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#### CONTEXT

#### Biographical history

Augustine (Austin) Moore Stack was born on 7 December 1879 in Ballymullen, County Kerry. His parents were closely connected to nationalist causes: his father, William Moore Stack, was a Fenian, while his mother was active in the Ladies Land League. Stack was the third child of eight, two sisters, Beatrice (Bee) and Nora preceding him; and Nanette, Teresa, Josephine (Joe), Nicholas and James (Jim) born after him. Six of the Stack children would eventually emigrate to the United States.

At the age of fourteen, Stack left the Christian Brothers School in Tralee and became a clerk in a solicitor's office. He was deeply involved with the Gaelic Athletic Association in his home county, captaining Kerry to an All-Ireland football championship in 1904 and holding the presidency of the Kerry County Board of the GAA from 1918 to 1929.

His political career began in 1908 when he was sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood by Cathal Brugha, later joining the Irish Volunteers on their foundation in 1913. By 1916 he was commandant of the Kerry Brigade of the Volunteers, and as such made preparations for the landing of arms by Roger Casement at Banna Strand. After Casement's arrest on Easter Saturday, Stack returned to Tralee where he too was arrested and sent to Spike Island, the first of many periods of imprisonment. He was sentenced to penal servitude for life for his part in this operation. Following the general release of prisoners in 1917, Stack returned to Kerry but was shortly re-arrested, this time on a charge of illegal drilling. In Mountjoy Jail he led the hunger strike during which Thomas Ashe was killed by forcible feeding.

After serving time in Dundalk Jail, Stack was sent to prison in Belfast where he was heavily involved in the campaign to gain political status for the prisoners. While in Belfast, he was elected chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee. After a riot in December 1918 he was transferred to Strangeways Prison in Manchester. However, in October 1919 he managed to escape with five other prisoners.

Having been elected an abstentionist Sinn Féin Member of Parliament for Kerry West in 1918, he became a member of the First Dáil. He was also elected Teachta Dála for Kerry-Limerick West in the Second Dáil of 1921. Stack strongly opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty, fighting on the anti-Treaty side in the Civil War. He travelled to the United States on a speaking tour in early 1922 and lived as a fugitive on his return to Ireland. He was eventually captured by pro-Treaty forces near Sliabh na mBán in County Tipperary in April 1923. He underwent another hunger strike during this incarceration, lasting forty one days, before being released in July 1924.

After his release he served as the TD for Kerry, remaining with Sinn Féin after Éamon de Valera founded the Fianna Fáil Party in 1926. He decided not to stand in the September 1927 general election, his health being poor due to his many hunger strikes.

Austin Stack died in hospital in Dublin on 27 April 1929. He was survived by his wife Úna [neé Gordon] whom he had married in August 1925.

## **Archival history**

These papers were presented to President Éamon de Valera on 27 January 1973 by Kevin Murnaghan, who discovered them amongst the effects of his late uncle, Professor Felix Hackett. They were transferred to the Franciscan Library Killiney with the late President's own papers, and then to University College Dublin under the terms of the UCD-OFM Partnership.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

## **Scope and Content**

Correspondence received while incarcerated in Belfast prison, 1918–19, from political colleagues, family members and well-wishers. Most letters are accompanied by their original envelopes. Unless specified otherwise at item level, letters are holograph.

Correspondence received while incarcerated in Strangeways Prison, 1919, from political colleagues, family members and well-wishers.

Small amount of correspondence received around the time of his trip to America, 1921–22, from family members and well-wishers.

Small number of writings by Stack during his time in prison.

Black and white photographs, probably taken inside Belfast prison.

Other ephemera, including address book and leaflets.

## 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 and Irish

## Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue

## **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

#### **Archivist's Note**

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in September 2009.

#### 1. LETTERS

## 1.1 Received at Belfast Prison, Crumlin Road

#### **P149/1** 31 August 1918

1p

#### Postcard from A

Sent 'with all good wishes' and with a request to Austin Stack to let the sender know if it reaches him.

#### **P149/2** December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from Nóra Agar

Signed in Irish.

## **P149/3** May–December 1918

10pp

## Letters from Sister Mary Aloysius

Three letters written from the Convent of Mercy, St John's, Tralee to convey good wishes and hopes of Stack's good health. She mentions that she hopes he has escaped the influenza outbreak as 'some of the boys had a bad time' with it.

## **P149/4** December 1918

6pp

#### Telegram from Angela

She does not expect to see Stack before Christmas. An unsigned letter written on the reverse of a pamphlet entitled 'To Business Men' asks Stack to let the writer know if he has received Angela's telegram so that they may tell her so that night.

#### **P149/5** December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from Risteard Ua hAodha

Illustrated by a colour illustration of a soldier leaning on his rifle and containing a verse by Michael Joseph Barry.

#### **P149/6** 4 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from James Ashe

A railway porter at Dingle station, he asks Stack for his support in Ashe's application for the position of station master. He mentions that he is a member of the Annascaul Sinn Féin Club and a cousin of Stack's fellow prisoner, John Deane.

#### P149/7

29 July 1918

6рр

#### Letter from K.B.

Describes a cycling trip to Malinbeg, County Donegal. Stack has used the reverse of the envelope to write the address of a C.J. Kilmartin of 39 Rosemary Street.

#### P149/8

24 December 1918

3pp

## Letter from Ballyhahill Cumann na mBan

The president of the branch, A. McCoy, informs Stack that they have sent some cooked chickens and butter to the jail for the use of the prisoners.

#### P149/9

26 November 1918

4pp

## Letter from Jim Barrett

Thanking Stack for his letter of condolence sent on the death of Barrett's wife.

#### P149/10

May-November 1918

9pp

## Letters from Nora Barrett [Nóra Ní Bairéad]

From Rock Street, Tralee, Barrett writes to enquire after Stack's health, to congratulate him on his nomination as chairman of Tralee and Dingle Railway, and finally to thank him for his condolences on the death of her brother.

#### **P149/11** December 1918

1p

#### Letter from Belfast Cumann na mBan

Typewritten letter congratulating Stack on his success in the Westminster elections.

## **P149/12** 29 October 1918

3pp

## Letter from Michael Bergin [Michéal Ó Beirgéin]

The confectioner of Silver Street, Nenagh, County Tipperary commiserates with Stack on the influenza being suffered by many of his 'old comrades' while they are in 'college'.

## **P149/13** December 1918

2pp

#### Christmas card from Síle Ní Bhraonáin

Decorated with a tricolour flag and a quote from Éamonn Ceannt.

#### **P149/14** May-October 1918

20pp

#### Letters and postcard from Harry Boland [Énri Ua Beoláin]

Writing from 64 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, Boland sends his greetings and best wishes to Stack and all of the 'Bould Boys' with him in Belfast (25 May). He writes that 'Mick, Duggie, J.J. and I are on the list' and that 'they called for me ... with Griffith and Tom Hunter in the wagon. The G men were horrified at the bad hours kept by me'. Boland writes again (28 May), using the alias Henry Alpha Maloney, to inform Stack that his recommendation to the Sinn Féin Standing Committee to have Boland act in his stead as Honorary Secretary was approved. He writes next to say that 'Drs Hoev and O'Brien' are most anxious that I remain in the country for some time (13 June). Informs Stack that work is underway on the agenda for the Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle (August 1918) and asks Stack to write to the Acting President to suggest that he attend the organisation's offices each day as an example to the other officers, whom Boland finds to be 'conspicuous by their absence'. Boland writes under his alias to urge Stack to accept the candidature for West Kerry in the forthcoming Westminster election and to refuse that of South Tipperary (8 October). He also writes I love you and hope you are enjoying good health ... tell me big brudder that all goes well at

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home'. The postcard (16 October) is sent under the alias Don Maloney. Boland writes again (26 October) in his capacity as Acting Honorary Secretary to confirm that the Standing Committee have approved Stack's candidature for the forthcoming Westminster elections.

#### P149/15

May 1918

11pp

## Letters from Kathleen Boland [Caitlín Ní Beoláin]

Hopes that Stack is not feeling the ill-effects of the treatment he endured after he was arrested, and urges him to keep his heart up, for 'the darkest hour is that before the dawn'. Informs Stack that she sent some of his shirts back to Tralee so they should be delivered to him in Belfast soon (14 May). She enquires after Fin[ian Lynch] and sends her best regards to them both.

#### P149/16

December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Lily Boyd

Of Needham Place, Newry.

## P149/17

22 July 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Seosaimh Ó Braoin

Writes from Millstreet, County Cork to express his concerns at Stack's health.

#### P149/18

11 December 1918

3pp

#### Letter from S.S. Breathnach

Discussing the forthcoming Westminster elections and its possible outcomes. He notes that Cork, where he writes from, 'has its Unionists, its Mollies and its Bushmen of whom nobody knows much' and as such they should not anticipate a 'practical walkover'.

## **P149/19** November 1918

4pp

## Letters from Sister Mary Brendan

Writing from the Fever Hospital in Thomastown, County Kilkenny, the sister asks Stack to check on her brother Michael Ryan, who is a patient in the prison hospital. She writes again expressing her gratitude for his doing so.

## **P149/20** 11 July 1918

4pp

#### Letter from H. Brennan

A fellow inmate of Stack's in Mountjoy Jail, Brennan apologises for not writing sooner and sends his best wishes to Stack and his comrades, 'Fin Lynch, Art O'D., Joe MacD., and any other of the boys whom I may know'.

## **P149/21** 4 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Joe Brennan

Congratulates Stack on his 'unanimous return'.

## **P149/22** December 1918

3pp

#### Postcard from Caitlin Ni Briain

Wishes that the new year will bring a reward for Stack's sacrifice.

#### **P149/23** June-August 1918

4pp

## Letter and postcard from Brigidín

Writes from 19 Cabra Road, Dublin to say she is helping to look after his 'girls' for him.

## **P149/24** June-December 1918

6pp

#### Letter and Christmas card from David Broderick

Requests a visit with Stack in prison, and later sends Christmas greetings and a hope for freedom and happiness in the new year.

#### **P149/25** December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from Seán Brosnacháin

Of Castlegregory, County Kerry.

## **P149/26** 23 December 1918

5pp

## Letter and Christmas card from C.J. [Con] Browne

Wishes Stack the best of the season.

## **P149/27** May-October 1918

17pp

## Letters from Daniel J. Browne

The solicitor of Nelson Street, Tralee, County Kerry informs Stack of the progress he is making in attempting to have Stack's personal property, confiscated on his arrest, returned to him by the Royal Irish Constabulary. These efforts end in a letter from the Inspector General giving an inventory of the items in question but refusing to return them. Browne also writes briefly of local events. Stack has used the reverse of one of these letters (18 May) to practice his Irish language lessons.

#### **P149/28** 20 November 1918

2pp

## Letter from M. Browne

Writes on behalf of the postmaster to inform Stack that he will not be compensated for a package which was damaged in transit.

#### P149/29

December 1918

3pp

#### Card from Margaret Browne

Expresses hopes of seeing Stack and the other prisoners the following Saturday. The front of the card is a small pen and ink depiction of the Mourne mountains.

#### P149/30

December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from J.J. Burke

With an illustration of a harp on the front and a verse by Charlotte Grace O'Brien inside.

#### P149/31

6 January 1919

1p

#### Letter from J.P. Burke

Sent with papers and cigarettes from 23 Winetavern Street, Belfast.

#### P149/32

24 December 1918

3pp

#### Letter and telegrams from S. Burke (S. de Búrca)

Two telegrams concerning the Westminster elections results. The letter is written on Sinn Féin headed notepaper, with the address written as Rochforest, thanking Stack for his letter and expressing happiness over the results of the Westminster elections (24 December). Encloses a card with a printed drawing of a woman and child as well as the text of Padraig Pearse's *Crónán Mná Sléibe* on the front.

