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## **CONTEXT**

### **Organisational history**

2 Southern Division was formed in February 1921 under the command of Ernie O'Malley. Despite his relative youth (he was only twenty three), O'Malley had been engaged in IRA operations full time since 1918, including the first capture of a Royal Irish Constabulary barracks in the conflict, in Ballytrain, county Monaghan. The division consisted of five brigades: Kilkenny, Mid-Limerick, East Limerick, Tipperary 2 and Tipperary 3. These areas had already endured heavy fighting during the War of Independence, and by creating divisional commands IRA general headquarters were attempting to establish hierarchy and discipline within the ranks.

O'Malley's full time staff in divisional headquarters was a small one, consisting of Adjutant Con Moloney and the Quartermaster. This collection mainly consists of correspondence between Moloney and the Brigade areas, and therefore we can infer that these papers belonged to him. However, due to its uncertain archival history, (see below), this cannot be definitively stated.

Moloney, the son of chemist P.J. Moloney, was born in Tipperary, where his family owned a medical hall. His brother was Jim Moloney, husband of Kathleen Barry. He became a close associate of Seán Treacy and Dan Breen, the men who led the ambush of Royal Irish Constabulary officers at Soloheadbeg in January 1919. Moloney delivered Treacy's interment oration in 1920, and was best man at Breen's wedding in June 1921. Along with Breen, he was a member of the Tipperary 3 Brigade, before being appointed Adjutant for 2 Southern Division.

Divisional Headquarters were located in Donohill, county Tipperary throughout the war of independence and the truce period. The divisional officers' aims were to ensure that organisation and training were carried out, and that munitions manufacture was continued, as many expected the conflict with British forces to resume. As well as this, they dealt frequently with reports of breaches of the truce from the Liaison Offices which were established on both sides to monitor its implementation. Reports of undisciplined behavior by Volunteers are numerous within this collection, and these cases were very much frowned upon by IRA general headquarters.

After the post-Treaty IRA split, Moloney served as Adjutant General and Deputy Chief of Staff in the Anti-Treaty forces.

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**Archival history**

These papers were discovered by John Ranelagh in a gatepost in county Tipperary, during his doctoral research on the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He donated copies of the collection to UCD Archives in November 1972, and the originals in April 1990.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence and some papers of the Divisional Officers of 2 Southern Division.

Dispatches to and from the Division, grouped by Brigade. These mainly consist of routine correspondence, dealing with the organisation of reference systems, the compilation of reports, acknowledgments of dispatches received, and notes covering enclosures. Sent mainly during the period between the Anglo-Irish Truce and the outbreak of the Civil War. These are copies of Con Moloney's dispatches, and original replies received. This material has been kept in chronological order so that the flow of information between Brigade and Divisional levels can be ascertained. Includes both holograph and typescript material.

Reports from Brigades, often providing information on strength, battalions, number of companies, and recruitment.

Material related to training camps held by the Kilkenny, East Limerick, and Tipperary 2 and 3 Brigades, usually consisting of daily schedules and other organisational notes.

Directives and orders to all Brigades from Divisional Headquarters and General Headquarters.

Small number of dispatches between 2 Southern Division and 1 Southern Division.

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## **System of arrangement**

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## **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

### **Access**

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform.

### **Language**

English

### **Finding Aid**

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## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

### **Archivist's Note**

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in June 2010.

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## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

### **Allied Collections in UCD**

IE UCDA P7 Richard Mulcahy

IE UCDA P17 Ernie O'Malley

IE UCDA P69 Moss Twomey

IE UCDA P94 Kathleen Barry Moloney

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Organisation of 2 Southern Division**

#### **Divisional Officers**

Officer Commanding Ernie O'Malley  
Adjutant Con Moloney  
Director of Training J.T. Prout

#### **Kilkenny Brigade**

##### Officers:

Officer Commanding George O'Dwyer  
Vice Commandant L. Davis  
Adjutant S. O'Broin  
Quartermaster James O'Brien

##### Battalions:

1 Kilkenny City	5 Craigue
2 Urlingford	6 Tullogher
3 Comer	7 Callan
4 Paulstown	8 Hugginstown

#### **Mid-Limerick Brigade**

Officer Commanding Liam Forde  
Vice Commandant Owen O'Brien  
Adjutant J. Barry  
Acting Adjutant Ó hEigearthaigh

1 Limerick City
2 Castle Connell
3 Patrickswell
4 Cahircoulish

#### **East Limerick Brigade**

Officer Commanding Hannigan  
Vice Commandant Malone  
Adjutant McCarthy  
Quartermaster Hayes

1 Doon	5 Kilfinane
2 Kilkeely	6 Galbally
3 Bruff	
4 Kilmallock	

#### **Tipperary 2 Brigade**

Officer Commanding S. Lahy  
Vice Commandant Pádraig Ó Chuinnláin  
Adjutant M. O'Heiden  
Quartermaster J. Meagher

1 Thurles
2 Templemore
3 Drombane

#### **Tipperary 3 Brigade**

Officer Commanding Seamus Robinson  
Vice Commandant Lacey  
Adjutant Seán Fitzpatrick  
Acting Adjutant Seán O'Flóin  
Quartermaster Sheeran  
Intelligence Officer J. Carew

1 Rosegreen	7 Drangan
2 Cashel	8 Carrick on Suir
3 Dundrum	
4 Tipperary	
5 Clonmel	
6 Cahir	

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## **Reference System for Communications**

A	Routine Dispatches (Officer Commanding)
B	Dispatches to General Headquarters (Officer Commanding)
C	Not used
D	Training (Officer Commanding)
E	Routine Dispatches (Adjutant)
F	Dispatches to General Headquarters (Adjutant)
G	General Orders (Adjutant)
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I	Orders (Quartermaster)
J	Routine Dispatches (Divisional Engineer)
K	Orders (Divisional Engineer)
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## 1. OFFICERS OF 2 SOUTHERN DIVISION

### 1.1 Officer Commanding Ernie O'Malley

**P9/1** 12-26 May 1921

2pp

#### **Letters from James O'Mara**

The Sinn Féin politician requests that O'Malley show Miss K. Fleming of Drumcondra, 'a great friend of ours', the Divisional Camp. Mentions that he will be in Dublin at 71 Heytesbury Street should O'Malley wish to communicate with him. Writes again to complain at the treatment received by his friends when they visited the camp, although he acknowledges that O'Malley never received his earlier letter and blames 'Mr. Ryan' instead.

**P9/2** 6-10 September 1921

2pp

#### **Dispatch from Officer Commanding, Cork 2 Brigade**

Assures O'Malley that he will investigate complaints made by the Kilkenny Brigade and writes that 'as regards getting spliced - no fear I'll do the mug'. Includes copy acknowledgment from Con Moloney, Adjutant, 2 Southern Division.

**P9/3** 19 September 1921

2pp

#### **Dispatch from Adjutant, 2 Southern Division**

Con Moloney reports on various activities, such as his visit to the Tipperary 3 Brigade training camp, and the progress being made on the Divisional dugout. The dispatch originally enclosed several documents which are briefly discussed in the body of the letter.

**P9/4** 27 September 1921

1p

#### **Dispatch from Adjutant General, General Headquarters**

Requests that O'Malley inform the Officer commanding of C Company, 1 Battalion, East Limerick Brigade that the case of Timothy Hogan of Oola, County Limerick has been passed on for recommendation to the White Cross Committee.

