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**P133**  
**Descriptive Catalogue**



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## **CONTEXT**

### **Biographical History**

James Lalor was born in 1892 in Kilkenny. He joined the IRB in 1905. At the age of 26 he joined the Irish National Volunteers on 5 March 1914. At this time he was working with his father in his building business in Friary Street, Kilkenny. Following the split in the Volunteers, Lalor was appointed Section Commander of No. 1 Section of the Irish Volunteers in Kilkenny. After mobilising for Easter 1916 he was arrested on 5 May and eventually imprisoned in Frongoch Internment Camp in North Wales. He was released in August 1916.

During the summer of 1917 Lalor assisted in the organisation of Volunteer companies in a number of towns and villages in county Kilkenny. Once this organisation was underway a decision was made to form battalions and James Lalor was elected Vice O/C or Vice Commandant. In 1918 further organisation of the Volunteers led to the formation of the Kilkenny Brigade and Lalor was elected Brigade Vice-Commandant. Towards the end of 1918 he was appointed Director of Elections for the Sinn Féin candidates in Kilkenny city and county.

He took part in the ambush in Hugginstown RIC Barracks, was arrested and detained in Kilkenny Gaol, transferred to Cork Prison and from there to Belfast Prison where he took part in a hunger strike. After fifteen days he was transferred to the Union Hospital and then home to Kilkenny. Lalor was arrested again in September 1920 and kept in custody in Ballykinlar Camp until the general release a few days after the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921.

James Lalor remained a committed Republican throughout his life. He acted on the Brigade Committee facilitating applications for Military Service Pensions as well as travelling to Dublin to attend Advisory Committee meetings to discuss the particulars of cases made by members of the Kilkenny Brigade. He provided references and advice to members of the IRA companies in Kilkenny.

Between 1935 and 1936 he acted as one of the Treasurers for the Hennessy-Dermody memorial commemorating two colleagues who were killed during an encounter with British forces in Kilkenny. He was also involved in Republican associations such as the Old IRA Comrade's Association and Irish Republican Army Federation, attending meetings and involving himself in administrative matters at a local level.

He maintained a lifelong interest in military matters and served as District Engineer in the Kilkenny Local Defence Force during the Emergency.

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## **Archival History**

Deposited by Miss Ann Lalor in 1996. Deposit facilitated by Mr Jim Maher, a historian of the revolutionary period in Kilkenny and biographer of Harry Boland.

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## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

### **Scope and Content**

Correspondence, notes, newspaper cuttings, reminiscences concerning the 1916 Rising and War of Independence in Kilkenny 1919–54. Correspondence, circulars, receipts relating to collections and administration of the Dáil Éireann Loan in the Kilkenny area 1919–25.

Copy of James Lalor's statement to the Bureau of Military History 1950–54.

Files containing lists of members of the Kilkenny Battalions, statements, correspondence concerning Military Service Pension Applications 1912–16; 1935–58.

Correspondence, circular, accounts relating to the Hennessy-Dermody Memorial 1935–42.

Circulars, notebooks, correspondence, reports, memoranda, lists of members, training manuals, accounts, maps concerning the administration and training of the LDF in Kilkenny 1936–45. Also includes issues of *An Cosantóir* 1940–45.

Agendas, minutes, reports of meetings, correspondence, notes, pamphlets relating to Republican Associations 1934–61.

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## **System of Arrangement**

<b>1</b>	<b>KILKENNY BRIGADE</b>	
1.1	1916 Rising and War of Independence 1919–54	<b>1</b>
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## **1 Kilkenny Brigade**

