

Additions and Corrections to the 1st Edition printed in 2005

They Put the Flag a-Flyin'
The Roscommon Volunteers 1916-1923
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page viii **Lyrics** to song written for book launch in 2005

The Chapters

Page 11 **Paddy Moran** of Crossna was arrested and taken to Richmond Barracks in Dublin, transferred to Knutsford, and ended his incarceration at Frongoch

Page 22 and subsequent pages...**Sean Birmingham** of Strokestown should be spelled Sean Bermingham

Page 32 **Ned Doolan** should read **Ned Dowling** (also pages 74, and 265). They were one and the same man

Page 35 A poem by Martin P. Dockery, Vice O/ C 2nd Battalion North, has been added. It is entitled "Leaf Impressions October 1918"

Page 46 **Ballycommon, Offaly** should read Ballycumber, Co. Offaly

Page 53 and 374 **Pat Madden** did not serve with the British Army. He trained with the Volunteers in Dublin

Page 59 A history of **Toby Scally's gun** has been added

Page 79 The three men who carried the bomb in the attempted attack on Ballaghaderreen Barracks in February 1921 were: **Pat Cassidy, Jack Downes, and Eugene Kelly**. More information about that event has been added

Page 90 Other participants in the **Keadue Ambush** include: Paddy and Michael Gaffney, and John Joe Dougherty (Doherty). Owen Cull and Barney Gannon (who were arrested after the ambush) were indeed members of the attacking party

Page 98 **Richard McGough** (McGoff) of the East Mayo Brigade operated the train in the attack on Ballaghaderreen Barracks in May 1921. He was not from Tuam

Page 101 The man referred to as "**Farrell**" in the Kilrooskey Fight story was actually **Peter Collins**

Page 119 John Snee was sworn into the IRA by **Sean Walsh** of Bohola, Claremorris, not Sean Welsh

Page 124 The two passes shown are from the **Second Army Convention** of 9 April 1922. Purpose of the 2nd Convention: adopt a constitution and elect an Executive to control the Army

Page 132 **Tom Carney** was not the O/C of the East Mayo Flying Column but rather the O/C of the 5th Brigade, 3rd Western Division. He did indeed lead a Flying Column, but there were other Columns as well

Page 136 The Free State soldier who was shot and disabled in the Battle of Boyle was a man named **MacNabola**. He was wounded by a bullet from John Snee's gun

Page 137 Frank Carty's picture has been added

Page 138 Not only members of the West Mayo ASU but also men from the **East Mayo ASU** were ordered to Castlebar and from thence to Frank Carty's Column in Sligo. A listing of the members of **Bekan Company** Ballyhaunis has been added

Page 141 **Joe Sheehy**, who prepared the plans for the attack on Swinford Barracks in August 1922, was from Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. He served as the Quartermaster of the East Mayo Brigade

Page 141 **Joseph Traynor**, who was killed at the attack on Swinford Barracks, was a National soldier not an Anti-Treatyite

Page 141 The name of **Jim Lyons** has been added to the Arigna Flying Column roster

Page 144 **James Groarke** should read Seamus Groarke. He was the O/C of the Swinford Battalion during the Civil War

Page 141 **Peter Neary** of the East Mayo Brigade was killed on 4 August at the Battle of Swinford Barracks

Page 144 Tom Maguire was not the O/C of the Flying Column in Charlestown. **Tom Carney** served in that position. Maguire was his commanding officer

Page 145 **Michael Larkin** was indeed the Brigade chemist, but his was the 3rd Brigade in the 3rd Western Division. He was arrested with men from Ballaghaderreen (which was part of the 2nd Battalion East Mayo Brigade)

Page 148 The driver of the armoured car, *The Big Fella*, was **Thomas Ingham**

Page 148 A picture of **Seamus Devins**, Brigadier from Sligo, has been added

Page 149 The **bank in Ballina** was raided on 18 September, not during the last week of September

Page 149 The three men who held up the Sligo traveller were named ---- **Colleary**, Tom Ruane, and McCawley. Whether it was Alfie or Vin Colleary is unknown. All were from the Ballina Company

Page 153 **James Skeffington** was killed in action at Sligo Town Hall on 9 December not 8 November