- P9/5** 29 October 1921  
1p  
**Note covering enclosure from Officer Commanding, 3 Southern Division**  
Informing O'Malley that the enclosed document was opened in error.
- P9/6** 1 November 1921  
1p  
**Copy of letter from Mark Sturgis**  
Forwarded from Liaison Headquarters at the Gresham Hotel in Dublin. Sturgis writes on behalf of the Chief Secretary, who has been contacted by the father of the late Lieutenant Leonard J. French, who was shot during his trial for espionage, held on the banks of the river Nore in Kilkenny. Lieutenant French's father wishes to know the date of his son's death.
- P9/7** 17 November 1921  
1p  
**Dispatch from Director of Communications, 3 Southern Division**  
Relates to the transfer of an unnamed volunteer. Noted as having been sent by rail.
- P9/8** Not dated  
1p  
**Copy of note covering enclosure from Adjutant General**  
Attached communication is mentioned as having been written by Mr Corrigan, and relates to Mrs K. Galvin's farm in Moorstown, County Tipperary.
- P9/9** 20 January 1922  
2pp  
**Letter from JMK**  
Mentions that 'prominent Pro-Treaty men' are saying that Cathal Brugha was in Clonmel a couple of days ago, and are trying to

**P9/9 contd** link him to the raid on the *Clonmel Nationalist* office.

## 1.2 Adjutant Con Moloney

**P9/10** 13 September 1921

1p

### **Dispatch to Cumann na mBan**

Moloney acknowledges a letter sent on 9 September and received on 12 September, promising to put the matter before Officer Commanding O'Malley when he returns.

**P9/11** [July] 1921

1p

### **Dispatch to Liaison Officer Barry**

Acknowledges receipt of Commandant Barry's latest communication, and asks that he 'let us have word' of any breakdown of the Truce. Sent to the Liaison Offices in Limerick.

**P9/12** 23 July 1921

1p

### **Dispatch to Liaison Officer Barry**

Informs Commandant Barry that the Divisional Quartermaster failed to meet his representative in Mallow as arranged.

**P9/13** 24 July 1921

1p

### **Dispatch to Liaison Officer Barry**

Asks if instructions have been issued to all brigades to report directly to the Liaison Office.

**P9/14** 25 July 1921

1p

**Dispatch to Liaison Officer Barry**

Sends Barry a copy of a report from Tipperary 2 Brigade, in which they observe an armed Royal Irish Constabulary patrol through Thurles on 22 July. Moloney has instructed the officer in question to report directly to the Liaison Office in future.

**P9/15** 4–10 September 1921

3pp

**Dispatches to Liaison Officers Barry and Power**

Acknowledgments of dispatches received.

**P9/16** 4 September 1921

1p

**Dispatch to Officer Commanding, 1 Western Division**

Moloney is making the necessary enquiries and will forward any information immediately. Reports that the Division does not expect O'Malley back for several days as he is at the training camp.

**P9/17** 14 September 1921

1p

**Dispatch from Liaison Officer George Power**

Sent from the Liaison Offices in Fermoy, County Cork, reporting a complaint and asking for it to be looked into. Addressed to Officer Commanding, and signed on behalf of Power by his deputy J.J. Bulman.

**P9/18** 8–18 October 1921

5 items

**Dispatches relating to the Bansha Co-operative Society**

Concerning a complaint by Mr Roche, acting manager of the co-operative, that some of their suppliers had deserted them after a protracted closure by military order and were now supplying rival co-operatives. The complaint was forwarded several times via the

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**P9/18** Liaison Office in Fermoy to 2 Southern Division. Moloney replies that 'the manager has undoubtedly cause for complaint, but I can't see that we can possibly interfere officially in the matter'.

**P9/19** 10-19 November 1921

3 items

**Dispatches between Adjutant Moloney and Officer Commanding, 3 Southern Division**

Relating to a telephone apparatus sent to 3 Southern Division by 2 Southern Division, and acknowledgment of same.

**P9/20** 10 November 1921

1p

**Dispatch to Quartermaster, 1 Western Division**

Moloney acknowledges receipt of £100, and informs the recipient that he 'will forward stuff immediately on arrival'.

**P9/21** 18 November 1921

1p

**Dispatch to Chief of Staff, General Headquarters**

Acknowledges his communication and confirms that he has sent it on to the Officer Commanding Kilkenny Brigade, and awaits his report.

**P9/22** 2-11 January 1921

2 items

**Letter from Commandant Colonel Burke**

Enquires if Moloney could send Burke his pistols as he is in bad need of one. Mentions Seamus Robinson's marriage and comments that 'it is your turn next'. The letter is written on General Headquarters paper but is addressed from the Irish Bookshop, Dawson Street, Dublin. Includes copy of a brief reply from Moloney saying that they have found a Colt Automatic and will forward it in a few days.

**P9/23** 18 February 1922

2pp

**Letter from Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Writes that he is going up to town on the invitation of Rory O'Connor and expects to see the other remaining Divisional Officers Commanding there too. Mentions that people are having their cattle seized for non-payment of the levy, which he disapproves of: 'the bold troops in the "fighting sixth" seem to have a dash of the Black and Tan instilled into them'. Includes envelope addressed to Con Moloney at the Tipperary Club.

**P9/24** March–April 1922

3 items

**Material relating to the establishment of Anti-Treaty forces**

Includes a letter from Seán Moylan, Cork 4 Brigade, to Commandant Barry of the IRA, in which he writes of his disgust at the occupation of Limerick by General Headquarters: 'I am loathe to believe evil of the Minister of Defence but I cannot reconcile his action with Republicanism'. Draft constitution and rules of the Irish Republican Army, and an agenda of the IRA Convention (9 April) are also included.

**P9/25** 9 June 1922

3pp

**Copy of a Pro-Treaty forces memorandum**

Discusses the organisation of the army, including lists of suggested and proposed General Headquarters staff. Marked as signed by Richard Mulcahy.



### **1.3 Quartermaster**

**P9/26** 10 September 1921–26 January 1922

18 items

#### **Dispatches to Quartermaster**

From various correspondents, mainly Adjutant Moloney and the Assistant Adjutant of 2 Southern Division. The correspondence mainly consists of requests for acknowledgments of goods sent or requests for reports from the Division. Also includes several notes covering enclosures and two receipts from local merchants in Doon, County Limerick, and in Tipperary town.

### **1.4 Divisional Engineer**

**P9/27** 13 October–8 November 1921

2 items

#### **Copies of notes covering enclosures sent to the Divisional Engineer**

Requesting that he report to Dublin on 19 October (sent 13 October) at 22 Mary Street. Sent by Adjutant Moloney.

## **2. BRIGADES OF 2 SOUTHERN DIVISION**

### **2.1 Kilkenny Brigade**

#### **2.1.1 Dispatches to and from Brigade**

- P9/28** 11 June 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding George O'Dwyer**  
Requests information on the workings of the Brigade's companies, communications, flying columns, and enemy posts. Marked as being sent care of Tipperary 3 Brigade.
- P9/29** 25 June 1921  
9pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Battalion 7, Callan**  
Advising them on their organisation, including recommendations on forming a 'definable' headquarters which is constantly staffed so that dispatches can be properly received. Also includes notes on intelligence, which Moloney says 'is perhaps the most important thing to be looked to'.
- P9/30** 26 June 1921  
8pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Battalion 8, Hugginstown**  
Requires a written explanation from the officers who did not attend the recent Battalion council meeting. Discusses organisation of the Battalion, which he describes as being in a 'bad state'. Offers other recommendations on intelligence, recruiting, meetings, and special services.
- P9/31** 28 June 1921  
5pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Battalion 2, Urlingford**  
Requires written explanations from two named officers who failed to attend a council meeting. Offers similar suggestions on organisation as in the dispatches to Battalions 7 and 8.

