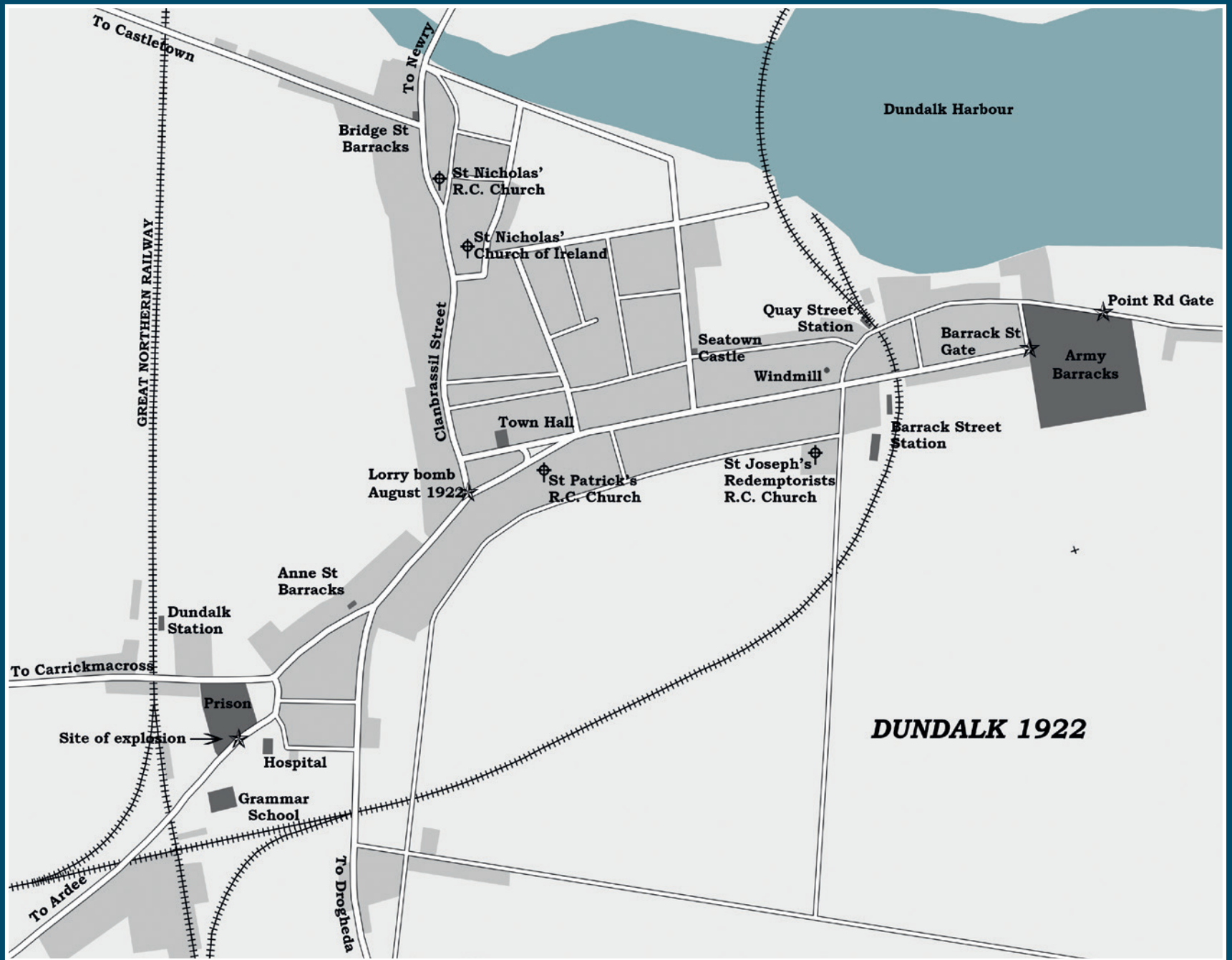


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Map of Dundalk in 1922 (© Jean Young).

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Key from Dundalk Jail  
(Louth County Archives, PP00011/).



Lock of Dundalk Jail inner back gate (exiting onto St. Malachy's Villas) through which Frank Rogers and up to a dozen other men escaped on 16 October 1923  
(Louth County Archives, PP00011/).

“ ... The worst time we had was on Wednesday night and we spent it mostly in the cellar as the Irregulars were sniping from the Century Tower next door, from Nicholas Haughey's top window and the Distillery ... at half nine Dr. O'Hagan phoned from the hospital that the Free State troops were on the Workhouse Hills ... Johnnie ... said the troops were in Louth ... and it was a great but sad sight and that they were coming on in great numbers to Dundalk. So we expected them in at 10 o'clock and retired to the cellar as from that time until Monday morning we were in an anxious state; dreading that at the first shot from next door they would shell the Century Tower and we might all be killed, but a deluge of rain came on during the night and the Troops did not come in until morning. Before their entry the valiant soldiers fled, they left rifles in McDonalds' garden and in Haugheys. The Free Staters got them yesterday when searching the snipers' dens.

If you only saw Francis Street, Earl St. and Park St. anything like it. Every window top and bottom were broken and poor Miss Murphy Francis St. and Peter Kieran's ceilings down, furniture and everything down and broken and McManus's as bad and both sides of Earl St. not a safe window, every place boarded up, such a difference in the streets we passed through Wed. morning ... Johnnie did not go to work yet and so escaped Jail, as all Railway workers and Brewery men were halted and put into clink until they were identified and it was amazing to see all the wives and mothers going up to get their husbands and sons out of prison ... I'm told a great battle is on at Drumgooley today many dead and wounded coming in, mostly Irregulars. ”

Extract from Esmay Young letter (Roden Place, Dundalk) sent to her daughter Jeannie Mahony, Drogheda, 18 August 1922 (Louth County Archives, PP00011/006).

## Introduction

Dundalk Jail, a part of which now houses Louth County Archives, played a significant role in the revolutionary period in Co. Louth. From the Easter Rising to the War of Independence and the Civil War, it held political prisoners, was the scene of hunger strikes, several escapes and three executions.

The War of Independence – Civil War period (1919-23) had a profound impact on County Louth: over seventy people were killed and immense damage to property and infrastructure sustained. This period continues to be of great public interest and the source of many enquiries to Louth County Archives and particularly the “Hole in the Wall” escape by Frank Aiken and over one hundred men from Dundalk Jail on 27 July 1922.

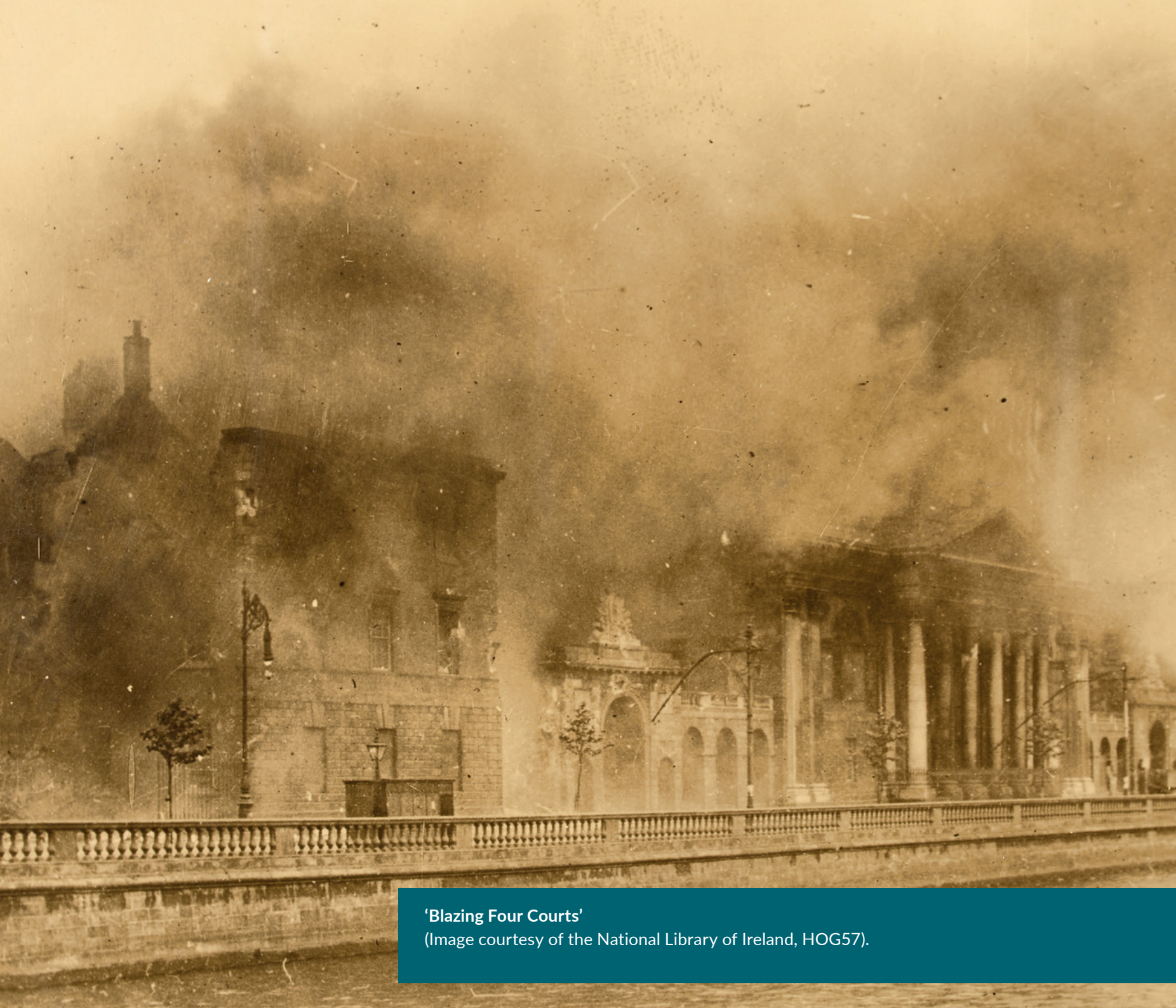
Louth County Archives and the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society have collaborated on this short film and accompanying booklet to produce a brief but authoritative account of the events that led up to that escape. This account covers the invasion of Dundalk by Government troops on 16 July 1922; the imprisonment and subsequent escape of Frank Aiken and his men; the capture of Dundalk by Aiken on 14 August and recapture by Government forces three days later; the use of the jail to hold anti-Treaty prisoners and the executions in 1923.

