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AT HOME AND ABROAD
FROM 1550

**The 90th Anniversary of
the founding of the
Artillery Corp – a short
history.**

Lar Joye,

4th December 2013.



2 Fd Arty Regt depart McKee Barracks en route to perform a ceremonial gun salute in the Phoenix Park

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Organisation of the Artillery Corps 1923 - Present
1923 (DFR No 3), Total = 1 Battery

Corps HQ
McKee Bks (originally Clancy)
(Major P.A. Mulcahy OC)

1st Field Artillery Battery
McKee Bks

Bty strength 116 - 5 Offr, 18 NCOs, 93 Gnrs



**Artillery Corps established
on 23 March 1923.**

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1934 (DFR 49/34), Total = 28 Bty's (inc 1 AA Bty)

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GHQ

1st Field Artillery Brigade
1, 3 & 4 Fld Bty's
(3 Bty Kildare)
McKee Bks

Depot Artillery & School
Kildare Bks

1 Anti Aircraft Bty
Plunkett Bks

5 to 28 Fld Bty's
Volunteer Force
Nationwide

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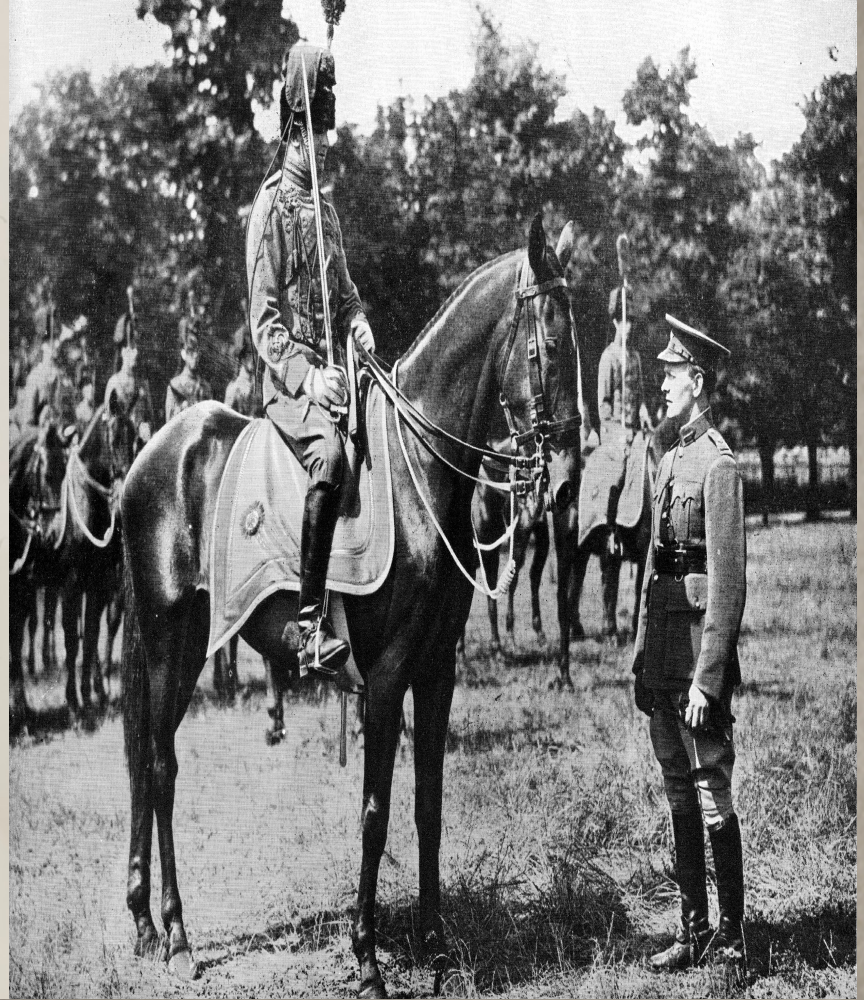


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Original Ack Ack Battery in 1932 with the 3" gun.

