



## Identity Statement

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### CONTEXT

**CREATOR(S):** Irish Volunteers, Committee of Galway City Corps

### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY / BIOGRAPHY

(See Irish Volunteers)

The Manifesto of the Committee of Galway City Corps states the Corps was commenced in Galway on 10 December 1913; *'The movement progressed in Galway notwithstanding the sneers and scoffs of those who had not the courage to think for themselves and was led and financed by the men who are now called "the insignificant minority" by those who were afraid or ashamed to join when the organisation was originally started in the city'*.

A conference was organised for 15 May 1914 to encourage the young men of Galway to join. It was decided at the meeting that the original Committee, together with the delegates then present, should form the Provisional Committee for the government of the Volunteer movement in Galway until such time as a democratic and elected committee should come into power. Various city organisations were invited, such as the Claddagh Hurling Club, City Gaels, Franciscan Cemetery, Bohermore Band, Gaelic League etc.

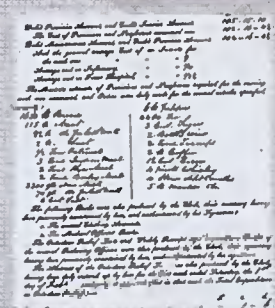
It was decided on 24 June 1914 to open a collection for the purpose of arming the Volunteers of the City. The collection was never properly completed.

Officers elected to various companies, e.g. Company Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

*'Signatories of the manifesto stand for the original constitution of the Irish Volunteer organisation via "To secure or maintain the liberties of the Irish nation. They dispute the right of any section of Irishmen to cajole or coerce the men of Ireland to join the active forces at the Front, especially when the persuasion and attempted coercion comes from men who themselves show no desire to either go to the Front themselves or send their sons thereto and our motto is and will remain "Men from ... Think of the future when Ireland is free"'*

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**SCOPE & CONTENT**

Notebook with handwritten Committee minutes recording attendance, and business transacted, signed by the Chairman. Items discussed include election of officers, such as that of Dr. Walsh as Secretary (3 July 1914), collection of funds, such as for equipment, and training, such as target practice and drills. Includes, at the rear of volume, a rough [draft] of the Manifesto of Committee of Galway City Corps relating to its original constitution.

Includes resolution of 12 August 1914, *'That we, the members of the Committee of the Galway City Volunteers hereby cordially approve and heartily endorse the statesmanlike speech of Mr John E. Redmond in which he offered the services of the Irish Volunteers for home defence during the present crises and express the hope that both the Ulster and Irish Volunteers will cordially unite and cooperate for the purpose of defending Ireland against foreign aggression'*.

Includes Notice of Motion of 18 September 1914 *'That notwithstanding the opinions expressed by inspecting officers of the Irish Volunteers or by other people no matter how high their estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers is of opinion that the volunteers under its jurisdiction should abide by the constitution originally laid down for the Volunteers and arm and equip themselves for the one purpose of securing and maintaining the rights and liberties common to all Irishmen'*.

Includes several insertions including a quotation from Thomas McDonogh & Sons for '60 wooden guns' (8 September 1914).

Members of Council: Allen, M J ; Barrett ; Carter, J; Cusack; Duffy Luke (Chairman); Flaherty, W; Flanagan, T; Glynn; Hardiman, F.; Hosty, J.; Hynes, T.; Loftus, P.; Meagher, Captain.; Nicolls, G.; O'Malley, C.; O'Neil, J.; Pringle, J.; Redington, James; Ussher, Patrick; Walsh Dr (Secretary).

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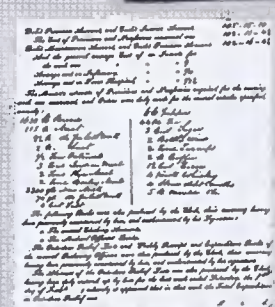
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The Irish Volunteers

Galway City

Minutes of Meetings

May 1914 - Sept. 1914



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Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 1914.

Resolved that the present committee be converted into a Provisional Committee and that a Conference be held in the Town Hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May to which delegates be invited from all the nationalist bodies in Galway and arrangements made at the Conference for a Public Meeting to be held in a short time at which Colonel Moore be asked to attend.

