Name of the witness:	Cusack, Sean
	Document No:	WS402
	Bio:	Brigade O/C, Irish Volunteers; Antrim and East Down Brigade 1919; IRA Organizer East Down, 1920.

	Themes mentioned:	Perception of the inter-communal conflict by the leadership of the I.R.A., accounts of the inter-communal violence, 'Protestant murder gang', murder of the District Inspector Swanzy
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0402.pdf
	Description:	The witness describes his involvement in the murder of the District Inspector Swanzy. He provides accounts of violence, including murders of the Catholic civilians by a so-called 'Protestant murder gang'.

3.	Name of the witness:	Dobbyn, Seamus
	Document No:	WS279
	Bio:	Member of Dungannon Club 1907; Member of Supreme Council, Irish Republican Brotherhood, 1917 – 1921; Irish Volunteers Derry 1913-21; Brigade Intelligence Officer Belfast Brigade IRA 1920.
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, intelligence work of the IRA in the North, accounts of the inter-communal violence, accusations of the British troops of the lack of interference with the inter-communal violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0279.pdf
	Description:	The witness mainly discusses IRA intelligence activity in the North. According to him, IRA intelligence had information about planned loyalist attack against Catholic civilians three months prior to the actual events. He discusses his request for ammunition from the IRA leadership to react to the developing inter-communal conflict. He criticizes the British government for the lack of action to protect the Catholic population, as, according to him, there were

		measures taken by the British state to protect Italian Catholics after a request from the Italian Embassy.
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4.	Name of the witness:	Doherty, Dominic
	Document No:	WS846
	Bio:	Member of Fianna Eireann, Derry; Member of Irish Volunteers, Derry; Member of A.S.U.. IRA, Derry, 1921.
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0846.pdf
	Description:	The witness mentioned being attacked together with other members of the Irish Volunteers by the crowd of the Protestants in Belfast while passing under military guard handcuffed under arrest.

5.	Name of the witness:	Dolan, Joe
	Document No:	WS900
	Bio:	Member of A Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade 1917; Member Of G.H.Q. Intelligence, 1920; Member of 'The Squad', IRA, 1921
	Themes mentioned:	Inter-communal violence in Belfast as the justification for Michael Collins to order execution of Wilson
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0900.pdf

	Description:	The witness brings up the issue that Michael Collins must have ordered to have Sir Henry Wilson assassinated due to his position at the British forces that were allegedly a party to the conflict.
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6.	Name of the witness:	Flynn, Thomas
	Document No:	WS429
	Bio:	Company O/C., Captain IRA, Belfast, 1921; Member Brigade ASU, Belfast, 1921
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of measures taken by the I.R.A. to defend Catholic civilians, violence by the IRA against the Protestant civilians, 'Protestant murder gang', IRA military campaign in the North, IRA military action against UVF, accounts of the inter-communal violence, hearings in court concerning the members of the Irish Volunteers
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0429.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses various incidents of violence during the conflict, including the so-called 'Protestant murder gang' attacking Catholic civilians in their homes. Also, he describes the military campaign by the IRA against the state and raiding homes of the Protestants in Belfast.

7.	Name of the witness:	Finn, Seamus
	Document No:	WS1060
	Bio:	Adjutant, Meath Brigade, 1916-'17; Vice O/C. and Director of Training 1st Eastern Division; Officer IRA, Meath, 1921

	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS1060.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses kidnapping of the Protestant hostages by the IRA in 1922 during the Truce.

8.	Name of the witness:	Fitzpatrick, Thomas
	Document No:	WS395
	Bio:	Captain, C Company 2nd Battalion Belfast Brigade IRA; O/C. Antrim Brigade 1921-22; O/C. Belfast Brigade June-October 1922.
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence, accounts of the RUC attacks against Catholic civilians, IRA attacks on the Protestant civilians, military campaign of the IRA in the North
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0395.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses violence against Catholic civilians by the loyalist as an intelligence paramilitaries, whilst discussing how the IRA conducted raids of Protestant homes. Also, he mentions the RUC attacking Catholic civilians. He discusses inter-communal violence and IRA campaign in the city throughout 1920-1922.

9.	Name of the witness:	Fox, Thomas
	Document No:	WS365

	Bio:	Officer of Irish Volunteers and the IRA, Belfast, 1916 - 1921; Quartermaster 3 Cavan Brigade, IRA 1922
	Themes mentioned:	Measures taken by the Irish Volunteers to protect Catholic civilians, killing of Swanzy, military campaign of the Irish Volunteers in Belfast, policing strategy of the Government of Northern Ireland, ending of inter-communal violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0365.pdf
	Description:	The witness provides a detailed account of his involvement in the murder of District Inspector Swanzy, which he refers to as a cause of the attack by the Protestant civilians against the Catholic civilians in Lisburn in 1920. Among other things, he mentions the negotiations to cease inter-communal violence in Belfast in 1922.