The booklet also contains a list of escapees taken from the Dundalk General Register of Prisoners, the original of which is in the National Archives of Ireland and a microfilm copy held in Louth County Archives. We are deeply indebted to the late Stephen O'Donnell for compiling the first transcript of escaped prisoners (for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the escape), which has been updated for this booklet. Thanks are also due to Donal Hall for his excellent writing of the narratives in the short film and booklet and the compilation of the list of Co Louth Civil War fatalities. I also acknowledge Jean Young for kindly producing the very helpful map of Dundalk.

It is hoped that the short film and booklet will assist in giving those for whom these historical events have a particular significance a greater understanding into the activities in Louth during this momentous period of our history.

Lorraine McCann, County Archivist

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**'Blazing Four Courts'**  
(Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland, HOG57).

## Dundalk Jail during the Civil War

On 7 January 1922, Dáil Éireann ratified by 64 votes to 57 the treaty signed a month earlier between Irish and British plenipotentiaries which, it was hoped, would end centuries of conflict. Instead, the treaty provoked a split within Irish republicanism. As the new Irish government struggled to establish a new administration, among the myriad of problems it faced was an increase in social disorder.

On 8 May 1922, the Governor of Dundalk prison Major William Barrows, requested 'in view of the disturbed state of the county' that an armed guard should be posted in the prison at night time. The request was renewed two days later when intelligence was received that a former prisoner, Michael Cowman, who had escaped custody while in Dublin, was planning to rescue Raymond Healy who was held in Dundalk. This request was acceded to and from 24 May 1922, a night-time military guard was mounted, comprising of one officer and three men drawn from the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division stationed in Dundalk army barracks.<sup>1</sup> A week later, Frank Aiken, Officer Commanding the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern, withdrew the guard, informing Major Barrows that he did not have sufficient troops to continue it.<sup>2</sup> While this was being mulled over, Raymond Healy was transferred to Mountjoy prison, and it was agreed that for now, there was no necessity for a military presence at the prison.

The Civil War broke out on 28 June 1922 when the National Army attacked anti-Treaty forces in the Four Courts, Dublin. On Saturday 1 July, as fighting broke out elsewhere in Drogheda, two heavily-armed men hijacked a train and had it driven to Dundalk station. Two officers of the Dundalk Civil Police and a passing prison warder were marched at gunpoint to the jail where orders were issued to release three Drogheda prisoners: John Halpin, brother of Alderman Halpin who had been assassinated by Crown forces in Drogheda in February 1921, James O'Brien and John O'Connor. All prison staff on duty were then locked up, and as they left, they were bid a cheery 'Good night boys' by the raiders who made their escape on the waiting train.<sup>3</sup>

A few days later there was another dramatic escape. On 30 June, twelve men from Belfast, on their way to join the anti-Treaty forces in the Four Courts in Dublin, were arrested, tried and sentenced to two weeks imprisonment for forcibly entering a shop in Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk and commandeering boots and shoes. On 4 July, a little boy carrying parcels knocked on the door of the prison. When the warder opened up, two armed men forced an entry and released the twelve prisoners. A passing lorry was hijacked and after heading south for five miles, they stopped and attempted

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1 Governor Dundalk Prison to Chairman General Prisons Board, 8-10 May 1922, 31 May - 1 Jun. 1922 (National Archives (NA), JUS/H/78/18).

2 Aiken in fact had about 300 well-armed men under his command in the north Louth area.

3 *Dundalk Democrat* (DD), 8 Jul. 1922. All three were members of the anti-Treaty Millmount garrison, charged with shooting at Police Officer Peter Callan in Drogheda with intent to kill.

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ÓIRIŠ: Chief of the General Staff,  
BEARRAIC BORTOBELLO,

Bairé Áca Cliait, 26th. August, 1922. 19

To:  
Joseph Dolan, Esq.,  
Ardee.

A Chara,

I got your letter of 18th. August and only the tragic distractions since have prevented me replying to it.

I think nobody appreciates Frank Aiken's mind and position more clearly or more sympathetically than I do. Frank was not only negotiating with me for "preserving peace in Dundalk" when the Dundalk Barracks was taken by National troops; he was actually doing it to a certain extent, but very dangerous forces were working underground in his ~~own~~ ranks, and Frank could not have controlled them and their operations would have brought a much worse state of affairs there.

The present position with regard to Frank and his men is brought about by the same cause as that bringing about the dreadful conditions in other parts of the country, namely, -pure waywardness, futility, and irresponsibility.

Whether it be a <sup>sign of</sup> strength or of weakness, the actual position is that practically the only condition made with regard to the men in your area is that they surrender their arms.

Beir Beannacht.

*Richard Mulcahy*  
GENERAL.  
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

Richard Mulcahy to Joseph Dolan letter, 26 August 1922  
(Louth County Archives PP00166/003/002/040).



**Anne Street Barracks** (Louth County Archives (PP00287/004/24).

to cut down telegraph poles.<sup>4</sup> They were confronted by a number of unarmed officers from the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern under the command of Divisional Adjutant John McCoy. After a testy exchange of words, McCoy returned to Dundalk, organised an armed search party, and following a chase and exchange of gunfire, recaptured six out of the twelve escapees.<sup>5</sup> As a result of this escape, Aiken again, for a period, provided a military guard for the prison.<sup>6</sup>

On the same day, 4 July, the fighting in Drogheda ended when the National Army captured Millmount barracks and other strongpoints. In Dundalk, Frank Aiken publicly declared a policy of neutrality and persuaded anti-Treaty forces in Anne Street and Bridge Street barracks to come under his command. For the next two weeks Aiken absented himself from the area and, encouraged by Minister for Defence Richard Mulcahy, attempted to broker peace as fighting broke out in Limerick. At the same time, Aiken and McCoy received, but declined to obey, orders from Chief of Staff Eoin O'Duffy that all anti-Treaty forces in Dundalk were to be arrested, reasoning that as all forces were now under Aiken's command, there were no anti-Treaty forces in Dundalk. On 15 July, at a meeting in Portobello Barracks in Dublin, Aiken was requested by

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<sup>4</sup> DD, 8 Jul. 1922.

<sup>5</sup> John McCoy to Chief of Staff, 8 Jul. 1922, (University College Dublin Archives (UCDA), Mulcahy Papers, P7a/175) and John McCoy (Bureau of Military History (BMH), Witness Statement (WS)0492, pp.139-41).

<sup>6</sup> Governor Dundalk Prison to Chairman General Prisons Board, 5 Jul. 1922, (NA, JUS/H/ 78/18).



Officers of 4th Northern Division (standing l-r) Peter Boyle, Frank Aiken, Michael O'Hanlon, and John McCoy (led the attack on Dundalk prison 27 July 1922); (crouched l-r) Padraig Quinn and Ned Fitzpatrick (By kind permission of UCD Archives, P104/670/04).

Mulcahy to prepare a situation paper for submission to the government. Early on the morning of the following day, 16 July, General Dan Hogan with the 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Division from Co Monaghan invaded Dundalk, and captured Aiken along with about three hundred of his men. In the attack, John Campbell from Crossmaglen was killed and Patrick Quigley from Dundalk was wounded, both of whom were part of the Anne Street barracks garrison.