Pending the conference all drilling to be discontinued in South Park but Athlone & other bodies to start drilling at once in their own Halls.

Secretaries <sup>are</sup> directed to interview Mr Lydon re Parkvara Mills and if possible acquire same as a Drill Hall.

The following bodies to be circularized to send delegates to conference. Drapers Assistants, Grocers Assistants U.D.C. Mechanics Institute, Bladagh Hurling Club Bohemian G.S.H.C. City Gaelic F.C. Bohemian Band Temperance Hall, St. Patrick's Band, Trades Council U.D.L. Labourers Union, Students U.G.S., Gaelic League Foresters A.O.H. Galway City H.C. Franciscan H.C. Celtic F.C. City Stars F.C.



Meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914.

Members present:-

Captain Meagher, Messrs. Pringle, Redington,  
Nicolls, Hoeh, Flanagan, Hardiman, Hynes, Lavelle,  
Usher, Allen, Cusack, Lecker, Barnett.

Captain Meagher having been proposed and seconded  
took the chair.

B. H. Cusack & M. J. Allen elected Hon Secretaries

J. Hardiman & Jas Carter elected Hon Treasurers

Support having been promised by U.S. (Usher & Redington)

U.S. (Mr Redington) N.H. (O'Neill) Students (Cusack)

Brass Band (Barnett) and Labourers (Kastus)

Resolved that drilling be restarted immediately.

Resolved that the Corps be reorganized.

Resolved that delegates at Convention act in  
future as Committee.

Messrs O'Neill, Carter & Allen appointed Sub Committee  
to see after Drill, Instructors etc

The question of acquiring a Drill Hall having been  
gone into it was decided that negotiations be  
entered into with Mr. John O'Donnell with a view  
to taking over his Hall. Messrs Nicolls & O'Neill  
were appointed to see him. In the event of their  
taking the Hall notices to be ~~not~~ inserted in  
local papers that a meeting would be held there  
to enrol members and receive enrolment fees  
Enrolment fee fixed at 6<sup>d</sup> minimum & weekly  
Subscription fixed at minimum of 2<sup>d</sup>.

Secretaries to advertise for Drill Instructor

Further resolved that none but registered  
Volunteers be permitted to join in Volunteer  
parades & marches & that each Volunteer



Volunteers should have a Card of Membership  
(Proposed by Captain Meagher).

Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 1914.

Special Meeting called for the purpose of considering  
letter from Secretary U.D.C. (Galway Branch) re  
Demonstration on Saturday night 30<sup>th</sup> May

Resolved: That as the Corps is not yet reorganized  
Volunteers could not as Volunteers take part in  
demonstration but deputation consisting of  
Messrs Redington, O'Neill, Cusack, Nicolls and  
Pringle attend on Mr Gurpin & explain the  
matter to him.

Mr Cusack to call on U.D.C. on 28<sup>th</sup> inst and  
ask permission to Drill at residence of O'Donohue  
Terrace Mr O'Neill to see Mr Deacon re old  
Grange works and be authorized to offer from  
£10. to £20 rent.

That the U.D.C. & Guardians & R. D.C. be asked  
to pass resolutions demanding the withdrawal  
of the Arms Proclamation.

Members present:

Messrs Nicolls, Mr Redington, Jas Redington  
Pringle, Meshees Hardiman, Professor O'Neill  
E. O'Neill, C. O'Malley, Harty, Flanagan  
Duffy, Barnett, O'Neil, Loftus, Hyman, Carter  
& Secretaries Allen & Cusack  
Mr. Mr Redington in chair

Seán Mac Dónaill

1/6/14



Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June 1914

Members present.

Messrs Nicolls, O'Neill, C. O'Malley, O'Malley

Resolved.

That Mr O'Donnell's Hall be taken as  
a Hall at a rent of £18 a year

Seipye Mac Givernall

19/6/14



Meeting 19th June 1914.  
(To arrange a Public Meeting on Sunday).  
Members present:

That Messrs McDannell & Nicolls & Prof O'Malley  
see Mr Mm McDanagh & request him act as chairman  
at the meeting.

