



The Artillery Club – 31 Aug 18

TAKE POST - THE ARTILLERY CLUB's NEWSLETTER 3/2018



INTRODUCTION

Newsletter 2/2018 promulgated on 30 June, consisted of sections covering Governance, Activities, the Artillery Corps and Looking into the Past. The same format will be reflected in this Newsletter.

Since the publication of Newsletter 2/2018, through the medium of emails, members were provided specific details regarding upcoming activities such as the Gala Dinner, guard Mounting Ceremony and the Annual Golf Outing.

Particular issues within this Newsletter include Activity Reports, Planned Activities, and finally News from the Regiments. Photographs are credited to the Defence Forces Press Office and the Club Membership.

Marking the 220th Anniversary of the Battle of Ballinamuck, *Looking into the Past*, contains an abstract from a paper, commissioned by the Artillery Committee, on Gunner James Magee, which will be circulated to the Club membership in September. See Club's website for photographs of the Battlefield Site, www.artilleryclub.ie.

Photographs courtesy of the Military Archives Image Data Base (Cadet Classes), Airman Denis Fox 105 Squadron Air Corps (Gala Dinner), and Club Members.

The School Commandant and Regimental Commanders are requested to post this Newsletter on IKON, circulate it to all Permanent Defence Force and Army Reserve Artillery officers under their command, and are encouraged to provide information for subsequent Newsletters.

Likewise, serving and retired personnel are encouraged to provide information, news and photographs, for publication in the Club's Newsletters.

Once a Gunner – Always a Gunner

Upcoming Club activities include the rescheduled Decades Reunion on Thursday, 13 September, and the Foreign Field Trip to Vienna from 07 through 11 October. The current version of the Diary of Events for 2018 is posted on the Club's website, and is attached as Annex A.

GOVERNANCE

Focus for 2018

Mindful of the Club's objectives as prescribed in the Rules, the focus remains on executing appropriate activities, enhancing its Website, extending its Membership base and participating in appropriate ceremonial and commemorative events.

Outputs 2018

During 2018, the Committee convened on four occasions: 25 January in McKee Barracks, on 22 February in Dublin Port, 26 April in Cathal Brugha Barracks Dublin, and on 28 June in McKee Barracks.

The Committee will reconvene on 27 September in McKee Barracks.

To-date, the Committee has successfully executed the Field Trip to Dublin Port on 22 February, the Field Trip to Cathal Brugha Barracks on 26 April, the Field Trip to Birr and Templemore (3 Fd Arty Regt and 31 Fd Arty Regt) on 21/22 June, the Gala dinner on 05 July and the Annual Golf Outing on 23 August.

Communications

In addition to posting information on the Club's Website, the circulation of Newsletters, Activity Information, Calling Notices and Death Notices is primarily by means of email.

The Club's Email Contact List for this Newsletter is 274 individuals from the wider Artillery Community, an increase of 13 from the previous Newsletter. Currently, 15 members are receiving Club information by means of normal post.

Membership

Membership of the Artillery Club is open to all serving and retired commissioned Artillery officers of the Permanent Defence Force, An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil and the Army Reserve.

As of 30 August, the membership is 177, compared with 159 in October 2016, 129 in October 2015, and 96 in October 2014.

Potential members are requested to contact the Membership Secretary Colonel McDermott (Retd), Woodenbridge, Ballybrittas, Co Laois, or email: seamus.mcdermott@gmail.com.

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the current year were due on 01 November, 2017. To date, 126 of the 177 members have paid their annual subscription.

The preferred option of paying Membership Subscription (€10) is by Standing Order. The Committee is grateful to the 112 members who are currently paying their subscriptions by Standing Order.

Gunner James Magee – Defender of Values

This year marks the 220th Anniversary of Gunner James Magee's heroic action at the Battle of Ballinamuck, County Longford, the final military engagement of the 1798 Rebellion.

In addition to paying homage to Saint Barbara, patron saint of gunners worldwide, the Artillery Corps is unique within the Defence Forces, in that it has an historical figurehead, namely Gunner Magee, from who derives some of the Corps rich heritage and enduring values of respect, loyalty, selflessness, physical courage, moral courage and integrity.

