

Military History Society of Ireland

in conjunction with

Irish Military Archives and the National Museum of Ireland

Two-day Conference

‘From Sackville Street to Salonika and the Somme’ Irishmen and Women at war in 1916.

Dates: Friday 12th and Saturday 13th February 2016

Location: National Museum of Ireland Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7.
(The Museum is just off Wolfe Tone Quay and is on the Luas (tram) Red Line. It is within walking distance of Heuston Rail Station and is well served by Dublin Bus).

Costs: *Conference* €25 each day (includes tea/coffee and lunch)

Dinner: €45 (Friday at 19.00hrs).

Speakers include: *Prof Charles Townshend, Nicholas Perry, Stephen Sandford, Martin Staunton, Emmanuel Destenay, Fionnuala Walsh, Mark Phelan, Michael Kennedy, Anthony Kinsella, Daithi O Corrain, Ann Matthews, Gerry White, Lar Joye, Michael Pegum, Neil Richardson.*

Conference Programme

Day 1 – Friday 12th February.

09.00 – 09.30 – Registration

09.30 – 10.00 – Welcome and opening remarks

First Session – The Irish in the British Army

10.00 – 10.30 – Day of Decision – Oliver Nugent and the Ulster Division on 1 July 1916 – *Nicholas Perry*

10.30 – 11.00 – A view from the Bird Cage – the 10th (Irish) Division – *Stephen Sandford*

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee

11.30– 12.00 – The Regular Battalions of the Irish Regiments in 1916– *Martin Staunton*

12.00 – 12.30 – The 10th Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1916 – *Lar Joye*

12.30 – 13.00 – Aspects of the Irish Home Front – *Mark Phelan*

13.00 – 14.00 – **Lunch**

Second Session - **Researching the Rising**

14.00 – 14.30 – Sources for 1916, The Military Pensions files – (TBC)

14.30 – 15.00 – The 1916 Collection in the National Museum – *Dr Darragh Gannon*.

15.00 – 15.30 – Coffee

Third Session – **The War at Sea**

15.30 – 16.00 – Irish Lights, the Easter Rising and the war at sea in Ireland 1916 – *Michael Kennedy*.

16.00 – 16.30 – The Royal Navy and the Sinn Fein Rebellion – *Anthony Kinsella*.

Conference Dinner

Venue: Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

Time: 19.00hrs

(The Aisling Hotel is within walking distance of the Museum).

Day 2 – Saturday 13th February

09.30 – 10.30 – Keynote Address – The Easter Rising – *Prof Charles Townshend*.

10.30 – 11.00 – Coffee

Fourth Session – **Rebels, Redmondites and Recruits**

11.00 – 11.30 – 1916 whither the Redmondite National Volunteers – *Daithi O Corrain*.

11.30 – 12.00 – The Irish Citizen Army – *Ann Matthews*

12.00 – 12.30 – “They have rights who maintain them”. The Irish Volunteers 1913-1916 – *Gerry White*

12.30 – 13.00 – Responding to the Rising – the Irish Regiments in Dublin Easter 1916 – *Neil Richardson*

13.00 – 14.00 – **Lunch**

Fifth Session – **The Rising**

14.00 – 14.30 – “The Gorgeous Wrecks” – the opening shots of the Battle for Mount Street – *Michael Pegum*

14.30 – 15.00 – Mount Street and the making of a battle – *Comdt Billy Campbell*.

15.00 – 15.30 – The Battle of Ashbourne and Joseph & James Lawless – *Brenda Malone*

15.30 – 16.00 – Coffee

Sixth Session – **Researching the Rising**

16.00 – 16.30 – “The privilege of doing a little bit”: Women and the Irish Home Front 1916 – *Fionnuala Walsh*

16.30 – 17.00 – The impact of the Easter Rising on the morale of Irish troops, a re-evaluation – *Emmanuel Destenay*.

17.00 – 17.15 – Closing remarks – *Dr Harman Murtagh, President, MHSI*.

Non-Members of the Society are welcome to attend.

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Conference Booking Form

- 1 Friday 12th February
Conference Registration Fee €25 @ ____ persons € _____
- 2 Friday 12th February
Conference Dinner Fee €45 @ ____ persons € _____
- 3 Saturday 13th February
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Delegate Registration Details

First name _____ Surname _____
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Institutional /Society affiliation (if any) _____

Special dietary requirements _____

Please send this completed registration form to
MHSI Conference, c/o Military Archives, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
by 11th February 2016.

Early Booking is advised

Places will be allocated on a ‘first come’ basis
For further information on booking please contact archives@military.ie

Please note that this Conference may also be booked online at:

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