Messrs Cusack & Allen act as Secretaries to  
meeting.



Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 1914

Members present

Mr Redington & Mr Pringle, Ussher, O'Neill  
Hardman, Lavelle, Harty, Flanagan, Nicolls  
Hynes, Duffy, Cusack, Allen, O'Maille, E. O'Malley

Resolved, that Messrs a public meeting of leading  
citizens be held for the purpose of opening  
Equipment Fund. Messrs Nicolls & M'Donnell  
to see Mr. M'Donagh & ask him sign circular

Proposed by Mr. Nicolls seconded by Mr. O'Neill & passed unanimously  
That Officers be immediately elected for No 1  
Company, and that when Officers have been  
appointed for the remaining Companies of  
the Battalion that those officers shall form  
the Committee and original Committee shall dissolve

Seiripye Mac Giolla

3/7/14

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1914

Present Messrs Nicolls, Ussher, Luffus, O'Neill, O'Maille  
Dr Walsh, Hardman, Flanagan, Harty, Pringle

S. & Linnick & Allen

Chair Mr Nicolls

Business

- (1) Election of Secretary to replace Mr Cusack resigned
- (2) Co option of members
- (3) Charge of Barracks
- (4) Collection of Funds.

Dr Walsh elected Secretary in room of Mr Cusack resigned  
Mr M'Donagh M.D.C. co-opted a member of Committee

Mr M'Donagh, Dr Walsh & P.S. M'Donagh elected  
Committee to look after Barracks

Proposed by Mr Nicolls & passed unanimously  
That Mr Cusack be elected an Honorary Captain in the  
Galway City Corps Irish Volunteers.

Resolved, that the collection of funds to equip the Volunteers  
be at once started, and that circulars be sent to  
business people in town. Secretaries to get circulars  
printed giving list of subscriptions received

That Secretaries get official <sup>note</sup> paper & envelopes.  
That six converted service rifles be obtained for  
target practice at the cost of £12  
That notice be put up in Drill Hall warning  
Volunteers against purchasing Bandoliers or other  
parts of their equipment without consulting their  
officers.

That the Secretaries unto the Headquarters re pattern  
rifle adopted.



The following resolution was also passed.  
That this Committee consider that money collected in Galway should only be used to equip the Volunteers in Galway City Corps.

The following were appointed to collect in the various wards

North Ward: Messrs Mesher, Hardman, Pingle & Redington.

South Ward: Messrs Nicolls, Crowley etc

East Ward: Messrs O'Neill, Flanagan, Heshy

West Ward: Messrs O'Malley, L. Silke, & Walsh

The following were appointed to look after the matter of arming the Volunteers Messrs Nicolls, Walsh and Prof O'Malley

Spence  
18/8/14

selection for next week  
Special Volunteer Committee Meeting.  
A special meeting of the local Committee of the Volunteers was held on Wednesday night. There was a full attendance of members, and the following resolutions were passed:—(1) "Resolved—That this Committee recommends the traders of Galway to regulate the prices of foodstuffs in accordance with the scale fixed by the Dublin traders." (2) "That we, the members of the Committee of the Galway City Volunteers, hereby cordially approve and heartily endorse the statesmanlike speech of Mr. John E. Redmond, in which he offered the services of the Irish Volunteers for home defence during the present crisis, and express the hope that both the Ulster and Irish Volunteers will cordially unite and cooperate for the purpose of defending Ireland against foreign aggression." Copies to be sent to Mr. John E. Redmond and the Press.

St Storme

Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 1914

Special Meeting.