Under the auspices of the Artillery Club, in order to enhance the Artillery Community's understanding of Gunner Magee, a paper will be circulated marking the anniversary of his heroic stand, which took place on 08 September 1798.

Curragh Museum



The Committee is exploring the possibility of acquiring, on a loan basis, one of the surviving Morris Commercial CDSW Quad 6x6 Gun Towers, from the 19 original tractors which went into service in 1938. If successful, the Committee's intent is that the gun tower will be on display in the Artillery Section of the Curragh Military Museum, subject to the appropriate approval.

Web Site

The Club's Website is accessible through www.artilleryclub.ie. Since the circulation of Newsletter 2/2018, the following postings were made on the Club's Website:

- **Posts – Homepage (2):** Newsletter 2/2018, 95th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Artillery Corps.

- **News and Events (2):** Newsletter 2/2018, Updated Diary of Events 2018.
- **About Us (1):** Data Protection Policy
- **Photo Gallery**
 - **Artillery Corps (1):** Gunner Magee & the Battle of Ballinamuck.
 - **Artillery Club (3):** Gala Dinner, Wreath Laying, Golf Outing.
- **Information Section:** Nil
- **Publications Section:** Nil
 - **Artillery Corps:** Nil
 - **Overseas:** Nil

Currently, the Picture Gallery contains 18 albums reflecting the Artillery Corps, and 26 Albums on the activities of the Artillery Club.

Members are reminded that only a small portion of the Website requires text population including *Artillery Corps Disposition and History*, and *Corps Units' Disposition and History*.

In due course, the procedures whereby the Club's membership can be involved in the provision of material, including photographs, will be circulated. In the interim, observations on the Website will be welcomed.

Committee's Short Term Priorities

The Club's short term priorities are: Decades' Reunion, Foreign Field Trip to Vienna, Artillery Wing – Curragh Military Museum, Design & Procurement of new Plaque, and Membership (PDF and AR).

ACTIVITIES

Diary of Events - 2018

The Club's activities are of an Artillery nature, hopefully appealing to a large number of members. Members are encouraged to offer recommendations for Club activities. The current version of the 2018 Diary of Events is posted on the Club's website, and attached as Annex A.

Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledges the support provided by Dublin Port Company, OC Cathal Brugha Barracks, Director DF School of Music, the Garda Training College, Birr Castle, OC DFHQ Officers' Mess, and the Heritage Golf Resort, for activities already implemented during 2018.

Planning for 2019 Activities

The Committee would welcome any recommendations regarding the Club's activities for 2019.

Reports and Information

Reports on activities executed since the last Newsletter (2/2018), and information on future activities are outlined below.

Gala Dinner – 05 July: 95th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Artillery Corps

The Artillery Club salutes gunners of all ranks who have served Ireland with distinction, both at home and overseas, whilst maintaining exceptional operational readiness, unique legacy and solidarity, distinctive customs and traditions, valuable friendship and the bond of camaraderie, since the establishment of the Artillery Corps on 23 March, 1923.



On 05 July 2018, the Artillery Club hosted a Gala Dinner in the Defence Forces Headquarters Mess, marking the 95th Anniversary of the establishment of the Artillery Corps. GOC 2 Brigade Brigadier-General and Mrs Howard Berney were the Guests of Honour at the event. The Toast to An tUachtarán was proposed by GOC 2 Brigade. Colonel Brian Cleary Director of Artillery addressed the attendees, and proposed the toast to the Artillery Corps.



A group photograph of the Gala Dinner is included in the September edition of An Cosantóir.

See Web Site for photographs of the Gala Dinner, www.artilleryclub.ie.

National Day of Commemoration – 08 July



Members of the Club attended the Annual Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony in the National Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge, on Saturday, 07 July, and the National Day of Commemoration in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, on Sunday, 08 July, 2017.

The Minute Gun for the ceremony on the National Day of Commemoration was fired by Gunners of the 2 Artillery Regiment.