10.	Name of the witness:	Gaynor, Liam
	Document No:	WS0183
	Bio:	Member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, Belfast 1907-1916; Irish Volunteers, Belfast 1914-1916
	Themes mentioned:	Repression by the British troops, Belfast boycott
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0183.pdf
	Description:	The witness mentions that his brother was killed by the British forces in Belfast mistaken for the witness himself. He further mentions that Belfast boycott was imposed by Dáil Éireann in response to violence against the Catholic population in the North ('The Pogrom').

11.	Name of the witness:	Maguire, Patrick
	Document No:	WS693
	Bio:	Quartermaster 2nd Brigade, 2nd Northern Division, Irish Volunteers 1913-1923; Officer IRA, Belfast, 1919 - 1923
	Themes mentioned:	Belfast boycott, Craig-Collins pact as an explanation for loyalist violence, violence by the IRA against the Protestant civilians
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0693.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses the IRA activity to enforce the Belfast boycott. Also, he describes violence by the IRA during the Craig-Collins pact against prominent members of the Protestant community.

12.	Name of the witness:	McConnell, J.J.
	Document No:	WS509
	Bio:	Member of RIC, Dublin, 1907 Sergeant; District Inspector RIC, 1921
	Themes mentioned:	Perception of the inter-communal conflict by the RIC
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0509.pdf
	Description:	The witness describes his service in the RIC during the conflict. He reflects on the process of establishing the RUC and various violent incidents, including three attempts on his own life.

13.	Name of the witness:	McConville, Sean
	Document No:	WS495

	Bio:	Company O/C., Irish Volunteers Sept. 1920-1921; Commandant IRA, Armagh, 1921; Battalion O/c. March 1921 May 1923.
	Themes mentioned:	Belfast boycott
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0495.pdf
	Description:	The witness describes the measures taken to enforce Belfast boycott by the IRA.

14.	Name of the witness:	McCorley, Roger E.
	Document No:	WS389
	Bio:	OC Antrim Brigade, IRA 1920
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence in Belfast, measures taken by the I.R.A. to defend the Catholic civilians and areas, murder of the District Inspector Swanzy, accusations of the British troops of the lack of interference with the inter-communal violence, medical treatment of the I.R.A. member in the hospital in Belfast, the military campaign of the I.R.A. in the North, intelligence work of the I.R.A. in the North, opinions of the R.U.C.
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0389.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses violence during the inter-communal conflict in detail. He describes the defense tactics of the IRA in the Catholic areas against he intrusion by the state or loyalist paramilitaries. Also, he provides insights in his medical treatment in a hospital in Belfast during the conflict. He alleges that the IRA intelligence had access to the telephone lines and was well-informed about police operations at the time.

15.	Name of the witness:	McCoy, John
	Document No:	WS492
	Bio:	Battalion Adjutant 1918-19, Irish Volunteers; Brigade Adjutant 1919-21; Commandant IRA, Armagh, 1921; Member of Bureau of Military History, 1913-1921
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence, perception of the UVF, relationship between the AOH and the IRA, perception of the RUC, perception of the Anglo-Irish Treaty by the Northern Divisions, negotiations to stop violence in the North
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0492.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses the military operations of the IRA during the conflict and detrimental effect of Belfast boycott to the Northern businesses. He also provides insights into establishment of the RUC and attitude of the IRA to the AOH.

16.	Name of the witness:	McGuill, James
	Document No:	WS353
	Bio:	O/C Irish Volunteers, Dundalk 1918-19; A Brigade O/C Louth IRA 1919-20; Head Centre, Irish Republican Brotherhood Co. Louth 1919-20
	Themes mentioned:	Inter-communal violence in Dundalk explained as having been caused by the inter-communal violence in Belfast

	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0353.pdf
	Description:	The witness provides reasoning of inter-communal violence in Dundalk based on the ongoing inter-communal conflict in Belfast. He describes how the inter-communal incident against the Protestants in Dundalk was attributed to the IRA in the media, while he himself publicly denounced those involved as not being supported by the IRA.

17.	Name of the witness:	McGuinness, David
	Document No:	WS417
	Bio:	Member of Irish Volunteers Belfast 1914 -; Assistant to O/C. Intelligence 3rd Northern Division IRA 1918-1921
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of inter-communal violence, perception of the conflict by the leadership of the IRA
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0417.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses the IRA intelligence on the ongoing inter-communal conflict in Belfast. He partly attributes engagement by the government of Northern Ireland in cessation of violence to the success of the Belfast boycott.