Present: Messrs M. McHugh, M. Redington, J. Hardman, P. Mesher, Jas Carter, J. P. O'Neill, L. Duffy, O'Malley, Flaherty, J. Redington, Koffus, Pingle, Nicoll, Prof O'Malley, S. P. McDonnell, T. Hynes, & Heshy

Mr M. Redington in the chair

After fully considering the question it was decided of the increase in the price of foodstuffs in Galway owing to the war the following resolution was passed

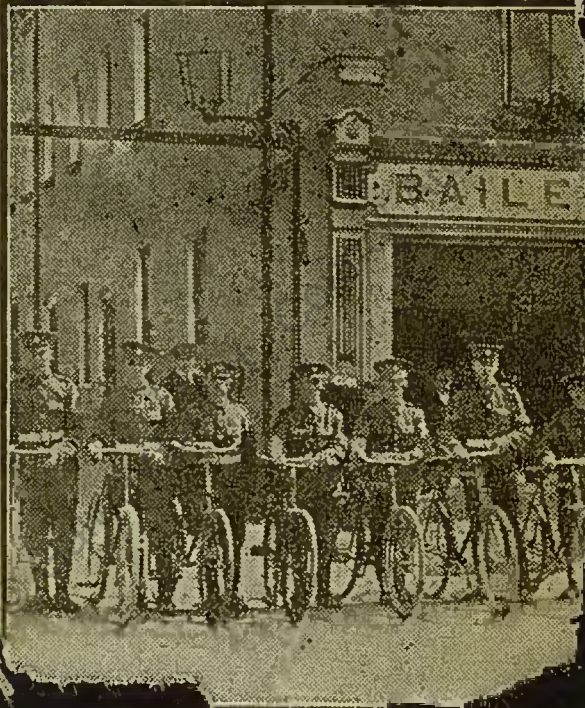
That this Committee recommend the traders of Galway to regulate the prices of foodstuffs in accordance with the scale fixed by Dublin traders.

The Secretaries were directed to post notices in Hall informing Volunteers that no arrangement had been come to between the Government and the Provisional Committee as to the drilling of Volunteers in Barracks also to write to Headquarters as to practices, Caudoch and suggesting they issue a manifesto cautioning Volunteers against joining the Army under the belief that they were joining as Irish Volunteers for home service

The following resolution was proposed by Mr P. S. McDonnell  
Seconded by Mr L. Duffy

That we, the members of the Committee of the Galway City Volunteers hereby cordially approve and heartily endorse the statesmanlike speech of Mr John E. Redmond in which he offered the services of the Irish Volunteers for home defence during the present crisis and express the hope that both the Ulster and Irish Volunteers will cordially unite and







cooperate for the purpose of defending Ireland against foreign aggression.

Meeting of Committee Galway City Corps  
Irish Volunteers held 18th August 1914.

Chair: Mr Luke Duff

Present. Messrs J Redington, G. O'Malley, G. Nicolls,  
F. Hardiman, P. Washer, J. R. O'Neill, W. Flaherty,  
T. Flanagan, J. Carter, J. Hoshy, J. Loftus,  
T. Hynes, J. Pringle, M. Allen.

Business. (1) To consider the mode of ~~appo~~ selecting officers  
for future companies.  
(2) To consider a communication from the local  
branch of Cumann na mban -  
(3) General business.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr  
Nicolls seconded by Mr Jas Redington: It is  
that the provisional Committee inspect the Bill  
and select men fit for commissions and  
non-commissioned officerships and each  
Company as formed will have power to elect  
the men from the men selected and that the  
election be by ballot.

Cumann na mban. Mr Nicolls having informed the Committee that  
the local branch of Cumann na mban were  
anxious to meet some of our Committee at  
a conference to which all the local medical  
practitioners should be invited it was  
decided that the Secretaries should  
send circulars to all the medical men in  
Galway inviting their attendance at a  
meeting of Cumann na mban on Thursday  
20th at 8 O.C. in the Town Hall. The following



Proposed by Mr Nicolls seconded by Mr O'Neill and passed.

The following members of the Committee were appointed to attend. Mr Nicolls, Mr McDermott, Mr C. O'Malley & Mr Duffy.

Proposed The following resolution was proposed by Mr Nicolls & seconded by Mr Pringle.

that notice be put up in the Drill Hall to the following effect

"That on and after Saturday the 22nd inst. no Volunteers will be allowed to enter the Drill Hall unless his subscriptions are paid regularly.

Orders.