### **1.1 1916 Rebellion and War of Independence, 1919-54**

- P133/1** Not dated
- 8pp
- Pamphlet honouring the members of the Kilkenny Brigade Active Service Unit who were at the ambush at Coolbawn, Castlecomer on 18 June 1921.
- P133/2** Not dated
- 1 item
- Anonymous note warning of a police raid and preparations for a capture.
- P133/3** 2 July 1915–January 1920
- 4 items
- Notebooks containing the names of members of Kilkenny Battalions; orders; expenses incurred campaigning for the 1918 elections; fundraising events in support of the Republican cause, and details of the local elections held in Kilkenny in 1920.
- P133/4** 2 October 1919–26 March 1925
- 50pp
- Dáil Éireann Loan**  
Correspondence, circulars, receipts.  
Includes
- Appeal from Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins for donations to the National Loan (not dated, 1p).
  - Letter from Michael Collins, Minister for Finance, Dáil Éireann, Mansion House, Dublin to James Lalor, Friary Street, Kilkenny acknowledging Lalor's role in collecting subscriptions in the North Kilkenny area and that there have been difficulties in collecting money. Remarks that he will give any assistance he can. Mentions the amounts collected in other parts of the country (24 February 1920, 2pp).

**P133/5** 1–3 May 1920

2 items

Medical record of James Lalor following admittance to the Belfast Union Infirmary. James Lalor went on hunger strike after his arrest and imprisonment. Includes a postcard from Brother McSweeney, Christian Brothers, Crumlin Road, Belfast informing James Lalor's family that he has visited him in hospital and that he '... is in fine form and in best spirits over victory' (3 May 1920, 1 item).

**P133/6** 29 November 1936–10 April 1937

16pp

Correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the publication of Ernie O'Malley's book *On Another Man's Wound*; his account of the organisation of the IRA in Kilkenny in 1920; and his arrest.

Includes:

- Letter from J. O'Hanrahan, Officers Mess, Collins Barracks, Cork to James Lalor concerning O'Malley's arrest in Kilkenny. Remarks 'It appears there is no doubt whatever that O'Malley was warned twice before the auxies actually came on the scene ... the statement that O'Malley attempted to draw the revolver is correct but whether he hesitated because of the trigger catching in his pocket is hard to explain ... If O'Malley had left the house when he was warned there can be no doubt that he could have got away ...' (29 November 1936, 3pp).
- Five articles published in the *Irish Press* by Thomas Treacy, James Lalor, Eamon Comartún, Joseph Rice, Seán Byrne, Patrick Bryan and John Joseph Byrne detailing their version of the events described in O'Malley's book. The writers conclude in the final article 'If Mr O'Malley, without wounding other men had chosen to tell a "fantastic tale" (page 107) with himself as hero nobody would have bothered; but when he seeks a brighter halo on other men's wounds and shouts "Windy!" at IRA tombstones it is time to protest' (19 December 1936, 2pp).

**P133/7** 7 December 1949–3 April 1950

25pp

Notes, letters concerning events in Kilkenny during Easter Week, 1916 and the confusion concerning the order to mobilise and subsequent countermanding orders.

Includes:

- Letter from Ned Comerford, Coalsfarm, Cuffesgrange, Kilkenny to Jim Lalor concerning a letter he received from a friend in

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Dublin who described a visit to Maeve Cavanagh. Remarks that his friend had a conversation with Cavanagh who recalled travelling to Waterford on Easter Monday and continuing to Kilkenny on the Wednesday of the same week. She explained that she brought a message from Pearse and Connolly to O'Connell '... but he refused to take action and also refused her request to be allowed to speak to the men. She also told me that De Loughry supported O'Connell and was quite rude to her' (29 January 1950, 2pp).

**P133/8**

7 October 1950–14 July 1954

5 items

**Bureau of Military History**

Correspondence, notes, copy of statement.

Includes:

- Copy of James Lalor's witness statement to the Bureau of Military History detailing his involvement with the Irish Volunteers and his participation in the 1916 Rebellion and war of independence in the Kilkenny area (14 July 1954, 20pp).

**1.2 Military Service Pension, 1912–16;1935–58**

**P133/9**

10 April 1935–1 June 1939

89pp

Lists of members of the Kilkenny Brigade including officers, drawn up to facilitate military service pension applications. The lists itemise the names, addresses, battalion, company and file number of members of the Kilkenny Brigade.