#### P149/33

December 1918

8pp

#### Letter and Christmas card from J. Byrne

Writes from Ballymacelligott, County Kerry to wish Stack a happy Christmas and to congratulate him on his election.

## **P149/34** 4 January 1919

1p

#### Letter from Jennie Byrne

Writes from 85 Burnaby Street, Belfast to wish Stack 'all success' on behalf of 'a few girlfriends'.

## **P149/35** June 1918–January 1919

20pp

## Letters from Mairín Ní C.

Informs Stack of local news. Includes a postscript by Phyllis Ní Rían (26 June). Ní C. recommends that Stack ensure he is fluent in Irish by the time of his release as he will 'of course always use it in the Dáil' (19 January).

## **P149/36** January 1919

3pp

## Card from Mr and Mrs W. Cahill

Wishing Stack a happy new year.

## **P149/37** December 1918–March 1919

23pp

#### Letters from Winnie Carney

Of 2 Carlisle Circus, Belfast, Carney writes to arrange visits and enquire as to Stack's wellbeing. She complains about the practice of visitors being searched at the jail (24 December).

## **P149/38** 5 December 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Cáit Ní Cartaigh

Sends congratulations from herself and the rest of Castlegregory Cumann na mBan on his victory in the Westminster elections.

#### **P149/39** 13 June 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Lawrence Casey

Casey, of the Irish National Assurance Society, congratulates Stack on 'the well deserved compliment paid you by the County Council of your native County'. The letter is typewritten and signed in ink.

## **P149/40** 11 February 1919

3pp

#### Letter from Seán Ua Cearbhaill

Discusses a former fellow prisoner of Stack's, Seamus O'Monaghan, who has described to Ua Cearbhaill the treatment being received by the prisoners. He asks for Stack's 'sanction' for him to publish handbills for public distribution to publicise the issue.

## **P149/41** 2 September 1918

2pp

## Letter from Maighréad Ni [Chuinn]

From the Falls Road in Belfast, sends cigarettes for the use of the prisoners.

## **P149/42** December 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from Seamus Ó Cinnéide

Congratulates Stack on his election and wishes him a happy Christmas. The front of the postcard depicts the Irish flag surrounded by shamrock and a Celtic design with the slogan 'Keep Your Colours Flying!'

## **P149/43** May-December 1918

23pp

## Postcard, letters, Christmas card and telegrams from Jim Clarke (Seamus Ó Cléirigh)

Wishes Stack well and mentions that the 'Gaels had a great week at Killarney huge success' (12 August). The front of the postcard is a black and white reproduction of a drawing of the Black Arch at

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Larne, County Antrim, by John Clarke. The telegrams give results of some sporting events (22 November; 5 December).

#### P149/44

December 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Peggy Clarke

Writes from Ballybunion, County Kerry to wish Stack a happy Christmas.

#### P149/45

16 May 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Annie Collins

From Farranfore, County Kerry, sends Stack a cake and mentions she had a visit from his brother Nicholas.

#### P149/46

4 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Jack Collins

Congratulates him on his unopposed return in the Westminster elections.

## P149/47

December 1918

4pp

## Letter from Luke Collins

Informs Stack of local events, including a 'healthy' letter in the Herald from Cardinal Logue.

#### P149/48

10 May 1918

1p

#### **Note from Michael Collins**

Writing in regard to the selection of a replacement for Stack as Sinn Féin's honorary secretary, he says he 'was on the point of writing a line suggesting Harry B.' but couldn't do so as 'you know how I'm fixed'. He writes that if the nomination is approved by 'Dev' he will

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confirm it. Mentions that he hopes to see his brother the following Monday.

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## Postcard from J. Connolly

Cabinetmaker and upholsterer of 59 Upper Arthur Street, Belfast. Postcard accompanies an unidentified packet. 'All I could get at present'.

P149/50

1 January 1919

3pp

## Letter from Joe Connolly

Wishes Stack a speedy release in the new year and urges him to visit him at his home should he be released while in Belfast.

P149/51

September-December 1918

7pp

#### Telegrams and letter from Jack Conroy

Writes on behalf of the Sinn Féin West Kerry Comhairle Ceanntair confirming Stack's selection as a candidate in the Westminster elections. Encloses a copy of a resolution relating to South Tipperary's desire to also put Stack forward as their candidate.

P149/52

4 December 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Cormac

Thanks Stack for a letter of condolence sent on the passing of his brother Joe.

P149/53

May-November 1918

6pp

#### Letters from Eilis Ní Corra

Discusses a suitcase to be forwarded to Stack from the Sinn Féin

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shop in Belfast (25 May), and the expenses incurred by a bootmaker who refuses to accept payment from the prisoners for repairs carried out (24 November). Ní Corra's address is 107 Ormeau Road, Belfast.

#### P149/54

June-December 1918

27pp

#### Letters from Diarmuid Crean

Discusses Stack's candidature for the Westminster elections and informs him of local events. Stack has used the reverse of one of the envelopes (26 July) to practice his Irish language writing.

#### P149/55

Not dated

2 items

## Postcard and Christmas card from Clementine Crowley

Crowley writes a postscript to her postcard, adding 'kiss my old man for me "won't you". The Christmas card includes a verse which mentions Cumann na mBan, written by Brian na Banban [Brian O'Higgins].

## P149/56

13 May 1919

3pp

#### Letter from Jim Crowley

Enquires if Stack is still in solitary confinement and mentions he was in Tralee and met with Stack's brother Nicholas.

#### P149/57

24 October 1918

3pp

#### Letter from P. Ua Crúadhlaoich

Writing from Dublin on Sinn Féin headed paper, Ua Crúadhlaoich asks for Stack's thoughts on the peace negotiations to end the First World War and asks if Stack has caught 'the flu'. He also asks to be remembered to the other prisoners.

#### **P149/58** 1918

1p

#### Note from John Daly

Sent with a parcel, the note is marked as being from Daly, a baker in Limerick. At the foot of the note is also written 'To dear Aussie from Connie'.

#### **P149/59** June–December 1918

22pp

#### Letters from Treasa de Paor

Writes expressing concern at rumours she has heard of Stack's appearance when he arrived at Belfast Jail, that his 'erstwhile plentiful locks were... scarce' (June). She also discusses current events, and later sends a note wishing him a happy Christmas. Stack has used several of the envelopes to practice his Irish language writing and to jot some calculations.

#### **P149/60** 25 June 1918

2pp

#### Letter from D. Devitt

Requests a visit with Stack. The letter is written on his business stationery, Ladies' and Gents' Tailor, 5 Rosemary Street, Belfast, 'Irish National Costume A Speciality'.

#### **P149/61** 12 December 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Diarmuid

The letter is marked as having been written in Moneygall, County Offaly. Apologises for not sending some messages as Stack had requested him to but says he will put that right the same day.

## **P149/62** 13 August 1918

4pp

## Letters from Daisy Dillon

Informs Stack that her sister died five weeks previously to explain her delay in writing to him. She also expresses concern at the rumors

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of the treatment being endured by the prisoners and sends Stack her best wishes.

P149/63

November-December 1918

9pp

#### Letters from M.H. Dillon

Describes the local outbreak of influenza (7 November) and the outcome of the Westminster elections (19 December). From The Pharmacy, Loughrea, County Galway, the same address as Daisy Dillon (

P149/64

28 May 1918

5pp

## Letter from Gráinne Ní Dí[s]éin

Lets Stack know that Kerry 'won the match on Sunday, although I got a sore throat from shouting for Louth'.

P149/65

October-December 1918

7pp

#### Receipts and letter from Hugh Donnelly [Aodh Donnelly]

The bootmaker, of Belfast, sends receipts for repairs carried out. Includes an inventory of the prisoners and their bills (November).

P149/66

September-December 1918

8pp

#### Letters from Henry [Doran]

Sent from 19 Cabra Road, Dublin, he informs Stack of recent events and later wishes him a happy Christmas. The later letter includes a postscript added by **Erran**, also wishing a happy Christmas to Stack.

P149/67

10 January 1919

1p

#### Letter from John Doran

Asks Stack to 'accept this little bit of honey' and mentions that he is

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making enquiries into his own eligibility to have visitors.

#### P149/68 2

22 December 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from J.J. Doyle

Wishes Stack a merry Christmas. The card is addressed to John McKenna and Finian Lynch as well as Austin Stack.

#### P149/69

4 December 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Seamus Doyle

Thanks Stack for his letter and brings him up to date on local events.

## P149/70

December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Una Downing

Congratulates Stack on his electoral victory, 'from all in the Kingdom'.

## P149/71

December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from Eoghan Dubhthaigh

Illustrated with the names of those executed after the 1916 Rising surrounding the phrase 'Éire 1916' at the centre within a heart, and including the four provincial flags of Ireland.

#### P149/72

December 1918-January 1919

6pp

## Letters from Edmund J. Duggan [E. Ó Dugáin].

Stack's solicitor, of 66 Dame Street, Dublin, writes to him in relation to an inquiry carried out as a response to prisoners' complaints about their treatment. He mentions that he is to visit Joseph McDonagh (sic) at Reading Jail (20 December). He later informs Stack that due to disagreements over censorship of the proceedings, they

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will no longer be able to participate in the inquiry.

P149/73

18 November 1918

3pp

## Letter from M. Duhig

Requests that Stack write to J.P. O'Donnell of Dingle and Tralee Railway Company to recommend him for a position there.

#### P149/74

December 1918

2pp

## Christmas card from Áine Bean Uí Fagan

With a religious verse in both Irish and English, and illustrated with a colour image of a tree by a lake.

#### P149/75

December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from Cáitlín Ní Faolainn

Wishes Stack a 'happy Xmas and a quick release'. The card includes a verse by Thomas Moore.

#### P149/76

June-December 1918

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## Letter and Christmas card from Siobhán Ní Fiainn

She asks that he not be vexed with her for sending him cigarettes (18 June) and wishes him a 'tolerable' Christmas (December). The card is decorated with a picture of three birds forming an Irish tricolour.

#### P149/77

June 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Finegan

Writes from Kingscourt, County Cavan to let Stack know that it is a 'bad quarter' but that they may still expect a comfortable win.

#### **P149/78** 17 October 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Jim Fitzgerald

Writes to inform Stack that Fitzgerald's sister Kathleen has died following the shock she received after being caught up in a baton charge at Foster Place after visiting Fitzgerald in Mountjoy Jail.

#### **P149/79** 28 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Fitzgibbon

Sends election results with a voting breakdown between the candidates Duffy, Robinson and Clarke.

#### **P149/80** 23 December 1918

5pp

#### Christmas card and letter from D.J. Flavin

The bookseller of Listowel, County Kerry sends his best wishes for Christmas. The card is decorated with a tricolour, and a black and white picture of Roger Casement with '1916' printed above and surrounded by laurels.

## **P149/81** 17 June 1918

4pp

## Letter from M. Flynn

Writing from the Central Catholic Club at 123 Royal Avenue, Belfast, Flynn wants to visit Stack and asks him to arrange it, if convenient.

#### **P149/82** December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from Seaghan Ua Foghlúdh[iu]

Sent from Rock Street, Tralee and fronted by a colour illustration of some lakeside mountains.

#### P149/83 June 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from Fran

Writes from the Imperial Hotel in Dundalk to let Stack know that their comrades are in 'fine form'.

#### P149/84 July-December 1918

15pp

## Letters and postcards from Sister Francesca

Of the Stella Maris Convent in County Dublin, she writes to tell Stack that she is praying for him and for all the prisoners (30 July). She later sends him a picture postcard of Thomas MacDonagh's children Donagh and Barbara, and thanks Stack for praying for them.

#### P149/85 December 1918

2pp

#### Christmas card from M. ffrench-Mullen

Noted as also being from Kathleen Flynn. The picture on the card is of two daffodils and 'Christmas Greeting' printed in green beside them.

#### P149/86 December 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from 'Friends'

Wishes Stack happiness and Ireland freedom in the new year. The front of the postcard depicts a soldier with a rifle shooting the phrase 'A Happy Xmas' onto a wooden board.

