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4<sup>th</sup> Western Division  
Division formed Aug or Sept 1921.  
Michael Kilroy O.C. Newport Co Mayo  
E. Mackin. adjt. Phibsboro. Dublin  
Jack Zeehan Q.M. Linnan Co Galway.  
Maurice Sweeney Engineer. (25)  
Dr. Turbery M.O.

Battalions. 1 West Mayo. Ned Mahan O.C. <sup>Dublin</sup> Linnan. Horse.  
John Gibbons adjt  
P. Duffy. Q.M.

" 2 North .. E Mackin O.C. \*

3 West. Bannamona. P.J. McDermott O.C.  
Jack Connolly vic O.C.  
Martin Connolly adjt  
Michael Connolly Q.M.

" 4. East ..  
Michael Thornton O.C.  
Michael Gannon vic O.C.  
E Walsh adjt  
M. Zalkus Q.M.

" 5. North West Mayo. Formed during Civil War.  
A. Forrell O.C.  
J. Gaughan adjt

\* E Mackin was O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions prior to the formation of the Division. S. Kilcullen was O.C. after E. Mackin went to the Division

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Divisional Staff 4<sup>th</sup> Western Div. I.R.A.  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1922. (27)

Michael Kilroy, Newport, Mayo.	O/C.
P. G. Mc Donnell, New Line, Galway	Deputy O/C.
John Feehan, Leenane	Q.M.
Christie Macken 327 N.E. Rd Dublin	Adjt.
J. J. Leonard.	J. S.

No. 1. Bde. West Mayo.  
Eamon Mounie I.O. Westport. O.C.

No. 2. Bde. Nth Mayo.  
Seamus Kelleher 113 Walsh Rd, Dublin. O.C.

No. 3 Bde. West Connemara.  
J. J. Connolly Galway Rd, Clifden. O.C.

No. 4 Bde. Nth East Connemara  
Michael Thombin N.D. Furbo. Spiddal. O.C.

No. 5 Bde. Nth West Mayo.  
Anthony Farrell now in U.S.A. O.C.

The Division was not established on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1922.

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4th WESTERN DIVISION.

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DIVISION FORMED AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, 1921.

Michael Kilroy.  
C. Macken.  
Jack Feehan.  
Maurice Sweeney.  
Dr. Turbury.

O.C.  
Adjutant.  
Quartermaster.  
Engineer.  
M.O.

Newport, Co. Mayo.  
Phibsboro', Dublin.  
Leenane, Co. Galway.

*J. Bassett*

*Asst. D./Training*

Brigades	1.	West Mayo	Ned Mohan, O.C.	Leinster House, Dublin.
			John Gibbons, Adjt. P. Duffy, Q.M.	
	2.	North Mayo	<sup>x</sup> C.Mackin, O.C.	
	3.	West Connemara.	P.J.McDonnell, O.C. Jack Connolly, Vice O.C. Martin Connolly, Adjt. Michael Connery, Q.M.	
	4.	East "	Michael Thornton, O.C. Michael Davorin, Vice O.C. E. Walsh, Adjutant. Ml. Fatherty, Q.M.	
	5.	North-West Mayo. (Formed during Civil War)	A. Farrell, S. Gaughan,	O.C. Adjutant.

<sup>x</sup>

C. Mackin was O.C., 2nd Brigade prior to the formation of the Division. S. Kilcullen was O.C. after C. Mackin went to the Division.

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Volunteer Headquarters,  
Dominick St.  
Galway.

15. 6. '35.

To -  
Secretary,  
Service Pensions Board,  
Griffith Barracks,  
Dublin.

A cara,

In reply to letter received some time ago, re appointment of Christie Breen to Divisional Staff, I cannot give exact date of his appointment, but as far as I can remember, he was appointed to Divisional Staff about April, 1922.

The Divisional Headquarters was transferred to Castlebar Barracks in March, 1922, and he was permanently appointed shortly after.

Re the lists of Division, Brigade, Battalion, & Coy. Officers, I cannot yet supply complete list. I have arranged for a meeting of the principal officers of the West Connemara Brigade, in order to compile a complete list, and will forward it on as soon as it is available.

Is mise le meas,

(Signed) P.J. McDONNELL, CAPT.

A.A.O. GALWAY.

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4th W. Div.