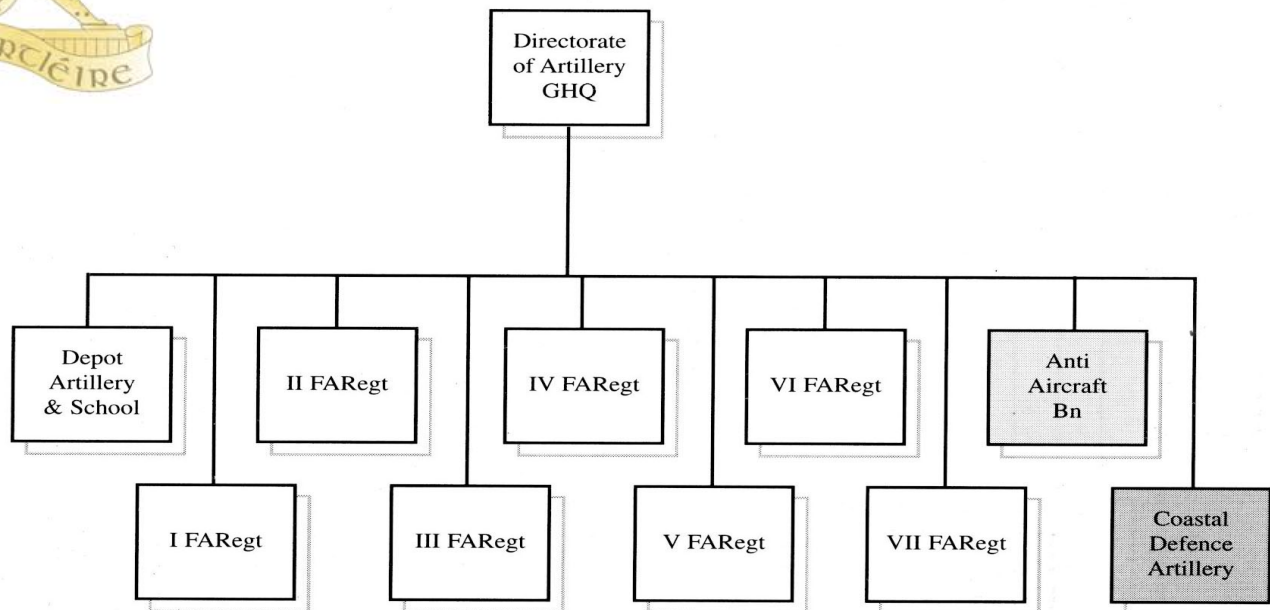
The 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Artillery Corp *Blue Hussars.*



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1943



NB: Between 1948 and 1959, a number of independent FCA Batteries were in existence. These included the 41st and 42nd Btys in Dublin, the 44th and 45th Btys in Cork and the 46th Bty in Mullingar.

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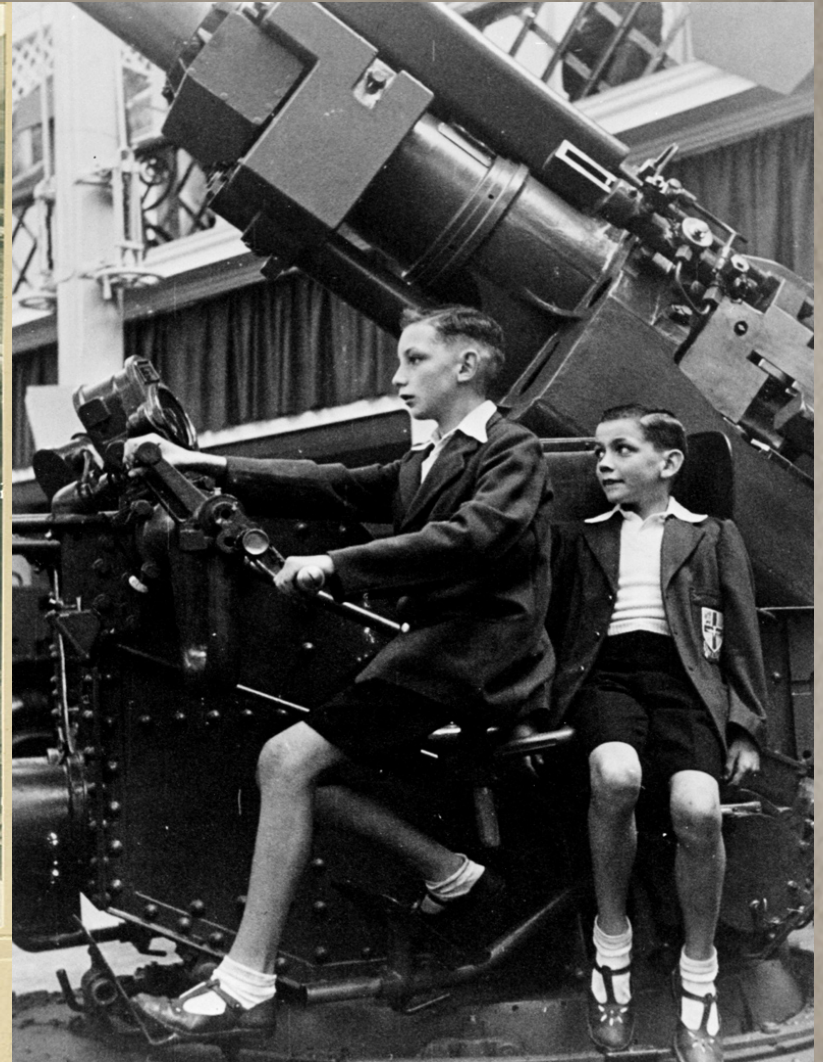
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A.A. DEFENCE OF DUBLIN.
39 - 45