#### P149/87 29 August 1918

5pp

## Letter from M. Gabriel

Of Loreto College, St Stephen's Green, Dublin, she apologises for the delay in replying to him but says she was on an eight day retreat. She tells him she is praying for him and asks for the favour to be returned.

#### P149/88 Dec

December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from A. Ginnell

Contains a Christmas verse in both English and Irish, and has the phrase 'Dia dhuit, a chara chroide' on the front of the card.

## P149/89

5 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Eileen M. Grace

Writes from 1 Gosford Place, County Armagh to request a visit with Stack.

#### P149/90

5 December 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Grádaigh

Having decided to 'throw in my lot with the hundreds of your admirers', Grádaigh congratulates Stack on his election. He also asks if Stack has read of the American delegation to the peace negotiations and gives a brief account of what he has read of it.

## P149/91

15 July 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Maurice Griffin

The managing director of *The Kerryman* and *The Liberator* writes of the expense involved in publishing material in Irish and asks after the health of all the prisoners, particularly John McKenna.

## P149/92

June-December 1918

17pp

#### Letters and Christmas card from Hanna

Writing from addresses in Ballsbridge and Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, she enquires after Stack's wellbeing (14 June) and congratulates him on his election (12 December). The Christmas card includes a sepia-toned illustration of a farmer herding sheep and has a verse by Adela Wilkins inside (December 1918). Hanna encloses a small religious leaflet with the card.

## **P149/93** December 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from Jerry Hanna

Wishes Stack a good Christmas. The picture on the postcard shows a woman wearing a Sinn Féin sash pouring cold water from an upper window onto a man, tagged as the Irish Party, on the street below.

## **P149/94** December 1918

3pp

## Christmas card and note from Mary Hayes

Writes from Rathkeale, County Limerick to wish Stack and his fellow prisoners a happy Christmas. The card depicts Mary and the infant Jesus with an Irish inscription underneath,

#### **P149/95** 5 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from O'Flaherty Hayes

Sends 'Hurrah for Kerry Ireland over all – the Kingdom's tribute to her felons'.

## **P149/96** August 1918

4pp

## Postcard and letter from Paul Hayes

Mentions he is travelling into New York to play with Kerry against Cork in their local league (10 August). The front of the postcard is an illustration of a beach scene near Garden Pier, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Hayes writes again (undated) from 320 West 34th Street, New York to inform Stack that parts of the last letter he sent to Paul were published in *The Advocate*, an Irish paper in the city. He also gives an account of his being arrested for claiming to be a citizen of the Irish Republic on registration day.

## **P149/97** September–December 1918

8pp

#### Letters and Christmas card from Edward J. Hegarty

Sends best wishes from Riverstown, County Cork (10 September). He writes again (19 December) to tell Stack that he had been summoned to appear before the inquiry into the treatment of prisoners but had only received the letter the day of his scheduled appearance. The Christmas card is decorated with a colour illustration of a Celtic warrior and includes an anonymous Irish verse and its translation by Padraig Pearse.

#### **P149/98** 24 December 1918

5pp

#### Letter and Christmas postcard from Kevin C. Higgins

Send best wishes for 'as happy a Christmas as possible' to Stack and the other prisoners. The postcard is decorated with a piece of shamrock.

## **P149/99** 24 August 1918

3pp

## Letter from Padraic Ní hEochaidh (Patrick Hoey)

Asks if there are any books or papers that Stack might like him to send to the prison. Mentions he recently received a letter from Arthur Griffith who reports that all are well.

#### **P149/100** 25 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Domhnall Ó hÓgáin

Informs Stack that he has sent payment to Donnelly the bootmaker for repairs they carried out for him while he was in the 'hotel'.

## **P149/101** 4 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from T. Horgan

Reports that Beazley [Piaras Béaslaí] was returned unopposed for East Kerry in the Westminster elections.

#### **P149/102** December 1918

7pp

## Christmas cards from the Hurley family

The family, of Pembroke Street, Tralee, County Kerry, send Stack two cards. One is from Nora, Kathleen and Eileen Hurley and is illustrated with a Celtic motif, while the other is from T.J. Hurley and is decorated with a picture of a lake at sunset with a round tower on the bank.

## **P149/103** August 1918

4pp

#### Letters from 'J'

Says that Stack is correct in what he said about 'A' but that all will come right in time (14 August). Writes from the Northern Hotel, County Monaghan to say he may be able to visit Stack the following weekend.

## **P149/104** July-December 1918

23pp

#### Letters from K

Mainly keeps Stack up to date on current and local events. Apologises for upsetting him by leaving money at the prison for him when she visited (22 September) as it 'galls your pride so fearfully' and says she will have the money he has returned to her framed or may send it to the Red Cross.

## **P149/105** 9–23 December 1918

15pp

## Letters and Christmas cards from Kathie

From 50 Lindsey Road, Glasnevin, Dublin. Congratulates him on his electoral victory (9 December) and writes that 'tis too bad won't be home for Christmas' (23 December). She encloses Christmas cards from herself and one from Meg.

#### **P149/106** October 1918

2pp

## Letter from the Keady Sinn Féin Club

The ladies committee of the Tom Clarke Sinn Féin Club in Keady invite Stack to a dance on the 26 October.

## **P149/107** 26 June 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Tadhg Kennedy

Writes from the County Council offices in Tralee in response to Stack's request to hear the particulars of his being elected the chairman of the Dingle and Tralee Railway Company Committee. Stack has used the reverse of this envelope to practice his Irish language writing.

#### **P149/108** 7 December 1918

2pp

## Postcard from M. Kirby

Informs Stack that he was delighted at Stack's election in the Westminster elections.

#### **P149/109** November–December 1918

6pp

#### Letter and postcard from R. Kirwan

Writes from Ballyhaunis, County Mayo thanking Stack for his recent letter and describing life in Mayo as opposed to that in Kerry. The postcard congratulates Stack after the election and is illustrated with a colour picture of Bridge Street, Ballyhaunis.

#### **P149/110** 22 December 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Peter Knight

Informs Stack of the community's efforts to assist in completing work at Pat Lenagh's farm, and sends him Christmas greetings.

## **P149/111** 28 August 1918

5pp

## Letter from Michael J. (Mick) Knightley

Writes from 11 Great Denmark Street, Dublin and apologises for his delay in writing but mentions he has just returned from the biggest recruiting meeting ever held in Dublin.

## **P149/112** 9 April 1918

5pp

## Letter from Eibhlin Ní La[rrlaicha]

Of Pembroke Street, Tralee, she is arranging to have provisions sent to him from Belfast rather than all the way from County Kerry.

#### **P149/113** July 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Jack Lawlor

Writes from the Harbour Offices in Tralee to describe how martial law is affecting life in the town. Stack has used the envelope to practice his Irish language writing.

## **P149/114** May-December 1918

47pp

#### Letters and Christmas card from Lizanne

A member of the Tralee branch of Cumann na mBan, Lizanne keeps Stack informed on local events such as the introduction of martial law (25 June), and the spread of the influenza epidemic (10 November). She also mentions current national events such as Éamon de Valera's arrest (28 May).

## **P149/115** 11 June 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from John Logan

Congratulates Stack on becoming chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee.

#### **P149/116** 4 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from M. Loinghsigh

Congratulates Stack on his election. The telegram is written in Irish.

#### **P149/117** December 1918–March 1919

9pp

## Christmas card and letter from Brigid Ní Loinsigh

Of Rathnew, County Wicklow, Ní Loinsigh writes that Stack's supporters are growing 'miserably tired of expecting release' (2 March).

## **P149/118** December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from Diarmuid Lynch

Sent by Lynch and his wife, the card sends 'sincere Christmas greetings' to Stack from 2366 Grand Concourse, New York. The envelope is marked as having been opened by the censor.

## **P149/119** 12 November 1918

4pp

## Letter from Jack Lynch

Informing Stack that Lynch's wife died on 31 October.

## **P149/120** 28 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Lyons

Sends the message 'McGuinness wins Longford by 6409 hurrah'.

## **P149/121** September–December 1918

5pp

# Letter and a Christmas card from Edmond MacCarthy [Éamonn MacCartaigh]

Writes from St Enda's, Ballyhahill, County Limerick to request that Stack send to him or use his influence to persuade 'to come along ... Jones of Loughill'.

## **P149/122** 20 July 1918

3pp

#### Letter from J. McCarthy

Asks Stack to recommend him for a position as an assistant surveyor.

#### **P149/123** December 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Curnán Mac Domhnaill

Has heard there is 'a bit of a scrap' going on in Belfast prison and wishes he could lend a hand.

## **P149/124** 23 August 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Joseph MacDonagh

Writing from Reading Jail, he lets Stack know that all there are well. He mentions that he is taking up Irish and gives a brief account of goings on in the prison.

## **P149/125** May-December 1918

42pp

#### Letters from May MacDonagh

Joseph MacDonagh's wife writes expressing her fears over the threat of conscription, and says she is rather glad that Stack has been imprisoned as that will exempt him, her fear being that death would come as it did for 'Tom at Easter 1916' (9 May). Mentions trying to see her husband before he was transferred to Reading jail but she was unsuccessful (25 July). She is suffering from loneliness and

P149/125 contd describes herself as 'in the blues' (11 September). Stack has used the reverse of a letter for an Irish lesson (25 July).

**P149/126** December 1918

5pp

Christmas card and note from the MacDonnell family

Congratulating him on his election and wishing him a speedy release. The enclosed Christmas card is signed 'Liam Mac Domhnaill'.

**P149/127** 23 November 1918

3pp

Letter from Eoghan MacDubhthaigh [Owen O'Duffy]

Of the North Monaghan Sinn Féin Chomhairle Ceanntair, MacDubhthaigh gives an account of the proceedings of a meeting of the branch (22 November).

**P149/128** December 1918

3pp

Christmas card from Michéal MacDuthaigh

Illustrated with a purple floral banner.

**P149/129** December 1918

3pp

Christmas card from the McEntee family

Send Christmas greetings to all the men in Belfast prison.

**P149/130** 1918

3pp

Letter from Mary McEntee

Sends Stack newspapers and mentions that he should read the foreign opinions on the situation in Ireland.

## **P149/131** 8 May 1918

2pp

## Letter from Sean MacEntee [Seán Mac an tSaoi]

Requests a visit with Stack the following Friday if one is available, as he is calling on Dan Collins the same day.

## **P149/132** 28 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from MacEvilly

Sends the election results for West Mayo.

#### **P149/133** June-October 1918

7pp

#### Letters from Tomás MacGearailt

Writes from Tarbert, County Kerry to congratulate Stack on his election as chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee (13 June) and sends him a postcard he received from Paul Hayes in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

## **P149/134** 23 December 1918

5pp

## Letter and Christmas card from Seamus MacGiolla

Of Bridge Street, Dundalk, he wishes Stack and his comrades 'as Happy a Xmas as it possible to expect under present circumstances'.

#### **P149/135** 26 March 1919

2pp

## Letter from Seamus Mac[A]Guile

Writes from Dundalk to express his delight at hearing of Stack's good health.

#### **P149/136** 28 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from McGuill

Informs Stack that Kelly has won with a 255 majority.

## **P149/137** 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from F.F. McKenna

No address is written on the card. Presumably an accompaniment to a parcel sent to Stack.

## **P149/138** 19 August 1918

2pp

#### Letter from John McKenna

Addressed to Commandant Stack, the letter gives a brief account of an instance of insubordination by a fellow prisoner (Mulhall) and the sentence which he received when found guilty. Written on a scrap of paper, it is also signed by James A. Burke and James Murray.

## **P149/139** 8 September 1918

3pp

## Letter from McMahon

Miss McMahon writes from Cahirciveen, County Kerry and sends cigarettes for Stack and the other prisoners.