18.	Name of the witness:	McKenna, Seamus
	Document No:	WS1016
	Bio:	Commandant IRA, Belfast, 1921; Lieutenant Cavan ASU, 1921

	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, repression by the RIC, measures taken by the IRA to defend Catholic civilians and areas
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS1016.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses various operations of the IRA military campaign in Belfast and repressive measures by the RIC. Among other things, he mentions the change of the initial attitude of the IRA to the conflict and further defense of the Catholic institutions and areas.

19.	Name of the witness:	McNally, Thomas
	Document No:	MS410
	Bio:	Brigade Quartermaster 1920 (Belfast Brigade), Irish Volunteers; Divisional Quartermaster (3rd Northern Division), IRA 1921-1922
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, accounts of the inter-communal violence, repressions by the RIC, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0410.pdf
	Description:	The witness provides various accounts of the inter-communal violence during the conflict. He describes how the members of the IRA defended Catholic institutions from attacks. He also denounces the AOH as “unreliable” members of the Catholic community.

20.	Name of the witness:	Murray, Joseph
	Document No:	WS412
	Bio:	D Company 2nd Battalion Belfast Brigade, IRA 1921; O/C. 3rd Battalion Belfast Brigade, IRA 1921.
	Themes mentioned:	Measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, cooperation between Catholic civilians and the members of the IRA, the violence of the IRA against Protestant civilians, consideration by the IRA members of potential retaliation against Catholic civilians for the military action by the IRA, accounts of the inter-communal violence, negotiations to stop violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0412.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses how the IRA members contemplated retaliation for the expulsion of the Catholic workers from work in the shipyards and other employment in Belfast. Also, he provides accounts of the IRA warfare in the city during the conflict.

21.	Name of the witness:	Nugent, Laurence
	Document No:	WS907
	Bio:	Officer of Irish Volunteers and IRA, Dublin, 1913 – 1921; Lieutenant 'K' Company, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade
	Themes mentioned:	Belfast boycott, accounts of the inter-communal violence in Belfast, refugees from the Northern Ireland in Dublin, explanation of the loyalist violence
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0907.pdf

	Description:	The witness describes the arrival of the refugees from Belfast and Northern Ireland in Dublin fleeing from the inter-communal conflict and repression of the members of the IRA. He describes relief provided to them in Dublin and their further billeting in Belfast.
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22.	Name of the witness:	O'Donoghue, Michael V.
	Document No:	WS1741 (part 2)
	Bio:	Engineer Cork 1 Brigade IRA, 1921; President GAA, 1952 – 1955
	Themes mentioned:	Belfast boycott, refugees from the Northern Ireland in Donegal
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS1741%20PART%202.pdf
	Description:	The witness mentions sheltering in Donegal for the refugees from Northern Ireland who were fleeing from the inter-communal conflict.

23.	Name of the witness:	O'Kelly, J.J.
	Document No:	WS384
	Bio:	Editor of 'Catholic Bulletin', 1916; Speaker of Dáil Éireann, 1919
	Themes mentioned:	Perception of the inter-communal conflict by the leadership of the IRA
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0384.pdf
	Description:	The witness describes a discussion within the Provisional Government when Cathal Brugha appealed to intervene with the inter-communal conflict in the North and he was not supported by his counterparts.

24.	Name of the witness:	O'Mullane, Brighid
	Document No:	WS450
	Bio:	Officer Cumann na mBan, Dublin, 1917 – 1921; Member of Executive of G.H.Q., Cumann na mBan 1918
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence, perception of the AOH, incidents between members of Cuman na mBan and the police
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0450.pdf
	Description:	The witness describes a number of non-violent incidents involving a procession of Protestant women, the police and the Protestant civilians.

25.	Name of the witness:	Prendergast, Sean
	Document No:	WS755
	Bio:	Member of Fianna Eireann, 1911; Officer Irish Volunteers, Dublin, 1914 - 1916; Captain IRA, Dublin, 1921
	Themes mentioned:	Belfast boycott
	URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS0755%20section%202.pdf
	Description:	The witness discusses the measures taken by the IRA to enforce the Belfast boycott. He reflects on their impact on the businesses from Northern Ireland.

26.	Name of the witness:	Reilly, James
	Document No:	WS1593

Bio:	Capt. Kinnegad Coy., Irish Volunteers, Co. Westmeath; O/C 2nd Battalion, Mullingar Brigade, Captain IRA, Westmeath, 1921
Themes mentioned:	Inter-communal violence in Belfast as justification for the Belfast boycott
URL:	http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921/reels/bmh/BMH.WS1593.pdf
Description:	The witness mentions his own activity on enforcement of the Belfast boycott. He mentions that the violence against Catholic civilians in the North ('The Pogrom') was a justification for imposing the boycott.