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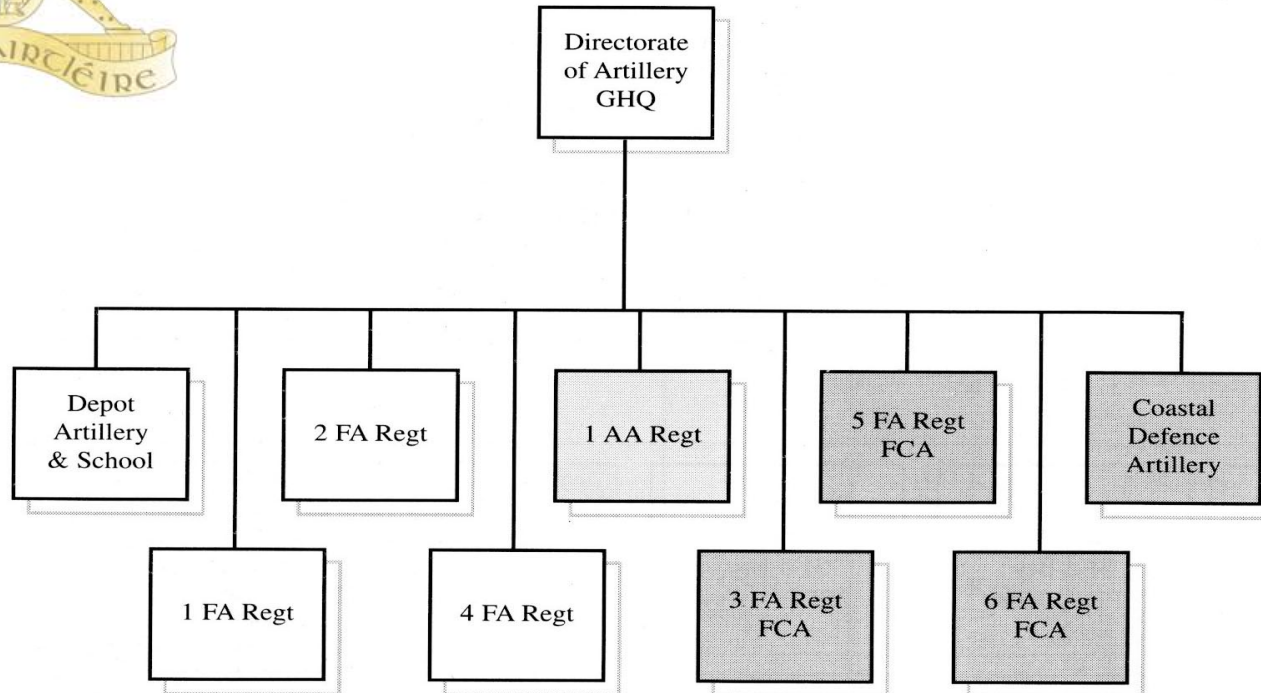
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- **16 members of the Defence Forces lost their lives in an accidental explosion in the Glen of Imaal on 16th Sept 1941.**
- **Lt J.J.Brierton, Lt J.D Fennessy. Lt T.O.O'Neill, Sgt T. Stokes, Cpl E.J. Kennedy, Cpl W. Shannon, Gnr J Murphy, Gnr J Mc Donnell, Gnr G.P. O'Hagan & Gnr J Osbourne.**
- **All Anti Aircrat Battalion.**
- **CS McMahon, Sgt M Scullion, Cpl D Cleary & Cpl C Heffernan & Cpl J Taylor.**
- **All Artillery Depot & School.**
- **Lt M.J Mc Loughlin, Corp of Engineers.**