Wreath Laying – National Memorial Merrion Square – Saturday 18 August



By kind permission of the military authorities, and a formal invitation from Lieutenant-Colonel John Prendergast, the Club's President laid a wreath at the National Memorial, on Saturday, 18 August. The Military Guard was mounted by the 2 Artillery Regiment during the period 1200hrs to 1300hrs. The Master of Ceremonies was Lieutenant David Franklin, 2 Artillery Regiment, and Lieutenant Michelle Kelly was OIC of the Military Guard drawn from the 2 Artillery Regiment.



The event was well attended by the Club's membership and relatives of those Gunners who died in service at home and on peacekeeping duties.

Photographs of the event are on the Club's website www.artilleryclub.ie



The National Memorial was unveiled by President Mary McAleese in November 2008 and is the National Memorial to members of the Defence Forces, Óglaigh na hÉireann, who died in the service of the State. It is a place of contemplation and remembrances, where families, relatives and members of the public can reflect on the sacrifice our fallen comrades have made for Ireland.

The pyramid shape of the memorial, which was designed by Brian King, captures references to burial and is a standing testament to the dead. It also reflects the shape of a military tent. Within the pyramid, four bronze figures, representing all elements of the Defence Forces, stand guard over the eternal flame that emanates from the badge of the Defence Forces. The flame burns in perpetual memory of those members of the Defence Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Annual Golf Competition & Dinner: 23 August (Col Tom Carter Retd & Comdt Chris O'Flanagan Retd)



The Artillery Club's Annual Golf Outing took place on 23 August, at the Heritage Golf Resort, Killenard, County Laois. Club members, spouses, partners and guests participated in the golf competition, and later were joined by non-golfers for an enjoyable dinner in the Hotel. 30 attended the event.



Thankfully, the weather was conducive for enjoyable rounds of golf.

A total of 20 golfers took part in the Single Stapleford competition, including 3 lady visitors.

Confined to serving and retired members of the Artillery Corps, the Captain Jack Jones Perpetual Trophy was won by last year's winner Captain Tom Nolan (Retd), with a score of 30 points. To mark the fifteenth year of competition for the Perpetual Trophy, the Committee provided a keepsake Newbridge Silver Trophy to Captain Nolan (Retd).

Mrs Rosemarie Twomey won the Ladies' Visitors Prize with a score of 31 points.

Commandant Frank Cavanagh (Retd) won the Men's Visitor's prize with Lieutenant-General Conor O'Boyle (Retd) picking up the prize for nearest the Pin on a Par 3.



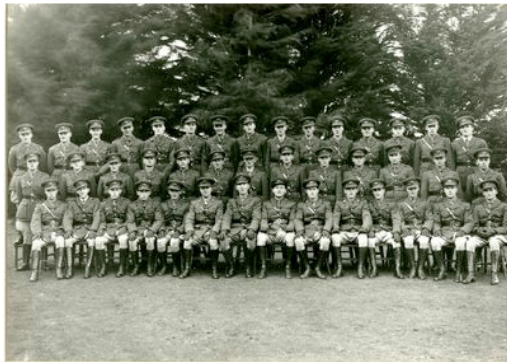
Once again, Commandant Frank and Mrs Joan Cavanagh were generous sponsors to the prize fund.

The Committee acknowledges the organiser of this very successful event Colonel Tom Carter (Retd), assisted by Commandant Chris O'Flanagan (Retd) and Captain Barry Carey (Retd), and the hospitality, support and very generous sponsorship of prizes provided by the Heritage Golf Resort under the leadership of Mr Ger Dempsey.

Photographs of the event are on the Club's website, www.artilleryclub.ie

We look forward to next year's outing which will be sixteenth year of competition for the Captain Jack Jones Perpetual Trophy.