Page 155 **Tommy Neary**, who was seriously wounded in the three- hour gun battle at the Corner House in Frenchpark, later died of his wounds

Page 157 The word sexton referred to as the instrument of charting should read **sextant**

Page 160 **Tom Duignan** and Tom Deignan are one and the same man. Both spellings are indicated in the index

Page 163 In the attack on the Boyle/Carrick-on-Shannon Road, **John Merriman** was the soldier wounded. He was a former member of the British Army, and when he returned to Ireland, served as the drill instructor for Lisacul Coy. As a result of those wounds received in that battle, he eventually had one leg amputated. **Andrew Callaghan** was the only son of a widow who lived in Greatmeadow, Boyle. His demise was a bitter loss to her

Chronology

Page 187 (Second column) The **Attack on Swinford Barracks** on 4 August 1922 was a combined effort of North Roscommon men and Volunteers from East Mayo

Page 187 (Second column) **Edward Hegarty** was a member of a Flying Column operating west of the River Moy. His brother, Bartley, commanded it

Page 188 (First column) **Glenfarne** is in Co. Leitrim, not Co. Sligo

Page 189 (First column) **Ballina Castle** was burned on 3 September not 5 September

Page 190 (Second column) **Peter Breslin** was a Volunteer from Dublin. His folks may indeed have come from the Elphin area, but he did not

Page 193 (First column) The attack on Castlerea Barracks was led by Maloney and **Burke** (Bourke). Burke may not have commanded men in Mayo but rather Galway

Page 194 (First column) The raid of 8 January took place at the **Ballinaglera district** not the Banaglara district

Page 195 (First column) On 19 February, eighteen Republicans were arrested at Cluid. Only **five of them** were later executed (Tom Maguire was spared)

Page 200 Copy of Shankhill Memorial fundraising request flyer

Roscommon Volunteer Section

Page 203 The Quartermaster of the 4th Battalion North, **Patrick Gaffney**, was from Aughabehy, Arigna

Page 209 All four Battalions in the East Mayo Brigade have been added along with their commanding officers:

East Mayo Brigade formed in September 1920

O/C of the Brigade Sean Corcoran (Kiltimagh), Patrick Mullins (Mullen) 1921, Tom Carney (1921-1923)

Vice O/C Patrick Mullins (Bekan), then later Michael Moffatt (Ballaghaderreen)

Adjutant: Maurice Mullins (Knock)

Quartermaster: Joe Sheehy (Kiltimagh)

Intelligence Officer: Willie Foley (Swinford)

1st Battalion (Swinford)

O/C James Henry (captured 14 August 1922), Pat Finn (captured 8 August 1922), Seamus Groarke

2nd Battalion (Ballaghaderreen)

O/C Liam Forde, Dominic Doherty (1918) Patrick Cassidy (1920)

Vice O/C John Morley, Seamus Mulrennan (captured 27 March 1921), Michael McDermott (of Rooskey)

Adjutant: Dan Caulfield, Joe O'Kelly

Quartermaster: Dick Gallagher

IO Joe Darcy (Ballaghaderreen)

Medical Officer: (for Anti-Treaty during Civil War) Tom Murray

3rd Battalion (Kiltimagh)

O/C Sean Corcoran, Sean Walsh (1920)

Vice O/C Paddy Grennan (Kilkelly), Martin Mooney

Adjutant: Tom Sheehy

Quartermaster: Vincent Fraine

4th Battalion (Ballyhaunis)

O/C John Morrissey Grealley (Aughamore)

Vice O/C Dom Byrne (Derrymore)

Adjutant: Austin Kenny (Bekan)

Quartermaster: Pat McNieve (Bekan)

Page 210 **George Adamson**. When Adamson was wounded and taken to relatives of Con Costello, he was sent to the O'Connor cottage at Derrevane in the townland of Tombeagh, County Offaly (pictured on page 408 of the second edition)

Page 210 **Kathleen Bannon** of Monksland, member of Cumann na mBan, has been added to the listing. Her photo appears on page 407

Page 212 **Patrick Behan's** picture has been added. He was from the East Mayo Brigade

Page 215 **Sean Birmingham's** name was mis-spelled. It should read Sean Bermingham

Page 216 **Ned Bofin** was the O/C of Rosses Point, Co. Sligo

Page 217 **Tom Boland** of Knockabarnaboy, Scramogue has been added to the listing