- P9/32** 1 July 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Requests immediate replies to his last two communications.
- P9/33** 7 July 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Instructs O'Dwyer to use routes F (Callan to Ballingarry) and G (Mullinahone to Drangan) when communicating with Divisional Headquarters.
- P9/34** 23 July 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Requests a complete list of dispatches received from Divisional Headquarters since 10 June.
- P9/35** 1 August 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Sends a receipt for money received by Divisional Headquarters for the Brigade's copies of *An tÓglach*.
- P9/36** 12 August 1921  
2pp  
**From Officer Commanding O'Malley to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Requests immediate report on a complaint received. A copy of the complaint is included, written by J.J. Kennedy of Johnstown, County Kilkenny, who asks for payment for oil and sacks he supplied to the IRA for the burning of the Royal Irish

- P9/36** Constabulary barracks in the town.
- P9/37** 31 August–2 September 1921  
2p  
**Between Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer and Adjutant Moloney**  
O'Dwyer does not remember promising to send a motorcycle to Divisional Headquarters. Includes copy of acknowledgment sent by Moloney.
- P9/38** 3 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Asks O'Dwyer to send a rifle to their training camp.
- P9/39** 6–8 September  
3pp  
**Between Brigade Adjutant S. O'Broin and Adjutant Moloney**  
O'Broin forwards a suggested list of supplies necessary for the destruction of bridges with gelignite, at a total cost of £108.15.0. Moloney replies that he has passed on the suggestion to the Divisional Engineer.
- P9/40** 5–8 September 1921  
2p  
**Between Lieutenant J. Doyle and Adjutant Moloney**  
Doyle forwards a list of Battalions and Companies he visited between 27 August and 2 September (not included). Moloney acknowledges receipt of Doyle's report, which he has submitted to Officer Commanding O'Malley.

- P9/41** 8 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Informs O'Dwyer that his recent report was 'most unsatisfactory' and encloses a specimen of how it ought to have been completed.
- P9/42** 8 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Adjutant O'Broin**  
Acknowledges O'Broin's last dispatch and points out that it lacked a date.
- P9/43** 9–13 September 1921  
2p  
**Between Battalion 7 and Adjutant Moloney**  
Requesting information as to the acceptable method of filling vacancies in Battalion or Company personnel. Moloney replies to inform them that they ought to direct the query to their Officer Commanding, but that in most cases appointments are to be recommended.
- P9/44** 10 September 1921  
4pp  
**From Lieutenant Doyle to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Sends lists of Battalions and Companies visited 3–9 September with references to instructions issued to each. These lists are included.
- P9/45** 12 September–28 October 1921  
4pp  
**Between Brigade Adjutant O'Broin and Adjutant Moloney**  
Discussing the transfer of a volunteer named McDonagh to Waterford city.

- P9/46** 13-14 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Requests a report (13 September) and forwards copies of *An tÓglach* (14 September).
- P9/47** 15 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
He returns 'what you have sent as a report for month of August... you will please see that a proper form is filled in & forwarded in duplicate'.
- P9/48** 12-16 Sept 1921  
3pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Forwards two copies of a report received by the Liaison Office, who were contacted by W. Dillon of Drogheda. He writes that sixty horses were removed from his farm in Tullaroan, County Kilkenny by men who claimed to be doing so by order of the IRA.
- P9/49** 20 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Alerting O'Dwyer that ten dispatches have not been acknowledged and requesting confirmation that they were received.
- P9/50** 21 Sept 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Sends a copy of a report by Battalion 5 (Craigie), it being an

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**P9/50** account of a raid they carried out on a train carrying money on behalf of Hibernian Bank. When counted the money only amounted to £395 instead of the expected £400, which was later returned to the bank.

**P9/51** 26 September 1921

1p

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Encloses transfer for Éamonn Kelly, who is transferring from Dublin. Includes a note from Brigade Adjutant O'Broin which was sent with the completed transfer form.

**P9/52** 27 September 1921

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Submits telephonic and telegraphic addresses for the Brigade, and adds Butler's Grocers on Parliament Street in Kilkenny as an address where messengers can reach the Brigade staff.

**P9/53** 27-28 September 1921

4pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Three routine dispatches acknowledging receipt of communications, and one dispatch enclosing a copy of a complaint received by the Liaison Office. The complaint was made by M.L. Morris of Piltown, County Kilkenny, who was threatened and ordered to pay £15 to men claiming to be acting on behalf of Sinn Féin and the IRA.

**P9/54** Not dated

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Adjutant, Dublin Brigade**

Enclosing a transfer for volunteer William Comerford.

- P9/55** 30 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Acknowledges receipt of O'Malley's last dispatch, and includes a copy of it. The dispatch relates to a complaint lodged by Lord Bessborough's agent in Piltown, who was threatened and told to pay £200 to the IRA.
- P9/56** 30 September–13 October 1921  
6pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**  
Acknowledgments and covering notes for enclosures which are not included.
- P9/57** 16 October 1921  
1p  
**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Adjutant Moloney**  
Sends correspondence which Moloney was expecting back, and apologises that it was not returned with the report.
- P9/58** 18 October 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Adjutant O'Broin**  
Advises O'Broin to contact the Divisional Quartermaster with his request for fifty rifles and bayonets.
- P9/59** 19 October 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Encloses a list of those friendly to the IRA in the Brigade area, including their addresses. The covering note has been badly water damaged and is illegible in places.



**P9/60** [October] 1921

1p

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Has received O'Dwyer's report for the month of September, and informs him that Battalions must be inspected at least monthly.

**P9/61** 20-22 October 1921

5pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Five routine dispatches acknowledging receipt of communications.

**P9/62** 26 October 1921

2pp

**From Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Sends a list of seven questions relating to rumours that Commandant Éamon Aylward of Battalion 7 has contacted Divisional Headquarters without authorisation from his Brigade, and has applied to O'Malley to split up Kilkenny Brigade. O'Dwyer encloses a copy of a communication he has sent to Aylward questioning him on this matter.

**P9/63** 26 October 1921

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Reports that the Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary has received instructions to secure provisions as hostilities are likely to resume. Also reports that two lorries of Black and Tans, about twenty in number, were seen at Parliament Street Barracks that morning.

**P9/64** 29 October 1921

1p

**From Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

States that he considers Éamon Aylward, Sean Gibbons, James Muldowney and Father McNamara to be suitable to form an Administrative Committee to represent the National Cabinet in County Kilkenny.

**P9/65** 30 October 1921

3pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Sean O'Broin to Adjutant Moloney**

Encloses a list of armourers and handy men in the Brigade locality, with their addresses and relevant skills noted.

**P9/66** November 1921–January 1922

17pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Seventeen routine dispatches acknowledging communications received and transfers in process.

**P9/67** 8–12 November 1921

3p p

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Adjutant Moloney.**

Encloses the transfer form for Volunteer Edward Liston, who moved to Kilkenny Brigade from Offaly 1. Includes a notification of same from General Headquarters in Dublin.

**P9/68** 20 October–16 November 1921

4pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Moloney requests a report on a letter forwarded to him which was written by Darby Scully of Silverfort, Fethard, County Tipperary and sent to Divisional Headquarters by D. Fitzgerald. Scully

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**P9/68** received a note demanding a levy payment on his farm of £8.9.0, which is included here, and wishes to know if it has the IRA's sanction and authority.

**P9/69** 17 November 1921

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Adjutant Moloney**

Requests two hundred copies of *An tÓglach* a week, as they are at present receiving only one hundred which was not enough. He feels that 'the reading of one *An tÓglach* has a greater effect on men than a whole week's lectures'.

**P9/70** 18-24 November 1921

2pp

**Between Brigade Adjutant O'Broin and Adjutant Moloney**

Enquires as to what the Brigade ought to advise people who ask if they should pay rent to the Land Commission. Reply from Moloney included, in which he says they had 'better leave the matter stand for the present'.

**P9/71** 19 November 1921

3pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Officer Commanding O'Dwyer**

Moloney forwards a report sent to him by the Chief of Staff from General Headquarters. Two copies of the report are included, in which it is alleged that a volunteer on guard duty at the Republican prison in Kells, County Kilkenny, absented himself without permission. The Chief of Staff notes that volunteers should not be responsible for such duties, which are police matters, but that this is no excuse for neglecting the duty. The police officer who discovered the situation is named as Thomas Boyle of Dunbell, County Kilkenny.