Includes:

- Incomplete list of names of men comprising the North Kilkenny flying column and the South and East Kilkenny flying column (not dated, 2pp).
- List of Brigade Staff (Officers) and the officers of each battalion and company in the Kilkenny Brigade for the years 1919 and 1920. Also includes the approximate strength of each company (not dated, 11pp)

**P133/10** 2 August 1935–18 September 1946

105pp

**Military Service Pensions—General Administration**

Correspondence, lists, circulars, newspaper cuttings concerning applications from members of the Kilkenny Brigade to the Military Service Pensions Board. James Lalor carried out administrative functions (as part of the Brigade Committee) relating to applications including attending Advisory Committee meetings (along with Thomas Meagher) to discuss the particulars of cases made by members of the Kilkenny Brigade. James Lalor acted as Brigade Vice-Commandant during the war of independence.

**P133/11** 28 November 1936–11 May 1945

100pp

**Military Service Pensions—Applications**

Notebook and loose pages containing details of cases before the Military Service Pensions Board, Kilkenny Brigade, Battalions 1-4. Includes case number, name of applicant and address, battalion number, details of their service, total award and grade. The notebook contains a name index.

**P133/12** 15 May 1941

5pp

**Military Service Pensions—Test Cases**

Documents concerning test cases brought by the Kilkenny Brigade before the Military Service Pensions Board.

Includes:

- Letter from the Brigade Committee Secretary, Bridge Street, Callan, county Kilkenny to the Military Service Pensions Board expressing concern over unfavourable consideration given by the Board to a number of cases in the Kilkenny area. Remarks that a decision was made by the Brigade Committee to bring forward a number of test cases in an effort to have cases re-opened (15 May 1951, 1p).
- Cases of Patrick Daly (7 Battalion), Thomas Kearney (7 Battalion) and John Kinsella (8 Battalion) (not dated, 3pp).

**P133/13** 13 June 1938

1p

**Military Service Pension Application—Ned Egan**

Letter from the Secretary, Department of Education to James Lalor, Friary Street Kilkenny informing him that the Minister would be supportive of Ned Egan's name being put before the Military Service Pension Board. A handwritten note on the letter states that the Pension Board advised the Brigade Committee that they would not accept any further lists of names for consideration.

**P133/14** 10 August 1949–15 July 1950

22pp

**Military Service Pension Application—Laurence De Loughry**

Correspondence and statement of activities relating to De Loughry's application for a Military Service Pension.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Stella De Loughry, 7 Roth Terrace, Kilkenny to The Secretary, Military Service Pension Board, St Kevin's College, Glasnevin, Dublin, stating that her husband died since making his application to the Board and explaining why he had not made an application sooner than the deadline of 1 January 1949. Remarks that it is her belief that the Board has a moral obligation to consider her husband's application (July 1950, 1p).

**P133/15** 13 December 1955

1p

**Military Service Pension Application—Elizabeth Denn**

Letter from The Secretary, Department of Defence Finance Office, St. Kevin's College Glasnevin, county Dublin to Elizabeth Denn, 5 Switzer's Terrace, Castle Road, Kilkenny informing her that according to the terms stated in the Military Services Pension Act 1934, the Act does not apply to her.

**P133/16** 15 July 1936–25 November 1953

60pp

**Military Service Applications—1 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.  
'B'**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- H Bateman (not dated, 3pp).
- Richard Bourke (10 November 1937, 1p).
- Michael Brennan (not dated, 2pp).
- Tom Butler (4 January 1943–25 November 1953, 16pp)
- John Byrne (25 August 1938, 1p).
- John Byrne, Warrington (not dated, 3pp).
- Seán Byrne, Brigade Adjutant (15 July 1936–22 October 1942, 33pp).
- [Mrs Maher] (not dated, 1p).

**P133/17** 31 January 1936–1 April 1958

39pp

**Military Service Applications—1 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.  
'D'**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Michael Dalton (1 April 1958, 1p).
- David Dowling (31 January 1936–2 October 1940, 9pp).
- Dick Dowling (16 April 1939–13 December 1943, 10pp).
- Augustine Delaney (8 July 1942–27 March 1958, 10pp).
- Martin Delaney (3 March–21 June 1956, 2pp).
- Edward Dunne (Not dated, 7pp).