II. Military Service Pension Collection

About the Archive

This collection contains papers related to compensation by the Free Irish State and Republic of Ireland to the recognised members of the IRA and other national organisations as well as their family members. Personal statements by the applicants and individuals invited to provide reference on their behalf provide accounts of individuals' participation in the inter-communal conflict in Belfast in 1920-1922.

According to the official Guide to the collection, the collection dates back to 1924 when pensions and allowances was established by the Free Irish State for members of the IRA and other organisations and their dependents¹⁸. The rules of procedure, types of compensation and eligibility of applicants changed overtime. Applicants and their references submitted information on their roles in the Irish Revolutionary events to prove their claims for military service, which would make them eligible to receive pensions, gratuity etc¹⁹. Their applications were examined by the relevant bodies related to the Department of Defence based on the legislation, which also changed throughout the time²⁰. Overall the collection contains approximately 40,000 files²¹.

¹⁸ Catriona Crowe (ed), *Guide to the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection* (Óglaigh na hÉireann, 2012), 14,

http://www.militaryarchives.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/MSPC/Guide_to_the_Military_Service_%281916-1923%29_Pensions_Collection.pdf , Accessed: 30-04-2020 14:49 UTC

¹⁹ Crowe (ed), *Guide to the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection*, 15.

²⁰ Crowe (ed), *Guide to the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection*, 15.

²¹ Crowe (ed), *Guide to the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection*, 18.

Listing of the documents in the finding aid

The digitised documents available online consist of batches of various documents related to each individual case. The numbers of batches of documents for an individual vary from two to five. The number of batches depended on different types of proceedings that the individual initiated. Digitised batches of files do not allow for the in-text search. For this reason the finding aid provides numbers of pages within the scanned file.

All presented documents are in English. Some official forms and letters contain phrases in Irish. A small number of letters from one applicant presented are in Irish. They are mentioned in a description of his case, but they were not analysed for the purposes of this aid.

Links

Web-page of the collection on the Military Archives web-page:

<http://www.militaryarchives.ie/en/collections/online-collections/military-service-pensions-collection-1916-1923>

The full official guide to the collection:

http://www.militaryarchives.ie/fileadmin/user_upload/MSPC/Guide_to_the_Military_Service_%281916-1923%29_Pensions_Collection.pdf

List of sources with descriptions

1.	Case No:	MSP34REF7247
	Name of the applicant:	Boomer, Robert
	Bio:	Sergeant, 1 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, F Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians
	Description:	The applicant and his references submit that during the inter-communal conflict in Belfast he was an active member of the IRA. The applicant describes his involvement in the military operations of the IRA in Belfast. He mentions that he defending Catholic institutions during the conflict. The applicant claimed disability due to being wounded while marching in Belfast in 1921.

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1.	Medical report on the claimed disability of Mr Boomer	14/10/1924	25-28	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
2.	Letter from the Office of Adjutant General confirming that Mr Boomer was wounded while performing his duty	30/09/1924	31	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf

3.	Letter of reference by S. Woods	25/09/1924	32	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
4.	Statement by Mr Boomer concerning his wound pension application	4/9/1924	41-44	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
5.	Letter by Mr Boomer in support of his application	No date	45-49	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
6.	Medical record from Mater Hospital on Mr Boomer's wound	9/7/1924	50-51	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/1P115%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
7.	Letter of reference by Joseph Cullen	28/10/1951	11	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
8.	Application by Mr Boomer to appeal rejection of his service certificate application	26/3/1950	15-16	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf

9.	Letter by Mr Boomer to Seamus Woods	14/10/1941	27-28	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
10.	Statement of testimony from Sean Keenan	25/4/1939	59	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
11.	Statement of testimony from Messrs Fox and Cullen	14/6/1938	60	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
12.	Statement of testimony from Mr Corley	6/9/1938	61	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
13.	Summary of statements by Mr Boomer	9/11/1937	70	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
14.	Sworn statement by Mr Boomer	9/11/1937	71-76	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf

15.	Statement by Mr Boomer	No date	77-80	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
16.	Letter of reference by Mr Cullen	4/11/1937	81	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
17.	Letter of reference by P. O Leanaecin	6/11/1937	82	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
18.	Letter of reference by Seán Keenan	No date	83	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf
19.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Boomer	15/06/1935	88-106	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer/MSP34REF7247%20Robert%20Boomer.pdf

2.	Case No:	MSP34REF2556
	Name of the applicant:	Booth, Frank
	Bio:	Volunteer, 1 Battalion, A Company, Belfast Brigade, Irish Volunteers; Private, 1 Battalion, A Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA

Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, relationship of the IRA with the loyalist paramilitaries
Description:	The applicant describes his role in the IRA warfare during the conflict. He states that he took part in preventing the attacks on the Catholic areas during the conflict. He also mentions that he procured arms from a member of the UVF for the use by the IRA. He states that he was involved in the operation by the IRA to burn Belfast as retaliation for Cork being burnt by the British troops.