#### **P149/140** 3 March 1919

1p

#### Letter from James McMahon

A grain and potato merchant of Banbridge, County Down, McMahon sends a note along with a parcel he has arranged to have sent through to Stack.

## **P149/141** 19 August 1918

5pp

#### Letter from Lil MacMahon

Writes from 44 St Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra, Dublin enquiring after Stack and the other prisoners' wellbeing.

#### **P149/142** 4 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from McParland

The election agent informs Stack that de Valera was returned unopposed in the Westminster elections.

## **P149/143** October 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Maoldhomnaigh

Informs Stack that his candidature for West Kerry in the Westminster elections has been approved.

## **P149/144** 11 June 1918

2pp

## Letter from Brigid Ní Madagáim

Writes from Newcastle, County Limerick to congratulate Stack for 'the very successful appointment' and points out to him that 'absence you must remember makes the heart grow fonder'

## **P149/145** December 1918–February 1919

14pp

# Letter, newspaper cuttings and pamphlet from Father Daniel Mageean

Mageean sends on a letter written to him by Nicholas Stack concerning his difficulty in communicating with Austin. He also sends a copy of *An Tógláċ* (31 December), newspaper cuttings concerning conditions in Belfast jail, and an election pamphlet of Winifred Carney's, who unsuccessfully contested the Victoria constituency.

#### P149/146 September-December 1918

9pp

#### Letters from Maire

Writes from 246 North Circular Road, Dublin to request a visit (September) and recommends he prepare an election address in advance of the results (21 November). Congratulates him from Cahirciveen ((5 December) on his electoral victory.

#### P149/147 23 October 1918

1p

## Letter from Christopher Malloy

Has just been appointed, with William Shaw, joint secretary and treasurer and asks Stack's permission to raise a fund for their expenses.

#### P149/148 5 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from Malone

The secretary of the Sinn Féin Election Committee congratulates Stack on his unopposed return.

#### P149/149 29 May 1918

2pp

#### Letter from A. Mangan

Describes the state of the country as 'a circus' and commiserates with Stack's imprisonment. Asks if Stack needs food sent to him. Mangan's address is Kilfeighmey, Lixnaw, County Kerry.

#### P149/150 17 February 1919

2pp

## Letter from Etta Mangan

Writes from 3 Victoria Terrace, Limerick sending Stack some cigarettes and asks if he needs anything else as she would be charmed to send them'.

#### **P149/151** 25 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Jim [Marke]

Passes on a message from Sam Ruttle, who is applying for a job in Limerick County Council and wants Stack to write to Jack Lynch and request his assistance on Ruttle's behalf.

#### **P149/152** 6 December 1918

1p

#### Letter from Diarmuid Martin

Informs Stack that he 'failed to find "No.2" ' but will keep the articles in question until he hears from Stack again.

## **P149/153** December 1918

5pp

# Telegram and Christmas card from Joe Martin [Seosaimh Ó Máirtin]

Congratulates Stack on his 'walk over' (5 December). The Christmas card has the Sinn Féin logo on the front and Christmas verses in English and Irish inside.

## P149/154 January 1919

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## Letter from Michéal

Informs Stack that O'Driscoll was arrested at the prison gate and is seriously hurt. Mentions he called to see Winnie Carney but was unable to meet her, and that upon his release from prison there were 'a few hostile roughs to greet me at the gate'.

## **P149/155** December 1918

3pp

## Letter from Moll

Wishes Stack a merry Christmas, and sends a parcel which she hopes he will like.

#### **P149/156** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Dan Monaghan

Illustrated by an illustration of Padraig Pearse and with a verse of his *An Bean Chaointe* inside.

#### **P149/157** 10 June 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Moriarty

Congratulates Stack on his 'victory over the party man'.

#### **P149/158** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from [Mort]

The front of the card depicts a ruined round tower, the sun rising behind it, with a billowing tricolour and Leinster flag in the foreground.

## **P149/159** May–July 1918

6pp

#### Letters from Maire Ni Murchadha

Mary Murphy of the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund informs Stack she has sent on his clothes and personal effects (11 May) and later the bag which contained them (28 May). She mentions that the food is very bad in Cork prison, as in Belfast (29 July) and gives an account of Gearóid O'Sullivan, who is in isolation and not allowed visitors or other communication. Stack has used the reverse of the final letter to practice an Irish lesson.

### **P149/160** 11 December 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Nóra Ní Murtuile

Writes from Pembroke Street, Tralee to congratulate Stack on his election.

## **P149/161** May-December 1918

25pp

# Postcards and letters from Nellie [Niolli]

Keeps Stack abreast of local events in Tralee, County Kerry.

## **P149/162** December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from D.T. Nolan

Sent by Dolan and his wife from Russell Street, Tralee, the card is decorated with a picture of a young woman sitting looking out to sea, with the inscription 'What are the Wild Waves Saying' underneath.

## **P149/163** 31 May 1918

2pp

#### Letter from J.A. Nolan

Writes from Russell Street, Tralee to inform Stack of local matters and to commiserate with his being imprisoned during the warm summer months.

## **P149/164** 3 March 1918

1pp

#### Note from M. Nolan

Sends a parcel to Stack from Listowel, County Kerry.

## **P149/165** 10 May 1918

5pp

#### Letter from Nora

Of Cappamore, County Limerick, she writes that it is 'too bad indeed that 1916 has been repeated in your case' and informs him of local news.

**P149/166** 5 December 1918

2pp

Telegram from Michéal O'Begley

Congratulates Stack on his election. In Irish.

**P149/167** 3 January 1919

2pp

Telegram from O'Brien

From Cork, he informs Stack that O'Driscoll has been remanded in the city jail.

**P149/168** 4 December 1918

2pp

Telegram from L.A. O'Brien

Sent from Tralee, he congratulates Stack on his election.

**P149/169** 21 December 1918

6pp

Letter and Christmas card from Joe O'Brien [Seósaimh Ua Bríain] Congratulates Stack on his electoral victory and tells him that he is remembered in his prayers. The card is fronted with a harp surrounded by shamrock and holly.

**P149/170** December 1918

2pp

Christmas card from William O'Brien

Sent from 77 Botanic Road, Dublin and containing an excerpt from James Connolly's *Workers' Republic*.

## **P149/171** 22 August 1918

3pp

#### Letter from G. O'C.

From 119 Capel Street, Dublin, O'C. thanks Stack for his letter and apologises that he has not got more information to tell him than that the Allies are still advancing.

## **P149/172** 1 August 1918

2pp

## Postcard from S. O'C.

He is going to Kilkenny the following Saturday and believes they 'will be allowed to "carry on" there'. The front of the postcard is a black and white photograph of the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.

## **P149/173** December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from Tomás and Roisín O'C.

Christmas verses in English and Irish are printed inside and the card is decorated with a colour illustration of an elderly man in a snowy field with trees in the background, surrounded by a Celtic design.

## **P149/174** 8 May 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Pádraig Ó Caoimh

From Sinn Féin headquarters at 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin, informs him that his papers and books have been sent away for safe keeping and that Ó Caoimh has sent his bank-book to Tralee. Also enclosed are letters from Stack's other co-workers 'Fitz' and 'Barney'.

### **P149/175** 23 March 1919

10pp

#### Letter from John O'Carroll

From Washington Lodge, Rathfarnham, County Dublin, O'Carroll sends Stack three samples of snuff which he claims is a very effective remedy for influenza. Stack has used the reverse of this envelope to make a list of prisoners whose boots are in need of repair.

## **P149/176** June 1918–January 1919

50pp

## Letters from John D. O'Connell [Seán D. Ó Conaill]

Stack's former employer, with offices at 6 Nelson Street, Tralee, County Kerry, discusses matters concerning the chairmanship of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee which Stack was elected to.

#### **P149/177** June-December 1918

9pp

## Letters from Mary O'Connell [Maire Ni Conaill]

Writes to ask after Stack's health and discusses general political matters (11 June and 31 July) and congratulates him on his election (5 December).

## **P149/178** 9–23 November 1918

5pp

#### Letters from T.J. O'Connell

The secretary of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee requests a visit with Stack to discuss the company (9 November) and asks Stack to return a book of orders he left with him (23 November).

## **P149/179** December 1918

3pp

#### Christmas card from Seamus O'Connolly

Sent from Belfast, the card has a floral design on the front and a verse by Brian O'Higgins in both English and Irish inside it.

#### **P149/180** 20 December 1918

5pp

#### Letter from Fergus O'Connor

The Purveyor of Republican Christmas cards at 7 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, sends 144 cards for the prisoners' use and writes that he would be glad to send any more that are required free of charge.

## **P149/181** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Ita O'Connor

O'Connor sends the card 'from all at 12 Appian Way', Dublin. The card is fronted by an illustration of a harp with shamrock and a tricolour ribbon entwined in it.

## **P149/182** 4–26 September 1918

5pp

## Letters from M. O'Connor (M. Ó Conchobhair)

Writes from The Square, Listowel, County Kerry. Mentions a letter he has had from Harry Boland (26 November) and goes on to say that 'militarism is all very fine in its proper place but everyone is not a De Valera'.

# **P149/183** June-August 1918

10pp

#### Letters from Mortimer O'Connor

From Abbeydorney, County Kerry, O'Connor informs Stack of the local news.

## **P149/184** July-September 1918

4pp

#### Letters from Tomás Ó Domhnaill

Writes from Kerry to inform Stack of the local news, including the death of William Stack, whose funeral was 'the biggest ever seen in North Kerry' (13 July). One of the letters is written in Irish.

# **P149/185** May–June 1918

19pp

## Letters from Bridge O'Donnell

From Ballyard, Tralee, County Kerry, she informs Stack of local news in the area. She mentions that she cannot imagine he was happy with being made the chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway as 'surely you had enough on your shoulders without trying to make the Dingle line a success' (16 June).

## **P149/186** December 1918

4pp

#### Letter from J.P. O'Donnell

Of 24 Bridge Street, Tralee, the grocer tells Stack a 'royal reception' awaits him on his release.

## **P149/187** 8 August 1918

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#### Letter from John C. O'Donnell

Writes from Warren Point, County Down to let Stack know he has been recuperating there after an illness and is doing well and putting on weight.

## **P149/188** 11 September 1918

2pp

## Letter from May O'Donnell

From Emila, Dingle, County Kerry, thanks Stack for his condolences, sent on the death of her brother Pádraig.

## **P149/189** 28 November 1918

2pp

## Telegram from Austin O'Donoghue

Sent from Dublin, the message congratulates Stack 'and Kerry on unanimous victory'.

## **P149/190** July-October 1918

8pp

### Letters from Jim O'Flaherty

Writes from 14 Aston Quay, Dublin to ask Stack if he would like anything sent to the prison (30 July). He mentions that 'there is a lady friend of yours up here ... who is most anxious about you, when are you going to pop the question?'

## **P149/191** 28 August 1918

2pp

#### Letter from M. O'Flanagan

Writing from 6 Harcourt Street, O'Flanagan expresses uncertainty in not knowing what he may say in the letter for fear of it being stopped by the prison censor, but mentions that saw Dr. Browne recently who is back at work in Maynooth.

#### **P149/192** 3-10 June 1918

5pp

## Letters from Tomás Ó Grádaigh

From Aughrim, Newtownsandes, County Kerry, Ó Grádaigh writes that 'the military and police were here on Saturday morning inquiring after our health' (10 June).

#### **P149/193** June-November 1918

23pp

## Letters from Eibhlin O'Hurley

A member of the Tralee branch of Cumann na mBan, O'Hurley keeps Stack informed of local news. She also personally congratulates Stack on his appointment as chairman of Tralee and Dingle Railway, and encloses a resolution of the branch to the same effect (10 June).

## **P149/194** December 1918

3pp

## Christmas card from L. O'Kelly

Sent from 77 Cabra Park, Phibsboro, Dublin, the card has a verse by Francis Crofts inside and is illustrated by the phrase 'God is still on Ireland's side', bordered in green and with an image of a tricolour bow to the top left.