Page 218 **Thomas Brady** of Drinane, Strokestown photo added

Page 222 **Edward Brehon** of Doughill, Curraghroe has been added to the listing

Page 224 **Peter Breslin's** bio has been omitted from the 2nd edition

Page 226 **Andrew Callaghan** of Greatmeadow, Boyle has been added to the listing. He was a Free State soldier killed on the Boyle/Carrick-on-Shannon Road on 20 February 1923

Page 229 **John Casey** was from Derryhanee, Curraghroe. His native place is not mentioned in the second edition

Page 229 **Peter Casey** was not "from the Tarmonbarry area" but rather from Curraghroe. His nickname was "Petey". He died in 1973. His photo has been added in the 2nd edition

Page 229 **Patrick Cassidy** of Ballaghaderreen has been added to the listing. Complete details on Cassidy are included in the new Mayo Addendum of the 2nd edition

Page 230 **Patrick Chapman** is buried in Assylin Cemetery not Ardcarne. His photo has been added to the 2nd edition

Page 231 **Pat Coffey** lived on Chapel Street in Ballaghaderreen

Page 231 **Bernard Coleman's** townland was mis-spelled. It should read Banada, Ballaghaderreen

Page 232 **John Joe Coleman** of The Square, Ballaghaderreen died in 1948 not the 1960s

Page 233 **Peter Collins** was involved in the Kilrooskey Fight in May 1921

Page 238 **Luke Connor** of Roscommon town is really Luke O'Connor. His picture appears alongside his name in the O section of the new edition

Page 240 **Sallie Conway's** name should be spelled **Sally**

Page 241 Many additional bits of information and a photo of **Sean Corcoran**, O/C of the East Mayo Brigade, are included in the Mayo Addendum, 2nd edition

Page 242 **John Costello** (Castlerea area) was Captain of the Brusna Coy.

Page 243 **Joseph Cox** of Ballyhubert, Scramogue has been added to the listing

Page 245 **Pat Crawley** owned a garage in Loughglynn after the War. The back of his photograph of Gerald O'Connor should read, "*6'1 of treason/felony*"

Page 246 **Tom Crawley** is buried in Kilcolmon Cemetery not Kilcommon Cemetery

Page 247 **Jack Creighton** was not a brother of Denis and Roger

Page 251 The **Cunnane Brothers** of Alderford House: **James Cunnane** should read James Patrick Cunnane. **Joseph Cunnane** should read John Joseph Cunnane. There was no **Patrick Cunnane** (page 252)

Page 255 **James Curran** ran to warn Dan O'Rourke who, at the time, was staying in Mrs. O'Hara's house in Ballinaheglish. The Tans, however, were headed to Mrs. O'Gara's---not knowing the difference between the two. Curran ran towards O'Hara's house not towards Tarmon

Page 256 **Jack "Trick" Daly**, a member of Kiltristan Coy., has been added to the listing. He is listed as "James" in the second edition

Page 259 **Luke Dempsey** is buried in Assylin Cemetery not Ardcarne. His photo has been added to the 2nd edition

Page 259 **Tom Devaney** of Croghan was indeed arrested during the Tan War, but the story about his running after the lorry was falsely credited to him. The incident was true, but it was one of the other men with whom he was arrested who chased down the lorry. The story was one Tom told with amusement to his family over the years. He did not emigrate to England but rather to America before returning to Ireland

Page 261 **Martin Dockery** of Drumlish, Drummullin, Elphin had the middle initial of P. for Patrick not F. He died 8 October 1984. His photo has been added to the 2nd edition

Page 261 **Michael J. Dockery** of Drumlish, Drummullin, Elphin died on 17 October 1985

Page 262 **William Dockery** of Drumlish, Drummullin, Elphin died on 4 March 1974

Page 263 The spelling of **John Joe Doherty** of Gubarudda, Arigna has been altered (to **Dougherty**) to reflect the alternate spelling found in additional documents. His known participation in the Keadue Ambush has been added to the second edition

Page 265 **John and Ned Doolan** are really **John and Ned Dowling** of Carricknaughton. Information about their activities is correct