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1.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Booth	5/11/1938	11-20	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/34E4003%20%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
2.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Booth	11/2/1935	2-20	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
3.	Letter of reference by P. Ó Seánschain	6/11/1973	25	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf

4.	Letter of reference by E. Quinn	No date	26	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
5.	Letter of reference by Liam Gaynor	4/11/1937	27	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
6.	Letter of reference by Liam Gaynor	11/11/1937	28-29	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
7.	Letter of reference by Seamus Dobbyn	8/11/1937	30	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
8.	Letter of reference by Denis McCullough	8/11/1937	31	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
9.	Letter of reference by Terence Lee	5/4/1937	32	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf

10.	Letter of reference by P. McCarragher	6/11/1937	33	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
11.	Letter of reference by Joseph Billings	No date	34-35	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
12.	Summary of statements by Frank Booth	9/11/1937	36	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
13.	Sworn statement by Frank Booth	9/11/1937	37-42	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf
14.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service to Mr Booth	34SP/2748	47-52	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth/MSP34REF2556%20Frank%20Booth.pdf

3.	Case No:	MSP34REF6062
	Name of the applicant:	Burns, Patrick
	Bio:	Private, 2 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, A Company 1 Brigade (Belfast), IRA

Themes mentioned:	Accounts of inter-communal violence, military campaign of the IRA in the North, “reprisal gang”
Description:	The applicant describes his role in numerous operations of the IRA against the British forces. He mentions defense against a “reprisal gang”.

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1.	Letter in support of his application by Mr Burns	25/6/1935	10	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf
2.	Sworn statement by Mr Burns	6/6/1935	12	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf
3.	Sworn statement by Mr Burns	26/6/1935	13	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf
4.	Sworn statement by Sean McDavitt	No date	14	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf
5.	Sworn statement by Mr Burns	26/6/1935	15-16	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick

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6.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Burns	15/4/1935	17-35	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf
7.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Burns	30/2/1935	37-47	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6062%20Patrick%20Burns/34E268%20%20Patrick%20Burns.pdf

4.	Case No:	MSP34REF954
	Name of the applicant:	Carolan, Alphonsus
	Bio:	Private, 2 Battalion, A Company (Ardoyne), Belfast Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of inter-communal violence, measures taken by the IRA to defend Catholic civilians, military campaign of the IRA in the North
	Description:	The applicant submits that he participated in the IRA measures to defend Ardoyne area from attacks from the RIC and Protestant attackers. He gives accounts of several violent incidents during the inter-communal conflict in Belfast.

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1.	Application for a medal by Mr Carolan	No date	6-7	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF954%20Alphonsus%20Carolan/34SP870%20Alphonsus%20Carolan.pdf
2.	Sworn statement by Mr Carolan	16/09/1941	16	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF954%20Alphonsus%20Carolan/MSP34REF954%20Alphonsus%20Carolan.pdf
3.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Carolan	16/01/1955	22-40	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF954%20Alphonsus%20Carolan/MSP34REF954%20Alphonsus%20Carolan.pdf

5.	Case No:	MSP34REF21087
	Name of the applicant:	Carolan, Andrew
	Bio:	Company Adjutant, 2 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, A Company (Ardoyne), Belfast Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of inter-communal violence, military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians
	Description:	The applicant describes his role in the military activity of the IRA in Belfast. He provides an account of an attack by the Protestant residents on the Catholic residents of the Ardoyne area.

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1.	Application for a medal	No date	6-7	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF21087%20Andrew%20Carolan/34SP21595%20Andrew%20Carolan.pdf
2.	Sworn statement by Mr Carolan	26/09/1940	5-6	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF21087%20Andrew%20Carolan/MSP34REF21087%20Andrew%20Carolan.pdf
3.	Application for a service certificate	3/12/1936	10-28	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF21087%20Andrew%20Carolan/MSP34REF21087%20Andrew%20Carolan.pdf