The following orders were made

That electric light be immediately put into the Drill Hall and also into the Square in the Shambles Barracks

That the hours of drill be published in local papers

That rules be posted up in Hall and that any charge made by any Volunteers against another must be made in writing and on a charge sheet

The following rules were to be put up in Hall immediately.

"Any man found guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Volunteer movement in Galway will be dealt with by the Provisional Committee.

"Any man who considers he has any grievance against any Officers

or Non commissioned Officers will report same to the Senior Officers immediately after the parade in which he is then engaged is over (At the same time it must be remembered that the first duty of a Volunteer is obedience) That all charges be made in writing on a charge sheet.

That the Secretaries reply to Capt Shewell's offer of his services to the local Corps.

That at next meeting the Committee consider the selection of Officers for No 2 Company and Non-Com Officers for No 1 Company

The Committee recommended the Sub-Committee to appoint no man as Chief Instructor who is on active service.

That the Sub-Committee have power to select the best man as Chief Instructor

Martin W. Donogh  
3/9/14



Meeting of Committee Railway City Corps  
Irish Volunteers held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1914

Chair. Mr M<sup>rs</sup> McDonagh  
Present. Messrs Carter Hardiman Jas Redington,  
C O'Malley W Flaherty Laptus Duffy  
O'Malley Lavelle M W Redington O'Neill  
Uscher McDonnell & Secretaries.

Business I Completion of Collection. II Selection  
of officers for B Company and Non Coms  
for A and to make arrangements for  
Officers of C & D Companies.

The following were appointed to attend the  
the Halls of the different Companies and  
select candidates for the positions of  
Messrs Lavelle Neolls Allan, Flanagan  
Flaherty & Walsh

Cheques to be signed by the treasurer

The Treasurer were authorized to spend  
up to £2 on temporary repairs to roof  
of Hall.

Secretaries to write to Head quarters  
re rifles.

The Secretaries were authorized to get  
60 wooden guns for drilling purposes  
and six converted rifles

Seoipe Mae Noeall  
16/9/14

Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914

Chair Mr Nicolls  
Present Messrs Carter O'Malley Flanagan Flaherty  
Laptus Duffy O'Neill Uscher Neolls  
Walsh & Allen

Business: I To consider Notice of Motion by Mr Duffy  
re Mr W. G. Fogarty's letter to "Irish  
Independent"  
II To consider selection of Candidates for Officers  
of B Company and to settle in  
method of election  
III Collection of Subscriptions  
IV Lighting of Barracks

Orders I That Mr Fogarty be sent a copy  
of the following  
of resolutions & be requested to attend  
a special meeting on Friday night  
to explain his conduct  
# "That Mr W. G. Fogarty of B Company  
be called upon to explain his most  
extraordinary conduct in writing in  
the Dublin Press on the policy of the  
Volunteers on the Policy of the  
Volunteers military movements and  
subjecting his Chief Officers to criticism  
contrary to military practices"  
Proposed by Mr Duffy seconded by  
Mr Flanagan  
II Messrs C O'Malley M Fogarty L Duffy  
P Morgan J Hardiman & P O'Neill  
were selected as Candidates for Officership  
in B Company and that the method  
of election be that each member of



the Company write down three names on the ballot paper and that the name receiving most <sup>votes</sup> names be elected Captain the name receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest number be ~~1st~~ Lieutenant and the 3<sup>rd</sup> greatest number 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

3. That the collection of subscriptions be immediately proceeded with
4. That the question of the lighting of the Barrack square be held over for a month

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Walsh seconded by Mr O'Neill and Carried

"That a meeting be held in Galway at an early date for the following purpose - To express the determination of the patriots of Galway to appear by every means in their power any alteration or repeal of the Home Rule Bill now in the Statute Book" and that delegates be invited to a meeting of delegates to be held in the Town Hall on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst at 8 p.m.

A letter having been read from headquarters offering Lee Infeld Rifles at £5 each it was proposed by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mr. O'Neill passed that twenty rifles be procured at this price and £10 worth of ammunition for same

Mr Duffy proposed that Drill Hall be fitted up for target practice seconded by Mr. Carter and passed.