**P9/72** November 1921-January 1922

4pp

**From Brigade Adjutant O'Broin to Adjutant Moloney**

Four routine communications covering enclosures, which are not included.

**P9/73** 2-11 January 1922

2p

**Between Brigade Officer Commanding O'Dwyer and Adjutant Moloney**

O'Dwyer wants to travel to Dublin for a few days, and has not got enough time to request official leave. He will go anyway and hopes it does not matter that he has notified Divisional Headquarters at the last moment. Moloney replies to say the leave was granted (11 January).

### 2.1.2 Reports

**P9/74** 11 August 1921

1p

**Monthly report for July**

There is nothing of importance to report from the Brigade for this month. Explains why replies to dispatches may be slow. Includes list of instructions which were issued at the last Brigade meeting. Written by Brigade Adjutant O'Broin.

**P9/75** 6 September 1921

4pp

**Monthly report for August**

The report is divided by battalion, with reports of carelessness in Battalion 2. Also notes that Battalion 9 is newly formed. Written by Brigade Adjutant O'Broin.

**P9/76** 11 October 1921

2pp

**Monthly report for September**

Divided by battalion, the report is generally favourable, and notes that signal classes 'are now in full swing'. Written by Brigade Adjutant O'Broin.

**P9/77** 18 October 1921

4pp

**Acting Divisional Engineer's report**

Visited the Brigade on 12 October, observing that Battalion 2 is in 'a very bad condition' and regarded as 'a dead letter' within the Brigade. Also makes observations on the remaining Battalions.

**P9/78** 5 November 1921

1p

**Monthly report for October**

Battalion 2 failed to report any activity, while the other Battalions report holding parades and undertaking other activities throughout the month. Written by Brigade Adjutant O'Broin.

**P9/79** 24 December 1921

3pp

**Training report for November**

Details of the individual battalions' parades, and other training activities such as signalling and first aid classes. Includes a covering note from Brigade Adjutant O'Broin.

**P9/80** 8 January 1921

1p

**Battalion 4 Engineer's report**

Gives brief details of engineering activity within each of the Companies, A to G, located in the Paulstown area.

**P9/81** 10 January 1922

1p

**Battalion 1 Engineer's report**

The Kilkenny City Engineer reports that he has made thirty necked strikers for hand grenades, amongst other activities.

**P9/82** 19 January 1922

8pp

**Machine Gun Officer Seán Kennedy's report**

Kennedy has trained members of Battalions 1, 3, 4 and 9 in the use of Thompson machine guns. Gives a brief synopsis of each Battalion's training, and lists the names of the men that attended each class.

### **2.1.3 Training Camp, Monavea**

**P9/83** 20-24 September

7pp

**Reports from Training Camp**

Daily reports from the orderly of the day to the Camp Adjutant. They briefly detail activities held throughout the day. Also includes a list of men attending the camp, sorted by Battalion.

## **2.2 East Limerick Brigade**

### **2.2.1 Dispatches to and from Brigade**

**P9/84** 17 June 1921

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Adjutant Moloney**

Informs Moloney that dispatches from Divisional Headquarters are taking between five and seven days to reach the Brigade.

**P9/85** 1-25 July 1921

6pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Five routine notices acknowledging receipt of dispatches, and noting the delays in their delivery.

**P9/86** 2 August 1921

2pp

**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Adjutant Moloney**

Informs Moloney that he was unable to send an activity report but will send it shortly. Apologises for the extreme delays in communication.

**P9/87** 3-7 August 1921

6pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Six routine notices, presumably acknowledgments of dispatches received. They are however extremely faded and difficult to read. One is legible and informs the Brigade that Sergeant Healy and Constable Buckley of Pallas, County Limerick 'might prove workable'.

**P9/88** 10 August 1921

1p

**From Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan to Adjutant Moloney**

Informs Moloney that he has 'been unable to comply with some of your recent orders owing to the complete breakdown of communications in the brigade area'. He states that he will do his 'utmost to straighten things up and hope to improve'.

**P9/89** 30 August 1921

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

As requested, he has forwarded notification to the Brigade Vice Commandant to attend Training Camp.

**P9/90** 31 August–1 September 1921

2pp

**Between Brigade Intelligence Officer and Adjutant Moloney**

Responding to a notification from Divisional Headquarters that a dispatch had not been acknowledged, he briefly explains the acknowledgment procedure and states that he will ask the Brigade Officer Commanding about it. Signed S. O'M. Includes acknowledgment from Moloney.

**P9/91** 3–4 September 1921

2pp

**Between Brigade Adjutant McCarthy and Adjutant Moloney**

Covering note for Brigade Report for August, and an acknowledgment of receipt of same.

**P9/92** 5–18 September 1921

8pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Eight mainly routine notices dealing with administrative matters. Includes a written command for all Brigade officers and Battalion staff to attend at Galtee Castle on Friday 9 September.

**P9/93** 22 September 1921–2 January 1922

3pp

**Correspondence relating to munitions manufacture**

Notice from Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan to billet the divisional munitions officers (22 September 1921). A letter from Éamon O'Máire to the Quartermaster of the Brigade, requesting that he transfer £600 to Seán Raleigh's bank account, and that two tons of potassium chlorate will arrive shortly by boat. Also includes note written by Brigade Engineer Dan Ryan about a successful experiment with a new explosive powder.



- P9/94** 26 September 1921  
1p  
**From Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan to Adjutant Moloney**  
Informs Moloney of the telegraphic address for the Brigade, and will send the telephonic address in his next post.
- P9/95** 28 September 1921  
3pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Adjutant Moloney**  
Three dispatches mainly relating to the failure of the Brigade Officer Commanding to visit Battalion Councils, and to the failure of the Brigade Adjutant himself to attend Divisional Council meetings.
- P9/96** 28 September–18 October 1921  
14pp  
**Between Adjutant Moloney and Brigade Adjutant McCarthy**  
Fourteen routine dispatches, including receipts for payment for issues of *An tÓglach*
- P9/97** 7 October 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**  
Attaches a copy of a dispatch which cites complaints that Volunteers from the Brigade are imposing levies on the general public, and enforcing them with threats. It states that no levies may be imposed, and that collections may be continued but only under 'the greatest possible supervision'.
- P9/98** 7 October 1921  
3pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**  
Informs Hannigan of 'a very bad case' which has been reported to

**P9/98** him. A Volunteer named Joe Crowley of Ballylanders, County Limerick deserted and went to London, where he borrowed money from a Bridget Ambrose, who is now left with the debt. Moloney advises Hannigan to take the matter up with Crowley if he has returned.

**P9/99** 20 October–29 November 1921

26pp

**Between Adjutant Moloney and Brigade Adjutant McCarthy**

Routine dispatches dealing with transfers, payments and receipts for *An tÓglach* and other administrative matters.

**P9/100** 20 November–1 December 1921

3pp

**Correspondence relating to D. Dwyer of Oola, County Limerick**

Relating to plans submitted by Dwyer for attacking barracks. The Officer Commanding Battalion 1 writes that Dwyer has a 'slate loose I expect', which is also the view of Adjutant Moloney in his reply.

**P9/101** 22–25 November 1921

2pp

**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Asks if there are any instructions for the Brigade in relation to the forthcoming visit of Éamon de Valera. The Assistant Adjutant replies to inform McCarthy that the visit will not take place until 5 December.

**P9/102** 30 November–9 December 1921

3pp

**Between Adjutant Moloney and Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Moloney requests a report for the Liaison Officer on the actions of the police, who fired several shots at a republican flag while returning from Cappawhite Barracks. The report of the Officer Commanding Battalion 1 is included.

**P9/103** 1–5 December

3pp

**Between Assistant Adjutant and Brigade Adjutant McCarthy**  
Three routine dispatches relating to administrative matters.