6.	Case No:	24SP12788
	Name of the applicant:	Devlin, Felix
	Bio:	Rank Unknown, 1 Battalion, B Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Divisional Staff Officer, 3 Northern Division, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, Belfast boycott, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians
	Description:	The applicant discusses his role in various military operations of the IRA in Belfast. Among other responsibilities, his role was to facilitate implementation of the Belfast boycott in the city. He states that he took part

		in the defense of the Catholic civilians from inter-communal attacks during the conflict.
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1.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Devlin	23/2/1925	3-8	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R5/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin.pdf
2.	Sworn statement by Major McNally	13/1/1926	12-17	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R5/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin.pdf
3.	Sworn statement by S. McGauran	13/1/1926	18-23	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R5/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin.pdf
4.	Sworn statement by Seamus Woods	12/1/1926	24-29	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R5/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin.pdf
5.	Memo attached to a sworn statement (author not identified)	No date	30	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R5/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin/24SP12788%20Felix%20Devlin.pdf

7	Case No:	MSP34REF4122
	Name of the applicant:	Hughes, Gerald Joseph

Bio:	Private, Armagh Battalion; Irish Republican Army, Private, 3 Battalion, Dublin Brigade, IRA
Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, accounts of inter-communal violence
Description:	The applicant describes his role in the military operations of the IRA in Belfast. He mentions that he participated in the street fighting in Belfast during the inter-communal conflict.

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1.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Hughes	19/7/1938	40-45	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/34E4728%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
2.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Hughes	21/7/1939	7-12	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
3.	Letter of reference by Ben Doyle	5/11/1938	14	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
4.	Letter by Mr Hughes forwarding the reference from Ben Doyle	5/11/1938	15-16	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf

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5.	Summary of the sworn statement by Mr Hughes	29/06/1938	18	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
6.	Sworn statement by Mr Hughes	29/06/1938	19-25	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
7.	Written statement No 1 by Mr Hughes	No date	26-27	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
8.	Written statement No 2 by Mr Hughes	No date	28-29	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf
9.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Hughes	8/03/1935	30-48	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes/MSP34REF4122%20Gerald%20Joseph%20Hughes.pdf

8.	Case No:	MSP34REF60258
	Name of the applicant:	Mathews, David
	Bio:	Rank Unknown, Belfast Brigade, Fianna Éireann; First Lieutenant, James Connolly Sluagh, Belfast Brigade, Fianna Éireann; Section Leader, 1 Battalion, B Company, Belfast Brigade, Irish Volunteers; Company Officer Commanding, 1 Battalion, E Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Battalion Officer Commanding, 1 Battalion, Belfast Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, internment on the SS "Argenta"
	Description:	The applicant discusses engagement in various operations of the IRA in Belfast. He mentions a number of clashes with the British forces and loyalist paramilitaries during the inter-communal conflict. He was interned on the SS 'Argenta' prison ship and other prisons.

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1.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Mathews	29/4/1936	2-20	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
2.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	27/7/1945	26	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf

3.	Sworn statement by Mr Mathews	4/1/1946	36-37	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
4.	Sworn statement by Mr Mathews	4/1/1946	38-39	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
5.	Filled in forms of sworn statements, no speaker identified	No date	40-42	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
6.	Sworn statements by Mr Mathews	4/11/1946	44-45	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
7.	Letter of reference from Séan McGoran	24/4/1946	58	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
8.	Letter of reference by Patrick Dawney	3/1/1946	64-65	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf

9.	Letter of reference by John Joseph Dawney	17/7/1946	70-71	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
10.	Sworn statement by John Joseph Dawney	26/07/1946	74-75	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
11.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	20/9/1946	80-84	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
12.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	30/9/1946	85	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
13.	Letter of reference by P. Osbourne	28/09/1946	89	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews.pdf
14.	Internment order concerning Mr Mathews	27/11/1925 (corrected from 1922)	27	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/DP3040%20David%20Mathews.pdf

15.	Service certificate issued to Mr Mathews	26/11/1935	28-29	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/DP3040%20David%20Mathews.pdf
16.	Letter from the Department of Defense to P. Thornberry concerning the application of Mr Mathews	14/11/1934	8-9	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/1RB1254%20David%20Mathews.pdf
17.	Sworn statement by Mr Mathews	14/11/1934	10	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/1RB1254%20David%20Mathews.pdf
18.	Memorandum with answers by Mr Mathews	14/11/1934	11	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/1RB1254%20David%20Mathews.pdf
19.	Letter from the Department of Defense to Alex Johnston concerning the application of Mr Mathews	14/11/1934	17-18	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R7/MSP34REF60258%20David%20Mathews/1RB1254%20David%20Mathews.pdf

9.	Case No:	MSP34REF6085
	Name of the applicant:	McKee, Charles Alexander
	Bio:	Private, 1 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, B Company 1 Brigade (Belfast), IRA; Private, Active Service Unit (Flying Column), 3 Northern Division, 1 Brigade (Belfast), IRA; Private, Active Service Unit (Flying Column), Cavan Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect the Catholic civilians, internment on the SS "Argenta"
	Description:	The applicant describes the operations of the IRA in Belfast in which he was involved. He states that he guarded the Catholic institutions during the conflict in the city. He was interned twice. During his second internment he was held on the SS 'Argenta' prison ship.