Wm. Dowling  
30/9/14

## Special Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914

Chair Mr O'Neill

Present Messrs Nicolls, Fleahy, Proule, O'Malley, Morgan, Lusher, Duffy, O'Malley, Carter, Hynea, Flanagan, Walsh & Allen

Business ~~to~~ consider Mr. W. T. Fogarty's explanation, if any, with reference to his letter to the public press.  
General

A communication was read from Mr. Fogarty; it was proposed by Captain Duffy seconded by Capt. Nicolls and unanimously passed that ~~Capt.~~ Private W. T. Fogarty be expelled from the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Nicolls and after some discussion it was decided to postpone the consideration of same to a special meeting to be held on Sunday next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst

"That notwithstanding the opinions expressed by Inspecting Officers of the Irish Volunteers or by other people no matter how high their estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers is of opinion that the volunteers under its jurisdiction should abide by the constitution originally laid down for the Volunteers and arm and equip themselves for the one purpose of securing and maintaining the



rights and liberties common to all the people  
Irishmen

Martin & Joseph  
30/9/14

Special Meeting Sunday 20th Sept 1914

Chair Mr McDonagh

Present: Messrs Nicolls Pringle Redington Mr Redington Loftus  
Flaherty Duffy Usher O'Neill Hynes Hesly Mcayher  
Morgan Barker O'Malley R O'Malley Roche  
and Secretaries

Business: To consider the following notice of Motion  
proposed by Mr Nicolls:

"That, notwithstanding the opinions expressed  
by Inspecting Officers of the Irish Volunteers or  
by any other people no matter how high their  
estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee  
of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers  
is of opinion that the Volunteers under its  
jurisdiction should abide by the Constitution  
originally laid down for the Volunteers and  
arm and equip themselves for the one  
purpose of securing and maintaining  
the rights and liberties common to all  
Irishmen

~~To Mr Guyon was invited to attend & discuss the  
matter before the Committee. which he did~~

After considerable discussion the following  
amendment was proposed by Mr Mr-  
Redington:

That the matter be held over until  
instructions be obtained from head quarters  
On a show of hands the Chairman declared  
the amendment carried.

Martin & Joseph  
30/9/14



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expulsion of was backed by O'Neill in the  
Chair & how they subsequently proposed &  
seconded respectively his re-instatement,

II. How the whole crowd told us at a  
meeting of the committee (before Gwynn spoke)  
that they were against re-appointing & how  
subsequently some of them, Messrs. Gwynn,  
J. Redington & others participated in a  
secret meeting the former presiding.  
James



VI.  
at any night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. <sup>and</sup> ~~when~~  
they will be allocated to their respective  
companies.

Signed

Thomas Walsh  
George Nicolls } A. Co.  
Michael Allen }  
Thomas Flanagan }  
James Carter }  
Thomas Hynes } D. Co.  
Thomas O'Dowd }  
Thomas Newell }  
Bryan Mollay } C. Co.  
Mr. Burke }

To Captn,

This is very hastily written  
out & will want a great deal of polishing  
& also considerable addition. I have given  
the skeleton & you can change & mutilate  
it as much as you like.

Yours  
Do C. C. P.  
S. J. P. M. C.

P.S. If you think it advisable to  
make a judicious reference to the "outrage"  
do so but I am afraid it would be dangerous.  
Try if you can hit the business into shape  
to-day, I have to go to Mullingar but if I  
am back I will call in the eve.

Yours  
S. J. P. M. C.

P.P.S. I have just thought of 2 more things  
it would be advisable to work in.

I. How Luke Sully proposed Bogarty's

V  
Irishmen to cajole or even the men  
of Ireland to join the active forces  
at the front, especially when the persuasion  
& attempted coercion comes from men who  
themselves show no desire to either go  
to the front themselves or send their  
sons there, and our motto is and  
will remain.

"Men from the plains of Mayo to Loch  
Garman,

Men from Loch Lein to the hills of  
Tyrone,  
Seed of the Gael and the Dane and the  
Norman

Join hands for Ireland and Ireland  
O alone!