**P133/18** 18 May 1937–30 May 1956

52pp

**Military Service Applications—1 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.  
'F, G, H, K, L'**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Seán Fogarty (not dated, 3pp).
- Thomas Furlong (6 July 1943, 1p).
- John Grant (16 July 1943–8 October 1953, 11pp).
- John Greene (not dated, 6pp).
- Martin Gregg (not dated, 1p).
- Patrick Gregg (19 November 1943, 5pp).
- Timothy Hennessy (not dated, 3pp).
- Edward Holland (25 April 1938, 5pp).
- Patrick Hoyne (not dated, 1p).

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- John Keane (18 May 1937, 1p).
  - Michael Keane (not dated, 1p).
  - Michael Kelly (19 October 1942, 4pp).
  - Jack [John] Kinsella (6 September–7 October 1943, 5pp).
  - John Laurence [Lawrence] (30 May 1956, 1p).
  - Patrick Leahy (28 July 1942, 10pp).

**P133/19** 30 November 1912; 23 April 1916–5 November 1942

57pp

**Military Service Applications—1 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.  
'M'**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- James Madigan (26–27 July 1936, 2pp).
- Andrew Maher (22–23 January 1939, 11pp).
- J Maher (not dated, 2pp).
- Tom Maher (30 November 1912; 23 April 1916–3 July 1940, 30pp).
- M. Mulhall (not dated, 4pp).
- Daniel Murphy (not dated, 4pp).
- Han Murphy (3–5 November 1942, 4pp).
- T Murphy (not dated, 7pp).
- R McEvoy (not dated, 3pp).
- Michael McSwiney (5–17 May 1937, 12pp).

**P133/20** 18 March 1936–24 October 1950

69pp

**Military Service Applications—1 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.  
'N, O, P, R, S, T, W'**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Thomas Nowlan (not dated, 2pp).
- Michael Oakes. The cases of Michael Phelan and [Leo] Dardis are also mentioned in this application (13 July 1942–28 June 1945, 15pp).
- Pat O'Keeffe (5 April 1939, 2pp).
- Patrick Pembroke (not dated, 2pp).
- Michael Phelan (8 June 1950, 9pp).
- Michael Ruth (not dated, 2pp).
- Thomas Stallard (27 October 1942, 2pp).
- John Stapleton (24 October 1950, 3pp).
- Kieran Tobin (not dated, 5pp).
- Thomas Treacy, Brigade Commandant (20 March 1942, 16pp).
- Patrick Walsh (18 March 1936, 6pp).
- Thomas Walsh (not dated, 5pp).

**P133/21** 24 July 1935–16 February 1942

9pp

**Military Service Pension Applications—2 Battalion Kilkenny Brigade**

Notes and correspondence concerning the administration of applications from 2 Battalion to the Military Service Pension Board.

**P133/22** 6 December 1935–6 February 1939

47pp

**Military Service Applications—2 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Michael Brennan (not dated, 1p).
- James Butler (30 October 1936, 6pp).
- Robert Campion (6 February 1939, 3pp).
- Patrick Fry (22 October 1961, 1p).
- Martin Hanrahan (4 November 1936, 3pp).
- Martin Joyce (not dated, 1p).
- Joseph Kennedy (1–2 November 1936, 3pp).
- James Lalor (6 December 1935–19 November 1936, 18pp).
- Patrick Loughlin (not dated, 2pp).
- William Meagher (2 July 1936, 2pp).
- J Muldowney (not dated, 1p).
- John Purcell (not dated, 2pp).
- Michael Robinson (not dated, 1p).
- John Talbot (not dated, 1p).
- P Talbot (not dated, 2pp).
- James Tobin (21 February–16 March 1939, 7pp).

**P133/23** 12 August–19 August 1935; 26 September 1942

3pp

**Military Service Pension Applications—3 Battalion Kilkenny Brigade**

Correspondence concerning the administration of applications from 3 Battalion to the Military Service Pension Board.

**P133/24** 27 June 1936–1 September 1943

74pp

**Military Service Applications—3 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Robert Boyle (27 June–11 July 1936, 4pp).
- Michael Brophy (not dated, 2pp).
- Francis Clear (7 November 1936, 11pp).
- Thomas Comerford (22 April 1940–3 November 1942, 4pp).
- Michael Delaney (24 April 1938, 5pp).
- Richard Dowd (13 July 1937, 4pp).
- Patrick Dowling (10 February 1939, 2pp).
- James Doyle (20 February–12 June 1942, 11pp)
- Richard Downey (not dated 1p).
- Joseph Dunne (4 August–1 September 1943, 2pp).
- William Eyre (not dated, 5pp).
- John Fleming (6 May 1937, 4pp).
- William Hurley (not dated, 3pp).
- Patrick Kavanagh (25 April–10 August 1938, 6pp).
- Patrick Loughlin (16 April–25 April 1938, 8pp).
- John Moore (28–29 April 1938, 2pp).