# **P149/195** 19 July 1918

2pp

# Letter from Seán T. O'Kelly (S.T. Ó Ceallaigh)

Writes from 19 Ranelagh Road, Dublin to let Stack know he has had to have an operation but will go and see Larry personally to resolve a

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matter they had spoken of earlier.

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1 August 1918

2pp

## Letter from Molly O'Leary

Of the Falls Road, Belfast, she informs Stack that she called to see him at the prison but was refused, and asks that he send her his autograph.

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December 1918-January 1919

8pp

## Letters from Rose O'Leary

She sends a large Christmas parcel to the prison for Stack and the other prisoners (24 December) and is upset when it is returned to her under Stack's orders, writing 'as I am old enough to be your grandmother I think I might have been allowed this privilege' (10 January).

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June 1918

4p

## Letter from J. O'Mahoney

Writes from 86 Crimea Street, Belfast to offer boot repairs to the prisoners (18 June) and offers to make a pair of boots especially for Stack (undated).

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July-December 1918

4pp

#### Letters from Kathleen O'Mahony

Of Abbeyside, Dungarvan, County Waterford, O'Mahony informs Stack that her husband Patrick has been taken to Reading Jail. She writes 'I willingly offer up my own disappointment with his for the Great and Glorious Cause of Ireland's Freedom' (14 July).

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July-September 1918

8pp

## Letters from Patrick O'Mahony

Writes from Reading Jail, which he describes as 'a lovely prison and I like it very much' and gives an account of life there (16 July). He informs Stack that all the prisoners in Reading are healthy, 'with the exception of Cosgrave, who is not at all well' (2 September).

## P149/201

13 November 1918

2pp

## Letter from Laurence O'Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin

Enquires as to the wellbeing of two prisoners, Fitzgerald of County Tipperary, and O'Neill of unknown origins, whom he has heard may be 'in a dangerous state at present'. He says that he will look after their needs when Stack replies to the query.

#### P149/202

19 October 1918

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#### Letter from Seán Ó Neill

Writes from Crowdrumin, Drumlish, County Longford to ask Stack to clear his name with regard to rumours being spread amongst the prisoners that he accused T. O'Flanagan of not taking part in the recent 'scrap'. Stack has used the reverse of this envelope to jot some notes for his Irish lessons.

## P149/203

December 1918

3pp

## Christmas card from Domhnaill Ó Ruadhcáin

With verses in English and Irish and illustrated by a tricolour with the phrase 'Beannacht na Nodhlag' inscribed on it.

#### P149/204

11 August 1918

4pp

#### Letter from M. O'S.

Writes from Abbey Street, Tralee to prisoner John Foley, giving an account of 'the anniversary of Sir Roger' and mentioning Stack in the

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last paragraph, describing him as a 'noble character'.

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December 1918

2pp

#### Letter from Tomás Ó S.

Writes from 'Somewhere in Ireland', he sends Stack and the other prisoners Christmas wishes and mentions that 'we all feel for the savage treatment' they are enduring and which he hopes 'some day to avenge'.

P149/206

26 September 1918

5pp

# Letter from Pádraig Ó Séaghsa

Writes that 'scarce a day has since passed but you have been spoken of by your old friends in Castle(gregory)'.

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4 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from J. O'Shea

From Cahirciveen, congratulating Stack on his election.

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9 January 1919

2pp

## Letter from M. Ó Síocháin

Informs Stack that a case of eggs sent by the Maghera Cumann na mBan has been forwarded to the prison.

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December 1918

1p

#### Christmas card from Gearoid O'Suilleabhain

Sends a printed Christmas greeting in Irish from Skibbereen, County Cork. The card has no decoration.

## **P149/210** 30 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from F.L. O'Sullivan

Stack's recently released prison mate from Knockbrown, Bandon, County Cork, gives an account of the first several days after he was released.

## **P149/211** 5 December 1918

2pp

## Telegram from J.P.

Congratulates Stack on his election. Sent from Tralee.

## **P149/212** 29 September 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from Liam P.

Writes from 13 George's Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin. Informs Stack that he got an extension on his parole as his son is ill.

## **P149/213** 28 May 1918

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## Letter from Paddy

Informs Stack of the local news in Tralee.

#### **P149/214** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Maire Ní Parruisce

Decorated with an Ulster flag surrounded by holly and shamrock and containing verses in English and Irish.

#### **P149/215** 1918

1p

#### Note from Phil

Asks Stack 'about the Ardee stuff' and how he should proceed.

## **P149/216** 1 January 1919

3pp

#### Letter from Mae Phillips

Sends well wishes from Cashel, County Tipperary.

## **P149/217** November-December 1918

8pp

## Letters from Rita Piggott [R. Ní Pigóid]

Enquires from Croagh, County Limerick as to the wellbeing of Stack (15 November) and congratulates him after the Westminster elections (7 December).

#### **P149/218** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Nancy Power

Includes an Irish verse and a colour illustration of a crowned woman wearing a cloak bearing the provincial flags of Ireland and the phrase 'Eire Saor' beneath her.

## **P149/219** 15 December 1918

3pp

## Letter from Mary W. Quinlan

Thanks Stack for the condolences he sent to her in Tralee after the death of her husband Michael.

## **P149/220** August-December 1918

9pp

## Letters from William F. Quinlan

Writing from Nelson Street, Tralee, asks Stack to support in writing his running for a council position which has been vacated by the passing of 'Michael R.W' (5 December). He assures Stack he is not upset at Stack's refusal to do so (29 December).

#### **P149/221** December 1918

2pp

#### Postcard from H.R.

Sends Christmas greetings from Castlegregory, County Kerry. The postcard is decorated with an illustration of a gold coin with a harp engraved on it, surrounded by shamrock and a tricolour ribbon.

## **P149/222** December 1918

4pp

#### Christmas card from Sean Rath[coala]

Illustrated by an illustrated pastoral scene bordered by shamrock.

## **P149/223** 20 November 1918

2pp

#### Letter from J.W. Rea

From 43 Harbour Row, Cove [Cobh], County Cork, apologises that a photograph sent to Stack arrived broken.

## **P149/224** 29 November 1918

2pp

## **Telegram from Charles Reed**

Informs Stack from Cork that 'Joe' is dead.

**P149/225** December 1918

3pp

Christmas card from [Reta]

Illustrated by a colour scene of a snow covered church.

**P149/226** 6 December 1918

2pp

Letter from Eilis Ní Riabhaigh

Writes from Belfast congratulating Stack on his election.

**P149/227** 6–15 May 1918

5pp

Letters from Maire Ni Riosbhaire

Tells Stack that his friends from home are with him in spirit (6 May) and disagrees with his assertion that had to go to jail to be remembered (15 May). She writes 'you have to be in gaol for some friends to pluck up courage enough to tell you they remember'.

**P149/228** December 1918

4pp

Christmas card from friends at Rochforest

With verses in English and Irish.

**P149/229** 3–19 December 1918

8pp

Letters from Sam Ruttle

An agent with the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Company, Ruttle writes from 62 O'Connell Street, County Limerick, to ask Stack to support his bid to fill an upcoming vacancy in Limerick County council (3 December). Congratulates him on his election and requests a visit (19 December).

## **P149/230** 10 July 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Phyllis Ryan

Writes from 19 Ranelagh Road, Dublin asking how Stack is and giving him her recent news.

#### **P149/231** 26 June 1918

5pp

#### Letter from Seaghan

Informs Stack that he gave his suggestions to Mr. O'N., as requested, who promised to do his best to have them put into operation.

## **P149/232** 26 May 1918

4pp

#### Letter from Seán

From 32 Gardiner Place, Dublin, apologises to Stack for not writing sooner but 'since the great offensive of Whitsun Saturday you can guess we have been somewhat busy here'. Mentions that he hopes Stack 'had nothing to do with that awful German plot that is mentioned in the papers'.

## **P149/233** 18 July 1918

3pp

## Letter from Seán

Writes from Gloucester jail to thank Stack for his letter and to enquire after the health of all the prisoners in Belfast.

# **P149/234** 5 December 1918

2pp

#### Telegram from Dr and Mrs Sheehan

Congratulating Stack on his electoral victory.

## **P149/235** June-December 1918

4pp

#### Telegrams from Sheehan

From Dublin, sends the results of Arthur Griffith's victory in the Cavan East by-election (21 June). Also sends word of the total number of seats won by Sinn Féin in the general election (29 December).

## **P149/236** September-October 1918

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## Letter and postcard from Eileen Sheehy

Informs Stack that she is a great friend of Stack's recently released fellow prisoner, Ned Quinlan, and the daughter of a Mr Coffey who was well-known in the Tralee area and would like to visit Stack (30 September). Her postcard confirms she will visit the following Saturday (8 October), The postcard is decorated with a colour illustration of Royal Avenue, Belfast.

#### **P149/237** 31 December 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Edward Shortt, Chief Secretary for Ireland

Writes from Dublin Castle to 'My dear Lord Mayor', in reference to the riot in Belfast prison. He will not make any promise 'with regard to (John) Doran' but says that if the prisoners surrender he will 'consider any representation made to me regarding his case'. Stack has used the reverse of this letter for calculations.

# **P149/238** 26 July 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Siobhán

Writes from 2 Marengo Terrace, Howth, County Dublin and informs Stack that she is to 'meet a chap tomorrow whose name sounds very like Connor MacNeasa'.

#### **P149/239** October-November 1918

7pp

## Letters from Siobhan Bean an Pádraig

Of 21 Henry Street, Dublin, she sends a message from Stack's godmother Maggie Long (7 October) and also forwards a postcard from her (25 November).

## **P149/240** December 1918

6pp

## Letter and Christmas card from Nell Slattery

Congratulates Stack on his election and informs him of local news (22 December).

#### **P149/241** 18 October 1918

3pp

#### Letter from M.J. Smith

Thanks Stack for his letter of condolence, sent on the death of Smith's father.

## **P149/242** May-July 1918

5pp

#### Letters from Stack cousins

Writing from The Emporium, Church Street, Tralee, the unnamed cousins send Stack some items he may find useful 'under present circumstances' (14 May) and later send pyjamas and urge him to let them know what else he might need (23 July).

# **P149/243** May 1918–March 1919

128pp

# Letters, telegrams, postcard and Christmas card from Nicholas Stack

Stack's brother writes frequently from Tralee, keeping Stack abreast of local and national events. He encloses a cutting of a newspaper report of Stack's arrest (6 May) and sends on Stack's clothing and a parcel sent to him by Harry Boland (15 May). Notifies him by telegram of his election as chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway

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Company Committee (10 June) and informs him of the circumstances leading to the election (13 June). Agrees to observe Stack's self-imposed injunction on receiving food parcels while imprisoned (20 June). Mentions the prevalence of influenza in Tralee (16 July) and the birth of his son Liam (19 September). Notifies Stack by telegram of his unopposed return in the general election (4 December). Nicholas and his wife Pidge send a Christmas card (December) which is decorated with an illustration of a gold harp with garlands of holly and shamrock.

#### P149/244

19 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Jim Stack

Informs his brother that he has been in Dublin for several days and has been offered a job in Woolworths on Henry Street.

#### P149/245

May-December 1918

9pp

## Letters from Pidge Stack

Sends Austin Stack some of his clothes after his arrest (15 May). Mentions the introduction of martial law in Tralee (27 June) and Stack's refusal to accept parcels while in prison (December).

## P149/246

13 November 1918

3pp

#### Letter from Maire Ni Suibhne

Writes from 4 Belgrave Place, Cork to inform Stack of her recent news.

## P149/247

June-December 1918

7pp

## Letters from Sister Mary Teresa

Of the Presentation Convent, Milltown, County Kerry. Sends Stack well wishes and regrets that the prisoners will not accept food parcels (16 June).