Here in the land that is Liberty's altar  
Dane and Dane only the battle must be  
Think of the prize and your hearts will  
I met Galter,  
Think of the future when Ireland is  
free!"

We appeal confidently to all volunteers  
and intending volunteers who intend to  
stand by the original constitution of  
the organization to stand by the only  
legal Volunteer Committee in Galway and the  
only committee that has a genuine desire  
to arm the volunteers in the service of  
Ireland. Those who intend abiding by the  
Volunteer constitution and acting under the  
genuine Volunteer Committee of Galway will  
attend at the Volunteer hall at 10, Queen's



back as 24<sup>th</sup> June no attempt was  
 ever made to resign same until the  
 elections had been duly carried out in  
 accordance with the unanimous decision  
 of the committee. The majority of the  
 officers elected (9 out of 12) hold that  
 they with the three others who are now  
 members of the so-called Provisional  
 Committee are in accordance with the  
 unanimous decision of the original Provisional  
 Committee, the only committee now legally  
 entitled to act in Galway.

It has been a serious complaint  
 among the volunteers in Galway that they were  
 not being provided with arms. The fault of  
 does not lie with the signatories of this  
 manifesto but with the members of the new  
 so-called Provisional Committee. At a meeting  
 held on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1914 it was unanimously  
 decided to procure up to date Lee-Enfield  
 magazine rifles. The money in bank  
 was lodged in the names of three trustees  
 Messrs. M. Mc Donough, J. Carter & J. Hardiman.  
 Mr. Mc Donough refused to sign the cheque  
 for the rifles although the order for same  
 was unanimously passed by the Provisional  
 Committee and thus a chance of arming the  
 Galway volunteers which may not occur again  
 was irretrievably lost.

The signatories to this manifesto stand  
 for the original constitution of the Irish  
 Volunteer Organisation viz. To secure &  
 maintain the liberties of the Irish nation.  
 They dispute the right of any section of

on the motion of Mr. Niwells seconded by  
 Mr. Jas. Redington: That the Provisional  
 Committee inspect the arms and select men  
 fit for commission and that the fit  
 each company and that the men have  
 the right of election from those selected.

The following members of the  
 new so-called committee assented  
 to this resolution: Luke Duffly, Jas. Redington,  
 Patk. Usher, J. P. O'Neill, W. Flaherty, P. Hynes  
 and J. Hynes.

When all the companies had elected  
 their officers the men elected were as follows:

A. Co. Captain G. Niwells  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant M. Allen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> do J. Flanagan

B. Co. Captain L. Duffly  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant J. P. O'Neill  
 2<sup>nd</sup> do J. P. O'Neill

C. Co. Captain Thomas Newell  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Roman Mollery  
 2<sup>nd</sup> do M. Burke

D. Co. Captain J. Carter  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant J. Hynes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> do J. O'Boyle

The elections of officers were not completed  
 until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1914 and although  
 the ~~above~~ resolution to the effect that the  
 officers when elected would form the  
 Committee ~~was~~ and that the Provisional  
 Committee would be ~~discontinued~~ <sup>be dissolved</sup> was passed as



manifests. The collection was never properly completed as collectors in aid of the races etc interfered with its completion.

At the same meeting the following resolution was passed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Nicolls seconded by Mr. O'Neill:—

That officers be appointed for No. 1 Company and that when officers have been appointed for the remaining Companies of the Corps that those officers shall form the Committee and that the provisional committee shall be dissolved. This resolution was passed unanimously and the following members of the ~~new~~ so-called committee were present at the meeting and voted for its adoption:— Martin Redington, W. G. M. Pringle, Patk. Washer, J. P. O'Neill, Luke Pully.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July a meeting of the Provisional Committee was held at which the state of the collection was discussed and although promises of work were made no member of the new self-styled committee rendered any assistance with the exception of Mr. J. P. O'Neill and Mr. James Redington already mentioned.

The work progressed well and on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1914 the following were appointed as a sub-committee to select suitable candidates for the election:

On 18<sup>th</sup> August 1914 a meeting of the Provisional Committee was held at which the following resolution was passed unanimously

be invited.