**P9/104** 5 December 1921

3pp

**From Brigade Adjutant McCarthy to Adjutant Moloney**

McCarthy encloses a complaint received from a member of Battalion 1 who, in his employment at Oola train station, was threatened with a revolver by a group of fellow Volunteers whom he asked to pay fares. The complaint names three of the men as Allen, Breen, and Tuohy, whom McCarthy notes are attached to Tipperary South Brigade.

**P9/105** 7 December 1921

2pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Encloses a request from the Chief of Staff to conduct a confidential enquiry into the possibility that any Volunteers have been involved in a scheme involving faking betting telegrams and in preventing post office officials from investigating the matter.

**P9/106** 8 December 1921–21 January 1922

26pp

**Between Divisional Headquarters and Brigade Adjutant McCarthy**

Twenty six dispatches of a routine nature, dealing with administrative matters.

**P9/107** 24 January 1922

2pp

**From Chief of Staff to Brigade Officer Commanding Hannigan**

Writes that attention has been drawn to the fact that searches have been taking place in Kilmallock of people of republican

**P9/107** sympathies, 'whilst known enemies of the Republic have been allowed to pass your patrols without even being halted'. He describes this as 'really provocative', and encloses a copy of a report made by one man who was thus searched, Seán P. Ó hÁodha.

**P9/108** 10 March 1922

1p

**From Battalion 2 Medical Officer Brennan**

Regrets that he cannot take up the duties he has been requested to as they would be disobeying General Headquarters and he would be liable for suspension.

**P9/109** Not dated

4pp

**From Brigade Chief of Medical Services Ua Scannláin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Sends a copy of the Scheme for Organisation of First Aid, and copies of orders issued to Battalion Commandants.

### 2.2.2 Reports

**P9/110** 5 July 1921

18pp

**Monthly report for June**

Comprehensive report compiled by Brigade Adjutant McCarthy. Includes copies of Brigade orders, activity reports, casualty reports, arrests and courts-martial, and notes on recruitment, training, and strength.

**P9/111** 3 October 1921

2pp

**Acting Divisional Engineer's report**

Report on his visit to the Brigade at Knocklong. He states that very little training has been done due to lack of material, and notes that poor organisation has meant that maps and

**P9/111** topography reports have not been finished. Comments on the willingness of the Brigade Engineer but says that he 'has not sufficient intelligence to carry on the work'. Signed P. O'Mara.

**P9/112** 8 November 1921

2pp

**Monthly report for October**

Report comments on each Battalion's progress in the areas of first aid, signalling, musketry and scouting.

**P9/113** 28 January 1922

3pp

**Brigade Engineer's report**

Dan Ryan's handwritten report on engineering work carried out by the Brigade in November and December of 1921.

### 2.2.3 Training Camps

**P9/114** September 1921

18pp

**Galtee (Galty) Training Camp administration**

Material related to a divisional training camp attended by members of all the brigades of 2 Southern Division. The material includes a list of the camp personnel, names and ranks of officers attending the camp, lists of articles in the camp, including books, and a menu for all camp meals on 12 September.

**P9/115** September 1921

9pp

**Galtee practical training material**

Includes lists of Volunteers who underwent training in grenade throwing, in giving commands, and the use of rifles and machine guns. Scores attained in these exercises by the Volunteers are noted. Also includes a list of ten questions covering knowledge of basic operations.

**P9/116** September 1921

27pp

**Galtee general training material**

Notes on various aspects of training, including a fifty five point handwritten list of general instructions, headed 'Don't Forget'. Notes on photography, personal hygiene, military definitions and military courtesies are included. Also includes a two page typescript discussing the potential for international communications in Ireland.

**P9/117** October–November 1921

20pp

**Stylepark Training Camp**

Daily routine orders from the training camp, 13 October–4 November. Activities are given in a timetable and the officer of each day is noted.

**P9/118** 9–25 October 1921

22pp

**Sunville Training Camp**

Consists of daily routine orders, with the officer of the day sometimes noted.

## 2.3 Mid-Limerick Brigade

### 2.3.1 Dispatches to and from Brigade

**P9/119** 1 July–7 August 1921

6pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Forde**

Six routine dispatches acknowledging receipt of dispatches and requesting replies to those sent.

**P9/120** 13 August 1921

1p

**From Brigade Quartermaster to Divisional Quartermaster**

Relating to the balance sheet requested for July. The Brigade Quartermaster has only just taken over the account and therefore asks that the previous Quartermaster be asked to provide this.

**P9/121** 25 August 1921

1p

**From Divisional Engineer to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

He is in Knocklong to deliver lectures on engineering to the Brigade Engineer.

**P9/122** 25 August 1921

1p

**From James Marks to Edward J. Duggan T.D.**

Writing on behalf of his employer, Walter Brights, Marks asks Duggan to enquire after two motorcycles which were commandeered from their Tipperary branch by armed men claiming to be acting under the orders of the IRA. The letter was presumably forwarded to this Brigade for investigation, but the covering note is not included.

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- P9/123** 3–15 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Liaison Officer P. Barry to Chief Liaison Officer T. Barry**  
Relating to the proposed painting of a barracks in the Mid-Limerick area.
- P9/124** 8–15 September 1921  
4pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Forde**  
Four routine dispatches. Moloney informs the Officer Commanding that the excuses provided in reports for absences from Brigade Council are not reasonable.
- P9/125** 17 September 1921  
5pp  
**From Mid-Limerick Brigade to Adjutant Moloney**  
An eleven point dispatch detailing the Brigade's scheme of medical services. It is unsigned. Includes details of the administration and financing of medical services, as well as personnel and supplies required.
- P9/126** 18–20 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding**  
Acknowledges receipt of a dispatch and requests acknowledgment of fourteen unanswered dispatches.
- P9/127** 24 September 1921  
1p  
**From Liaison Officer P. Barry to Brigade Officer Commanding Forde**  
Refers to an earlier dispatch and requests that it be forwarded.



- P9/128** 7 October 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Officer Commanding Forde to Chief of Staff**  
Explains his decision to give public backing to a candidate for a civilian medical position. The candidate, Dr Brennan, is a member of the IRA and would be 'entirely at the disposal of our army' should hostilities commence.
- P9/129** 8 October 1921  
3pp  
**From Acting Brigade Adjutant to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Attaches an abstract of orders through Division for August, and a brief account of recruiting for the same period.
- P9/130** 13-19 October 1921  
3pp  
**Between Brigade Adjutant J. Barry and Adjutant Moloney**  
Three routine communications dealing with administrative matters.
- P9/131** 29 October 1921  
3pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Informs O'Malley of dissent in the ranks and urges him to attend a special Brigade Council which is to be held at the Liaison Office.
- P9/132** 1-8 November 1921  
4pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Adjutant Barry**  
Three routine dispatches relating to administration of the Brigade. One dispatch informing the Brigade Adjutant that four members of the Mid-Limerick Brigade have been arrested for raiding a house and stealing a motorcar (7 November).

**P9/133** 7 November 1921

2pp

**From Divisional Intelligence Officer to Brigade Officer Commanding Forde**

Introduces Dixon Kitts, a 'great friend' of Ernie O'Malley, who has spent a considerable sum of money obtaining arms for the Volunteers. Requests that he be brought to Divisional Headquarters at no expense to himself. Also informs the Adjutant that he can expect a delivery of munitions and equipment this week.

**P9/134** 9 November 1921

8pp

**From Brigade Officers to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Handwritten letter signed by the Brigade Officer Commanding, Deputy Officer Commanding and Adjutant. It relates to the issue of union men in the Brigade should the Truce break. The signatories have decided to disarm them at next parade.

**P9/135** 12 November 1921

2pp

**From Liaison Officer Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Informs O'Malley of a telephone message from the Adjutant General, advising that named officers as requested not travel to Dublin the following day.

**P9/136** 12-25 January 1922

6pp

**Correspondence relating to the proposed court-martial of Brigade Transport and Supply Officer John Raleigh**

Includes a letter from the Brigade Adjutant outlining the charges against Raleigh (12 January) and a copy of Raleigh's response (14 January). Also included is a copy of Raleigh's statement as sent to Officer Commanding O'Malley (25 January).