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1959

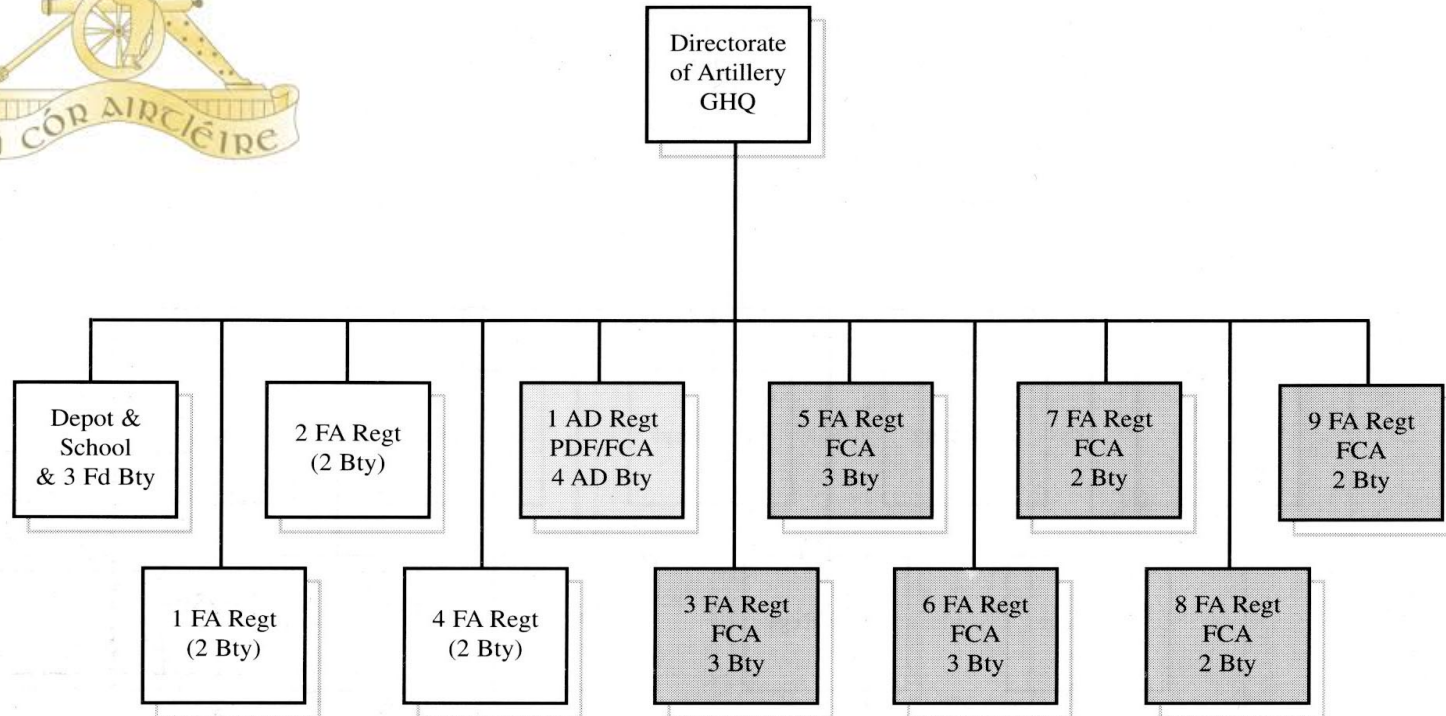


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1979

Total = 26 Bty's (incl 4 AD Bty's)



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GUNS OF THE ARTILLERY CORPS

Field Artillery

Weapon	Country or origin	Year of manufacture	Calibre	Breech	Projectile Weight	Max Range
18 Pounder Field Gun	UK	1904	84mm	SQF	8.4 Kg	5,965m
60 Pounder Field Gun	UK	1904	127mm	IS	27.2 Kg	15,000m
3.7in Howitzer	UK	1915	94mm	SQF	9 Kg	5,395m
4.5in Howitzer	UK	1904	114mm	HSB	15.9 Kg	6,675m
75mm Field Gun	France	1897	75mm	NS	7.2 Kg	6,850m
25 Pounder Field Gun	UK	1940	87mm	VSB	11.4 Kg	12,250m
120mm Heavy Mortar	France	1953	120mm	N/A	13 Kg	6,650m
105mm Light Gun	UK	1974	105mm	VSB / SA	16.1 Kg	17,200m



