

# MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

## WEEK-END OUTING 2016

### SIEGES OF LIMERICK

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Over an extended week-end, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Society will visit locations in Limerick City and surrounding areas. Included will be visits to King John's Castle and Sarsfield's Ride to Ballyneety. We also plan to visit the Garda College in Templemore (formerly McCan, formerly Richmond military barracks).

2. **Programme:** (timings based on coach movements)

#### Saturday 24 September 2016

09.30 hrs Depart Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines, Dublin by coach.  
11.30 hrs Break at Barack Obama Plaza, Moneygall.  
12.00 hrs Depart for Limerick  
13.00 hrs Stop at graveyard, beside St Brigit's Church, St Patrick's Road, Singland, Limerick for view of city and preliminary remarks about its layout.  
13.45 hrs Lunch at Castle Café, King John's Castle, Limerick.  
14.45 hrs Talk on history of Castle, 1842 Siege.  
15.30 hrs Tour of Castle.  
17.00 hrs Check in at The Pier Hotel, Sarsfield Quay, Limerick.

#### Sunday 25 September 2016

10.00 hrs Talk on Sieges of Limerick in Hotel, followed by walking tour of the Walls of Limerick.  
13.00 hrs Lunch at The Pier Hotel.  
14.00 hrs Depart hotel to visit Shannon Crossings:  
(1) The Cromwellian Crossing; (2) The Williamite Crossings; (3) the action on Thomond Bridge 1691.  
17.00 hrs Arrive back at hotel  
19.00 hrs Communal Dinner at The Pier Hotel, Limerick.

#### Monday 26 September 2016

09.30 hrs Check-out of hotel.  
09.50 hrs Board bus  
10.00 hrs Depart Limerick and follow Sarsfield's Ride to Ballyneety (in so far as it is possible)  
12.00 hrs Arrive Ballyneety. Talk on action  
13.00 hrs Depart Ballyneety for Templemore.  
14.00 hrs Lunch in Garda College, Templemore.  
15.00 hrs Talk on old barracks and tour of museum.  
17.00 hrs Depart Templemore.  
18.45 hrs Arrive Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin.

#### ADMINISTRATION

**3. Coach:** The engaging of a coach will depend on there being sufficient demand. The cost per person is €45. Those travelling by coach may park their cars in Cathal Brugha Barracks provided that car registration numbers are included on the application form. (Based on AA website, the cost of petrol for a car would be in the region of €90).

**4. Private cars:** For those travelling in private cars, the rendezvous will be: St Brigit's Church, St Patrick's Road, Singland, Limerick on **Saturday** at 13.30hrs; and at The Pier Hotel on **Sunday** and **Monday** at 09.45hrs each day.

**5. Accommodation:** The Society has booked a limited number of rooms at The Pier Hotel, Sarsfield Bridge, Limerick at a discounted price. The cost is €125 per person sharing in double room for two nights' bed and breakfast and a communal dinner. Rates per person, including communal dinner, for Triple and Single rooms is €115 and €195, respectively.

Early booking (you to hotel) is advised. Telephone (061) 317 179, and quote '**Military History Society of Ireland**' when booking. **Rooms held for the MHSI at the discounted price will be released by the hotel on 27<sup>th</sup> August to the general public at normal rates if not already booked by members of the Society.**

**6. Meals:**

Lunch

Saturday: The Castle Café, King John's Castle, Limerick  
Sunday: The Pier Hotel, Limerick  
Monday: Garda College, Templemore.

Dinner

Saturday: Make your own arrangements.  
Sunday: The Pier Hotel. In accordance with custom, Sunday evening dinner will be communal. Cost is included in the hotel package price. For those staying elsewhere, the cost of dinner in the hotel for this occasion is €25 **payable to the Society** with the application attached.

Dress Jacket and tie for communal dinner.

**7. Registration:**

Week-end: €30. Students under 21/children: €15. Registration for part of the weekend tour is €20; students/children €10. Registration includes entry fee to King's John's Castle in addition to the usual overhead and administrative costs.

**8. Dress:** Moderate walking including walking tour of parts of Limerick City. Rainwear and comfortable shoes advised.

**9. Badges/Car stickers:** Badges will be issued to all who register. Car stickers will be issued for those who require entry to Cathal Brugha Barracks by car.

**10. Maps:** Discovery Series 1:50,000 Numbers 58 & 65.

**11. Non-members:** Are welcome and may apply in the usual way.

**12. Cancellations:** Refunds for cancellations will not be considered, save in exceptional circumstances, after Friday 16th September.

**13. Application form:** An application form is enclosed. Cheques/POs should be made payable to: **MHSI**. Applications should be with the organiser by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**14. Annual subscription:** If unpaid, your annual subscription to the society may be included with your remittance.

**15. Application to be returned to:**

Comdt Paul Mullally  
11 Ashton Grove  
Knocklyon  
Dublin  
D16 KT10

**to reach him NOT later than Wednesday 24th August.**

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1. I require:

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ adult(s) @ €30 for week-end (€20 for part of weekend) € \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for \_\_\_\_\_ student(s) under 21 /children @ €15 p.p. (€10 for part w/e) € \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s), Saturday @ €10.00 p.p. € \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s), Sunday @ €8.00 p.p. € \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s), Monday @ €10.00 p.p. € \_\_\_\_\_

Coach for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ €45 p.p. € \_\_\_\_\_

Communal dinner for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ €25.00 p.p.  
 (do NOT include this if you are booked the package in The Pier Hotel). € \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase a Military History tie \_\_\_\_\_ @ €12 each € \_\_\_\_\_

2. I enclose annual subscription, €32.00 (Tick  if already paid) € \_\_\_\_\_

3. I enclose cheque/postal order (payable to **MHSI**) for €

4. To assist the organiser, please state the accommodation arrangements you have made:-

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Name: (Block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Car registration \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model/Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to Comdt Mullally so as to reach him NOT later than Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.**