- P9/137** 18 January 1922  
1p  
**From Battalion 2 Engineer to Divisional Quartermaster**  
Asks if the ammunition camp near Cluggin is still running as he has some scrap iron for it.
- P9/138** 19 January 1922  
3pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Adjutant Moloney**  
Three routine dispatches relating to administrative matters.
- P9/139** 19 January 1922  
1p  
**Letter to Brigade Adjutant Barry**  
Reports that the Officer Commanding of a Mid-Limerick battalion publicly asked his men if they would join the Free State Army, and asks if this procedure was correct. The signature is not legible.
- P9/140** 23 January 1922  
1p  
**From Acting Brigade Engineer Thomas McInerney to Divisional Engineer**  
Reports that he has only taken up his position recently and as such cannot furnish reports for November and December.
- P9/141** 25 January 1922  
2pp  
**From Brigade Intelligence Officer to Divisional Intelligence Officer**  
Notifies the Divisional Intelligence Officer that a Miss Kennedy working in the Telegraphic Exchange in Limerick is a British Secret Service official, and also provides a list of evacuated British forces.

**P9/142** 25 January 1922

5pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Writes in relation to a spate of robberies in the area which he believes to have a connection with some members of 'the old 4<sup>th</sup> Bat.', as mentioned to O'Malley previously. He encloses three reports of such robberies, and urges O'Malley to come down for a special Brigade Council meeting as soon as possible, as 'the crisis in the B[rigade] is getting worse every day'.

**P9/143** 26 January 1922

2pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Disputes his not being reimbursed for expenses incurred while travelling to London on official business.

**P9/144** 26 January 1922

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Requests accounts to date of the Brigade's issues of *An tÓglach*.

**P9/145** 27-30 January 1922

3pp

**From Brigade Intelligence Officer to Divisional Intelligence Officer**

Alerts Divisional Intelligence Officer that two special trains left Limerick with troops from Ennis (27 January) and later details the particulars of the troops sent (30 January).

**P9/146** 30 January 1922

2pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Informs O'Malley of a letter he sent to the Chief of Staff on 2 January (included) which detailed the background of Stephen Ryan of Murroe, County Limerick. Ryan had a troubled history in the Volunteers but now holds the post of Assistant Quartermaster

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- P9/146** in the Illegal Brigade. Barry feels that he may be abusing the position, and asks what will be done about the situation.
- P9/147** 30 January 1922  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Gives details of the Brigade Convention held in Limerick on 28 January, including names and particulars of those in attendance.
- P9/148** 30 January 1922  
4pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Urges O'Malley to respond to his previous letter relating to the 'old 4<sup>th</sup> Batt.', as more reports of their activities have been received. These reports are included.
- P9/149** 30-31 January 1922  
3pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Requests clarification on the issue of uniforms (30 January) and forwards the Brigade's postal, telegraphic and telephonic addresses.
- P9/150** 31 January 1922  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to the Brigade Police Officer**  
Copy letter which discusses the sending of prisoners from the republican courts to the county jail. Informs him that the Brigade Convention has decided 'by a very big majority to remain purely Republican'. Includes a covering note to Ernie O'Malley, to whom Barry forwards this copy.

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**P9/151** 1 February 1922

4pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Reports again on three further robberies committed by the men he has previously referred to as members of the old Battalion 4. Copies of these reports are included.

**P9/152** 1 February 1922

1pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Informing O'Malley of the Brigade's policy of not yet returning commandeered property.

**P9/153** 2 February 1922

5pp

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
More reports of robberies committed by the same group of men as in previous communications. Reports are included.

**P9/154** 4 March 1922

2pp

**From Dr W. Coogan to Brigade Adjutant Barry**  
Informs Barry that his motorcar has been commandeered and writes that 'bad as the Black and Tans were they never interfered with the cars of doctors'.

**P9/155** 9 March 1922

1p

**From Brigade Adjutant Barry to Adjutant Moloney**  
A list of arms and equipment held by the Brigade.

- P9/156** 10 March 1922  
1p  
**From Battalion 2 Officer Commanding Ryan to Brigade Adjutant Barry**  
Receipt from the Central Hotel for meals and board.
- P9/157** 27 May 1922  
1p  
**From Brigade Adjutant Ó hEigeartaigh to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Informs O'Malley of the funeral of Thomas McNerney, Staff-Captain of the Brigade. Asks that twelve rifles be sent up for the firing party.

### 2.3.2 Reports

- P9/158** September 1921  
1p  
**Casualty report for August**  
A lieutenant in A Company was seriously wounded by an explosive bullet.
- P9/159** 14 October 1921  
4pp  
**Divisional Engineer's report**  
Having visited the Brigade on 13 and 14 October, he comments on training and organisation, and reports the instructions he gave to each battalion.
- P9/160** 31 October 1921  
13pp  
**Brigade Engineer's report**  
Points for destruction on termination of the Truce, including the bridges and railways to be destroyed by each battalion, the

**P9/160** locations at which the necessary materials can be located, preparatory notes for putting down mines in rivers, notes on petrol throwing, and a list of stores in stock as of 9 October.

**P9/161** 7 December 1921

3pp

**Training Officer's report**

Officer Seán Kennedy reports to Officer Commanding O'Malley on a training camp he held in Battalion 3 for a week starting 30 November.

## **2.4 Tipperary 2 Brigade**

### **2.4.1 Dispatches to and from Brigade**

**P9/162** 1 July 1921

1p

**From Brigade Officer Commanding Lahy to Adjutant Moloney**

He has located witnesses whose evidence would be relevant to the courts-martial held after a bank robbery in Thurles.

**P9/163** 21 July–4 September 1921

7pp

**Between Brigade Adjutant O'Heiden and Adjutant Moloney**

Seven routine dispatches. Brigade Adjutant reports that the Royal Irish Constabulary are still carrying revolvers when on patrol (21 July).

**P9/164** 24 July 1921

3pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to D. Ryan**

A six point dispatch to the organiser of the Brigade, mainly dealing with routine matters. Moloney mentions that the public wearing of uniforms is giving information to the enemy.



- P9/165** 4–6 August 1921  
3pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to James Leahy, W. Benn and Patrick Sampson**  
Moloney sends individual instructions to the three men regarding what to do with communications that are to be sent to him.
- P9/166** 14 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Lahy**  
Moloney instructs the Brigade Officer Commanding to insert officers' names, battalions and companies on the form provided. Copy of the completed list.
- P9/167** 22–25 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant O'Heiden to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Informs O'Malley of a Brigade meeting (22 September) and provides the Brigade's telegraphic address (25 September).
- P9/168** 27 September 1921  
4pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Adjutant O'Heiden**  
Four dispatches relating mainly to administrative matters. Moloney asks for 'any explanation of an ex-peeler named KING', and briefly discusses the appointment of Vice Commandant Stapleton of Battalion 3 to Officer Commanding.
- P9/169** 30 September–3 October 1921  
3pp  
**Between Adjutant Moloney and Brigade Adjutant O'Heiden**  
Moloney contacts the Brigade Adjutant in relation to a report received from General Headquarters of a strike in Ballingarry. The Brigade Adjutant replies that Ballingarry lies in Tipperary 3 Brigade's area but gives his thoughts on the matter, which

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- P9/169** Moloney acknowledges.
- P9/170** 4 October 1921–16 May 1922  
21pp  
**Between Adjutant Moloney and Brigade Adjutant O’Heiden**  
Twenty routine dispatches dealing with administrative matters and including acknowledgments, cover notes for enclosures, and correspondence relating to the Brigade’s *An tÓglach* account.
- P9/171** 10 November 1921  
3pp  
**From Brigade Officer Commanding Lahy to Officer Commanding O’Malley**  
Suggests that as the Thurles poorhouse is to be closed, that the Brigade obtain the use of it as a barracks or training camp.
- P9/172** 14 February 1922  
1p  
**From Maguire, Patterson and Palmer to P.J. Godfrey, Bank Place, County Tipperary**  
The match manufacturers in Dublin regret that they cannot purchase the chlorate of potash offered by Godfrey on behalf of an unidentified friend of his.
- P9/173** 14 December 1921  
1p  
**From Brigade Adjutant O’Heiden to Officer Commanding O’Malley**  
Informs O’Malley of training carried out during the month of November.