**P149/248** 3 August 1918

3рр

#### Letter from Tralee County Council

The County Secretary sends Stack a copy of a resolution passed by the Council, that they 'call for a sworn inquiry into the treatment of Irish Political Prisoners in Belfast Jail'.

**P149/249** June–December 1918

46pp

Correspondence relating to Tralee and Dingle Railway Company

Stack is informed of his election as chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee (28 June). The remaining correspondence is mainly from T.J. O'Connell, the secretary of the committee, who informs Stack of events at the company, and sends copies of the agenda and minutes of committee meetings. Contains several draft letters from Stack and includes both typed and holographic material.

**P149/250** 21 January 1919

4pp

## Letter from Liam P. Traynor

Writing from 45 Brookfield Place, Blackrock, County Dublin, Traynor informs Stack of the circumstances of his not returning to prison after a term of release, and asks that Stack reply to him at home in Avoca, County Wicklow.

**P149/251** 8 November 1918

2pp

Postcard from 'friends in Tullamore'

Not stamped or addressed.

**P149/252** May-December 1918

27pp

Letters from Pearl Vale

Keeps Stack informed of local events in Tralee.

## **P149/253** December 1918

4pp

## Christmas card from Josie Wrafter

Sent from Tullamore, County Offaly, the card is decorated with a floral design.

## **P149/254** May-December 1918

11pp

## Unsigned correspondence

Letter concerning the organization of Stack's prison visitors (16 May). A postcard (September) which is written in pencil and largely illegible. Two Christmas cards which the senders have chosen not to sign (December).

## 1.2 Received at Strangeways Prison, Manchester

#### P149/255

August-October 1919

11pp

#### Letters from Sister Mary Aloysius

Having moved to the Presentation Convent in Bagenalstown, County Carlow, Sister Aloysius writes that she has Piaras' [Beaslaí] letters in her possession and asks Stack to tell him that they are safe (October). Part of this letter is written on the reverse of a message sent to Sister Aloysius by Lily Byrne, who has asked Sister Aloysius to introduce her, by way of writing, to Stack.

## P149/256

May-July 1919

24pp

#### Letters from K.B.

Mentions that he had written previously to Stack but had lost the letter, but fortunately he had not written his name on it (12 May). mentioning that he 'saw Dan as soon as we came home', and asks Stack to tell Fin[ian Lynch] that he will write to him when he has some news to share (23 May). Believes that 'only by the spread of Communism – Socialism – Bolshevism or whatever you like to call it – will we achieve our independence' ((7 June).

## P149/257

23 August 1919

2pp

#### Letter from Brighid Ní [B]laráin

Glad to hear of Stack's good health, she sends provisions to Stack and Piaras Beaslaí from Killarney, County Kerry.

#### P149/258

13 May 1919

1p

#### Receipt from Harry Boland

Sent from Boland's premises at 64 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, a receipt for tailoring carried out on a suit.

## **P149/259** 16 July 1919

5pp

#### Letter from Kathleen Boland

Writing from 64 Middle Abbey Street, she apologises for her long silence, which she explains as being due to her belief that Stack would soon be released. She briefly mentions Harry Boland, Gerald Boland and Paddy Cahill.

## **P149/260** May-July 1919

10pp

## Letters from Mairéad Ní Brádaigh

Writes from Kiltimagh, County Mayo and the Arran Islands. Gives Stack accounts of her recent news.

#### **P149/261** 21 July 1919

2pp

#### Postcard from J. Brean

Requests a visit with Stack and Finian Lynch on 4 July. The postcard is fronted by a black and white photograph of The George Hotel in Harrogate.

## **P149/262** 30 July 1919

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#### Letter from P. Brennan

Gives an account of himself and the other prisoners still in Belfast jail.

## **P149/263** 1919

2pp

## Letter from Éamonn [Ua Briogal]

Writes from Gweedore, County Donegal. Hopes Stack is in good health and informs him of a recent trip Ua Briogal took to Glasgow. The last paragraph of the letter is in Irish.

**P149/264** June 1919

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#### Letters from Dan Browne

Informs Stack of the local news in Tralee.

**P149/265** 14 September 1919

3pp

#### Letter from Daniel J. Browne

Sends a copy of a letter he has received from the Chief Secretary's office relating to personal effects of Stack's which were confiscated on his arrest and not returned to him. James McMahon has written to Browne to say that they are in the possession of the police.

**P149/266** July 1919

4pp

## Postcards from Margaret Browne

Sent from Lough Derg where she is on retreat. The postcards are illustrated with black and white photographs; one of the ladies hospice at Lough Derg, and the other of the keel of a boat found at the bottom of the lake.

**P149/267** 30 June 1919

3pp

#### Letter from S. Browne

Writes from Liverpool to request a visit with Stack on behalf of his friend M. O'Sullivan.

**P149/268** May–June 1919

4pp

## Letters from Josephine Buckley

Living in Salford, Manchester but originating in Listowel, she requests a visit with Stack (May) and writes of her disappointment at not being allowed in to see him despite several attempts (June).

## P149/269 1919

3pp

## Letter from Julia Buckley

Thanks Stack for the letter of condolence he sent on the death of her husband. Buckley writes from Tralee.

## **P149/270** [October]1919

7pp

## Letter from Lily Byrne

From Killeigh, Tullamore, County Offaly. Having been introduced to Stack by a letter from Sister Mary Aloysius, Byrne expresses sympathy with his cause.

## **P149/271** May–June 1919

10pp

#### Letters from Mairin Ní C.

Thanks Stack for his letter as she has been very downhearted (8 May).

#### **P149/272** 13 August 1919

5pp

#### Letter from Caitlin

Informs Stack that she is spending the holidays at The Square, Dungarvan, County Waterford.

## **P149/273** June-August 1919

14pp

## Letters and telegram from Paddy Cahill [Pádraig Ó Cathail]

Proprietor and manager of the theatre at the County Hall, Tralee, Cahill wires the results of the latest election for the board of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Committee (10 June) and acknowledges Stack's refusal to accept food parcels (16 June). He regrets that Stack is 'thinking of not going for exam' and suggests he ask Piaras Beaslaí for assistance with algebra (19 August).

#### P149/274 19 April 1919

3pp

#### Letter from the Callan Cumann na mBan

They wish him a happy Easter and enclose a parcel. Signed by Éibhlin Ní Seallaigh. Stack has used the reverse of this envelope to make some notes.

#### P149/275 May-August 1919

15pp

## Letters from Winnie Carney

Writes of recent events and asks after the health of the other prisoners. The reverse of one leaf of the letter written on 21 August has a pencil drawing of Strangeways Jail and its surroundings.

#### P149/276 8 July 1919

2pp

## Letter from Seamus [Chonnair]

Still in Belfast prison, Chonnair informs Stack of the restoration of political status to the prisoners and gives him some brief news of some of the other prisoners.

#### P149/277 May-August 1919

15pp

#### Letters from Jim Clarke (Seamus Ó Cléirigh)

Keeps Stack abreast of local events in County Kerry.

#### P149/278 August-September 1919

4pp

#### Letters from Peggy Clarke

Informs Stack that her father received his letter, and that she is busy taking Irish language and step-dancing classes.

## **P149/279** 29 August 1919

4pp

#### Letter from Mairead Ní Clúashain

Writes from 15 The Crescent, Clontarf, County Dublin to tell Stack of a recent visit she took to Tralee, where she met his brother Nicholas. She passes on good wishes from Kathleen Boland and mentions that 'Harry... had the flu but is better again'.

## **P149/280** 5 September 1919

3pp

## Letter from Brian Coffey

From 12 Denny Street, Tralee, informs Stack that his brother Jim's health is not bad at present, although Coffey 'considered one of his lungs affected'.

## **P149/281** 9 July 1919

3pp

#### Letter from John Coffey

The secretary of the Pearse-Connolly Irish Independence Club of Butte, Montana informs Stack that he is sending him sixty dollars on behalf of the club, to go towards the maintenance of St Enda's College in Dublin. A note by the prison censor notes that a money order was enclosed with the letter.

## **P149/282** 12 May 1919

1p

#### Telegram from Con Collins

Sent from Dublin, Collins thinks Stack 'ought nominate Alderman Tom Moloney'.

## **P149/283** 28 June 1919

4pp

## Letter from Hannie Collins

Writes from 5 Netherwood Road, Kensington, London, sending cigars for Stack to give to his guards as she says that 'sometime(s) those soldiers are awfully nice poor fellows and hate their job', which she

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noticed while visiting her brother Michael in Stafford. She mentions she has just been outside, where 'the London populace is visibly celebrating the signing of Peace'.

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#### Letter from R. Collins

Writes from Woodfield, Clonakilty, County Cork to tell Stack that 'I got your "No" from M. Collins' and to ask him to return a box in which eggs were sent to him, so it can be refilled.

## P149/285

May-July 1919

14pp

# Letters from Geartrúid Uí Conaill

Writes from Gorton, Manchester to ask if she and her friends may be of assistance to Stack and his fellow prisoners as they had been for those prisoners just released (3 May). She arranges visits for various people who wish to meet Stack, including Margaret Pearse (22 July).

## P149/286

July-August 1919

4pp

#### Postcards from J. Ní Conaill

Requests a visit with Stack (28 July) and later asks for it to be moved to a different day (4 August). One of the postcards is fronted by a black and white photograph of the duck pond at Stamford Park, Manchester.

## P149/287

25 June 1919

3pp

## Letter from Eilís Ní Corra

Writes that the 'Prison Gate Association' enjoyed their weekly visits to the prisoners in Belfast which began as a duty but which 'before long we were enjoying'. She tells Stack of her plan to some day write a book about the time entitled 'Gaol-Birds I Have Known'.

**P149/288** September 1919

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Letters from 'Nora Criona'

Letter signed '"Nora Críona" (that's my name)', and noted by the prison censor as having been sent to Piaras Beaslaí

**P149/289** 14 July 1919

3pp

Letter from Gerry F. Cronin

Acknowledges Stack's repeated requests to see him.

**P149/290** May-September 1919

8pp

Letters from Jim Crowley [Seamus Ó Cruadhlaoich]

Sends Stack a parcel of books from Listowel (6 September) and informs him of local news.

**P149/291** 11 July 1919

2pp

Letter from Seán Ua [Cumuleán]

Requests a visit with Stack the following week for himself and Father Sewell.

**P149/292** 2 July 1919

2pp

Letter from Brigid Cunane [Brigid Ní Conáin]

From Rochdale, requests a visit with Stack.

**P149/293** 17 July 1919

3pp

Letter from the Cyprus Mission

Originally sent to Stack at the House of Commons and redirected to

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Strangeways Prison, the Cypriot deputation ask Stack as a constitutional representative of the British nation to consider the issue of Cypriot unification with Greece.

## P149/294

May-August 1919

8pp

## Letters from Madge Daly

Of 15 Barrington Street in Limerick, Daly mentions that Kathleen [Clarke, nee Daly] had been home for several weeks and is suffering from heart trouble developed while imprisoned in Holloway (26 May). Informs Stack she will visit him while in England for an exhibition (30 August).

## P149/295

September 1919

9pp

## Letters from Jane Deery

The honorary secretary of the Irish Society of the City and University of Liverpool requests a visit with Stack (6 September) and later makes further arrangements for this visit.

#### P149/296

June 1919

3pp

#### Letter from Treasa de Paor

She is glad to hear from Stack after a long lapse in communication, mentioning that she invited his brother Jim to her home but he failed to arrive, which she attributes to 'bashfulness'.

#### P149/297

25 July 1919

5pp

## Letter from Daisy Dillon

Thanks Stack for his recent letter and writes how glad she is that he is being well looked after in Manchester.

## **P149/298** May-August 1919

14pp

## Letters from Henry [Doran]

Mentions that he has heard of the prisoners' recent Irish lessons (8 June) and reports that Fin[ian Lynch] arrived back in Ireland safely (23 August).