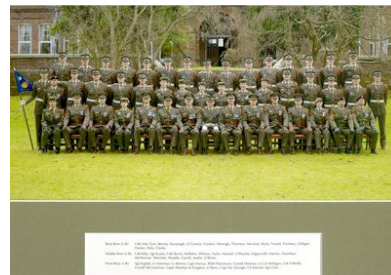
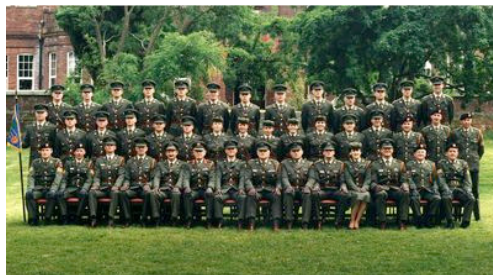
**Arty Decades' Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1948-2018,
13 September (Col Mick Smyth Retd)**



Left: 20th Cadet Class 1946 – 1948, Right 53rd Cadet Class 1976 - 1978

This annual event, now in its third year, envisages assembly at 1100hrs in the Cadet's Mess, Brief on the Cadet School, and reunion lunch in the Officers' Mess, Pearse Barracks.

Calling Notice issued on 28 August. For planning purposes, Permanent Defence Force, An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil and the Army Reserve officers commissioned in 1948, 58, 68, 78, 88, 98, 2008 and 2018, are requested to contact the Club's President (ppakenham@eircom.net) and the Event Coordinator (michaelsmyth007@gmail.com).



Left: 73rd Cadet Class 1996 – 1998, Right 83rd Cadet Class 2006 - 2008

Foreign Field Trip Vienna: 07 – 11 October (Comdt Michael Flood Retd)



The Artillery Club's 2018 Foreign Field Trip will take place in Vienna, with Sunday, 07 October and Thursday, 11 October the travel days. The trip centralises on a visit to the Austrian Land Forces College, including the Artillery School, in Zwölfaxing, on 09 October. The Calling Notice issued on 06 June included a comprehensive CONOPS for the Field Trip.

In addition to the Artillery School, the programme includes visits to the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE, the HGM-Kliege (Austrian Military Museum), and the Spanish Riding School.

The Field Trip is open to members of the Artillery Club and their respective spouses. As in the successful trips in 2015 to Madrid and Segovia, in 2016 to Granada and Malaga, and in 2017 to Lisbon, Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) is the Tour Coordinator. As of 31 August, 32 individuals are travelling on the Foreign Field Trip.

Any additional participants are requested to advise Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) by email mike5555@gmail.com of their travelling dates, flight times and hotel reservation number, copy to Club President ppakenham@eircom.net

ARTILLERY CORPS

An Cosantóir

As part of the Defence Forces “Eldest Veteran Interview Series” run in conjunction with Military Archives, the Irish Military Story and the National Museum of Ireland, the September edition of An Cosantóir includes an interview with Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Dawson (Retd). Commissioned in 1948, appointed to the Artillery Corps and posted to the 1 Field Artillery Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Dawson (Retd) will be attending the Decades’ Reunion on Thursday 13 September.

1 Artillery Regiment

In 1945, the 1 Field Artillery Regiment moved from Clonmel to Murphy Barracks Ballincollig. Concurrently, the 7 Field Artillery Regiment moved from Limerick to Murphy Barracks in Ballincollig. The 3 Field Artillery Regiment was already in Ballincollig awaiting demobilisation.

The demobilisation process took place over a period of twelve months, at the conclusion of which the remaining personnel the three Regiments served with the 1 Field Artillery Regiment. Regimental Commander was Commandant Murray, Commandant Sugrue was Second in Command, Captain T.V. Furlong was in charge of the Regimental Headquarters, the Anti-Tank Battery Commander was Captain J. Kenny, the Battery Commander of 1 Battery was Captain G. Glendon and 2 Battery Captain Foran.

To mark the 20th Anniversary of the deployment of the 1 Field Artillery Regiment from Murphy’s Barracks Ballincollig to Collins Barracks Cork, a function is scheduled in the Officers’ Mess, Collins Barracks on 05 October. Colonel Tim Daly, HQ I Brigade is the Point of Contact.

LOOKING INTO THE PAST

GUNNER JAMES MAGEE

DEFENDER OF VALUES - THE ARTILLERY CORPS

This abstract of a paper prepared by the Artillery Club commemorating and honouring the 220th Anniversary of Gunner Magee's death on 08 September 1798, provides a basis on which presentations, articles, commentaries, and further studies, associated with Gunner Magee, can be advanced.