Prison staff were alerted to the invasion with the appearance of unidentified armed men outside the jail demanding admittance. When a telephone call to the army barracks requesting assistance was answered by a stranger, the warders concluded that the town was under attack, but by whom? The back gate to the prison was smashed open and there was an angry confrontation with a 5<sup>th</sup> Northern officer who complained that Free State forces had been denied access. The warders responded that they had a responsibility to secure the prison, but they were unable to distinguish between Free State and Republican forces. General Dan Hogan appeared on the scene, the situation calmed and prisoners were admitted. Major Barrows later complained:

***I beg to report that armed forces, who afterwards turned out to be Free State troops, forcibly entered this Prison at about 6 a.m. I respectfully submit that if the Authorities knew that the troops in this town were Irregulars posing as Free State Troops, I as Governor of the Prison should have received some confidential briefing to that effect<sup>7</sup>.***



Eiver Monaghan, 4th Northern Engineer who, along with Malachi Quinn, planted the explosives at the prison wall on 27 July 1922 (Image courtesy of Frank Monaghan, PP00011/).

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, 17 Jul.1922 (NA, JUS/H/ 78/18)

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About 100 men from the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern, including Aiken and most of his officers, were incarcerated. Now responsible for 134 prisoners with only seventeen staff, many of them inexperienced, the Governor complained: 'I view the present situation with great alarm and again urgently request that the additional staff be sent, as I fear under present conditions, safe custody is in jeopardy.'<sup>8</sup> The warning was taken seriously, and it was recommended that Dundalk prison should be placed under military control, in the same manner as Kilmainham and Mountjoy prisons.<sup>9</sup>

Only three days after the Governor's warning, on Thursday 27 July, John McCoy mustered the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division at Castletown Mount. One detachment, under the command of McCoy made for the prison; another under Edward Boyle, isolated the train station and cut telecommunications; another group under Frank Monaghan, was left to keep the path to the north clear at Castletown Road; a fourth group was to isolate the military barracks and Quay Street train station.<sup>10</sup>

While these dispositions were taking place, Aiken assembled his men to take morning drill inside the prison. At about 7.15 a.m., Eiver Monaghan and Malachi Quinn laid a mine outside the perimeter wall on the Ardee Road, followed shortly by a loud and violent explosion. To further disorientate the warders, hand grenades were also thrown.<sup>11</sup> The explosion blew a large hole in the base of the wall, through which Frank Aiken and 104 men made a dash for freedom.<sup>12</sup>

According to warders' accounts, the men had just been addressed by Aiken and were lined up to enter the exercise yard when there was a loud explosion followed by three smaller ones. In the dust and confusion prisoners were seen rushing for a gap in the perimeter wall. Attempts to grab keys held by two warders were unsuccessful when the keys were thrown over a secure fence, thwarting the escape of the remaining thirty or so prisoners. The warders, who were unarmed except for batons, complained that the military guard, composed of an officer and twenty-six men stationed in the hospital, failed to turn out until the prisoners had escaped and not a shot was fired by a small detachment of troops who were on duty.<sup>13</sup>

At the same time, a train was hijacked and driven onto the level crossing at Quay Street, blocking the road. Captain McMahon of the National Army was wounded when reinforcements rushing to the prison came under heavy fire at Barrack Street bridge.<sup>14</sup> As troops from Anne Street Barracks went in pursuit of the escapees, they came under fire from Frank Monaghan's men at Castletown Cross and a National Army private, J F McCaffrey from Derryard, Rosslea,

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8 Ibid, 24 Jul.1922 (NA, JUS/H/ 78/64), also memo from McDermott, Prisons Board to Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, 22 Jul. 1922, *ibid*

9 McDermott to Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, 25 Jul. 1922, *ibid*.

10 Edward Boyle (BMH, WS 0647, p.25)

11 Eiver Monaghan to Referee, Military Pensions, 25 February 1943 (Military Archives (MA), MSP34R Ref 4051, encls. 22/3).

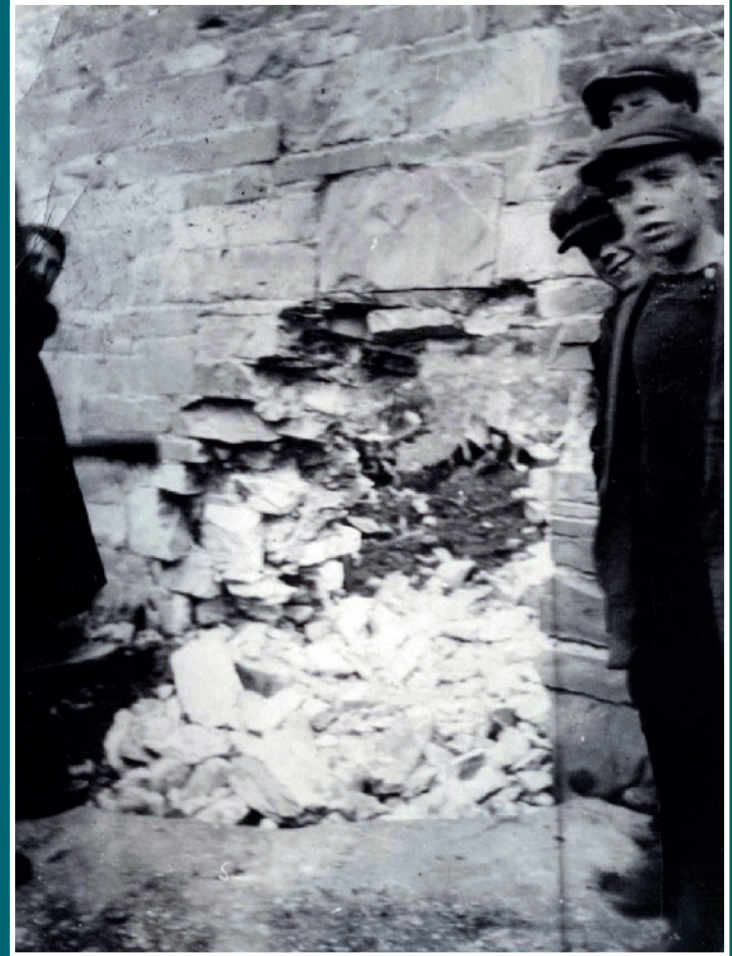
12 *DD*, 29 Jul. 1922

13 See various warders' accounts (NA, JUS/H/ 78/64). Despite warders' claims to the contrary, Eiver Monaghan stated that he and Malachi Quinn were fired at by two army snipers on the prison wall while the mine was being laid (see Monaghan Op cit.).

14 'Telephone report from Barrack Adjutant, Dundalk, 28/7/1922' (UCDA, Mulcahy Papers, P/7/B/107/203).



Guard at hole in wall after explosion on 27 July 1922  
(Louth County Archives, PP00011/).



Boys at hole in wall after explosion on 27 July 1922  
(Louth County Archives, PP00011/).

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Co Fermanagh was killed. In the meantime, McCoy, Aiken and others reached cars about a mile from the prison, but were unable to get them started. While the escapees proceeded on foot, McCoy and two others were surrounded and captured.<sup>15</sup>

An analysis of the prison register shows that just about half of the escapees were from the 4th Northern Division; the remainder were mostly from Co Meath and the midlands.<sup>16</sup> While Aiken made good his escape, for most, freedom was short lived. It was reported that by Saturday, sixty of the 104 who had escaped were back in custody.<sup>17</sup>



**Dundalk army barracks. During Aiken's attack on 14 August 1922, the officers' quarters, right foreground, were destroyed** (Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland, EB\_1967).

Aiken was infuriated that the invasion of Dundalk had taken place while he was negotiating with Mulcahy. On 14 August, Aiken extracted revenge and in a carefully-planned operation, captured the army barracks with its vast quantity of military stores. He also made prisoners of all National Army officers and men (excluding Hogan, who was attending the funeral of Arthur Griffith in Dublin). Prison staff were incarcerated in their own jail and Major Barrows was ordered at gunpoint by Philip Daly, a senior 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division officer, to instruct his staff to guard the soldiers who were now

<sup>15</sup> John McCoy (BMH, WS 492 p.152)

<sup>16</sup> Stephen O'Donnell, 'Dundalk Jail Register - Transcript of Escaped Prisoners 27th Jul. 1922'. [http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/Services/Archives/Archive\\_Collections/](http://www.louthcoco.ie/en/Services/Archives/Archive_Collections/)

<sup>17</sup> DD, 29 Jul. 1922.

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prisoners but he refused. Aiken requested that the prison cook, stores officer and chief clerk carry out their duties and if they did, the remaining warders would be released. After consultation with Commandant McGonnigal, the senior National Army officer now imprisoned, this was agreed to.<sup>18</sup>

In an operation over the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of August, the National Army retook Dundalk. The prison was put under the control of the military authorities and remained so until March 1924.