4.5" Howitzer - Glen of Imaal

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Anti - Aircraft / Air Defence Guns & Missiles

Weapon	Country or origin	Year of manufacture	Calibre	Breech	Projectile Weight	Max Range
3in 20cwt	UK	1914	76.2mm	VSB / SA	7.2 Kg	11,330m ceiling
3.7in A/A Gun	UK	1937	94mm	HSB / SA	12.7 Kg	18,075m ceiling
40mm A/A Gun	Sweden	1929	40mm	VSB / A	0.9 Kg	3,000m ceiling
40mm L70 A/A Gun	Sweden	1953	40mm	-	0.9 Kg	4,000m ceiling
RBS 70 AD Missile	Sweden	1973	N / A	N / A	25 Kg	3,500m ceiling



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Anti - Tank Artillery

Weapon	Country or origin	Year of manufacture	Calibre	Breech	Projectile Weight	Max Range	Remarks
2 Pounder A/Tk Gun	UK	1936	40mm	VSF / SA	0.9 Kg	5,900m	
6 Pounder A/Tk Gun	UK	1941	57mm	VSF / SA	2.7 Kg	5,030m	
17 Pounder	UK	1942	76.2mm	VSF / SA	7.7 Kg	9,145m	

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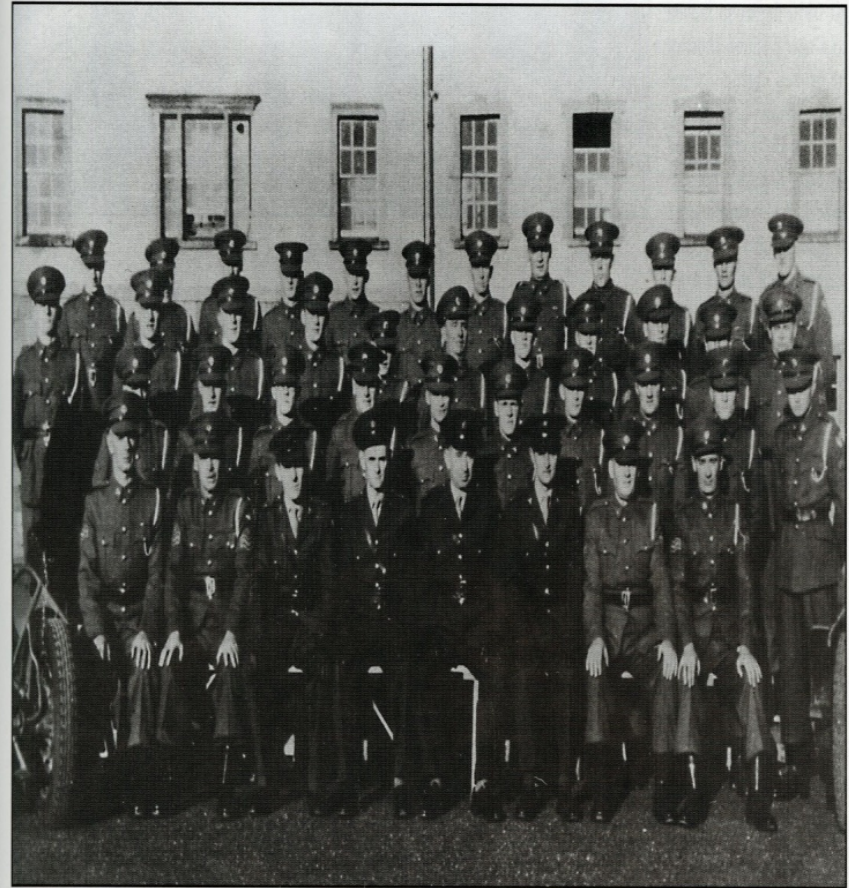


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- The 1st Mortar Troop went to Congo with 42 members and their 120mm mortars.
- Distinguished service medals awarded to Capt John Boyle, Sgt Jack Quirke & Cpl Billy Allen.
- The Heavy Mortar Troop fought 7 days over 180 miles.



38 Inf Bn - Hy Mor Tp
Congo - October 1962 - April 1963

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- While serving with the 36th Battalion in the Congo, Sgt Mulcahy was wounded by mortar fire but refused to leave his platoon, and received another wound that proved fatal.
- Sergeant Mulcahy was posthumously awarded the DMS. He left behind four young children.
- Capt Adrian Ainsworth received the Military Medal for Gallantry for bravery at At Tiri in South Lebanon.