**P133/25** 3 July 1936–11 February 1942

11pp

**Military Service Pension Applications—4 Battalion Kilkenny Brigade**

Correspondence and notes concerning the administration of applications from 4 Battalion to the Military Service Pension Board.

Includes:

- List of engagements with enemy forces which took place in the 4 Battalion area during the war of independence and civil war (3 July 1936, 1p).
- Names of members of the North Kilkenny Flying Column, August 1922–February 1923 (not dated, 2pp).

**P133/26** 1 July 1936–27 April 1945

97pp

**Military Service Applications—4 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes

- Pierce Bolger (6 July 1936–19 April 1938, 11pp).
- John Bo[u]rke (2 November 1936, 2pp).
- John Byrne (19 August 1938, 1p).

- P133/26 contd**
- Manus Byrne (16 December 1937, 1p).
  - James Campion (not dated, 4pp).
  - John Corcoran. Possibly 3 Battalion. (10 June 1942, 2pp).
  - John Doyle (not dated, 2pp).
  - Thomas Doyle (not dated, 5pp).
  - Michael Fitzgerald (not dated, 2pp).
  - Martin Kelly (3 July 1936, 1p).
  - Michael Kelly (31 October 1936, 1p).
  - Martin Medlar (3 July 1936, 3pp).
  - Martin Moore (17 November 1936, 2pp).
  - Michael Moore (not dated, 2pp).
  - Edmund Mulrooney (1 July 1936, 1p).
  - John Murphy (3 July–30 October 1936, 3pp).
  - Peter O'Neill (not dated, 2pp).
  - Michael Power (1–2 July 1936, 4pp).
  - Richard Power (2–3 July 1936, 4pp).
  - Patrick Prendergast (28 July 1938–27 April 1945, 28pp).
  - James Purcell (1 July–1 November 1936 4pp).
  - John Walsh, Doninga (30 October 1936, 2pp).
  - [J or T Walsh] (not dated, 2pp).
  - Michael Walsh, Garryduff (31 October 1936, 2pp).
  - Michael Walsh, Doninga (Not dated, 4pp).
  - [Michael Walsh, Castlekelly] (1 September 1938, 2pp).

**P133/27** 29 January 1941–12 May 1943

9pp

**Military Service Applications—6 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

Includes:

- Martin Bates (29 January 1941–11 February 1943, 8pp).
- Richard Murphy (12 May 1943, 1p).

**P133/28** 28 April 1941–8 September 1942

2pp

**Military Service Applications—8 Battalion, Kilkenny Brigade.**

Correspondence and statements of activities.

- Edward Halloran (28 April 1941, 1p).
- Nano Maher (8 September 1942, 1p).

**1.3 Hennessy-Dermody Memorial, 1935–42**

**P133/29** 1935–6

11pp

**Hennessy-Dermody Memorial**

Circular, draft wording for the memorial, correspondence, and newspaper cutting. The memorial was erected to commemorate the death of Captain Hennessy and Section Commander Dermody during an encounter with British forces on 21 February 1921 in Kilkenny

Includes a letter from H Bateman, Old IRA Association, 46 St Kieran Street, Kilkenny to Fr Bonaventura OSFC, Guardian, The Friary, Kilkenny concerning the proposed inscription on the tablet to be erected adjacent to the Capuchin Church where Hennessy and Dermody died. A note on the letter grants permission.

**P133/30** 4 January 1935–9 January 1936

63pp

**Hennessy-Dermody Memorial—Subscribers**

Lists of subscribers to the Hennessy-Dermody Memorial.

**P133/31** 20 November 1935–9 January 1936

18pp

**Hennessy-Dermody Memorial—Accounts**

Balance sheets detailing the subscriptions received for the Hennessy-Dermody Memorial fund and balance remaining.