Submitted by: P. J. McDonald  
4/9/35  
1st July 1922

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Michael Kilroy. Capt. Newport.  
Peter McDonald. Vice. ..  
Renniss Bkts. Galway  
Jack. Deehan. Q.M.  
Gen. G. Jenam. Galway Adjt  
Dr. B. Macken. Phibsborough. Dublin  
Dr. Madden. Director of Education  
Baggot St. Dublin  
Maurice Swenson. Engineer.  
Orphinstown. Galway.  
Paddy Horton. Signals.  
Castlebar Mayo.  
Dr. T. M. O'Connell. M.O.  
Bertie Mason. Chemist.  
Kilmore Galway.  
John D. Gibbons. Transport.  
Upstow. Mayo.  
V. Bolger. Communications.  
Paddy Higgins. Training.  
Rend. Jo. Griffin Rd. Galway.

Brigades.

1. 2nd det. Ned. Deehan T.D.
2. { 1st det. Sinatis Ruane. ?  
2nd det. James Kelellan. Walsh Rd. Drumcondra.
3. { 1st det. Peter J. McDonald.  
2nd det. J. J. Connolly Blypton Galway.
4. { 1st det. Mr. O'Driscoll. Furboough. Galway.  
2nd det. Morgan Davoren. Moycullen ? W.S.A. ?
5. { 1st det. No Brigades ?  
2nd det. Tony Farrell. W.S.A.

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4th Western Division. 1st July 1922.

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Michael Kilroy ✓	O/C.	Newport.
Peter McDonald ✓	V/O.C.	Renmore Bks. Galway
Jack Feehan ✓	Q.M.	Leenane, Galway
Dr. C. Macken ✓	Adjt.	Phibsboro, Dublin.
Dr. Madden ✓	Dir. of Operations.	Baggot St. Dublin.
Maurice Sweeney	Engr.	Oughterard, Galway
Paddy Horkan	Signals	Mental Hospital, Castlebar, Mayo
Dr. Tubridy	M.O.	Oranmore, Galway
Bertie Mason	Chemist	Killemore, Galway
John D. Gibbons ✓	T/port.	Westport, Mayo
V. Collery	Communications .	Ballina, Mayo
Paddy Higgins	Training	Fr. Griffin Rd., Galway
J. Barrett ✓	Asst D/ ..	

## BRIGADES:

1. 2nd Date - Ned Mohan, T.D.
2. 1st Date - Senator Ruane (?)  
2nd Date - Seamus Kilcullen, Walsh Rd., Drumcondra.
3. 1st Date - Peter J. McDonald  
2nd Date - J.J. Connolly, Clifden, Galway
4. 1st Date - Ml. O Droigneán, Fearbough, Galway.  
2nd Date - Morgan Davoren, Moycullen (?) U.S.A. (?)
5. 1st Date - No Brigade  
2nd Date - Tony Farrell, U.S.A.

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4th Western Division. 1st July 1922.

Michael Kilroy	O/C.	Newport.
Peter McDonald	V/O.C.	Renmore Bks. Galway .
Jack Feehan	Q.M.	Leenane, Galway
Dr. C. Macken	Adjt.	Phibsboro, Dublin.
Dr. Madden	Dir. of Operations.	Baggot St. Dublin.
Maurice Sweeney	Engr.	Oughterard, Galway
Paddy Horan	Signals	Mental Hospital, Castlebar, Mayo
Dr. Tubridy	M.O.	Oranmore, Galway
Bertie Mason	Chemist	Killemore, Galway
John D. Gibbons	T/port.	Westport, Mayo
V. Collery	Communications .	Ballina, Mayo
Paddy Higgins	Training	Fr. Griffin Rd., Galway

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5. 1st Date - No Brigade  
2nd Date - Tony Farrell, U.S.A.

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27th September 1935

A Chara.

I am directed by the Referee to enclose herewith  
a copy of correspondence which has been forwarded to  
Deputy M. Kilroy.

Mise, le meas,

E. de Burke

RÚNAÍ.

E. Moone, Esq., T.D.,  
Leinster House,  
DUBLIN.

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m.s.c

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Tagairt

*Mr. Sweeney*

Please have the document beneath  
copied + attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> W. Div. Div. file.  
+ where necessary have the appropriate circulars  
issued to the Adm. Ofc.

*E. M. L.*  
*27/9/31.*

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27th September 1935

A Chara.

I am directed by the Referee to enclose herewith  
(as requested from Mr. J. McCoy) a list of the outstanding  
particulars required to complete the organisation records  
of the Brigades comprising the Fourth Western Division  
(I.R.A.)

Mise, le mess.