Page 267 **Jack Downes** of Ballaghaderreen took part in the attack on the Ballaghaderreen Barracks in February 1921. He was the Transportation Officer for the 2nd Battalion East Mayo Brigade

Page 269 **James Duffy** of Charlestown was from the townland of Hagfield. More complete details of his activities are included in the 2nd edition, Mayo Addendum

Page 270 A photo of **Mick Duffy** has been added. He was a member of an East Mayo Flying Column

Page 271 **James W. Duignan** wore his American service uniform when he was in Ireland more because he was so proud of his adopted country rather than out of fear of the Free State forces

Page 282 A photo of **Edward Farrell** of Lismehy, Strokestown has been added

Page 284 This page is missing an important picture. The photo of **Emmett Mannion** on page 378 is misplaced. Emmett Mannion was really Emmett Feely and his photo belongs on page 284. He did indeed serve as a Judge in the Sein Féin Courts

Page 285 **Henry Feely** was not an Anti-Treatyite. He had joined the Free State Army. All activities attributed to him after the start of the Civil War are incorrect. A report of his return to Boyle after his incarceration, written by a Boyle resident at the time, has been added to the second edition. He was not buried in Ardcarne Cemetery but rather in Assylin Cemetery

Page 297 **Thomas Foley** was from Swinford, not Ballaghaderreen. His exploits are included in the new Mayo Addendum

Page 300 **Patrick Gaffney**, Quartermaster for the 4th Battalion North, lived in Aughabehy, Arigna. So too his brother **Michael**

Page 301 **John Galvin** took part in an ambush at Corofin in Co. Galway not Co. Clare

Page 302 **Bernard "Barney" "Paddy" Gannon** lived in Upper Rover, Arigna. He participated in the Keadue Ambush after which he was arrested

Page 312 One person has been mis-identified. In the front row, third from the right, the name Pat Roddy was given to this man. This is a photo of **Thomas Roddy** of Lisacul

Page 315 **John Morrissey Grealy (Greally)** was not the Quartermaster of the Ballyhaunis Battalion but the Commanding Officer. He was from Aughamore. His complete biography and photo have been included in the Mayo Addendum in the 2nd edition

Page 316 **Seamus Groarke** has been added to the listing. He was the O/C of Swinford Battalion. More complete details about him are included in the Mayo Addendum of the 2nd edition

Page 326 **John Hunt** of Cloonfree did not die as a young man. After the War, he married and farmed his land at Cloonfree

Page 327 **Andrew Hunt** of Milltown and **Michael Hussey** of Emlagh photo added

Page 327 **Mickey Hunt's** photo has been added. He was from Stonepark, Co. Mayo

Page 328 The photo of **Thomas Jennings** of Palinalty, Cloonfad has been added

Page 330 **District Inspector Kearney** is said to have saved the town of Boyle from being burned as a reprisal for the Keadue Ambush. His name has been added to the listing

Page 333 **James "Brodie" Kelly** of Ballintuber and **Michael Delaney** of Castlerea photograph taken with Kit Harrigan and Kevin Barry of Dublin added

Page 343 A photo of **Michael Kenny** of Gortaganny has been added to the 2nd edition

Page 347 **P. Kilmartin** of Kiltveevan has been added to the listing. He was active with the Swinford Company in County Mayo

Page 357 The photo of the nine men at the bottom contains another unknown figure. The words on the back of the original picture indicated that the second man from the left was Jimmy Moran. However, Jimmy's niece, May Moran, has strongly indicated that the man in the photo is not Jimmy of Crossna (although he bears a strong resemblance to the photo of Jim Moran on page 388)

Page 360 **Alfred McCrann** was the Captain of Frenchpark Company. He was not a member of Loughglynn Coy.