Aiken planned to attack the prison and Anne Street barracks on 9 October 1922, but the National Army had advance knowledge of the operation and had prepared counter-measures. Aiken's men were to be allowed enter Dundalk, all exits were then to be blocked and troops were in position at all vantage points. It was reported that the IRA had laid a number of mines around the town, all of which had been located and disconnected by the army.<sup>19</sup> At the last minute the attack was cancelled but IRA volunteer Sean Halpin (also known as Halpenny) from Jonesboro, Co Armagh, who was bringing bombs and ammunition to Dundalk, was shot dead at an army checkpoint at Ravensdale for allegedly failing to halt when ordered.<sup>20</sup>

Another raid was planned for 20 October. There were reports of shots being fired at the prison, at the army barracks, and at an outpost on the Newry Road bridge.<sup>21</sup> IRA units were in place, with mines set and wired up to detonate at 9 p.m. waiting for the signal to attack Anne Street barracks, which never came. Frank Aiken reported:

***We had arranged to take Jail this evening but the prisoners again failed in their part and I had to call it off today.*** <sup>22</sup>

There were no more attacks on Dundalk prison. On 9 January 1923, Patrick Hughes a member of Louth County Council, Owen Meegan of Inniskeen and Joseph Clarke who lived in Lisdoon reported to have escaped from the prison, but few details were given.<sup>23</sup>

On 13 January 1923, following on a government decision to escalate executions, three republican prisoners were executed in the precincts of the prison: Thomas McKeown of Piedmont, Bellurgan, Co Louth; John McNulty of Belleeks, Co Armagh and Thomas Murray of Kilcarn, Co Meath.

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18 Governor Dundalk Prison to Chairman Prisons Board, 18 Aug. 1922 (NA, JUS/H/ 78/64).

19 DD, 14 Oct. 1922

20 Daily Report Eastern Command, 9 Oct. 1922 (MA, CW/OPS/07/01); DD, 14 Oct. 1922.

21 Ibid. 20 Oct. 1922 (MA, CW/OPS/07/01)

22 Aiken to O'Malley, 20 Oct. 1922, in Cormac K H O'Malley and Anne Dolan (eds), *No surrender here!: the Civil War papers of Ernie O'Malley, 1922–1924* (Dublin, 2007), p. 287

23 DD, 13 Jan. 1923

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Just over a week later on 22 January, three more prisoners were executed, this time in the army barracks: James Melia and Thomas Lennon of Dundalk and Joseph Ferguson of Gyles Quay.

Following the second batch of executions, a crowd made up mostly of women and girls gathered outside the prison with the aim of reciting the Rosary and singing hymns. They were dispersed by gunfire and no one was injured.<sup>24</sup>

Frank Aiken became Chief of Staff of the IRA on 10 April 1923 and issued instructions to suspend operations from 30 April 1923. This was followed by a 'dump arms' order on 24 May that effectively ended the Civil War.

At this point there were about 12,000 republican prisoners in the country, most of whom would be released if they signed a form of undertaking not to take up arms against the State again. Many refused to sign, and on 13 October 1923 prisoners in Mountjoy jail went on hunger strike, demanding unconditional release. Within a week, it was estimated that 8,000 were participating in the strike, including prisoners in Dundalk. All releases were suspended and by the end of November, after two prisoners had died, the hunger strike was called off. The conditional release of prisoners resumed. Newspaper accounts and army intelligence reported that many 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Division men were back in Dundalk by Christmas 1923.<sup>25</sup>

As the hunger strike started, there were press reports of another mass escape of about a dozen men, on Tuesday 16 October 1923, which was made possible by cutting the lock on the back gate.

On 28 October 1924, the remains of those executed during the Civil War were released to their families. In Dundalk, re-burial services took place on Thursday 30 October at St Patrick's Cemetery. When three volleys of shots were fired over the graves, troops from the National Army who had surrounded the graveyard opened fire over the heads of those assembled. This sparked widespread panic, and one man, Joseph Hughes, a native of Dundalk and an ex-British soldier, was fatally wounded by a ricochet bullet.

Dundalk prison reverted to civilian control in March 1924, after the Civil War ended and continued to house ordinary prisoners for the rest of the decade. In 1931 the prison was closed, and in 1946, with the closure of Anne Street barracks, the governor's house was converted for use by An Garda Síochána. The prison buildings were used for storage until the jail infirmary was renovated in the early 1990s for Louth Civil Defence while the remainder was fully renovated in the 2000s, and now host the Louth County Archive and the Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann North East Regional Centre.

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<sup>24</sup> Ibid, 27 Jan. 1923.

<sup>25</sup> Director of Intelligence to Minister for Defence and Chief of General Staff, 8 Nov. 1923 *NE Ulster Ex-Prisoners activities in Dundalk* (MA, CW/P/2/1/11 Box 31)

Dundalk Prison.

General Register

of Prisoners. 1922

Former Reference	No. of Times		NAMES	DESCRIPTION				Marks on Person	Weight on Admission		Where Born	Last Residence	Next of Kin, with Name and Address	Trade or Occupation	Months in Jail	Days in Jail	Degree of Education	Date of Commitment On Term of Imprisonment, 1911			OFFENCE	Court at from which Committed	Sentence	Fines, Bail, or Hard Labour	Expiration of Sentence	After Reference	FURTHER REMARKS	
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			246 Francis Hiken	38	6	2	9	Bl	dark	do	do	Bundoran Co. Sligo	Willy. Ake Dundalk	Miss. O'Shea Dundalk	Vol. Officer	5	AB	R + W	14		Do	Do						Recd from custody 27.7.22
			247 Peter Barry	23	5	6	7 1/2	Bl	4	do	do	Warrig. Warrig.	S. Add.	Mr. Peter, S. Add.	Barber	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						Recd from custody 27.7.22
			248 Jas. Mc Guinness	15	5	7	9	Bl	4	do	do	Brookbrook Dundalk	Brookbrook Dundalk	Mr. High St. Brookbrook	Soldier	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						do
			249 O. Mc Caul	25	5	10	7 1/2	Bl	4	do	do	Lisney Dundalk	Shuroch Dundalk	Mr. O'Shea Dundalk	Infantry	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						Recd from custody 27.7.22
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			259 Charles Keegan	31	5	7 1/2	10 1/2	Bl	2	do	do	Lurgan Co. Louth	Mr. Peter, Lurgan	Mr. Peter, Lurgan	Labourer	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						Recd from custody 27.7.22
			260 John Boyle	21	5	7 1/2	10 1/2	Bl	2	do	do	Brookbrook Co. Louth	Brookbrook	Mr. Peter, Brookbrook	Labourer	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						do
			261 Eugene Boyle	25	5	4	10 1/2	Bl	2	do	do	Longwood Co. Wick	Longwood	Mr. Peter, Longwood	Labourer	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						do
			262 Francis Mullin	25	5	5 1/2	10 1/2	Bl	2	do	do	Arvinna Co. Louth	No fixed	Mr. Peter, Arvinna	Labourer	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						do
			263 Michael Fitzpatrick	21	5	8	10 1/2	Bl	2	do	do	Dundalk	S.A.	Mr. Peter, Dundalk	Labourer	5	AB	R + W	27		Do	Do						do

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Extract from Dundalk Register of Prisoners showing names of escapees including Frank Aiken on 3rd row down from top - note that the age given is wrong (he was 24, not 38) (Image courtesy of the National Archives of Ireland, NAI-PRIS-1-16-1).

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### Dundalk General Register of Prisoners (NAI/PRIS/1/16/1) – Transcript of Escaped Prisoners 27th July 1922

The following is a transcript extract from the Dundalk General Register of Prisoners (NAI/PRIS/1/16/1) detailing escapees on 27 July 1922 showing data under selected column headings. The data in the 'offence' column (omitted from this transcript) recorded 'detained in military custody' for all entries shown below.

Those names marked with an asterisk under the number column, have the suffix 'C' on the National Archives file JUS/H/78/64 'Attack on and capture of Dundalk Prison by Irregulars', which is taken to indicate that they did not escape.

Spellings of addresses have been corrected, suggested completions are in brackets, and a few that have not been interpreted are in square brackets. 'S/A' refers to same address.