## **P149/299** 17 August 1919

5pp

#### Letter from Cáit Ní Duisbhir

She is glad to hear that Stack is making progress in his Irish language lessons and espouses the 'vitality of the language'.

## **P149/300** August 1919

2pp

## Letter from H. Faughnan

Addressed to Miss O'Connell, thanking her for obtaining a pass for Faughnan to visit Stack.

#### **P149/301** 25 May 1919

1p

#### Telegram from Fitzgerald

Informs Stack that Kerry won a football match. Noted as also being from Lawlor and Costello.

## **P149/302** April–May 1919

**6**pp

#### Letters from Bibiana Foran

Writes from Listowel with news from the local area.

**P149/303** June-August 1919

9pp

#### Letters from Sister Francesca

Writes while on holiday in Howth, County Dublin (August).

**P149/304** 30 August 1919

2pp

## Letter from Tomás Ua Grádaigh

From Listowel, has had no news of Stack from his cousins and so writes to send good wishes.

**P149/305** 30 June 1919

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## Letter from Harry

Writes from Rock Street, Tralee with local news for Stack.

**P149/306** June 1919

2pp

## Letter from H. Hayes

Informs Stack that he received a further three months on his prison sentence in Belfast prison for 'an assault on a peeler at the execution of his duty (a deplorable charge)'.

**P149/307** April-May 1919

8pp

## Letters from Father Albert Hickey

Urges Stack to join him in a novena of rosaries which he will complete the next day for the Irish political prisoners in Belfast and elsewhere (30 April).

**P149/308** 2 June 1919

3pp

Letter from B. Hickey

Thanks Stack for his letter.

**P149/309** May–July 1919

5pp

Letters from Patrick Hoey [Padraic d'hEochaidhe]

Of 5 Mespil Road, Dublin, Hoey Sends good wishes to Stack and enquires if he would like any books or newspaper sent (22 May).

**P149/310** August 1919

3pp

Letter from Jim

Writes from 19 Cabra Road, Dublin, mentioning that he had a long talk with Mick. 'He is very thin, and is worked to death'.

**P149/311** 26 July 1919

2pp

Postcard from Kathie

Thanks Stack for his letter and mentions she is on holidays. The front of the postcard is illustrated with a black and white photograph of the Holy Cross Convent and Church in Tralee.

**P149/312** 14 July 1919

4pp

Letter from L. Keavey

Reports, from Belfast, that the prisoners still in Crumlin Road jail have had their political rights restored to them.

# **P149/313** 2 July 1919

2pp

# Letter from Mary Kerigan

From Clayton, Manchester, she writes to obtain a special pass to visit Stack.

# **P149/314** June 1919

2pp

#### Letter from Bride Kerwick

Writes from Stockport, Cheshire to request a visit, mentioning that she once met Stack while 'a pupil of Loreto in dear old Dublin'.

# **P149/315** 21 July 1919

Зрр

# Letter from Michael J. [Mick] Knightley

Writes from 11 Great Denmark Street, Dublin where he is living with Stack's brother Jim, whom he describes as 'very shrewd, plucky and broadminded'.

# **P149/316** June 1919

4pp

# Pamphlet by C.L. Lamare

Entitled 'Cold Storage and Peace', it decries the practice of Britain buying most of her food from abroad. The sender is not noted but the envelope is postmarked as having been sent from Tralee.

# **P149/317** 23 August 1919

3pp

# Letter from Frank J. Lawless

Thanks Stack for his condolences, sent on the death of Lawless' wife Ita.

# **P149/318** 20 August 1919

5pp

# Letter from Brigid Ní Loinsigh

Mentions Finian Lynch's release and the arrival of Piaras Beaslaí at Strangeways Jail.

# **P149/319** 9 June 1919

3pp

# Letter from Maggie Long

Stack's godmother writes from La Coruña in Spain to urge him to look after his health as 'my one desire in life now is to see you again'.

# **P149/320** 17 May 1919

1p

# Letter from E.M. Lynch

From Kilmakerin, County Kerry, urges Stack to try hot gruel to cure his cold.

# **P149/321** 31 August 1919

1p

# Postcard from Edmond MacCarthy

In Bootle, Liverpool, from Limerick, MacCarthy requests a visit with Stack.

# **P149/322** 8 August 1919

4pp

### Letter from Tomás MacCurtáin

Assumes Stack is not permitted to receive letters written in Irish but gives him local news from Ballybunion.

# **P149/323** May-August 1919

13pp

# Letters from Joseph MacDonagh

Mentions he has been in County Tipperary visiting his constituents (17 May) and says that Stack will have to do the same soon although 'from what I know of you ... I'm sure you'd rather stay where you are'. Mentions that John Coffey's name will appear in *New Ireland* after his donation to St Enda's was received (4 August).

# **P149/324** April-October 1919

31pp

# Letters from May MacDonagh

Is upset that Stack has told 'K' that she has not been writing to him (15 April). Urges Stack to tell her what he refused to tell her in his last letter for fear of causing her offence (25 April). Stack uses the reverse of one of her envelopes to practice his Irish (8 May). Requests a visit with Stack (2 July).

# **P149/325** 2 May 1919

2pp

#### Letter from John Macaulay

The Belfast prison chaplain informs Stack that he has spoken to the Lord Lieutenant regarding the 'outrageous treatment' suffered by some of the prisoners in Belfast jail.

# **P149/326** May-June 1919

6рр

### Letters from Daniel Mageean

The assisting prison chaplain in Belfast prison gives Stack an account of life in the jail since he left (May) and informs him that six prisoners were released (June).

# **P149/327** May-September 1919

5pp

## Letters from Etta Mangan

Lets Stack know that she has come to County Kerry and urges him

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to let her know of anything he might need (12 September).

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26 August 1919

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#### Letter from Willie Mullins

Informs Stack that he met Finian Lynch at Croke Park where Kerry played Galway for the All-Ireland semi-final.

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15 July 1919

3pp

### Letter from P. Ní Murchadha

Thanks Stack for signing her autograph album.

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30 August 1919

3pp

# Letter from Pádraig Ní Murchadha

Writes from Holloway prison to thank Stack for his 'work in making us raw recruits to the Army of the Interior (of British Prisons)' and says that the year spent under Stack's command in Belfast jail was the happiest of his life.

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June-August 1919

10pp

# Letters and postcard from Nellie [Níollí]

Thanks Stack effusively for his recent letter (8 June). Asks if he got the recent half holiday. The front of the postcard is an illustration of a child and a dog with the caption 'Surrender be Damned'. The postcard (August) is illustrated with a black and white photograph of Ballybunion.

# **P149/332** 28 March 1919

4pp

### Letter from John Nolan

Writes from Waratah, New South Wales, Australia to congratulate Stack on the Belfast prison riot and to say that Irish-Australians 'are just as enthusiastic as the Irish born' in political matters.

# **P149/333** 8 September 1919

3pp

#### Letter from N. Nolan

Thanks Stack for condolences sent on the death of their family member Louis.

# **P149/334** 20 August 1919

3pp

# Letter from Tadhg Ó Brosnacháin

Hopes that Finian Lynch will remain free long enough to greet Stack on his won release.

# **P149/335** May-August 1919

34pp

# Letters from John D. O'Connell [Seán D. Ó Conaill]

Writes to Stack concerning matters relating to his chairmanship of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee (22 May). Alerts Stack to the fact that he is to be opposed in the election to the chair of the Committee and advises him to wire his friends on the Council (5 June). Some of this correspondence is typed but signed by O'Connell.

# **P149/336** June-August 1919

7pp

### Letters from Mary O'Connell (Maire Ni Conaill)

Mentions she was in the Mansion House the previous Saturday for a presentation made to Arthur Griffith (5 June).

# **P149/337** 17 June 1919

3pp

#### Letter from T.J. O'Connell

Sends Stack a cheque for his fee as chair of the Tralee and Dingle Railway and points out that this is paid quarterly.

# **P149/338** 6 May 1919

2pp

### Letter from John O'Connor

Asks Stack to supply a list of all the prisoners requirements so that the 'National and C. Oisin Society' may send the provisions to them, and informs Stack that they will also arrange the prisoners' visits. There is a note on the reverse of the letter, signed by T. Faughnan, to the effect that it has been decided to supply the prisoners' dinners from outside the prison.

# **P149/339** 6 June 1919

3pp

# Letter from J.J. O'Daly

Tells Stack that he has overrated O'Daly's knowledge of Irish surnames but suggests that a Father Woulfe of Kilmallock may be of assistance to him in tracing the origins of his own surname.

# **P149/340** 8 January 1919

5pp

# Letter from Bridge O'Donnell

Informs Stack of the local news in Ballyard, County Kerry.

### **P149/341** 18 June 1919

2pp

### Letter from Margaret O'Gorman

Suggests Stack begin issuing tickets of admission and charging for interviews considering the demand for visits with him, and lets him know that she will be in Manchester on the 28 June and would like a visit herself.

# **P149/342** 5 July 1919

Зрр

#### Letter from P. O'Keeffe

Writes from 21 Lower Camden Street, Dublin to apologise to Stack for not writing directly after his release from prison, but he was in poor health. Mentions that he felt awful at Stack's nomination for Sinn Féin secretary being turned down and blames 'O'Flanagan and the fellow with the red beard'.

# **P149/343** 5 May 1919

1p

# Letter from Sean T. O'Kelly [Seán Ua Ceallaigh]

A private letter sent by O'Kelly in his capacity as Ceann Comhairle Sealadach to inform Stack that a special meeting of the Dáil will be held on the 9 May to receive an Irish-American delegation. The letter is typed, without a signature, and is given in both Irish and English.

# **P149/344** May-August 1919

5pp

### Letters from Michéal Ó Lonáin

Writes from 6 Longwood Avenue, Dublin to tell Stack that he had intended to visit him in Belfast before the transfer to Manchester. He mentions that 'Dev is showing the wear, wants a rest, but is not getting it' (20 May). Informs Stack in a typed letter of the reception enjoyed by de Valera in the United States (1 August).

# **P149/345** July-August 1919

8pp

# Letters from Rose O'Leary

Gives details of parcels she has sent Stack (12 July, 13 August).

### **P149/346** 18 May 1919

1p

### Letter from Donal Ó Súilleabháin

On behalf of the Sinn Féin County Kerry Consultation Committee, he writes to inform Stack that he has been put forward for re-election as

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the chairman of the Tralee and Dingle Railway Company Committee, and that J.D. O'Connell should take the role of acting chairman in Stack's absence.

# P149/347

June-July 1919

7pp

### Letters from William O'Sullivan

Sends Stack a parcel (26 June) and informs him of the local news in Ballybunion (21 July).

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1919

5pp

# Letter from the Paymaster General

Sends a form to be completed for income tax purposes as Stack is 'in receipt of emoluments from Official sources' as a Member of Parliament.

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1919

2pp

#### Postcard from Margaret Pearse

Sends apples for the prisoners and tells Stack how glad she was to see them on her visit to Manchester. The postcard is illustrated with a black and white photograph of St Enda's College, Rathfarnham, County Dublin.

### P149/350

21 July 1919

3pp

# Letter from Francis Phillips

Writes that Stack's suffering has earned the respect of Ian MacPhearson and Mulcahy Lyons. Mentions de Valera's trip to America and the strength of Irish-American sympathy towards the cause. Phillips writes from Cashel, County Tipperary.

# **P149/351** 21 May 1919

5pp

# Letter from H. Faraday Proctor

The honorary secretary of Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association sends a printed letter to all Member of Parliament in relation to the forthcoming Electricity Supply Bill.

# **P149/352** 28 July 1919

2pp

# Circular letter from W.F. Quinlan, Kerry County Secretary

From the County Council Chambers, County Hall, Tralee, to all members of the Scholarships Committee to inform them of the time and place of the next meeting. The letter is typed with two handwritten annotations.