Page 362 Another **Michael McDermott** has been added to the listing. He was the Vice O/C of the 2nd Battalion, East Mayo Brigade. More complete details about his activities are included in the Mayo Addendum of the 2nd edition

Page 362-3 **Stephen McDermott**, who was shot in the Woodlands of Loughglynn, is buried in Baslick Cemetery not Ballinagare

Page 363 **Joe McDevitt** led a Flying Column which operated mostly in County Mayo. After his arrest, he endured a 48 day hunger strike in Tintown. He is buried in St. Coman's Cemetery

Page 365 **Sean MacEoin** was the Minister for Justice from 1948-1951. He did not serve in that position in 1954

Page 366 **Richard McGough** was from the East Mayo Brigade not Tuam

Page 371 Free State soldier ---- **MacNabola** has been added to the listing. He was wounded in the Battle of Boyle 1-2 July 1922

Page 374 photo contains four misnamed individuals. While the names are correct, they are not in correct order. Replace the words **left to right** with **right to left** under the photo and the proper identification can be made

Page 377 **James Maloney** of Glenamaddy was a full-time member of the Flying Column formed in January 1921 led by Patrick Dunleavy

Page 377 **Margaret Mangan** was a very good friend of Sean Bergin, but she was not engaged to him

Page 378 **Emmett Mannion** pictured on this page is not Emmett Mannion but rather **Emmett Feely**. He did indeed serve as a Judge in the Courts

Page 378 A photo of **Michael Mannion** of Kilbride Coy. has been placed in the 2nd edition

Page 380 **Bernard Martin** (of St. Mary's Terrace) and **Brian Martin** are one and the same man

Page 382 **Francis Massey** has been added to the listing. He was an officer in the Fairymount Company, 1st Battalion, North Roscommon

Page 384 **John Merriman** has been added to the Roscommon Volunteer listing. Merriman was a Free State soldier who was wounded on the Boyle/Carrick-on-Shannon Road in February 1923. He also appears in the Mayo Addendum

Page 385 **Michael Moffatt** (Magheraboy, Kilmovee) eventually became the Vice O/C of the East Mayo Brigade. More biographical material has been added about him in the Mayo Addendum

Page 385 **Patrick Moffatt (Moffitt)** was from Willsgrove, Ballintubber. He was buried in the Ballintubber Cemetery not the Cloonard graveyard

Page 385 **Joseph Molloy** was a boy of fifteen when he was fatally wounded. He was shot in arm, then the other arm, and finally received the deadly bullet in the back. He never moved from his spot in the field!

Page 387 **James Moran** (Director of Training) did not emigrate to the United States

Page 393 The picture of **Pat Mullooly** is not what it seems. His photo was extracted from the picture of the six men in Pat Madden's section (page 374). Instead of reading "left to right", that photo should have read "right to left". Thus the wrong man is pictured as Mullooly. His individual photo has been replaced with a correct one in the 2nd edition

Page 394 **Lillie Mulvihill** was not only a member of Cumann na mBan but a Captain in her area

Pages 396, 397, 398 All members of the **Murray family** of Boyle (Becky, Bridie, Joseph, Marian, Phil, and Richard) lived on Elphin Street, not Quarry Lane. Photos of Josie and Richard have been added to the 2nd edition

Page 400 a photo of **Dick Nally** of Castlerea and his shop added

Page 407 The identity of the three women in the photo is as follows: Standing--**Brigid Reynolds**, seated on the left is **Annie O'Connor**, and on the right is **Kathleen Bannon**

Page 408 A sidebar has been added to include information about the **O'Connor cottage** in Co. Offaly. The house was located at Derrevane in the townland of Tombeagh, about three miles from Ballycumber. The cottage was isolated (situated in a derry, a kind of oasis or island in the middle of the Lemanaghan bog). It proved to be an ideal place for men on the run to seek shelter. It is also the place where George Adamson was nursed back to health after he was shot in the chest during an altercation in Carricknaughton (as reported on page 210)

Page 408 A photo of **Luke O'Connor** has been added to the new edition

Page 409 A photo of **Lena Sharkey O'Doherty** has been added to the second edition. It appears under the S section along with her sister, Una Sharkey

Page 426 More information about **Patrick J. Ryan** appears in the Mayo Addendum of the 2nd edition

Page 430 **Pat Scanlon** was the Adjutant of Boyle Company not the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion North Roscommon

Page 432 A picture of the **Sharkey sisters, Una and Lena**, has been added

Page 433 A photo of **John Sheerin** has been added to the 2nd edition

Page 438 **William Smyth** of Carrick-on-Shannon has been added to the listing. He was a member of the Royal Irish Rifles in the British Army, and was wounded in Dublin during the Easter Rising. He was, unfortunately, fighting against the Volunteers

Page 445 **John Treacy** had no brother named Joseph. All the information listed under Joseph should be credited to John