No	Names	Age	Where Born	Last Residence	Next-of-kin with Name and Address	Trade or Occupation	Date of Committal on Remand	Court from which Committed	Further Remarks
229	Harty, Michael	18	Dundalk	Dundalk	Mother: Maggie, S/A	Boilermaker	16/07/22 02/08/22	Comdt. General Hogan, 5th Northern Division	Rescued from custody 27/7/22. Re-captured 2/8/22
230	Sweeney, Eugene	29	Vincent Avenue, Dundalk	4 Stapleton Pl, Dundalk	Father: John, S/A	Postal Official	17/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
231	O'Hare, Andrew	26	Newry	Military Barracks Dundalk	Wife: Lilly, 8 Eglinton Tce, Donnybrook	Soldier	17/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
232	Quinn, Patrick	22½	Liverpool	Military Barracks Dundalk	Father: John, Address not given	Student	17/07/22	Do	Do
233	Boyle, Peter	25	Camlough	Military Barracks Dundalk	Nil	Soldier	17/07/22	Do	Do
234	O'Hanlon, Michael	23	Mullaghbawn, County Armagh	Military Barracks Dundalk	Mother: Mary, S/A	Soldier	17/07/22	Do	Do
235	Davis, Gerald	23	Roscommon	Military Barracks Dundalk	Nil	Soldier IRA	17/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Do

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237	McGinnity, Charles	26	Balleymcdermott, Armagh	No Fixed	Father: Joseph, S/A	Soldier IRA	17/07/22	E. O'Carroll, Col. Comdt. 5th Northern Division	Rescued 27/7/22
238	McGill, Harry	20	Dromolane, Newry	No Fixed	Father: Dromolane	Soldier IRA	17/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
239	Deignan, Jas	21	Belfast	6 Ravenhill Rd, Belfast	Father: Peter, S/A	Mechanic	18/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
240	Mannun (Mannion), Patrick	22	Dublin	St Catherine's Ave, SCR, Dublin	Father: Michael, Det. Dept. Brunswick Street, Dublin	Engineer	18/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
241	O'Boyle, Michael	27	Mountcharles, Donegal	McIntyre's Hotel, S/A	Aunt: Ms McIntyre, S/A	Clerk	18/07/22	H.Q. 5th Northern Division – Col. Comdt. J. O'Donoghue	Do
242*	Smyth, James	23½	Knockbridge, Dundalk	S. Add	Father: Henry	Labourer	18/07/22	Do	( no entry )
243	Aiken, Francis	38 (24)	Carrickbracken, Camlough, Armagh	Military Barracks, Dundalk	Sister: Nano, Camlough	Volunteer Officer	18/07/22	Do	Do
244*	Barry, Peter	23	Corrigns, Newry	S. Add.	Father: Peter, S/A	Farmer	18/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
245*	McGuinness, James	18	Bessbrook, Armagh	Ravensdale Park, Dundalk	Father: High St, Bessbrook	Soldier IRA	19/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
246	McCaul, O.	25	Lisarney, Cootehill, Cavan	Church St, Dundalk	Father: Owen, Cootehill	Draper's Assistant	19/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
247	McEntyre, T.	19	Irvine, Scotland	Bessbrook & Ravensdale Park, Dundalk	Mother: Bridget, High St Bessbrook	Labourer	19/07/22	Do	Do
248*	Gavin, F.	23	Acton [Co Armagh]	No Fixed	Father: John, Acton	Cattle Dealer	19/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
249	McElroy, T.	23	Chicago	Cortial, Kilkierley, Dundalk	Father: Thomas	Painter	19/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
250	McCaffery, Jas	21	Belfast	No Fixed	Father: James, Ballyshannon	Teacher	19/07/22	Do	Do

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251*	Murphy, O.	22	Scotland	Ardee Road, Dundalk	Father: Hugh, Scotland	Labourer	19/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
252*	Sweeney, James	21	Mills of Louth	Same	Father: John, S/A	Farm Labourer	19/07/22	Do	Do
253*	Burns, Kevin	16	Castlering, Louth	Same	Father: Patrick, S/A	Schoolboy	19/07/22	Do	Do
254*	McKevitt, T.	44	Barronstown	Same	Wife: Bridget, S/A	Road Contractor	19/07/22	Do	Do
255*	McKevitt, M.	36	Hackballscross	Same	Father: Thomas, S/A	Farm Labourer	19/07/22	Do	Do
256	Ridgeway, Charles	31	Lurgan, County Armagh	No Fixed	Mother: Mary, 56 Vernon St Belfast	Irish Transport Union organiser	20/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
257	Coyle, John	21	Crosserlough County Cavan	S/A	Father: William, S/A	Tailor	20/07/22	Do	Do
258	Boyle, Eugene	22	[Thoma], Mountnugent, Meath	Ross, Mountnugent, Meath	Mother: Kate, Ross, Meath	Motor Driver	20/07/22	Do	Do
259	Mullen, Francis	25	Derrynoose, County Armagh	No Fixed	Father: Patrick, S/A	Farm Labourer	20/07/22	Do	Do
260	Fitzpatrick, Vincent	21	Inniskeen	S/A	Father: John, Drumboat, Inniskeen	Shoemaker	20/07/22	Do	Do
261	O'Connor, William	21	Ballycastle, County Mayo	Parnell Street, Carrick	Father: Thomas, Ballycastle	Grocer's Assistant	20/07/22	Do	Do
262	McKeon, Jms	22	Derrynoose, County Armagh	Castleshane, County Monaghan	Father: Peter, Derrynoose, County Armagh	Farm Labourer	20/07/22	Do	Do
263	O'Reilly, Peter	29	Carrickmacross	Cuchulainn Tce, Carrickmacross	Mother: Mary, S/A	Rate Collector	20/07/22	Do	Do
264	Smyth, Denis	22	Carrickmacross	No Fixed	Mother: Annie, Farney Street	Motor Driver	20/07/22	Do	Do

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265	McCallig, Patrick	22	St. John's Park, Donegal	Mitchel Street, Cavan	Mother: 44 Castle St, Omagh	Labourer	20/07/22	Do	Do
266	McCabe, Peter	18	[Tedavnet], County Monaghan	S/A	Father: Matt, S/A	Labourer	20/07/22	Do	Do
267	Leonard, Joe	18	73 Falls Road, Belfast	Inniskeen, County Monaghan	Stepfather: Pat Goodman, Inniskeen	Labourer	20/07/22	Do	Do
268	Heaney, Owen	20	Kilbarry, Navan	Kilbarry, Navan	Father: Owen, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	H.Q.1st Eastern Division, Trim, 22/07/22 Sean Boyle, Comdt. General	Do
269	Heaney, James	18	Kilbarry, Navan	Kilbarry, Navan	Father: Owen, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
270	McKeown, John	18	Clifden, County Galway	Kilbarry, Navan	Mother: Mary, Kilbarry	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
271	Egan, Matthew	21	Baileboro	Meath	Mother: Josephine, Navan	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
272	McLoughlin, John	20	Navan	Navan	Father: Christopher, Navan	Shop Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do
273	Clarke, Thomas	22	Navan	Navan	Father: Tom, Navan	Nil	22/07/22	Do	Do
274	Gaynor, Michael or John	39	Navan	Navan	Father: Michael, Navan	Labourer	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Do Re-captured 28/07/22
275	Gallagher, Patrick	24	Slane	Slane	Father: John, Slane	Flax cutter	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
276	O'Sullivan, William	18	Sligo	Navan	Father: John, Navan	Sawyer	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22

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277	Naulty, Nicholas	21	Navan	Navan	Father: Peter, Navan	Groom	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
278	McKenna, John	30	Meath	Meath	Father: John, Meath	Upholsterer	22/07/22	H.Q.1st Eastern Division, Trim, 22/07/22 Sean Boyle, Comdt. General	Rescued 27/7/22
279	Stapleton, Patrick	30	Commons, Navan	Commons, Navan	Mother: Eliza, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
280	Hilliard, Michael	19	Kingstown	Flower Hill, Navan	Father: James, S/A	Farmer's son	Do	Do	Do
281	O'Sullivan, Donald	20	Caherdaniel, County Kerry	Navan	Mother: Bessie, Caherdaniel	Teacher - [S...ry] IRA	22/07/22	H.Q.1st Eastern Division, Trim, 22/07/22 Sean Boyle, Comdt. General	Rescued from custody 27/7/22
282	Fitzgerald, Alexis	22	Thurles	Brews Hill, Navan	Mother: Mary, Thurles	Chemist's Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do
283	O'Gorman, Eugene	27	Navan	Navan	Nil	Labourer	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
284	Mulvaney, Edward	21½	Academy St, Navan	Academy St, Navan	Father: Thomas, S/A	Slater	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
285	Swan, Michael	19	Clongill, County Meath	Clongill, County Meath	Father: James, S/A	Grocer's Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do
286	White, Patrick	18	Clongill, County Meath	Clongill, County Meath	Mother: Ellen, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
287	Ginnity, James	27	Slane, County Meath	Trim, Barracks	Father: Tom	Soldier - IRA	22/07/22	Do	Do
288	McGovern, Lawrence	20	Donore, County Meath	Navan	Brother: Thomas, Donore	Draper's Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do