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1.	Sworn statement by Mr McKee	19/8/1935	12-14	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
2.	Letter by Mr McKee enclosing letters of reference from his referees	13/8/1935	15	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee.pdf

3.	Letter of reference (author unidentified)	8/8/1935	16-17	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
4.	Sworn statement by P. Osbourne	3/8/1935	18, 19	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
5.	Sworn statement by Sean Keenan	26/6/1935	22	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
6.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	26/6/1935	23	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
7.	Sworn statement by McKee	26/6/1935	24-25	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
8.	Application for a service certificate by Mr McKee	15/4/1935	26-44	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files// PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20 Alexander%20McKee/MSP34REF6085%20Charles %20Alexander%20McKee.pdf

9.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr McKee	20/9/1935	61-66	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6085%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee/34E277%20%20Charles%20Alexander%20McKee.pdf
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10.	Case No:	MSP34REF6048
	Name of the applicant:	McMahon, Patrick
	Bio:	Private, 1 Battalion, B Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Private, 5 Northern Division, Cavan Flying Column [Active Service Unit], IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Accounts of the inter-communal violence, military campaign of the IRA in the North
	Description:	The applicant discusses his role in military activity of the IRA in Belfast and Cavan. He mentions that he was involved in the street fighting in Belfast during the inter-communal conflict.

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1.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr McMahon	30/2/1935	21-26	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/34E305%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
2.	Copy of the report by the Referee awarding a military service pension	21/4/1972	4-10	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20

	to Mr McMAhon and its verification letter by P. Osbourne			McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
3.	Letter of reference by P. Fox	24/6/1935	11	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
4.	Letter of reference by Seán Keenan	No date	12	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
5.	Sworn statement by Mr McMahon	26/6/1935	13-14	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
6.	Sworn statement by Seán Keenan	26/6/1935	15	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
7.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	26/6/1935	16	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf

8.	Application for a service certificate by Mr McMahon	15/4/1935	17-35	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon/MSP34REF6048%20Patrick%20McMahon.pdf
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11.	Case No:	24SP4705
	Name of the applicant:	McWhinney, James
	Bio:	Private, 1 Battalion, B Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians
	Description:	The applicant describes military activity in the IRA that he was involved in. In particular, he refers to defense of the Catholic civilians during the inter-communal conflict in Belfast.

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1.	Application for a service certificate by Mr McWhinney	13/1/1925	3-15	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney.pdf
2.	Reference questionnaire completed by Felix Devlin	1/5/1925	20-25	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney.pdf

3.	Reference questionnaire completed by Seamas Woods	1/5/1925	26-31	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney.pdf
4.	Reference questionnaire completed by Roger McCorley	1/5/1925	32-37	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney/24SP4705%20James%20McWhinney.pdf

12.	Case No:	MSP34REF1463
	Name of the applicant:	Mulholland, James
	Bio:	Company Intelligence Officer, 1 Battalion, A Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Company Intelligence Officer, 2 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, A Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Company Intelligence Officer, 3 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, A Company, 1 Brigade, IRA; Intelligence Officer, General Headquarters, IRA
	Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, "murder gang"
	Description:	The applicant discusses his role in the military campaign of the IRA in the city. He states that during the inter-communal conflict he took part in patrols, pickets and defense the Catholic civilians. He states that he was watching the District Inspector Nixon who was alleged to be the head of the "Murder Gang".

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1.	Letter from Rúnaí Aire regarding the confirmed rank of Mr Mulholland	9/1/1934	107	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
2.	Letter of recommendation by M. Carolan	30/10/1933	109	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
3.	Letter in support of his application describing his service by Mr Mulholland	25/2/33	116-117	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
4.	Letter from the Office of Adjutant General certifying that Mulholland was wounded whilst performing his service	26/02/1925	123	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
5.	Statement concerning the wound pension by Mr Mulholland	No date	136-138	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
6.	Statement concerning the wound pension by Mulholland	20/1/1925	139-141	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/1P712%20James%20Mulholland.pdf