*E. Burke*

RÚNA Í

M. Kilroy, Esq., T.D.,  
Leinster House,  
DUBLIN.

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## OUTSTANDING PARTICULARS - WEST MAYO BRIGADE - 11TH JULY, 1921.

- 1st Battn. - All Coy. rolls except A/Coy. outstanding.  
List of Coy. staffs outstanding.
- 2nd Battn. - Complete.
- 3rd Battn. - All Coy. Rolls except D (Creeslough) outstanding.  
List of Coy. staffs outstanding.
- 4th Bn. (Louisburgh) - Complete.

## NORTH MAYO BRIGADE - 11.7.21. - BRIGADE STAFF OUTSTANDING.

- 1st Battn. - All particulars outstanding.
- 2nd Battn. (Foxford) - Complete.
- 3rd, 4th & 5th Bns. - All particulars outstanding.
- 6th Battn. - All Coy. rolls outstanding.

## WEST CONNEMARA BRIGADE )

- 1st Battn. (Leenane) - All Coy. rolls outstanding.
- 2nd Battn. (Rossmuck) - All Coy. rolls except Carraroe, Tierrea,  
and Rossmuck Coy. Rolls outstanding.
- 3rd Battn. (Roundstone) C (Cashel), D (Carna) and Recess Coy.  
Rolls outstanding.
- 4th Battn. (Clifden) Complete.

## EAST CONNEMARA BRIGADE - 11.7.1921

- 1st Battn. (Spiddal) - All Coy. rolls outstanding.
- 2nd Battn. (Inverin) - List of Coy. staffs required.  
All Coy. rolls outstanding.
- 3rd Battn. (Moycullen) All Coy. rolls except A (Moycullen),  
and B (Killanin) outstanding.

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## FOURTH WESTERN DIVISION - OUTSTANDING PARTICULARS - 1st JULY 1922.

### East Connemara Bde. -

- 1st Bn. (Spiddal) - All Coy. rolls outstanding.
- 2nd Bn. (Inverin) - List of Coy. staffs required.  
All Coy. rolls outstanding.
- 3rd Bn. (Moycullen) - All Coy. rolls except A (Moycullen) and  
B (Killanin) outstanding.
- Rossmuck Battn. - All Coy. rolls except Carraroe, Tiernea  
and Rossmuck Coy. rolls outstanding.

### "5th" North West Mayo Bde.

- 1st Battn. - List of Coy. staffs and all Coy. rolls  
outstanding.
- 2nd Battn. - do. do. do.
- 3rd Battn. - All particulars in hand.
- 4th Battn. - All Coy. staffs and rolls required.
- 5th Battn. - do. do. do.

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## 4th WESTERN DIVISION - OUTSTANDING PARTICULARS.

### 1st July 1922.

#### West Mayo Bde. -

1st Battn. All Coy. rolls except A/Coy. outstanding. List of Coy. Staffs outstanding.

2nd Battn. Complete.

3rd Battn. All Rolls except that of D/Coy. (Cresslough) outstanding. List of Coy. Staffs outstanding.

#### North Mayo Bde. - Brigade staff outstanding.

1st Battn. All particulars outstanding.

2nd Bn. (Foxford) - ~~all~~ Complete.

3rd Battn. )

4th Battn. ) All particulars outstanding.

5th Battn. )

#### West Connemara Brigade -

1st Bn. (Leenane) - All Coy. rolls outstanding.

3rd Bn. (Roundstone) "C" (Cashel), "D" (Carna) and Recess Coy. Rolls outstanding.

4th Bn. (Clifden) All Coy. rolls for 2nd critical date outstanding.

2nd (?) Bn. (Louisburgh) - complete.

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31st October 1935

A Chara.

I am directed by the Referee to enclose herewith (as promised) a summary of the particulars required to complete the Organisation Records of

- (a) the 4th Western Division (I.R.A.) as it existed on the 1st July 1922; and
- (b) the units as they existed on the 11th July 1921 and of which this Division was subsequently constituted.

I am to add that any assistance you can give in having the outstanding records furnished will be appreciated.

Mise, le mess.

E. 26  
RÚNA f.

Mr. J. Barrett,  
Caragh House,  
Baldoyle Road,  
Sutton,  
CO. DUBLIN.

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A.

## 4TH WESTERN DIVISION (I.R.A.) - 1ST JULY 1922.

Particulars required to complete the Organisation Records of the Brigades which comprised the 4th Western Division I.R.A. on the 1st July 1922. (Units which are complete are omitted from the list below).