The main paper is based on research carried out by the Artillery Club in August 2018, which derived from existing narratives on Gunner Magee, information from publications and in the print media, and in particular, specific information arising from historical sources, popular culture, folklore, and social memory.

Information on issues relating to Gunner Magee is also provided: Magee Barracks Kildare, the Magee Gun Trophy, the Battle of Ballinamuck Painting, the Magee March, and the Ballad of Gunner Magee.

Any discrepancies in this abstract and additional information on Gunner Magee, will be gratefully received by the Club's Committee, and reflected, as appropriate, in future iterations.



Introduction

In addition to paying homage to Saint Barbara, its patron saint, the Artillery Corps is unique within the Defence Forces, in that it has an historical figurehead, namely Gunner James Magee, from whom derives the Corps unique esprit de corps, its rich heritage, and its enduring values of professionalism, respect, loyalty, selflessness, physical courage, moral courage and integrity.

Since the establishment of the Artillery Corps on 23 May 1923, Gunner Magee's courage, heroism, and resourcefulness have inspired gunners of all ranks, and his heroic stand during the Battle of Ballinamuck has been commemorated and honoured by the Corps.

Magee Barracks Kildare

Arising from his defiant stand in Ballinamuck, Gunner Magee received national recognition in 1954, when the Government formally named the Military Barracks in Kildare Dún Uí MacAoidh (Magee Barracks), which garrisoned the Depot and School Artillery, and the 1 AA Regiment. This reflects an appropriate tribute to Gunner Magee, recognising his resilience

and unquestioning valour in the face of superior forces, a fact that is made all the more poignant considering the futility of his heroic stand.

The Magee Gun Trophy

The Magee Gun Trophy honours and commemorates the unquestioning courage of Gunner Magee and his gun crew, their resourcefulness in their ability to keep the gun in action, and their ultimate sacrifice for Ireland. Gunner Magee and his gun crew embodied those values which continue to inspire the present generations of Irish gunners of all ranks.

Under the direction of the OC Depot and School Artillery Lieutenant-Colonel A. Dalton, this magnificent replica of a French 6-pdr was designed by Captain Kevin Danaher of the Artillery School, and skillfully executed by the master craftsman, Company Sergeant James F. 'Tiffy' Scanlan. Wrought in bronze in 1943 in the workshops of the Depot and School Artillery, the trophy is a model of a smoothbore gun with a double bracket trail, and with its right wheel broken to recall the scene at the Battle of Ballinamuck.

The trophy remains a reminder not only of Gunner Magee, but also the enduring loyalty, courage and professionalism of Irish gunners past and present

The Battle of Ballinamuck Painting

Honouring Gunner James Magee, the Artillery Club commissioned oil on canvas painting of the "Battle of Ballinamuck" by Thomas Ryan PPRHA. The painting was unveiled in the Officers' Mess, Magee Barracks, in 1995. On the closure of Magee Barracks, the painting went on loan to the Officers' Mess Column Barracks. Restored by Ciara Brennan MA in 2014, the painting is currently on loan to the 2 Artillery Regiment, and is on display in the Officers' Mess, Custume Barracks Athlone.

Defence Forces Magee March

In 1992, the Depot and School Artillery invited the Army School of Music to compose a March honouring Gunner Magee, which could be played on appropriate occasions associated with the Artillery Corps. Captain Mark Armstrong, conductor Band of the Curragh Command, composed *The Magee March*. In addition to the original score, the march avails of the air of the traditional folk song *O Tannenbaum*, (also the air for the Artillery School's Song You'll never be a Captain, Sir"). The inaugural rendition of The Magee March was played by the Band of the Curragh Command, under the baton of Captain Mark Armstrong, during an Open Day in Magee Barracks. Subsequently, *The Magee March*, or selected pieces, were played on numerous occasions by Bands of the Defence Forces School of Music, in the context of Artillery Corps ceremonial events.