Surrounding Volunteers

Galway Section

Page 455 Two pictures of members of the West Connemara Flying Column have been added to the 2nd edition, **P. J. Donnell** and **Jack Feehan**

Leitrim Section

Page 458 The name of **Bryan Gilgan (McElgunn)** should be added to the list of arrested men after the Rising. Bryan was from Ballyboy, Manorhamilton. He was not sent to Frongoch but rather to Woking Gaol

Page 459 **Bernard Sweeney** was the Quartermaster of the 2nd Battalion in 1920. Also the Company names of Aughwilliam and Crimlin were mis-spelled

Page 460 **R. Beatty** of Killigar, Co. Leitrim has been added. He was wounded in Dublin during the Rising. Beatty was a member of the Royal Irish Fusiliers fighting in the British Army at the time

Page 460 In the section about the men killed at Selton Hill, an asterisk behind the name of **Seamus Wrynn** of Tarmon, Ballinamore should be added (the asterisk indicating that he was killed)

Longford Section

Page 462 A sidebar has been added which includes the names of four men arrested after the Rising who were active Volunteers:

1. P. Connaughton, Market Square, Longford. Sent to Stafford
2. Chris Whiteham, Patrick Street, Mullingar. Sent to Knutsford on 3 May 1916
3. Patrick Cassidy, Mullingar. Sent to Wandsworth but released shortly after
4. Frank McGuinness, Longford. Sent to Wakefield

Mayo Section

Page 463 The **First All-County Mayo Brigade Officers** in 1915 were:
O/C Joseph McBride (brother of Major John McBride) (Westport), then in 1917 Michael
McHugh
Vice O/C Michael McHugh, John Hoban in 1917
Quartermaster: Michael Kilroy (Newport)
Adjutant: Dick Walsh (Balla)

Page 463 By September 1920, there were **four Brigades** formed in County Mayo that included 12 Battalions

Page 463 The two men in the Bonniclon Company who were killed in action were:
Patrick Morrison, and **Thomas James**

Page 464 **Tom Powell** was the Vice *O/C* of the South Mayo Brigade. Also a picture of the "Men of the West" Flying Column commanded by **Michael Kilroy** has been added

Page 465 A short biographical sketch of **James "Broddie" Malone** has been added

Page 466 A short biographical sketch of **Joe McBride** has been added. Also **Stephen Corrisan** has been added to the listing of Mayo internees

Sligo Section

Page 467 A photo of Brigade Intelligence Officer, Michael Nevins, has been added

Page 468 A photo of the **South Sligo Flying Column** appears in the 2nd edition

Page 469 On Easter Saturday **Temple House Barracks** was burned but not Temple House. It was said to have been spared because the owner's ancestors had fed his tenants during the famine

Westmeath Section

Page 469 A more accurate and complete identification of the men in the Coosan training camp follows:

Seated in front: (left to right) Mick Spillane (Killarney), John F. Morley (Ballaghaderreen), Michael Buckley (Maynooth), Billy Mullins (Tralee), Michael Cremen (Cork), John "Jack" Brennan (Roscommon), Mick Allis (squatting behind Brennan with hat on) (Limerick)

Standing in back row: (left to right) Peadar (Peter) Melinn (Athlone), Dick Fitzgerald (Kerry), J. J. Burke (Dublin), J. J. "Ginger" O'Connell (Sligo), Paul Galligan (Cavan), Larry Lardner (Athenry), Terence MacSwiney (Cork), and Sean Kearns (Kerry)

Bibliography

Page 477 Sean Brown's name should read **Sean Browne**.

Page 478 Pierce Foley's name should read **Pearse Foley** (in honour of Patrick Pearse)

Page 479 **May Moran**, niece of Paddy Moran, did not have a long personal interview with this author. We met at the Military Archives in Dublin, she perused my article on Paddy Moran, and suggested some changes. We have corresponded since that time (17 February 2006)

Mayo Addendum

A twenty-two page addendum has been added to the second edition. The new section includes a fourteen-page Chronology of Events, notes about specific Volunteers, and the command structure of the entire East Mayo Brigade, along with 20 new photos

Index

Two new pages of triple-columned index have been added in order to accommodate all the new place names and Volunteer names from County Mayo