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Wreath Laying ceremony in TBNIN to remember all the soldiers who have passed away while on peacekeeping duty with UNIFIL.

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All Artillery Personnel currently serving O/seas with UNIFIL

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All Artillery Officers currently serving O/Seas with UNIFIL

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Rope Pull Challenge where Gunners from the FINN, Irish and Mixed contingent competed.

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The victors were the combined team (FINN/IRISH).

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Conclusion.

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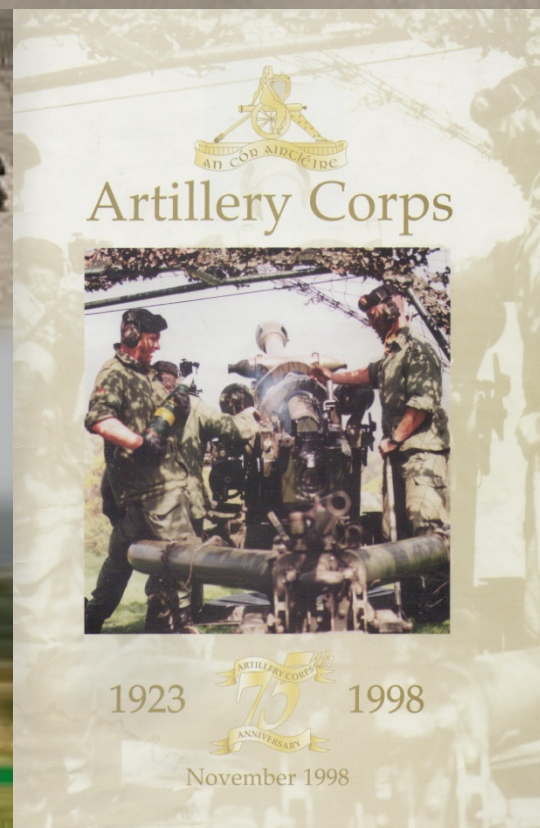
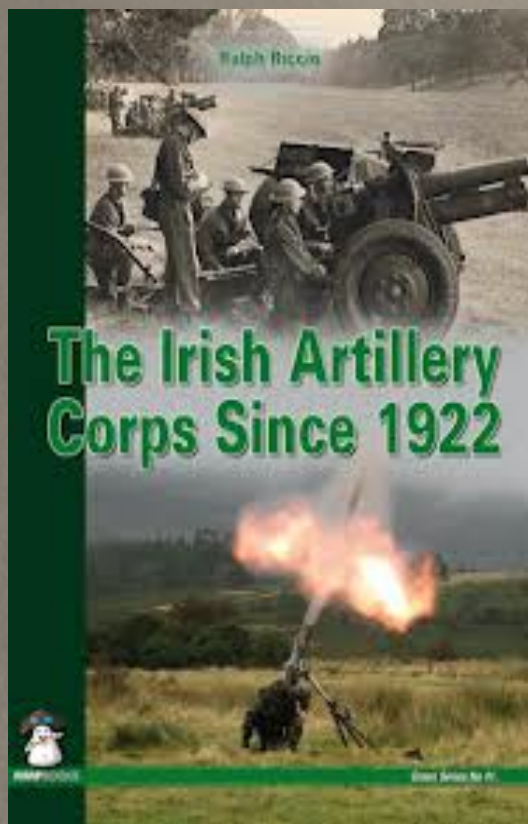
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Artillery Officers of the General Staff

Chiefs of Staff

Major Gen	P.A.	Mulcahy	1955 - 1959
Lieut Gen	T.	O' Neill	1986 - 1989
Lieut Gen	J.N.	Bergin	1992 - 1994

Adjutants General

Colonel	P.	Hally	1957 - 1962
Major Gen	C.	McGuinn	1987 - 1989
Major Gen	T.A.	Wall	1992 - 1996
Major Gen	W.	Dwyer	1996 - to date

Quartermasters General

Colonel	P.	Curran	1962 - 1968
Colonel	W.	Donagh	1968 - 1971
Major Gen	K.	Duffy	1991 - 1993
Major Gen	P.F.	Nowlan	1997 - to date

Assistant Chiefs of Staff

Colonel	R.	Callinan	1961 - 1962
Brig Gen	P.F.	Nowlan	1994 - 1997