**P9/174** Not dated

1p

**From Seán Dunne of Battalion 3**

Dunne writes to an unidentified officer in relation to actions the Battalion took against Gleeson, which the military authorities have decided were not justified. Dunne protests and says that the matter 'has pained me and my comrades'.

### 2.4.2 Reports

**P9/175** 31 July–12 August 1921

2pp

**Brigade Council report for July**

Includes general report on all Battalions (31 July). Also includes a report of courts-martial for July, containing details of civilian and Volunteer courts-martial (12 August).

**P9/176** 31 August 1921

2pp

**Brigade Council report for August**

Includes general report on all Battalions and names the attendees of the Brigade Council meeting.

**P9/177** 31 October 1921

1p

**Monthly report for October**

Marks all three Battalions on their intelligence, signalling, musketry, scouting, engineering and first aid. General remarks are added by Vice-Commandant Pádraig Ó Chuinnláin.

**P9/178** 30 November 1921

1p

**Monthly report for November**

Marks all three Battalions on their intelligence, signalling,

**P9/178** musketry, scouting, engineering and first aid. General remarks are again added by Vice-Commandant Pádraig Ó Chuinnláin.

**P9/179** 21 December 1921

6pp

**Training Officer's report**

Reports on training given to Tipperary 2 Brigade in the use of Thompson sub-machine guns.

### **2.4.3 Training Camp, Fairyhill**

**P9/180** 4–21 October 1921

6pp

**Fairyhill Training Camp**

Consists of daily camp routine (4, 5, 11 October), a note from Brigade Adjutant O'Heiden to Officer Commanding O'Malley that the camp was disbanded (18 October), and a list of officers who attended the camp.

## **2.5 Tipperary 3 Brigade**

### **2.5.1 Dispatches to and from Brigade**

**P9/181** 23 March 1921

3pp

**Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officers**

Dispatches to the Brigade Captains of Supply, Signalling and Medical Services. Moloney instructs each of them to report to him monthly and supplies the headings under which they must do so.

- P9/182** 24 March 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to all Battalion Adjutants**  
Gives a description of the duties of an adjutant, and provides 'a list of headings which will be of use to you for organisation purposes'.
- P9/183** 11 June–8 July 1921  
17pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Seamus Robinson and Brigade Adjutant Seán Fitzpatrick**  
Eleven routine dispatches relating to administrative matters.
- P9/184** 11 July–3 August 1921  
5pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Fitzpatrick to Adjutant Moloney**  
Five routine dispatches relating mainly to administrative matters, including a dispatch discussing the Brigade's *An tÓglach* account.
- P9/185** 23 July–8 September 1921  
20pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson**  
Seventeen routine dispatches. A number are addressed to Adjutant Fitzpatrick. Also includes dispatches to officers of Battalions 4 and 6 acknowledging receipt of communications (23 July) and to the Intelligence Officer, enclosing a new cipher (6 August).
- P9/186** 29 August–2 September 1921  
5pp  
**Between Seaghan Ua [Fionnghusa] of Battalion 5 and Adjutant Moloney**  
Forwards quotations for various components of explosives, including potash permanganate, potassium chlorate and manganese dioxide. Moloney replies with some brief instructions.

- P9/187** 2–4 September 1921  
3pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Quartermaster Sheeran**  
Three routine dispatches acknowledging receipt of dispatches sent by the Quartermaster.
- P9/188** 2–3 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Battalion 4 Officer Commanding**  
Requests that he store some 'Div stuff that is hanging around' (2 September) and informs him of the new address to which he ought to send dispatches.
- P9/189** 5 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Mrs Freeward to Officer Commanding O'Malley (via Battalion 2)**  
Informs O'Malley that she has sent petrol and lubricating oil to Tincurry that morning.
- P9/190** 8–10 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Brigade Adjutant Fitzpatrick to Adjutant Moloney**  
Send money to clear the *An tÓglach* account (8 September) and informs Moloney that he will send on riding breeches (10 September).
- P9/191** 13–14 September 1921  
2p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson**  
Acknowledges receipt of a dispatch (13 September). Includes a note to Lieutenant Ryan of the Galtee training camp, whose communications are sent via Tipperary 3 Brigade.

- P9/192** 17 September 1921  
1p  
**From Assistant Brigade Adjutant Seán O'Flóin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
A covering note for a report on the court-martial of Commandant McGrath. He notes that sentencing is awaiting confirmation.
- P9/193** 18 September  
4pp  
**From Adjutant of A Company, Battalion 3, to Officer Commanding of Galtee Camp**  
Sends thirteen pounds of potassium chlorate and includes receipts for various items, for which he asks to be reimbursed as soon as possible.
- P9/194** 19 September 1921  
3pp  
**From Acting Brigade Adjutant O'Flóin to Adjutant Moloney**  
Explains that several officers were not present at last Brigade Council meeting due to his failure to notify them of the event. An additional dispatch informs Moloney that the appointment of a Brigade Vice-Commandant has not yet been confirmed.
- P9/195** 19 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant of Battalion 3 to Adjutant Moloney**  
Apologises for his tardiness at a Brigade meeting and explains why he was late.
- P9/196** 19–21 September 1921  
4pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson and Brigade Adjutant Fitzpatrick**  
Four routine dispatches, consisting of acknowledgements of dispatches received.

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- P9/197** 20 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Officer Commanding of E Company, Battalion 4**  
Points out that a communication has not been acknowledged.
- P9/198** 20 September 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Lieutenant Ryan, Galtee Camp**  
Asks for acknowledgment of communications.
- P9/199** 21 September–4 October 1921  
14pp  
**Between Acting Brigade Adjutant O'Flóin and Adjutant Moloney**  
Eight routine dispatches, relating to administrative matters such as daily reports and acknowledgments.
- P9/200** 23 September 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Battalion 4**  
Instructs them that if they receive a wire consisting of 'On Guard', to communicate it to Divisional Headquarters immediately.
- P9/201** 5 October 1921  
1p  
**From Officer Commanding of Battalion 6 to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Informs O'Malley that he called to Barry's in Mitchelstown but the 'lamps did not arrive from Fermoy'.



- P9/202** 6–10 October 1921  
3pp  
**Between Battalion 4 Engineer and Adjutant Moloney**  
Asks if he could have caps made at Divisional Headquarters, but that he 'can get shells made alright myself'. Moloney acknowledges the dispatch.
- P9/203** 7 October–8 November 1921  
7pp  
**Between Adjutant Moloney and Acting Adjutant O'Flóin**  
Five routine dispatches, acknowledging dispatches received and enclosing reports. Also includes a notice that the appointments of Vice Commandant and Assistant Adjutant have been ratified (7 October).
- P9/204** 16–18 October 1921  
2pp  
**From Lieutenant Kennedy, Battalion 4, to Officer Commanding O'Malley**  
Reports that the Hotchkiss machine-gun was kept by Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson. Moloney acknowledges the report.
- P9/205** 7–10 November 1921  
2pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Officer Commanding, Battalion 6**  
Requests that the Harley Davidson be forwarded at once as Officer Commanding O'Malley requires it. He replies to say that he has failed to get parts for the motorcycle and he 'is very sorry over the matter'.
- P9/206** 7 November 1921  
1p  
**From Acting Divisional Engineer to Brigade Engineer**  
Requests that a meeting of Battalion Engineers be called.