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289	Ginnity, Matt	20	College Hill, Sligo	College Hill, Sligo	Father: Thomas, S/A	Soldier - IRA	22/07/22	Do	Do
290	Quinn, Dan	20	Navan	No Fixed	Brother: Joe, U.S.A.	Irish Teacher	22/07/22	Do	Do
291	Byrne, James	22	Commons, County Meath	Commons, County Meath	Mother: Mary, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
292	Stapleton, Valentine	16	Commons, County Meath	Commons, County Meath	Mother: Lizzie, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
293	Cregan, Christopher	22	Sandymount, Navan	Sandymount	Mother: Maggie, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
294	Lynch, James	21	Navan	St. [Finian's] Terrace, Navan	Brother: Patrick, S/A	Woodturner	22/07/22	Do	Do
295	Walsh, Patrick, J.	29	Longford	Tully, Longford	Mother: Mary, U.S.A.	Nil	22/07/22	Do	Do
296*	Cullen, John	21	Wexford	38 Iveagh Bldgs, Dublin	Mother: Mary, S/A	Nil	22/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
297	Clarke, John	21	Cavan	Cavan	Father: Bernard, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
298*	Ivers, Robert	22	Limerick	72 Lr Leeson St, Dublin	Father: William, not known	Medical Student	22/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
299*	Smillie, Alex W	22	Sligo	Trinity College	Father: Robert, unknown	Medical Student	22/07/22	Do	Detained until further orders
300	Farrell, James	23	Patrick Street, Mullingar	Patrick Street, Mullingar	Father: Mel, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 3/8/22
301	Farrell, Thos	21	Patrick Street, Mullingar	Patrick Street, Mullingar	Wife: [Wilson], S/A	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 3/8/22
302	Murray, Michael	25	Ballinacarrigy, Co. Westmeath	Ballinacarrigy, Co. Westmeath	Mother: Julia, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
303	Kennedy, James	20	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Father: Lance, S/A	Butcher	22/07/22	Do	Do
304	Lynch, Philip	19	Knockbride, County Cavan	Knockbride, County Cavan	Mother: Kate, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do

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305	Lynch, Andrew	21	Knockbride, County Cavan	Knockbride, County Cavan	Mother: Kate, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
306	Ginnell, Michael	21	Carpenterstown, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Carpenterstown, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Father: James, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
307	Murphy, Stephen	20	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Father: John, Robinstown, Castlepollard	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
308	Murtagh, Dick	23	Oldcastle	Ballinacree, Oldcastle	Father: Thomas, S/A	Weaver	22/07/22	Do	Do
309	McElroy, or McEnroe Chris	23	Ash Road, Mullingar	Ash Road, Mullingar	Father: Peter, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 3/8/22
310	Ryan, Patrick	20	Patrick St, Mullingar	Patrick St, Mullingar	Father: Patrick, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
311	Hynes, Ned	20	Ash Road, Mullingar	Ash Road, Mullingar	Father: John, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
312	Fitzsimons, Joseph	24	Roscommon	High Street, Roscommon	Father: Joe, S/A	Soldier IRA	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
313	Willis, James	23	Harbour Street, Mullingar	Harbour Street, Mullingar	Father: James, S/A	Stableman	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
314	Begnal, Charles	19	Milltown Pass, Westmeath	Milltown Pass, Westmeath	Mother: Annie, S/A	Stableman	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
315	Macken, Samuel	20	Dublin	Mullingar	Father: William, Mullingar	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
316	Dowling, Patrick	20	Mullingar	Mullingar	Father: John, Mullingar	Soldier IRA	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
317	Melia, Frank	21	Mullingar	Mullingar	Father: Joe, Mullingar	Labourer	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
318	Murtagh, Charlie	29	Delville, Co. Westmeath	Delville, Co. Westmeath	Mother: Rose, S/A	Asylum Attendant	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
319	Murtagh, Michael	32	Delville, Co. Westmeath	Delville, Co. Westmeath	Father: Michael, S/A	Shop Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do
320	Tormey, Joseph	22	Bishop's Gate, Mullingar	Bishop's Gate, Mullingar	Father: John, Mullingar	Shop Assistant	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 3/8/22

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321	McCabe, Barney	30	Ballinacree (County Meath)	No Fixed	Father: Jim, S/A	Carpenter	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
322	McCabe, Patrick	20	Castlepollard	No Fixed	Father: Ned, Castlepollard	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Do
323	Nea, James	20	Corbally, Castlepollard	No Fixed	Father: Patrick, Castlepollard	Mason	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 3/8/22
324	Kennedy, Michael, J.	24	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath	Father: Michael, S/A	Student	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
325	Grogan, John	22	Kilkerrin County Galway	Mullingar	Father: James, Kilkern	Shop Assistant	22/07/22 03/08/22	Do	Do
326	Reilly, Michael	24	Cavan	No Fixed	Father: Peter, 17 Henrietta St, Liverpool	Student	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
327	Lalor, Fintan	23	Dublin Street, Carlow	Trim	Father: George, Trim	Soldier IRA	22/07/22	Do	Do
328	Shiels, John	33	Meath	Callan	Father: James, Callan	Farmer	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
329	Reilly, John, C.	28	Drumkerrish, County Cavan	Drumkerrish, County Cavan	Father: John, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
330	O'Reilly, Gerald	23	Drogheda	Doranstown, County Meath	Father: Mathew, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
331	Clarke, Patrick	23	Lurgan, Cavan	Lurgan, County Cavan	Mother: Mary, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
332	Smith, Matthew, J.	29	Plunkett House, Cavan, County Cavan	Plunkett House, Town of Cavan	Wife: Elizabeth	Shopkeeper	22/07/22	Do	Released on Parole 26/7/22. By order of Comd. 5th N/Div. Dundalk
333	Lynch, Michael	30	Knockbride, County Cavan	Knockbride, County Cavan	Mother: Kate, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
334	Doggett, John	30	Stackallan, Navan	Ushwell, Navan	Mother: Mary, Stackallan	Shopkeeper	22/07/22	Do	Do
335	Farrelly, John	20	New Lane, Navan	New Lane, Navan	Father: John, S/A	Sawyer	22/07/22	Do	Do