### WEST MAYO BRIGADE: 1st Battn.

Ballyheare, Crimlin, Ballintubber and Castlebar No. 2 Coy. Rolls.

### 3rd Battn.

A, B, C, E, F and G. Coy. Rolls.

### NORTH MAYO BRIGADE:

(a) Complete list of the Brigade Staff.

(b) List of the Battn. and Coy. Staffs and all Coy. Rolls of each Battn. (other than the 2nd and 6th) in this Brigade.

### WEST CONNEMARA BRIGADE:

3rd Battn. Roundstone - Roundstone, Callow, Cashel, Carna, Dullagh & Recess Outpost Coy. Rolls.

4th Battn. Clifden - Clifden and Tullycross Coy. Rolls.

### EAST CONNEMARA BRIGADE:

2nd Battalion - - All Company Rolls.

3rd Battalion - - Oughterard and Bushypark Coy. Rolls.

Rossmuck Battn. - - Ballinakill, Lettermullen, Clynagh and Camus Company Rolls.

### NORTH WEST MAYO BRIGADE:

1st Battalion A - - Belmullet, Baurhave, Corcolough, Tirrane and Carrowmore Coy. Rolls.

2nd Battalion - - All Company Rolls.

4th Battalion - - All Coy. Rolls except that of the Keel Achill Coy.

5th Battalion - - All Company Rolls.

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4th WESTERN DIVISION - (I.R.A.) - 11th JULY 1921

Particulars required to complete the organisation records of (as on the 11th July 1921) of the Brigades which afterwards comprised the 4th Western Division (I.R.A.). Units which are complete are omitted from the list below).

WEST MAYO BRIGADE:

- 1st Battalion - Ballyheane, Crimlin, Ballintubber and Castlebar No. 2 Coy. Rolls.  
3rd Battalion - "A" and "E" Company Rolls.

NORTH MAYO BRIGADE:

- (a) Complete list of the Brigade Staff.  
(b) List of the Battalion and Company Staffs, and all Company Rolls of each Battalion (other than the 2nd and 6th) in this Brigade.  
(c) Belmullet, Baurhave, Corlough, Tirrane, Currowmore, Bangor, Dochoha, Doolough and Gortmelia Company Rolls of the 6th Battalion.

WEST CONNEMARA BRIGADE:

- 2nd Battn. Rossmuck - Rossmuck, Ballinakil, Lettermillen, Clynagh and Camus Company Rolls.  
3rd Bn. Roundstone - Roundstone, Callow, Cashel, Carna, Dullagh and Recess Outpost Coy. Rolls.

WEST CONNEMARA BRIGADE:

- 2nd Battalion // - All Coy. Rolls.  
3rd Battalion - Oughterard and Bushypark Coy. Rolls.

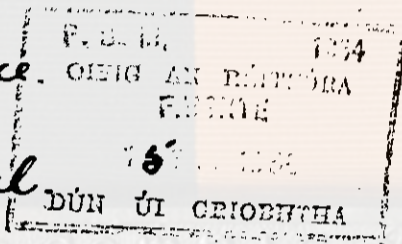
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Toil Tra.  
Church St.  
Houth.  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov 35

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To - The Sec.  
Office of the Refusee.



Personal

a cara,

In reference to yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.,  
Refs RO/601, I wish to inform you - in order  
to give you an assurance that I am working  
on the matter - that the difficulties involved  
are far greater than I anticipated and will  
mean considerable trouble in getting in touch  
with the key ex-I.R.A men necessary. I have  
already written several letters without receiving  
a reply and it appears as if the necessary  
co-operation of the local Officers will have to  
be acquired at first hand. As I am not  
yet in a position to furnish you with the re-  
cords required I offer you the following  
suggestions which may prove useful; -

Nth Mayo Brigade

With regard to this area I  
met Senator Ruane last week and he informed  
me that the work was well under weigh and  
would be forwarded to the Board without

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delay. In this area the position immediately ⑨  
prior to the 1st critical date was very confused  
and, to my mind, the only way to disentangle the  
matter is to bring all those claiming to be members  
of the Staff at that period before the Board  
and get each to state his case. Different  
officers were appointed locally in rapid sequence  
towards the end of the Anglo-Irish war but  
whether these ranks should be recognised by the  
Board I am not in a position to say.  
West Conmemara Brigade.