7.	Letter concerning additional information about his service by Mr Mulholland	20/8/1937	8-9	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
8.	Reference letter by Mr McCorley	17/8/1937	10	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
9.	Letter of reference by Francis Toolen	11/8/1937	11	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
10.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Mulholland	5/8/1934	13-18	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
11.	Letter in support of his application by Mr Mulholland	14/09/1936	23-25	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
12.	Sworn statement by Mr Mulholland	17/09/1936	26-29	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf

13.	Sworn statement by Michael Carolan	31/07/1936	31-32	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
14.	Letter concerning his application by Mulholland	21/07/1936	33-34	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
15.	Letter of reference by Francis Toolen	21/7/1936	35	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
16.	Sworn statement by Messrs Keenan and McCorley	6/7/1936	39-40	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
17.	Sworn statement by Mr Mulholland	26/6/1936	41-42	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
18.	Sworn statement by Roger McCorley	26/6/1936	43	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf

19.	Letter of reference by Séan Uas Cuillin	7/11/1935	48	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
20.	Letter of reference by M. Carolan	3/2/1935	49-52	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
21.	Letter of reference by Francis Toolen	2/11/1935	53-56	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
22.	Letter of reference by Séan Uas Cuillin	21/10/1935	58	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
23.	Letter of reference by Mr Boland	2/7/1935	61-62	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
24.	Letter of reference by Peter Keating	25/6/1935	63	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf

25.	Letter of reference (author not identified)	23/6/1935	64	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files/PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
26.	Letter of reference by Mr Corbin	25/6/1935	65	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files/PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
27.	Letter of reference by Séan Uas Cuillin	24/6/1935	66-67	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files/PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
28.	Letter of reference by Francis Toolen	24/6/1935	68-69	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files/PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf
29.	Application for a service certificate by Mr Mulholland	3/01/1935	71-89	http://msearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files/PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland/MSP34REF1463%20James%20Mulholland.pdf

13.	Case No:	MSP34REF7497
	Name of the applicant:	Thornbury, Patrick Joseph
	Bio:	Rank Unknown, Officer Training Corps, Dublin Brigade, IRA; Vice Battalion Officer Commanding, 4 Battalion, 3 Northern Division, Belfast Brigade, IRA;

	Divisional Officer Commanding, 3 Northern Division, IRA; Brigade Officer Commanding, Belfast Brigade, IRA
Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, internment of the SS 'Argenta'
Description:	<p>The applicant discusses efforts to repeal the attacks on the Catholic areas and civilians during the inter-communal conflict. He discusses his role in military operations of the IRA against both the state and loyalist paramilitaries. He was interned on the SS 'Argenta' prison ship.</p> <p>The file of the applicant contains numerous letters in Irish that he sent to the Department of Defense in course of the proceedings. They were not analysed due to the author's limited command of the Irish. However, they may potentially contain additional details.</p>

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2.	Sworn statement by Mr Thornbury	24/4/1937	22-27	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf
3.	Memo from the Belfast Brigade Committee	24/4/1937	28	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf

	regarding Mr Thornbury's service			k%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf
4.	Letter by Mr Thornbury with a request for reference in support of his application	1938	30-31	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf
5.	Report by the Referee rejecting a military service pension for Mr Thornbury	16/10/1942	40-45	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf
6.	Petition by Mr Thornbury to appeal the application for military service pension being rejected	7/6/1950	46-50	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf
7.	Letter in support of his application by Mr Thornbury	21/7/1950	55-56	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R6/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury/MSP34REF7497%20Patrick%20Joseph%20Thornbury.pdf

14.	Case No:	MSP34REF16560
	Name of the applicant:	Toolen, Francis Henry
	Bio:	Section Leader, 2 Battalion, A Company, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Company Adjutant, 3 Battalion, Belfast Brigade, IRA; Company Captain, 2 Battalion, A Company (Ardoyne), Belfast Brigade, IRA; Rank Unknown, Active Service Unit, IRA; Rank Unknown, Active Service Unit, East Mayo Brigade, IRA

Themes mentioned:	Military campaign of the IRA in the North, measures taken by the IRA to protect Catholic civilians, relationship of the IRA with the loyalist paramilitaries
Description:	The applicant describes military engagements of the IRA he played role in. Among other things, he mentions that he purchased arms from members of the Ulster Protestant Association. He states that he was patrolling and picketing during the inter-communal conflict in Belfast.

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1.	Report by the Referee awarding a military service pension to Mr Toolen	12/1/1939	23-28	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF16560%20Francis%20H%20Toolen/34D1610%20Francis%20H%20Toolen.pdf
2.	Letter from the Brigade Pensions Committee concerning Mr Toolen	20/9/1934	10	http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/docs/files//PDF_Pensions/R8/MSP34REF16560%20Francis%20H%20Toolen/MSP34REF16560%20Francis%20H%20Toolen.pdf
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