Ballad of Gunner Magee – Composed in 1949

Familiar with the oral traditions of 1798, in 1949, the bilingual novelist and poet Eoghain Ó'Tuairisc composed "*An Gunnadóir Mac Aoidh*". Using folk-history accounts of the Battle of Ballinamuck, the poem emotively depicts the last stand of Gunner Magee, noting that *Ach*

ar éacht an Ghunnadóra beidh trácht go lá an bhráth (the gunner's exploits will be eternally recounted). The poem was republished in 1964, in a well-received collection of poetry titled *Lux Aeterna*. Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Burke, OC Depot and School Artillery, translated the poem into English.

Service with the Royal Longford Militia

The Royal Longford Militia was a military force raised from the civilian population to support the regular army. It is generally believed that Gunner Magee was a member of the Royal Longford Militia. As Irish Militias did not have the rank of gunner, it raises a possibility that Gunner Magee may have served with the Royal Irish Artillery Regiment, rather than the Royal Longford Militia.

Nevertheless, despite Gunner Magee's rank, it comes as no surprise that popular culture and social memory has claimed him as a member of the Royal Longford Militia, (less the "Royal" designation), rather than the Royal Irish Artillery Regiment.

1798 Franco-Irish Force

Under the command of General Jean Humbert, the long awaited French expedition landed at Kilcummin on the north Mayo coast near Killala on 22 August 1798, to revive the efforts of the United Irishmen, and to provide the nucleus of a Franco-Irish force equipped with three 4-pdrs, muskets, swords, pikes and ammunition.

Having secured Ballina, General Humbert advanced on the Crown Forces concentrated at Castlebar. Reaching Castlebar on 27 August, only one of General Humbert's 4-pdrs was operational. Nevertheless, despite effective artillery fire from the Crown Forces, the Franco-Irish force assaulted and routed a well defended position. Twelve artillery pieces were captured by the Franco-Irish force: five light 6-pdrs and one howitzer from the Royal Irish Artillery Regiment, and two light 6-pdrs from each of the Kilkenny Militia, the Longford Militia and Frazers Fencibles. After their defeat in Castlebar, 53 men of the Longford Militia joined General Humbert's Franco-Irish force, including Gunner Casey and Gunner Magee.

By 30 August, the Franco-Irish force had seized the strategic towns of Westport, Newport, Swinford, Ballinrobe and Hollymount. General Humbert departed Castlebar on 03 September, marched north east towards Sligo, with the intention of crossing the River Shannon, and to advance in the general direction of Granard. Following an engagement in Colooney, the Franco-Irish force captured two additional light 6pdrs.

On 07 September, the force crossed the Shannon at Ballintra. Departing for Granard, General Humbert was obliged to leave an unspecified amount of his artillery assets behind, as a number of gun-chains were stolen.

Battle of Ballinamuck

At daybreak on 08 September, Lieutenant-General Gerard Lake was ordered to attack the Franco-Irish force, without delay. General Humbert decided to adopt a defence posture

against the advancing troops, at Ballinamuck, County Longford. The selected location on Shanmullagh Hill represented key terrain, with limited maneuver space on the flanks for an attacking force with superior combat power.

Gunner James Magee and Gunner Casey deployed their two guns at the Black Fort, near Gaigue, accompanied by French grenadiers and Irish pikemen. In parallel, cavalry and artillery elements of the Crown Forces deployed in the vicinity of the Church in Ballinamuck.

Contemporary accounts record that for some time, the guns on both sides intermittently discharged their grape and canister at the opposing lines. A target round from the Crown Forces disabled Gunner Casey's gun. Encouraged by this, the English rallied. According to social memory, a chain-ball from Gunner Magee's gun stopped their progress. A second chain-ball fired by Gunner Magee's gun struck and exploded a Crown Forces limber containing ammunition.

With the Battle of Ballinamuck technically lost, General Humbert and his officers surrendered their swords. The battle was terminated after an hour of hostilities with a decisive victory for the Crown Forces forces, and marked the defeat of the French force, which arrived in Ireland on 22 August 1798, in support of the Society of United Irishmen.