The position in this area  
should be pretty well defined. I have written to  
a few in this area for particulars but, up to  
the present, have received no reply. I suggest  
that Mr. G. Bartley T. D. and Mr. J. King, Roundstone,  
be approached to supply the particulars required  
in this area. Mr. Bartley could be seen in the  
Dail and Mr. King is resident in Kildare.

East Conmemara.

The position in this area will  
be one of extreme difficulty as it was the worst  
organised in the whole Div area. Two men in  
Dublin who could supply some particulars of this  
area are Dr. C. A. Macken and Mr. L. O. Faherty,  
E. S. B.

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West Mayo Brigade.

I am endeavouring to get the particulars required for this area without delay. (10)

14th West Mayo Brigade.

This Brigade was formed during the Truce period. S. Ganahan, Guesala, now Dr. Ganahan of the Army was appointed Brigade Adjt and should be able to supply a list of men who would be able to supply the required particulars. I tried to get in touch with him but was informed he had left Dublin for Galway. Mr. Henelle, Barrack St, Belmullet, should also be approached with a view towards supplying some of the data required.

The foregoing suggestions will give you an idea of the difficulties to be encountered and the names of some of the men who could help to remove them. Personally I again wish to emphasise my desire to assist and co-operate with you but the expense entailed in writing to and interviewing people is, unfortunately, more than I can meet at present. If this difficulty were removed and if I were in a position (even very temporarily) to approach people with

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some official authority it would facilitate <sup>②</sup> and speed up matters greatly. at the same time you may rest assured that when the financial difficulty is overcome I will set my own private organisation machine in operation at once. The big difficulty will be the log rolls as, in the majority of the cases, memory will be the main factor in the recording of them.

Misc. Le meas,  
J Barrett.

Mr E de Barea.

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18th November 1935

A Chara,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and to inform you that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Referee and Advisory Committee.

Mise, le meas,

E. *[Signature]*

RÚNAÍ

Mr. J. Barrett,  
"Foil Tra",  
Church St.,  
Howth,  
CO. DUBLIN.

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TIGH LAIGHEAN  
PAILE ATHA CLIA TH.

27.3.36.

The Referee,  
Army Pensions Board,  
Griffith Barracks.

Sir,

I certify that John Barrett was appointed Assistant Director of Training early in 1922 for the 4th Western Div. He was later Div. Adj. and afterwards Command. Adj. He served originally with the North Mayo Brigade and his service was continuous until 1924. He fought through the 1922-23 period with the Div. Unit.

Sgd. Michael Kilroy  
late Command C/C.

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3153 Harney Thomas.

Granted Grade "B" — Deputy Divl. Transport  
officer, 4<sup>th</sup> Western Div. on 2<sup>nd</sup> 6. Date.

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WEST MAYO BRIGADE OLD I.R.A. ASSOCIATION.

DAVITT'S TERRACE,  
CASTLEBAR.

7th August 1937.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter 37815, dated 26th ultimo, and to previous correspondence on the subject, I now enclose herewith a certified statement showing the ranks held by Mr. James C. Rushe, Kiltimagh, on the 1st and 2nd critical dates.

Mise, le meas,

SD. J.H. TIERNEY.

HON. SECRETARY.

The Secretary,  
Office of the Referee.

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WEST MAYO BRIGADE OLD I.R.A. ASSOCIATION.

We, the undersigned members of the West Mayo  
Brigade Committee, hereby certify to the best  
of our knowledge and belief that James C. Rushe,  
of Kiltinagh, Co. Mayo, held the rank of Brigade  
Police Officer on 11th July 1921, and held the  
rank of Asst. Divisional Adjutant on 1st July 1922.

SIGNED: Michael Kilroy. Member  
E. Moane DO  
J.H. Tierney Secy.

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N.B.  
3298. Chas. Lyman <sup>(2)</sup>  
has been granted  
grade D, as a  
Div. officer on the  
1st July 1922.  
D <sup>3/2</sup>/<sub>38</sub>

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3 March, 1938.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the application of James Malone, McHale House, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, and to request you to be good enough to submit at the earliest possible date certified particulars of the active service units which operated in the 4th Western Division on the 1st July, 1922, showing for each active service unit:-

- (a) the name and present address of the officer in charge.
- (b) the names and, as far as may be possible, the present addresses of the members.
- (c) the area in which it operated and
- (d) the period during which the Officer Commanding was in charge of his column as a separate unit.

I am to add that consideration of this application has been deferred pending receipt of your reply.

Mise, le meas,

G  
RÚNAIDHE.

Mr. Ml. Kilroy,  
Carrabaun,  
Newport, Westport.

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