Includes correspondence concerning the disbursement of the remaining money from the fund (7–9 January 1936, 5pp).

**P133/32** 19–27 February 1942

5pp

**Hennessy-Dermody Memorial—Correspondence**

Letters from N Hennessy PP, Kilmacow, Waterford to James Lalor expressing his deep appreciation to the Old IRA for continuing to remember the deaths of his brother Tom Hennessy and Michael Dermody.

**2 LSF/LDF**

**2.1 Administration and Training, 1936–45**

**P133/33** 24 March 1936

3pp

Letter from Captain David H[?], Military Barracks, Kilkenny to James Lalor transmitting the request of the Minister for Defence, that each member of the Sluagh Committee submit individual resignations. The Sluagh Committees were established by the Minister (Frank Aiken) as administrative units of the Local Volunteer Force established in 1934. The Volunteer Force was set up in order to provide support and assistance to the regular army.

**P133/34** June 1940–5 June 1941

12pp

**LDF and An Garda Síochána**

Circulars issued by Garda Headquarters concerning liaison between the Garda authorities and the LDF.

Includes:

- Circular regarding responsibility for defensive measures (not dated, 4pp).
- Circular regarding the decision to extend the organisation of the LDF into two different groups, to make use of members of the force who are willing to undertake military duties in the event of an emergency but who are unable to join the Defence Forces (June 1940, 1p).
- Circular outlining the final structure of the organisation of the LDF (5 June 1941, 4pp).

**P133/35** 4 July 1940–28 May 1943

c75pp

Notebook belonging to James Lalor containing attendance records for Kilkenny LSF A1 Section 3, squads 9, 10, 11, and 12 at various training sessions, and lectures; scores achieved at rifle practice; with a record of boots and ground sheets issued. Also includes notes taken at lectures given to the engineering service of the LDF.

**P133/36** 4 July–1 November 1940

56pp

**LDF—Members**

Lists of members of LDF Section III, Group A1 in the Kilkenny area. Provides details of squads 9, 10, 11 and 12.

**P133/37** 23 August 1940–9 April 1945

213pp

**LDF—Administration**

Correspondence, circulars, reports, and detailed notes relating to the general organisation and training of the LDF in the Kilkenny area and James Lalor's responsibility for the Engineering Section of the LDF including explosives and demolition, road blocking, making and placing of mines, building of defensive positions, and bridge building.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Assistant Group Leader Eamon Price, 39 Blackmill Street, Kilkenny to James Lalor, Friary Street Kilkenny informing him that he has been selected by the leaders of the LSF Group A1 Kilkenny to act as O/C Communication Unit Group A1, Kilkenny. Remarks that the appointment has been confirmed by the Garda authorities (26 September 1940, 1p).
- Lists of implements such as pick axes, hatchets, shovels, saws, and rope, from farms in the Kilkenny area (11–21 January 1941, 11pp).
- Details of training available during the summer of 1941 in the areas of tactics, anti-aircraft, march discipline and route marches, entrucking and detrucking of lorries, field works, security, mines, first aid, camouflage, scouting and patrolling (1941, 2pp).
- Communication from James Lalor, District Engineer, LDF, Kilkenny to Assistant District Leader, Kilkenny LDF detailing the readiness of the Engineers No. 1 Company to destroy bridges over the River Nore in case of an emergency. Also provides instructions for the destruction of petrol stores should the need arise (November 1942, 5pp).

**P133/38** 11 September 1940–15 November 1945

184pp

**LDF—Headquarters and District Headquarters**

Circulars, memoranda, notes, correspondence issued by Headquarters, Curragh Command and District Headquarters, Waterford/Kilkenny.

