

## The War of Independence

### A 2-day Conference organised by the Military History Society of Ireland

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

**NOTE: Applications will be accepted for either Friday or Saturday at a price of €45 for each day.**

#### Day 1 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

- 9.15 – 9.30      **Registration**
- 9.30 – 9.45      **Opening** – Dr. Patrick Wallace, National Museum.
- 9.45 – 10.30    **Key Note Address:** The War of Independence: Context and Meaning.  
  
**Speaker:** Professor Keith Jeffery
- 10.30 – 11.00    **Coffee**

	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	<b><u>1. The IRA</u></b>	<b><u>2. The Police</u></b>
11.00 – 11.40	The Guerilla Infrastructure – Cork No. 1 Brigade – John Borgonovo	A British perspective of Irish policing during the Troubles – Peter Cottrell
11.40 – 12.20	Local Initiative V Central Control – GHQ’s role in the War of Independence – Katie Drake	The Auxiliaries in Action – Frank Bouchier Hayes.
12.20 – 13.00	Weapons and Tactics of the IRA – Lar Joye	Policing Strategies in Co. Donegal during the War of Independence – Kelly Thompson.
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b><u>3. Women and the War of Independence</u></b>	<b><u>4. Source Material for the War of Independence</u></b>
14.00 – 14.40	Women and the War of Independence – M. Coleman.	The Bureau of Military History as a source for the War of Independence – Eve Morrison
14.40 – 15.20	Kathleen Lynn – M. O’Hogartaigh	The Custom House Fire Brigade – Liz Gillis and Michael O’Doibhlinn

15.20 – 15.50	<b>Coffee</b>	
	<b><u>5. Personal Narratives</u></b>	<b><u>6. The Intelligence War</u></b>
15.50 – 16.30	Stephen Gwynn, Constitutional Nationalism and the War of Independence – Colin Reid	The Intelligence War in Limerick – Spies, Informers, ex-soldiers and violence – John O’Callaghan.
16.30 – 17.10	Fighting the Tans at Fourteen – reassessing Sean McBrides War of Independence – Caoimhe NicDhaibheid.	The Intelligence activities of Ned Bray, 1917 – 1921 – Seamus Cullen.
<b>Close of Day 1</b>		
<b>Conference Dinner – Aisling Hotel</b>		

**Day 2 – Saturday 3rd October 2009**

9.30 – 10.30      **Plenary Session**

Ambushes and Armour – William Kautt

10.30 – 11.00      **Coffee**

	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	<b><u>7. The War in the Localities 1</u></b>	<b><u>8. The War in the Localities 2</u></b>
11.00 – 11.45	The major engagements did not shine with the exploits elsewhere – GHQ and the Offaly IRA – Philip McConway	The War of Independence in East Tyrone, 1919 – 23 – Fergal McCluskey
11.45 – 12.30	The Newry Brigade, 1918 – 1921 Matthew Lewis	Protest and Resistance: A study of Cavan, Louth and Meath in the War of Independence – Natasha Grayson.
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b><u>9. Prisoners</u></b>	<b><u>10. Other Views</u></b>
13.30 – 14.15	Originators turned initiator – The Irish National Volunteers and the War of Independence – Justin Dolan - Stover.	“The machines of war are laid aside”- The British Army during the Truce – Anthony Kinsella.
14.15 – 15.00	Prisoners – William Murphy	Foreign Impacts – Julia Eichenberg
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee</b>	
15.30 – 16.30	<b>Plenary Session</b> The Dead of the Irish Revolution Professor Eunan O’Hailpin / Dr. Daithi O’Corrain  <b>Close of Conference</b>  <b>Dr. Harman Murtagh, President, MHSI</b>	