This conference was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May and it was then decided that the Original Committee together with the delegates then present should form the Provisional Committee for the Government of the Volunteer Movement in Galway until such time as a democratic and elected committee should come into power. The bodies invited to send delegates to this meeting were as follows:— Drapers Assistants, Gymnasts, The Urban District Council, Mechanics Institute, Bloddagh Hurling Club, Bohernmore '98 F.C., City Gals F.C., Bohernmore Band, Temperance Hall, St. Patricks Band, Trades Council U.S.L., Labourers Union U.S.L., Students Gals League, A.A. St., Pipes Band, Granville F.C., S.H.S., Celtic F.C., City Stars F.C.

The Provisional Committee worked harmoniously for some time and at a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1914 it was unanimously decided to open a collection for the purpose of arming the Volunteers of the City and the whole Committee was appointed a Collection Committee for this purpose, although the Committee was divided very evenly between the only members of the body which now purports to be the Committee of the "reorganised" volunteers in Galway who rendered any assistance in the work of collection were Mr. J. P. O'Neill and Mr. Jas. Redington. The others who worked on this work were and the main portion of the collection as far as it was carried out was done by the supporters of this



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The Irish Volunteers were started in Galway on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1913. At the meeting at which the  
movement was launched there was not one of  
those who <sup>according to the Comrades</sup> arrogate to themselves  
the right of directing the movement in Galway,  
present. The movement progressed in Galway  
notwithstanding the sneers and scoffs of those  
who had not the courage to think for  
themselves and was led and financed by  
the men who are now called "the insignificant  
minority" by those who were afraid or ashamed  
to join when the organisation was originally  
started in the city.

In the end of April of the present  
year owing to developments in the political arena  
many people who stood aloof from the movement  
when originally started and had a desire of  
joining the ranks of the Irish Volunteers. The Committee  
then governing the organisation being desirous  
of getting all the young men of Galway to join  
the ranks decided that it would be ~~an~~ advisable  
to summon a conference to be held on Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> May 1914 to which delegates from the  
different National Societies in Galway should

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Telegraphic Address: "MC DONOUGH, GALWAY."

THOMAS MC DONOUGH & SONS

GALWAY STEAM SAWMILLS.

MERCHANTS ROAD,

GALWAY.

8 Sept 1914

To Dr Walsh

Dominic St

RED,  
 YELLOW & PITCH PINE,  
 TIMBER, DEALS,  
 OAK, ELM, ASH,  
 SPOKES, SHAFTS,  
 WELSH SLATES,  
 IRON & STEEL,  
 METAL CASTINGS,  
 ANVILS, BELLOWS,  
 HOUSE MALTING,  
 & FORGE COALS,  
 MALBAY FLAGS,  
 SEWERAGE PIPES,  
 FIRE BRICKS,  
 SALT, GLASS,  
 CHAINS, NAILS,  
 &c  
 GUANO & SPECIAL  
 MANURES.

Dear Sir,  
 We beg to quote you  
 for 60 wooden frames, as per pattern  
 @ 1/- each, planed and cleaned up

Yrs. truly,  
 J. McDonough  
 (Signature)



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# The Irish Volunteers.

GALWAY CITY CORPS.

Hon. Secs.: { M. J. ALLEN.  
T. WALSH.

10, WILLIAMSGATE ST.,  
GALWAY.

19th. September 1914/15

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Committee of the above will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on tomorrow (Sunday) at 12 o'clock. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

M. J. Allen  
T. Walsh } Hon. Secs.

Business :-

1. To consider the following resolution proposed by Mr. Nicolls:  
" That, notwithstanding the opinions expressed by Inspecting Officers of the Irish Volunteers or by other people no matter how high their estimation in Irish Public Opinion, the Committee of the Galway City Corps of the Irish Volunteers is of opinion that the Volunteers under its jurisdiction should abide by the Constitution originally laid down for the volunteers and arm and equip themselves for the one purpose of securing and maintaining the rights and liberties common to all Irishmen."

2. To select 38 Candidates for Officerships in D Company.

3. General.