- P133/38 contd** Includes:
- Circular outlining the duties of officers on District Staffs (7 February 1941, 6pp).
  - General instructions regarding parades (March 1942, 1p).
  - Quarterly progress report issued by J. Ryan, District Administrative Officer, LDF, Military Barracks, Kilkenny to the Area Officer, Kilkenny concerning the field ambulance company, transport, signals, communications, engineers and intelligence (8 June 1942, 1p).
  - Circular concerning dress markings and insignia of rank (22 June 1942, 1p).
  - Details concerning the acquisition of a proficiency badge and suggested qualifying tests to achieve this in the areas of rifle marksmanship, musketry, grenades, drilling, guard duties, tactical training, hygiene and sanitation, first aid, demolitions, signals, and transportation (13 October 1942, 4pp).
  - Circular outlining the chain of command and the responsibilities of officers in the LDF (25 November 1942, 8pp).
  - Details of training programmes, for recruits and advanced men (December 1944–May 1945, 16pp).

**P133/39** 19 September 1940–20 September 1943

2 items (c160pp)

Duplicate memorandum books belonging to James Lalor containing copies of messages sent by Lalor to District Headquarters and group leaders concerning LDF training, lectures, staff meetings, transportation, and the organisation of parades.

**P133/40** 28 March 1941–28 February 1945

10pp

**LDF—Accounts**

Receipts detailing expenses incurred by James Lalor for petrol and equipment required by him as District Engineer of the LDF.

**P133/41** May–June 1941

19 items

**LDF—Maps**

Maps detailing the positions of road blocks in the Kilkenny LDF District.

- P133/42** 9 June 1941  
1 items  
LDF membership card belonging to James Lalor.
- P133/43** 13 February–7 July 1942  
67pp  
**LDF—Lectures**  
Mostly circulars issued by the District Headquarters, LDF concerning lectures given to the Engineering Service groups in the LDF area of Kilkenny.
- P133/44** November 1944  
4 items  
List of questions and answers issued to the Kilkenny/Waterford Area LDF based on the syllabus of training. Provides details of an area competition to be held at a later date. The questions relate to all aspects of LDF training including rifle marksmanship, musketry, grenade, battle drill, tactics, fieldcraft, camouflage, demolitions, combat intelligence, and first aid. Annotated.

## **2.2 Publications**

### **2.2.1 Regulations and Training Manuals, 1932–42**

- P133/45** Not dated  
30pp  
*Local Security Force Programme of Training* manual. Includes sections on close order drill, musketry training, squad and section drill.
- P133/46** Not dated  
32pp  
*Local Security Force Notes on Organisation and Training*. Includes a table of contents.

- P133/47** Not dated  
64pp  
*LDF Service Handbook*. Contains text of twenty official lectures and table of contents.  
  
Volumes of Defence Force Training Regulations.
- P133/48** 1937  
64pp  
Training Regulations No. 1 *Close Order Foot Drill (All Arms)*. Revised to include amendments nos. 1 and 2.
- P133/49** 1937  
40pp  
Training Regulations No. 2 *Arms Drill with Rifles*.
- P133/50** [1932] & 1940  
425pp, 2 volumes  
Training Regulations No. 3 *Rifle Marksmanship*. In Irish and English.
- P133/51** 1940  
61pp  
Training Regulations No. 4 Part II *Musketry Fire Control*.
- P133/52** 1941  
68pp  
Training Regulations No. 7 *Grenade Training*.

- P133/53** 1940  
117pp  
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- P133/54** 1942  
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Training Regulation No. 19 *Map Reading*.
- P133/55** 19 March 1941–24 March 1944  
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**LDF—Regulations**  
Issued by the Department of Defence. Includes amendments and updates.
- P133/56** July 1943  
100pp  
*Manual of Fieldcraft and Battle Drill* (LDF Edition). Issued by the Department of Defence. Includes a table of contents.

### 2.2.2 LSF Gazette, 1940

- P133/57** 13 September–6 December 1940  
5 items  
**LSF Gazette**  
Copies of the official paper of the Local Security Force. Includes:
- Vol. 1 No. 1 (13 September 1940, 8pp).
  - Vol. 1 No. 2 (27 September 1940, 16pp).
  - Vol. 1 No. 4 (25 October 1940, 15pp).
  - Vol. 1 No. 5 (8 November 1940, 15pp).
  - Vol. 1 No. 7 (6 December 1940, 15pp).