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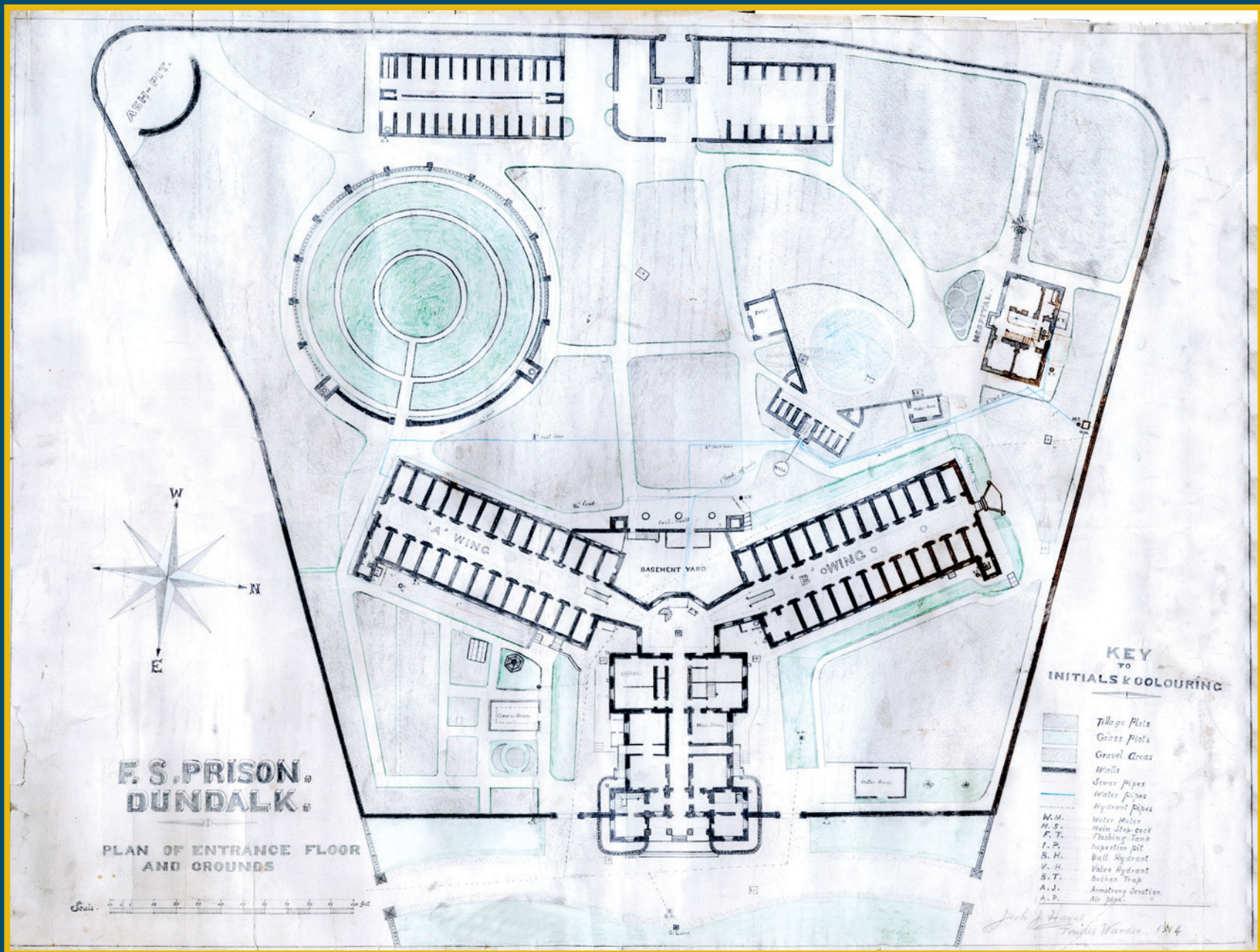
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336	Kinsella, Thomas	21	Celbridge, County Kildare	Bridge St, Navan	Mother: Anne, S/A	Woodturner	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
337	Boyle, Patrick	20	Commons, Navan	Commons, Navan	Father: John, S/A	Farm Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
338	Shiels, Peter	22	County Meath	No Fixed	Father: John, Stackallan, Navan	Driver Steam Roller	22/07/22	Do	Do
339	Hoey, John or James	20	Nobber, County Meath	Wilkinstown, County Meath	Father: Thomas, Wilkinstown	Farm Labourer	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
340	McGuirk, William	19	U.S.A.	Commons, Navan	Father: Peter, S/A	Farm Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
341	McKeown, Michael	23	County Meath	Flower Hill, County Meath	Father: Michael, S/A	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do
342	Cahill, Edward	23	Stillorgan, Dublin	38 St. [Finian's] Terrace, Navan	Father: William, Bohermeen	Blacksmith	22/07/22 28/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22 Re-captured 28/07/22
343	Doran, Richard	21	Kilcarn, Navan	Kilcarn, Navan	Sister: Kathleen, Navan	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Rescued 27/7/22
344*	Donohoe, Bernard	24	Cavan	Carrickmacross	Mother: Mary-Anne, Main St, Carrickmacross	Shop Assistant	22/07/22	H.Q. 5th Northern Division Dundalk, Col. Comdt. E. O'Carroll	Rescued from custody 27/7/22 (comment is crossed out)
345*	Lynch, Patrick	22	[Boha], County Monaghan	Main Street, Carrickmacross	Mother: Kathleen, [Boha], County Monaghan	Draper's Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Do (comment is crossed out)
346*	Murphy, Laurence	33	Sheelagh, County Louth	Sheelagh, County Louth	Sister: Annie Murray, Sheelagh	Farmer	22/07/22	Do	Do (comment is crossed out)

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347	Mason, John	22	Roscommon	Anne Street, Dundalk	Mother: Alexia	Chemist Assistant	22/07/22	Do	Released by order of Comdt. General D. Hogan. d/24/7/22 Dis. on 25/7/22 (see warrant)
348*	Toal, John	29	Dromintee, County Armagh	Maxwells Tce, Dundalk	Mother: Mary, S/A	Railway worker	22/07/22	Do	Do (not clear if 'Do' is re: entry at 346 above)
349*	Burns, Joe	20	Castletown Rd, Dundalk	Castletown Rd, Dundalk	Father: Thomas, S/A	Painter	22/07/22	Do	Do (not clear if 'Do' is re: entry at 346 above)
350*	Kean, Robert	21	Edward Street, Newry	Maginnis St, Newry	Mother: Minnie, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Discharged 3/8/22 by order of G.O.C 5th Nth. Division
351*	Fox, Patrick	20	Drumcashellone, County Down	Drumcashellone, County Down	Father: Hugh, S/A	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	Discharged by order of G.O.C 5th Nth. Division 3/8/22
352*	Kidd, John	20	[Coddect], Scotland	Bessbrook, County Armagh	Mother: Mary, 40 High St, Bessbrook	Oiler in Spinning Coy	22/07/22	Do	(unclear)
353*	Campbell, Arthur	23	Banbridge	Military Barracks Dundalk	Father: Patrick, Banbridge	Plasterer	22/07/22	Do	(unclear)
354*	McMullen, James	25	Lurgan	Military Barracks Dundalk	Father: John, Lough Rd, Lurgan	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	(unclear)
355*	Thompson, James	23	Lurgan	Do	Father: Thomas, Kilmaine St, Lurgan	Labourer	22/07/22	Do	(unclear)
356	Mullen, Bernard	28	Glasgow	No fixed	Father: James, Annacloy, County Down	Labourer	24/07/22	Do	Rescued from custody 27/7/22

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No	Names	Age	Where Born	Last Residence	Next-of-kin with Name and Address	Trade or Occupation	Date of Committal on Remand	Court from which Committed	Further Remarks
357	McBennett, Thomas	26	County Armagh	No fixed	Mother: Mary, Mullyard, Keady	Labourer	24/07/22	Do	Do
358*	McArdle, Joe	20	Irish Street, Downpatrick	Irish Street, Downpatrick	Father: William, S/A	Shoemaker	24/07/22	Do	Do
359	Reilly, Andrew	21	Shantemon, Cavan	Shantemon, Cavan	Not given S/A	Farmer	24/07/22	Do	Rescued from custody 27/7/22
360	Dawe, Felix	24	Ballymascanlon, Dundalk	Ballymascanlon Dundalk	Father: James, S/A	Insurance Agent	24/07/22	Do	Do
361*	Murphy, WJ	25	Dundalk	Greenore	Father: James, Dublin House, Church St, Dundalk	Electrician	26/07/22	H.Q. 5th Northern Division John McGonnell Comdt. O/C Military Barracks, Dundalk	Detained until further orders Rescued by Irregular Forces 14/8/22
362*	Thornton, Peter	28	Carlingford	Carlingford	Wife: Lily, The Square, Carlingford	Farmer	26/07/22	Do	Do
363*	Higgins, Bernard	33	Dundalk	Quay Street, Dundalk	Brother: Michael, S/A	Seaman	26/07/22	Do	Discharged 3/8/22 by order G.O.C. 5th Northern Division
364*	Larkin, Patrick	32	Newry	Newry	Wife: Bridget, 28 Queen St, Newry	Do	26/07/22	Do	Do



Plan of Dundalk Jail by Jeremiah J Hayes, trades warder, 1914 (Louth County Archives, PP00408).

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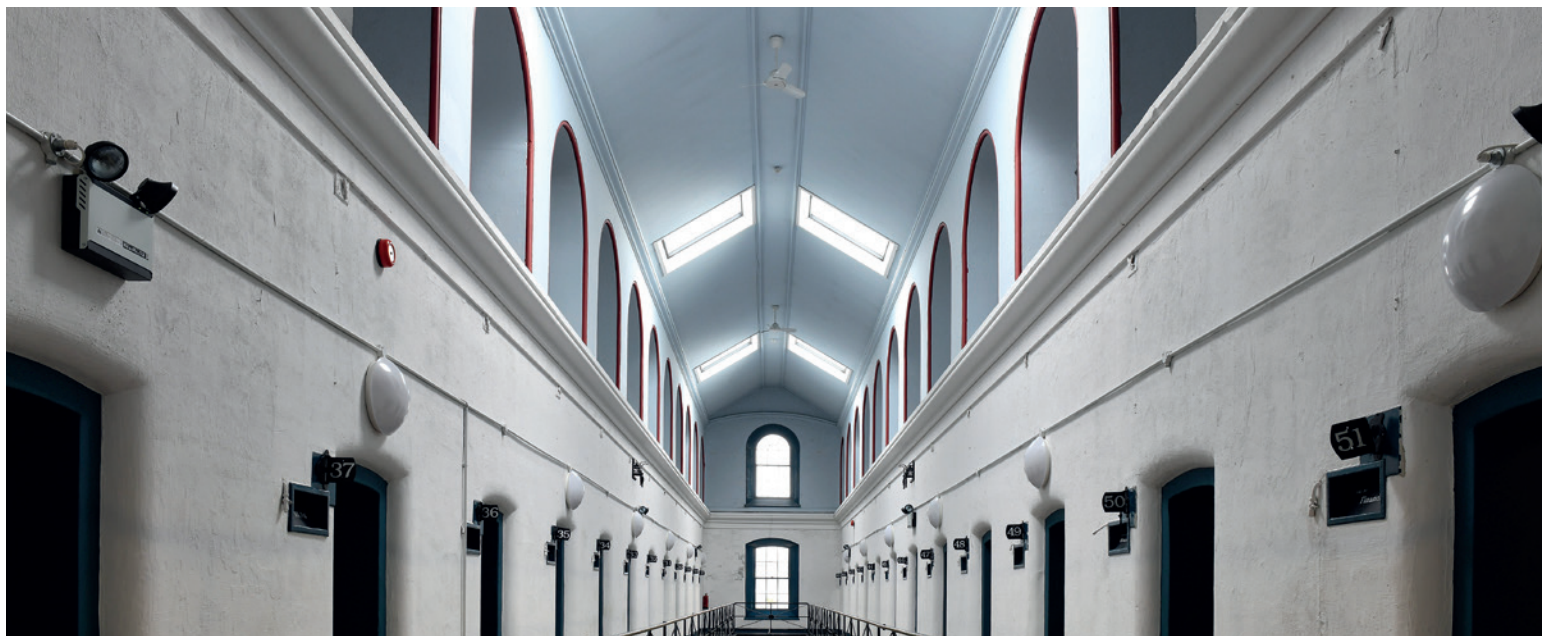
The following is a list of people known to have died in Co Louth, and of Louth-born people who died elsewhere, as a result of the Civil War, 28 June 1922 - 24 May 1923. Also included are five whose deaths outside of these dates can be linked to the Civil War.