- P9/207** 7–15 November 1921  
3pp  
**Between Adjutant Moloney and Quartermaster, Battalion 6**  
Moloney requests the bills in connection with the Galtee Camp.
- P9/208** 9 November 1921  
1p  
**From O’Gorman Auto Engineers to P. O’Mahony**  
Reports that they only have one volt accumulator belonging to the Brigade.
- P9/209** 11 November 1921  
1p  
**From Liaison Officer Seán Fitzpatrick to Officer Commanding O’Malley**  
Asks for a personal interview with O’Malley in relation to two commandeered motorcars. Written from the Temporary Liaison Offices in the Royal Hotel, Tipperary.
- P9/210** 13 November 1921  
1p  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Engineer**  
Asks for particulars of the explosive marked ‘Z.10’ in the Engineer’s last dispatch.
- P9/211** 18 November 1921–7 January 1922  
4pp  
**Correspondence related to the kidnapping of Stationmaster Brophy of Clonmel**  
Adjutant Moloney forwards a copy of a communication from the Adjutant General, who wishes to have a more sufficient explanation for the kidnapping of the stationmaster of Clonmel Station. He demands ‘a definitive charge against him’ (18 November). Moloney writes again (17 December) to seek an explanation. Also included is a letter from Liaison Officer Quinlan in Nenagh, County Tipperary, seeking information on Brophy’s

**P9/212** whereabouts and the purpose for which he was taken (7 January).

**P9/212** 19 November 1921

1p

**From Acting Brigade Adjutant O'Flóin to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Notifies O'Malley of a change in the location of Brigade Headquarters.

**P9/213** 24–29 November 1921

3pp

**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson**

Three dispatches requesting reports and covering enclosures.

**P9/214** 25 November 1921

1p

**From Brigade Quartermaster to Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Requests to have Seaghan Cooney's pattern for a parabellum stack returned.

**P9/215** 30 November–20 December 1921

15pp

**Between Acting Brigade Adjutant O'Flóin and Adjutant Moloney**

Fifteen routine dispatches, including acknowledgments of dispatches received, requests for reports, and other such administrative matters. Includes correspondence related to the interment of D.I. Potter, and a note to Lieutenant Kennedy acknowledging his report on training.

**P9/216** 7–17 December 1921  
3pp  
**From Adjutant Moloney to Brigade Officer Commanding Robinson**  
Correspondence related to an incident at Oola train station (see P9/104).

**P9/217** 22 April 1922  
1p  
**From Adjutant of 2 Southern Division to Brigade Officer**  
Requests the Brigade Officer's immediate attention to an unidentified enclosure.

### 2.5.2 Reports

**P9/218** 4–11 July 1921  
4pp  
**Special reports**  
Reports from four officers, including the Officers Commanding Battalions 5 and 8. The reports relate to various operations carried out in the Tipperary 3 area, including the attempted ambushing of '4 Peelers' (8 July).

**P9/219** 6 October 1921  
8pp  
**Monthly report for September**  
Includes details of fines imposed on civilians, courts-martial, arrests, casualties, recruiting, and IRA strength.

**P9/220** [6] October 1921  
5pp  
**Acting Divisional Engineer's report**  
Reports on the Brigade's engineering, with comments on each battalion. Mentions that a camp for brigade engineers has been set up, which he thinks will be a success.

### 2.5.3 Training Camp, Ballinard

**P9/221** 10–11 October 1921

2pp

**Routine orders**

Lists of the routine orders for two days at the training camp. Officer of the day, mess officers and those officers on guard duty are listed.

### 3. DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS TO ALL BRIGADES

**P9/222** April 1921

3pp

**Engineering Circular, Numbers 6 and 11**

The first circular details the method by which road pits should be constructed, and the latter deals with the destruction of enemy motor transport. Sent from the Engineering Department at General Headquarters.

**P9/223** 10 July 1921

6pp

**Instructions related to routine orders**

Sent to all Brigade Adjutants by Divisional Headquarters, this document instructs them on what must be included in the monthly report. Gives routine particulars to be observed, such as the office supplies and stationery which each battalion must possess. Includes details on the division's reference system for communications.

**P9/224** 15 July 1921

1p

**Dispatch from Adjutant Moloney**

Sent to Officers Commanding all Brigades. Requests information as to the public's attitude to paying their next moiety of rent and income tax. Also wishes to know how Republican courts are functioning in each area.

**P9/225** 21 July 1921

9pp

**Specimen forms for reports**

Blank forms sent to all Brigades as examples of those which ought to be submitted to Divisional Headquarters. Sent by Adjutant Moloney.

**P9/226** 25 July 1921

2pp

**Dispatch from Adjutant Moloney**

Instructs the Officers Commanding to appoint a Brigade Police Officer immediately. Mid-Limerick Brigade is not mentioned in the dispatch.

**P9/227** 25 August 1921

1p

**Dispatch from Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Brigade Officers Commanding must arrange for special training of men for operations in towns. The training course includes munitions training, patrol work and reconnaissance.

**P9/228** 26 August 1921

1p

**Dispatch from Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Requests that Brigade Officers Commanding give their special attention to the reorganisation of the IRA in villages and towns, as 'the army has been steadily losing its grip ... the enemy on the other hand has devoted its energy to consolidating their strategical moral and civic occupation of these places'.

**P9/229** 26 August 1921

1p

**Dispatch from Officer Commanding O'Malley**

Orders that officers must be engaged in 'self-training' as 'the organisation, training and routine work of a B[attalion] can never be too perfect'.

- P9/230** 19 September 1921  
4pp  
**Dispatch from Adjutant Moloney**  
Notes intended to assist the Brigades in the general organization and running of their camps.
- P9/231** 11 October 1921  
6pp  
**Dispatch from Adjutant Moloney**  
Outlining the new dispatch scheme which must be used in future.
- P9/232** 4 November 1921  
1p  
**Regulation regarding frequenting public houses**  
Circular from the Adjutant General, which states the consequences for officers frequenting public houses.
- P9/233** 18 November 1921  
5pp  
**Organisation Memorandum, Number 5**  
Details the responsibilities of the Signalling Officers.
- P9/234** 2 [December] 1921  
3pp  
**Dispatch from Adjutant Moloney**  
Giving the circumstances under which roads may be repaired by civilians.
- P9/235** 21 January 1922  
2pp  
**Dispatch from Chief of Staff**  
Reporting on a meeting held in Dublin to discuss the holding of a

**P9/235** Volunteer Convention, which has been urged by some to re-evaluate the position of the army and its allegiance to the Dáil.

**P9/236** 24 March 1922

2pp

**Special dispatch from Chief of Staff**

Encloses a letter from Minister of Defence, Richard Mulcahy, commenting on the 'present very grave National position', and advising officers commanding on steps which must be taken against any Volunteer attending the sectional convention which has been called.

**P9/237** 28 March 1922

3pp

**Dispatch from Army Council**

Informing all Officers Commanding that they will hold Battalion mobilisations on Sunday, 2 April, the purpose of which is to reaffirm its allegiance to the Irish Republic.

**P9/238** 8 April 1922

4pp

**Dispatch from Director of Information**

Advising Divisional Intelligence Officers on their reorganisation, to make the intelligence network 'absolutely inaccessible to hostile interference'.

**P9/239** 12 April 1922

4pp

**Dispatch from Director of Organisation**

Requests the names of Battalion staff, and the names and numbers of battalions and companies in each area.



**P9/240** 1 May 1922

1p

**Dispatch from Chief of Police for Army Council**

Informs each Brigade Police Officer that a Divisional Police Officer will shortly be appointed, and instructs them to establish safe lines of communication with him.

**4. 1 SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**P9/241** 3 September 1921–1 April 1922

32pp

**Dispatches between 1 and 2 Southern Divisions**

Communications between officers of 1 Southern Division and Adjutant Moloney, of a routine nature and dealing with administrative issues between the divisions.