**2.2.3 *An Cosantóir*, 1940–45**

Series of issues of the official magazine of the Irish Defence Forces, *An Cosantóir*. It was originally founded in December 1940 by Colonel Michael Joe Costello, OC Southern Command as a way of disseminating training material to the Local Security Force (LSF) during the Emergency, later becoming the newspaper of Costello's First Division, Southern Command, Cork.

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**P133/102** 29 November 1941  
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**P133/103** 6 December 1941  
24pp  
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**P133/107** April 1942

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**P133/108** May 1942

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- P133/138** January 1945  
56pp  
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- P133/139** February 1945  
59pp  
Vol. V No. 2.

### 2.2.4 Other Publications, 1911;1933

**P133/140** 1911

206pp

*Manual of Field Engineering*. Issued by the War Office. Includes an index and plates.

**P133/141** 1933

179pp

*Manual of Field Engineering Vol. 1 (All Arms)*. Issued by the War Office. Includes an index, plates and amendments.

### 3 Republican Associations, 1934–61

**P133/142** 6 November 1934–3 May 1961

32 items

#### **Old IRA Comrades' Association**

Newspaper cutting, photograph, agendas, minutes and reports of meetings, correspondence, membership cards, and accounts.

Includes:

- Black and white photograph possibly depicting members of the IRA in the Kilkenny area (not dated, 1 item).
- Notes concerning provisional regulations affecting the funerals of Old IRA soldiers (not dated, 2pp).
- Report from a meeting held in Dublin concerning the election of the committee; difficulty in getting subscriptions from some brigades and the burden on others to finance the association; discussion regarding compensation and late applications; a decision to retain the location of the headquarters of the association in Thurles; and efforts to unite the various republican groups and associations under one organisation (12 November 1934, 4pp).
- Minutes of a meeting and a report by the General Secretary Con Moloney summarising progress of the association since it became a national organisation; the Military Service Pension Act 1934 and discussions with the Minister; difficulties in getting all brigades and local organisations to agree to the rules of a national association; and details of subscriptions collected (12 November 1934, 5pp)
- Proposed Amendments to Draft Constitution and Resolutions at the first annual convention of the Old IRA Association. Annotated (14 May 1935, 7pp).

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- Report from a meeting of the association to consider a complaint from the North Tipperary Brigade about expenses incurred by the committee with particular reference to the necessity for a paid general secretary. They informed the meeting that they were withdrawing from the association until their complaints were addressed. Also includes discussion on Military Service Pensions and the length of time being taken by the Board to assess and decide on applications. 'We had with us a Mr Fitzpatrick from Tipperary who had himself been before the board ... He states that the Board ...paid some bogus claim in error ... and ... they are tightening up matters ... they are now taking a course that may require years to go through the applications. ... He did not speak very well of the members of the Board who are supposed representatives of IRA men. He said they were only "yes" men. He said that the man who asks all the questions ... is an ex RIC man or had some connection with that department during British occupation and he recommended that in answering his questions to be careful not to say things that people living still have never found out but would like to' (8 August 1935, 8pp).
- Account book and account sheet detailing money raised for the Old IRA Benevolent Fund (15 December 1952- [ ] March 1959, 2 items).
- Regulations governing firing parties at Old IRA funerals (3 May 1961, 5pp).

P133/143 13 November 1937;9 October 1952-22 May 1956

12pp

**Irish Republican Army Federation**

Notes, correspondence, minutes.

Includes:

- Note concerning difficulties in arranging a firing party for the funerals of Old IRA men (not dated, 2pp).
- Minutes of a meeting of the Old IRA at which it was decided to call a National Convention for the purposes of establishing a Federation of Old IRA (25 October 1953, 5pp).

P133/144 27 August-8 September 1945

72pp

**Army Benevolent Fund**

Catalogue entitled *Illustrated Book of the Military Tattoo and Exhibition*.

The exhibition was held in the RDS and organised to raise money for the fund.

**P133/145** 1959

26pp

**Fianna Éireann**

Biographical sketch of two priests Fathers Dominic and Albert and the repatriation of their remains to Ireland for burial. Fr Dominic acted as Brigade Chaplain to Cork No. 1 Brigade and as Civic Chaplain to Tomas MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney. Fr Albert remained with the IRA during the attack in the Four Courts in 1922 and administered to men in the Hammam Hotel.