# **P149/353** 16 August 1919

2pp

# Postcard from E. Quirk

Thanks Stack for giving him Miss Gleeson's address in Killarney, with whom they had a pleasant holiday. The postcard has an illustration of the upper lake in Killarney.

# **P149/354** 1919

2pp

### Postcard from H.S.

Is glad to see that Stack got their parcel. The postcard is not addressed or postmarked.

# **P149/355** June-August 1919

4pp

# Letter and postcard from William Sewell [Liam Ua Subhail]

Requests visits with Stack and asks if he requires anything, as Sewell would be happy to bring it to him.

**P149/356** 4 July 1919

2pp

#### Letter from Sinn Féin

The honorary secretaries Hannah Sheehy Skeffington and T[om] Kelly acknowledge Stack's recommendation and inform him that the person he recommended was already elected and appointed. The letter is typed with handwritten signatures.

**P149/357** July-August 1919

8pp

# Letters from Bee [Stack]

Austin's sister writes from Philadelphia, complaining that 'favours' are shown to some prisoners, who have been released, but not to him (20 July).

**P149/358** June-August 1919

12pp

### Letters from Stack cousins

They are trying to get information to assist Austin in his research on his family tree (21 August) and forward to him a letter from a Mrs Pierce of Causeway, County Kerry in which she gives some limited information on the Stack family, at their request.

**P149/359** 24 July 1919

3pp

# Letter from Henry Stack

Writes from Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire] with some local news from Kerry and asks Austin what he thinks of de Valera's American trip. He mentions that Peace Day in Kingstown 'was an awful day for Union Jacks as their (sic) are a great many loyal subjects here'.

**P149/360** May-August 1919

37pp

# Letters and postcard from Jim Stack

Jim, who resides at 11 Great Denmark Street, Dublin, has made himself responsible for supplying his brother with reading material

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and forwards copies of *Literary Digest* and *America* to him (19 July). Reports that he is leaving his job at Woolworth's (August), after which he goes back to Kerry. Mentions that he 'was speaking to Mick C. for a while the day before I left Dublin' and that 'no doubt H.B. is doing well on the other side' (August). The postcard is illustrated with a black and white photograph of Rosses Point, County Sligo (July).

# P149/361

17 July 1919

4pp

# Letter from Joe [Stack]

Austin's sister also writes from Philadelphia, Mentions Stack's illhealth and gives news of her family in the United States.

# P149/362

8 September 1919

4pp

# Letter from Mary [Stack]

Austin's aunt, writing from Tallaght, County Dublin, enquires after his health and gives news of family members.

### P149/363

March-September 1919

75pp

# Letters and telegrams from Nicholas Stack

Writes to his brother that 'truth to tell', he wept over the 'abominable treatment' that Austin suffered in Belfast prison (28 March). Sends a newspaper cutting relating to the Dáil Éireann National Self-Determination Fund (17 May). Notifies Stack by telegram of the reelections to the Railway Committee (11 June; clarified by letter 17 June). The remaining correspondence mainly relates to Railway Committee business and local news.

### P149/364

12 June 1919

4pp

# Letter from Pidge Stack

Informs Stack that his sister Nanette has been very sick but is now improved.

#### P149/365 17 August 1919

2pp

# Letter from M. Ua Suilean[áin]

From Livesey Street, Manchester, writes that they had hoped to see Stack before writing this letter but due to restrictions on prison visits they must wait for a pass.

#### P149/366 6 June 1919

3pp

# Letter from Sister Mary Teresa

Delighted at receiving a letter from Stack, she tells him that the nuns all say a rosary each day in Irish for the prisoners.

#### P149/367 May-July 1919

3рр

#### Letters from E. Tomkinson

In charge of ordering Stack's newspapers, she sends him a list of those he has received (May) and a revised order form (July).

#### P149/368 May-September 1919

48pp

# Correspondence relating to Tralee and Dingle Railway Company

The correspondence is mainly from T.J. O'Connell, the secretary of the Committee, who informs Stack of events at the company, and sends copies of the agenda and minutes of committee meetings. Also includes some correspondence from John D. O'Connell in relation to Railway Committee business. Contains both typed and holographic material.

#### P149/369 28 August 1919

5pp

# Letter from Pearl Vale

Delighted to hear of Stack's improved conditions, she sends him her best wishes.

# **P149/370** 5 May 1919

2pp

#### Letter from J.J. Walsh

Informs Stack that there are two vacancies for secretaries of Sinn Féin, to replace Stack and Harry Boland. He suggests that, as Stack has the option of naming a successor, he should recommend Bob Brennan.

# P149/371 1919

4pp

# Unsigned correspondence

A letter sent from Belfast with which the sender enclosed cards for the prisoners from 'the good nuns' (10 September). Also a note addressed 'To Commandants of Jails', informs them that it has come to the author's attention that a 'reliable traveller for pianos is coming to Dublin' should anyone require his services (undated).

# 1.3 Received after imprisonment 1921-22

# **P149/372** 24 March 1922

3pp

# Letter from Cáit Uí Fitzcheallaigh

Writing on behalf of the New York City Gaelic League, she informs Stack that she and some of her co-members will call on him the following day at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

# **P149/373** 12 September 1921

2pp

# Letter from Hanna Fitzpatrick

From Charleville, County Cork, sends Stack a memoriam card of her cousin Paddy McCarthy. She says he spoke often of Stack with 'affection and esteem'.

# **P149/374** [*c*1921]

2pp

#### Letter from C.V. Harrison

Writes from onboard the RMS *Aquitania* to request a meeting with Stack. Harrison was previously a member of the Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary stationed in Tralee.

# **P149/375** December 1921–January 1922

8pp

### Letters from Maggie Long

Stack's godmother writes from Spain to ask Stack to come to Europe for a rest, suggesting a trip to Paris and then the south of France, 'where you will be away from all this worry' (9 December). Writes again from Liverpool (January) to let him know her whereabouts and plans.

# **P149/376** 18 July 1921

5pp

# Letter from Mairead Lynch

Writes to Stack at the Grosvenor Hotel in London to inform him of the death of his godmother's husband, Mr Long. Encloses a postcard sent from Spain by H. Walsh which alerted her to this fact.

# **P149/377** 24 April 1922

8pp

# Letter from Madge McCarthy

Writes to Stack from 252 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York City and warns him that Major Kells is only 'in the Irish cause for every dollar he can get out of it'. She encloses a newspaper cutting about a recent speech made by Michael Collins and a small photograph of herself with two other women.

# **P149/378** 10 December 1921

2pp

# Letter from J. O'Kelly

Writes from Belfast jail to commend Stack's stance against the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

# **P149/379** 10 May 1922

4pp

# Letter from M. [Sheerin]

Writes from Waterbury, Connecticut to express her disappointment at not getting the opportunity to meet Stack during his trip to America.

# **P149/380** 15 July 1921

2pp

# Telegram from Maire Nic Shiubhlaigh

Sent from Drogheda to Stack at the Grosvenor Hotel, a short greeting in Irish.

#### P149/381 May 1922

3pp

Letter from Mary [Stack]
Austin's sister writes to him at the Hotel Commodore in New York expressing her regret at his leaving the United States but hopes his trip will have proved useful.

# 2. PERSONAL WRITINGS FROM PRISON

**P149/382** 9 July 1918

4pp

# List of prisoners' lost property

Copy of a list made by Joseph MacDonagh of items taken from the prisoners as they were forcibly ejected from their cells on 27 June. The list includes the prisoners' names and corresponding lists of items they had removed.

**P149/383** 1918

7pp

# Notice given to prisoners in relation to prison disturbances

Relating specifically to the events of 27 June, typewritten notice is given to the prisoners that evidence will be given of the prisoners behaviour should an enquiry be held. Schedules (A, B and C) of prisoners involved are also included, handwritten by Stack. Stack has also used the reverse of the first page to write the prisoners' response to a proposal to allow them to go to Mass if they will agree to do so quietly.

**P149/384** 1918

5pp

# Evidence for plaintiff in internal military court proceeding

Handwritten account of the plaintiff Seamus O'Brien's evidence in a charge he brought against fellow prisoners Seán O'Neill and Garret McAuliffe for tampering with a parcel he received in Belfast Jail. The decision of the court finds O'Neill innocent and McAuliffe guilty. The decision is signed by Stack, who remits McAuliffe's punishment of suspension from all volunteer parades for a week.

**P149/385** [*c*1918]

4pp

# Instructions for constructing a hand grenade

List of materials required and step by step instructions with diagram. The instructions are handwritten and signed 'J.C.'.

**P149/386** 24 May 1919

2pp

# Austin Stack's postage account

Handwritten copy of Stack's outgoings with regard to postage while in Belfast prison.

**P149/387** [*c*1918]

4pp

# Lists of provisions and accounts

Four small handwritten lists of provisions for the prisoners, money owed by them and postage paid on parcels by prisoners.

**P149/388** [*c*1919]

2pp

# Map of Strangeways Jail and surroundings

Drawn in pencil, with suggestions as to an escape route and calculations of the times and distances involved.

### 3. PHOTOGRAPHS

# **P149/389** [1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

# Photograph

Full length portrait of a prison guard, standing at a gate set into the brick wall of a prison, his head turned to look at the photographer.

# **P149/390** [1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

# Photograph

Taken from above the prison yard, it looks down on several small groups of prisoners taking exercise.

# **P149/391** [1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

### Photograph

Full length portrait of a prison guard, dressed in dark cap and long coat, standing in the prison yard and looking to the right of the photographer.

# **P149/392** [1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

# Photograph

Half length portrait of a shirtless, clean-shaven prisoner wearing boxing gloves striking a pugilistic pose and looking directly towards the photographer.

# **P149/393** [1918]

 $8.8cm \times 6.3cm (3.5in \times 2.5 in)$ 

# Photograph

Half length portrait of another prisoner taking a pugilistic stance, looking to the photographer's right. He is shirtless, with facial hair

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and wearing boxing gloves.

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[1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

Photograph

A view taken from across the top of the prison wall shows a walled garden area beyond, with residential dwellings in the background.

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[1918]

 $8.8cm \times 6.3cm (3.5in \times 2.5 in)$ 

Photograph

Half length portrait of a single prisoner in profile. He is standing, arms folded, with his back to a brick wall. He wears a dark shirt and is clean-shaven with dark hair. The photograph has been overexposed during the developing process.

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[1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

### Photograph

A group portrait of approximately twenty prisoners standing in formation in the prison yard, possibly for drilling. They are all dressed in dark trousers and white shirts, some with suspenders. One man wears a dark waistcoat. One prisoner stands in front of and apart from the others, presumably to give commands during the drill.

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[1918]

 $8.8 \text{cm} \times 6.3 \text{cm} (3.5 \text{in} \times 2.5 \text{in})$ 

# Photograph

A group portrait of approximately ten prisoners. Nine of the men are dressed in makeshift women's outfits, while the remaining prisoner wears a light coloured suit and is being embraced by one of his comrades.

### 4. EPHEMERA

# **P149/398** Undated

1 volume

# Address book

Black leather-bound address book with Stack's initials on the front bottom right cover and gilded edges. Entries are tabbed by initial and handwritten by Stack.

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1918-1921

3 items

#### Leaflets

Including an advertisement from Arthur Griffith's 1918 election campaign, a leaflet promoting a dance held by Tralee Social Club which Stack is to attend (5 November 1921), and an anti-Treaty leaflet (Christmas 1921).

# P149/400

1921

5pp

### Memoriam cards

Card for Commandant Daniel J. Allman of Kerry No.2 Brigade, Flying Column, I.R.A., killed at Headford, County Kerry. Includes a photograph of the soldier. Joint memoriam card for John Bergin of Nenagh and Stephen McDermott of Castlerea, who both died at Loughglinn, County Roscommon.

### P149/401

November-December 1918

8pp

#### An Tóglác

Two issues of the republican newspaper kept by Stack.