In this list, compiled September 2021, there are fifty-four names, consisting of twenty-six members of the National Army, twenty members of the IRA, one member of the RIC and seven civilians.

Forty-seven died in County Louth and seven elsewhere. Of seven ex-British soldiers listed, four were in the National Army, one was in the IRA and two were civilians.

This list is not definitive. As fresh sources of information become available, other names may be added. You should check with the Louth County Archive website for updates.

(NA: National Army; IRA: Irish Republican Army; RIC: Royal Irish Constabulary)



Interior view of former 'A' wing cell-block (now Louth County Archives).

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30/04/1922	Bently	Benjamin	Gormanston Camp	Drogheda	RIC	Ambush.
29/05/1922	Flanagan	James	Millmount, Drogheda	Gormanston Station	IRA	Confrontation with RIC.
29/06/1922	Leech	Liam	Drogheda	Drogheda	IRA	Shot by sniper at Millmount.
29/06/1922	Lynch	John	Meath	Drogheda	NA	Wounded near Millmount.
30/06/1922	Markey	Thomas	St Brigid's Tce, Dundalk	Four Courts, Dublin	IRA	Attempt to breach NA cordon at Four Courts.
04/07/1922	Slowey	Alice	Fair St, Drogheda	Drogheda	Civilian	Accidentally shot during attack on Millmount.
16/07/1922	Campbell	John Joseph	Crossmaglen, Co Armagh	Anne St, Dundalk	IRA	Shot during 5th Nth Div invasion.
17/07/1922	Lavery	John	Tandragee, Co Armagh	Church St, Dundalk	NA	Formerly 4th Northern. Ex British soldier.
27/07/1922	McCaffrey	John Francis	Derryard, Rosslea, Fermanagh	Castletown, Dundalk	NA	Aiken jail escape.
14/08/1922	Byrne	Frank	Essexford, Co Louth	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
14/08/1922	Devlin	Peter	Drumshancorick, Rosslea,	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
14/08/1922	Donnelly	Patrick	Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
14/08/1922	Duffy	Peter	Carickanaire, Castleblaney	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
14/08/1922	McGowan	Patrick	Killeevan, Clones,	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
14/08/1922	McKenna	Patrick	Scotstown, Co Monaghan	Dundalk Barracks	IRA	Aiken attack on army barracks.
16/08/1922	McEvoy	James	Dundalk	Park St, Dundalk	Civilian	Lorry-bomb explosion.
16/08/1922	McEvoy	Joseph	Ardee	Midleton, Co Cork	NA	Accidental discharge of rifle.
17/08/1922	Gaughran	Bernard	Hill St, Dundalk	Hill St, Dundalk	Civilian	Caught in crossfire.
18/08/1922	Breen	Patrick	Windmill Lane, Drogheda	Kildorrery, Co Cork	NA	Ambush. Buried in St Peter's Cemetery.
02/09/1922	Meegan	James	Dundalk	Dundalk	IRA	Died of pneumonia.
04/09/1922	Murray	Joseph	Kilcock, Co Kildare	Park St, Dundalk	NA	Accidental discharge of gun in public house.
15/09/1922	McBreen	Patrick	Corravilla, Co Cavan	Church St, Dundalk	NA	Ambush.

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22/09/1922	Sherlock	Owen	Carna, Co Monaghan	Ardee Rd, Dundalk	NA	Shot by IRA man following argument.
29/09/1922	Farrell	Peter	Drogheda	Drogheda	Civilian	Accidental discharge of handgun.
05/10/1922	Brannigan	Bernard	Bryansford, Co Down	Anne St Barracks	IRA	Accidentally shot. Ex British soldier.
09/10/1922	Halpin	John	Edenappa, Co Armagh	Ballymascanlon	IRA	Shot at checkpoint.
18/10/1922	Collins	Patrick	Mount Brown, Dublin	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Accidental shooting.
20/10/1922	McGivney	John	Kilnaleck, Cavan	Castletown Mount	NA	Sniper. Died in Dundalk barracks.
23/10/1922	Jackson	Vincent	Athboy, Co Meath	Ardee	Civilian	Failed to stop when ordered by NA.
24/10/1922	McEvoy	John	The Gardens, Drogheda	Wellington Barracks	NA	Died of pneumonia.
04/11/1922	Boyle	James	Greenore, Co Louth	Rockmarshall	NA	Ambush.
04/11/1922	Treanor	Peter	Emyvale, Co Monaghan	Rockmarshall	NA	Ambush.
04/11/1922	Woods	Michael	Drogheda	Cork	NA	Ambush. Buried in St Peter's Cemetery.
21/11/1922	Conaty	Louis	Belfast	Essexford	NA	Ambush. Ex British soldier.
24/11/1922	Davis	Thomas	Clonshaugh, Co Dublin	Ardee	NA	Wounded in explosion 22/10/1922.
30/11/1922	Gyles	Charles	Bachelor's Walk, Dundalk	Clanbrassil St, Dundalk	NA	Targeted. Ex British soldier.
29/12/1922	Doyle	John	Lynns, Annagassan	Lynns	Civilian	Shot as spy. Ex British soldier.
30/12/1922	O'Donnell	Hugh	Belfast	Priorland, Dundalk	IRA	No responsibility attributed.
08/01/1923	Heaney	Sylvester	Dillonstown, Co Louth	Keogh Barracks, Dublin	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
13/01/1923	McKeown	Thomas	Piedmont, Bellurgan	Dundalk Jail	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
13/01/1923	McNulty	John	Belleeks, Co Armagh	Dundalk Jail	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
13/01/1923	Murray	Thomas	Kilcarn, Co Meath	Dundalk Jail	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
22/01/1923	Ferguson	Joseph	Gyles Quay	Dundalk Barracks	IRA	Executed by firing squad.

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22/01/1923	Lennon	Thomas	Dowdallshill	Dundalk Barracks	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
22/01/1923	Melia	James	2 Bridge St, Dundalk	Dundalk Barracks	IRA	Executed by firing squad.
24/02/1923	Campbell	John	Belfast	Dundalk station	NA	Railway accident. Ex British soldier.
12/03/1923	Connolly	William	Belfast	Mountpleasant	NA	Died from wounds received at outpost.
02/04/1923	Daly	Martin John	Ballybay, Co Monaghan	Ballybinaby, Co Louth	NA	Ambush.
02/04/1923	Morris	Bernard	Culloville, Co Armagh	Ballybinaby, Co Louth	IRA	Ambush.
24/05/1923	Quinn	John	Newry	Dublin	IRA	Wounded at Tallanstown 21/04/23.
24/05/1923	McAdam	Sylvester	Clontibret	Dundalk Barracks	NA	Wounded 14/08/22 during Aiken attack.
13/06/1923	Hughes	Arthur	Castletown Road, Dundalk	Dundalk	IRA	Contracted TB in Dundalk Prison.
31/07/1923	Downey	Daniel	Nicholas St, Dundalk	Curragh	IRA	Ill-treatment in custody.
01/11/1924	Hughes	Joseph	Dundalk	St Patrick's Cemetery	Civilian	Graveyard shooting. Ex British soldier.



Exercise yard wall today with former 'A' wing cell-block behind.



Prisoners from 4th Northern Division, Civil War period (front l-r): Eiver Monaghan, Willie Lawless, Jimmy Goodfellow; back (l-r): Peter Boyle, Frank Monaghan, Peter Marney and Martin O'Donnell (Louth County Archives, PP00011/).