As a deserter from the Longford Militia, Gunner Magee would have expected little mercy from Lieutenant-General General Lake's victorious army at Ballinamuck. Rather than retreating to an adjacent bog, Gunner Magee remained with his gun. Supported by his gun detachment, a small number of pikemen, and a limited amount of ammunition, Gunner Magee made a gallant stand against all odds.

Soon after neutralising an ammunition limber, Gunner Magee's ammunition supply was almost exhausted. To address the deficiency, broken pots and pieces of metal were mixed with grape and canister. Using this improvised ammunition, Gunner Magee fired at the advancing cavalry forcing them to withdraw.



Whilst preparing his gun for further action, a chain ball struck Gunner Magee's gun, and broke the stock of the right wheel. In order to bring the gun back into action, Gunner Magee's gun detachment heroically stepped forward, and balanced the weight of the gun with their shoulders. When Gunner Magee fired the gun, his gallant comrades were killed by the recoil.

Without any subsequent opposition, the gun was captured, and Gunner Magee was taken prisoner.

With the last of the Franco-Irish guns neutralised, the ensuing onslaught by the both cavalry and infantry was “Bloody and Unrelenting”. Casualties from this reign of terror were buried in locations such as the Croppies’ Grave and Graves Meadow in Ballinamuck, and the Highlanders Grave in Gortletteragh, 5 kilometers from Ballinamuck.

A drumhead court-martial condemned Gunner James Magee to execution by hanging, as a deserter from “His Majesty's Army”.

*I mBaile na Muc, Dé Sathairn, chailleamar an lá;
Ach ar éacht an Ghunnadóra beidh trácht go lá an bhráth.
Ar chrann boltraí a crochadh é as an ghrian ag dul inna luí:
"A Chríost, bí liom den dul seo," arsa an Gunnadóir Mac Aoidh.*

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Serving and retired personnel are encouraged to provide information, news and photographs, for publication in the Club’s Newsletters.

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THE ARTILLERY CLUB

31 August 2018

Annex A: Diary of Events (V 31 Aug 18)

**ARTILLERY CLUB's DIARY of Events – 2018****(Changes since previous iteration highlighted in yellow)**

Date	Event	Coordinator	Remarks
25 January	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
22 February	Field Trip: Dublin Port Heritage Trail	Comdt Lar Joye	25 Attendees - Photos on Website
22 February	Committee Meeting: Dublin Port	Secretary	Minutes circulated
26 April	Field Trip: School of Music and Military Archives	Col C. Fitzsimons (Retd)	26 Attendees – Photos on Website
26 April	Committee Meeting: Cathal Brugha Barracks	Secretary	Minutes Circulated
13 May	Defence Forces Veterans' Day, Collins Barracks Dublin	Secretary	
21/22 June	Field Trip: Templemore & Birr (3 & 31 Fd Arty Regts)	Comdt D. Coulter (Retd)	24 Attendees – Photos on Website
28 June	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	
05 July	Gala Dinner, DFHQ Officer's Mess	President	72 Attendees – Photos on Website
09 July	Commemoration - Islandbridge	President	
10 July	National Day of Commemoration – Collins Barracks Dublin	President	
18 August	Wreath Laying, National Memorial, Merrion Square	President	10 Attendees - Photos on Website
23 August	Annual Golf Competition & Dinner: Heritage Golf Resort, Killenard, County Laois	Comdt C. O'Flanagan (Retd) Col T. Carter (Retd)	30 Attendees - Photos on Website
13 September	Arty Decades' Reunion - Anniversary of PDF, FCA and AR Commissioning 1948-2018, Visit to Cadet School and Lunch in Military College	Col M. Smyth (Retd)	Calling Notice Issued: 28 August
27 September	Committee Meeting: McKee Barracks	Secretary	
07 – 11 Oct	Foreign Field Trip: Vienna	Comdt M. Flood (Retd)	Calling Notice Issued 06 June
TBA	Arty Shoot – Glen Imaal	Col S. McDermott (Retd)	
10 Nov	Wreath Laying & Annual Mass: McKee Barracks	Secretary	
07 December	AGM and St Barbara's Day Lunch: McKee Barracks	Secretary	