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# Newsletter

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### "THE IRISH BRIGADES: 1685-2006"

BY COL. W.R.H. CHARLEY O.B.E.

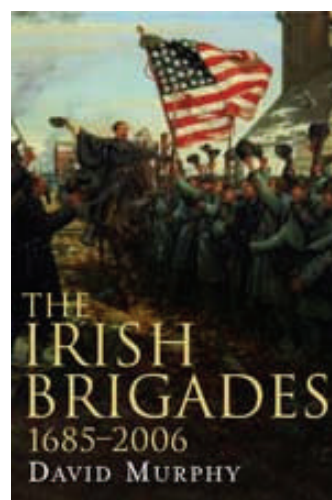
#### *A Review:*

"The Irish Brigades, 1685-2006, a gazetteer of Irish military service, past and present", researched and written by Dr. David Murphy and published by Four Courts Press (2007), was commissioned by The Military Heritage of Ireland Trust Ltd. Our Newsletter for December 2007 carries the announcement of the publication. The following review of the book has been submitted by Colonel W.R.H (Robin) Charley O.B.E., Honorary Treasurer of the Somme Association.

" The work the author has done to produce all the locations of Irish units in Chapter 7 is really brilliant.

When I was Curator of the R.U.R. Museum about 30 years ago, it took me simply ages trying to record the locations of just the 83rd and 86th Regiments for each year and he has done it for hundreds of units!

The book really is brilliant and most useful. It will be the front volume on my bookshelves from now on."



**David Murphy** is a lecturer in military history in the History Department of NUI Maynooth. He was a major contributor to the Royal Irish Academy's *Dictionary of Irish Biography* and is the author of *Ireland and the Crimean War* (2002).

## THE SOLDIERS & CHIEFS EXHIBITION

Sat 8th November 2008

**Adult Gallery Talk: The First World War Medals of poet Tom Kettle**

12pm

Talk by

Siobhan Pierce, NMI, in Soldiers & Chiefs – The First World War.

Sat 8th November 2008

**Family Day: Ireland and the end of World War One**

A day of talks and events to mark Ireland's involvement in World War One. The programme includes a talk on the 18-pdr artillery gun on display in 'Soldiers and Chiefs' and a look at the soldier's life during the war. Events for younger visitors include making your own bi-plane and creating your own medals.

Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Sat 15th November 2008

**Adult Gallery Talk:  
An example of the jet engine, the de Havilland Vampire Jet**

12pm

Talk by

Michael Whelan,  
Curator Irish Air Corp Museum,  
in Soldiers & Chiefs – Claiming the Future.

Saturday 22nd November 2008

**Adult Gallery Talk:  
The Irish Defence Forces Aid to the Civil Power**

12pm

Talk by

Olly O'Connor,  
Chief Executive Officer Óglaigh Náisiúnta Na hÉireann Teoranta,

(Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women),

in Soldiers & Chiefs – Claiming the Future.

Saturday 6th December 2008

**Adult Gallery Talk:  
Christmas in the Trenches**

12pm

Talk by

Lar Joye,  
NMI, in Soldiers & Chiefs – The First World War.

Blaze Away – Duelling, Gun Makers & Sword Makers in 19th Century Ireland

An exhibition examining duelling in Ireland and the work of two Irish families who made swords and guns in Dublin in the 19th century will open in Collins Barracks, Dublin during the coming winter of 2008. The Rigby family of Suffolk Street were Ireland's most famous gun makers and the Read family of Parliament Street were Ireland's most renowned sword makers. Dublin had a large armaments industry in the 19th century and the exhibition will highlight this work by bringing out of storage the Museum's large collection of swords and guns.

## SPECIAL EXHIBITION : UN 50

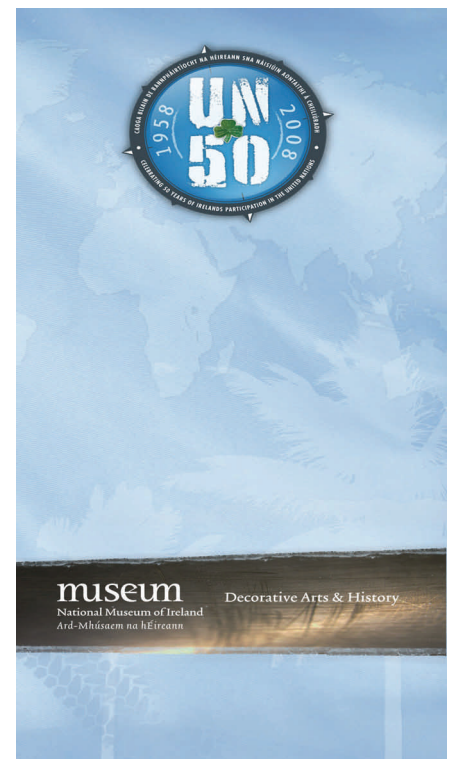
### Part of Soldiers and Chiefs: The Irish at War at Home and Abroad Since 1550.

Ireland joined the United Nations in 1955 and since 1958 has been involved continuously in peacekeeping duties throughout the world. The UN 50 exhibition examines the role played by these Irish men and women in the cause of world peace over the last 50 years in particular looking at their service in Congo, Cyprus, Somalia, the Sinai, Lebanon, Liberia and Chad. Over 800 peacekeepers have lost their lives in the service of the United Nations of whom 10% were Irish.

The exhibition continues to December 2008 and contains interactives about Irish peacekeepers and equipment from their tours in Congo and Lebanon. UN 50 is part of Soldiers and Chiefs: The Irish at War at Home and Abroad Since 1550 permanent exhibition at The National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks Dublin 7.

ADMISSION to all exhibitions is FREE OF CHARGE.

The museum is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and from 2pm to 5pm on Sundays.



*THE MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND*  
*Lecture Programme Winter 2008-9*

**Friday 14 th November 2008**

**The French service record of Theobald Wolfe Tone**  
 Dr Sylvie Kleinman

**Friday 5 th December 2008**

**Mulcahy and Collins: A fortuitous leadership**  
 Professor Risteard Mulcahy

**Saturday 6 th December 2008**

Morning: The AGM of the Society  
 (in Cathal Brugha Barracks)

Evening: The Annual Dinner  
 (in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle)

**Friday 9 th January 2009**

**Dynamic of destruction  
 culture and mass killing in the First World War**  
 Professor Alan Kramer

**Friday 13 th February 2009**

**Airships the north Irish Sea during the Great War**  
 Mr Guy Warner

**Friday 13 th March 2009**

**Irish men and women in the  
 French Resistance and SOE during WWII**  
 Dr David Murphy

**Friday 17 th April 2009**

**The Confederate Washington:  
 The Military Leadership of Robert E. Lee**  
 Dr Patrick Geoghegan

Lectures will be given at 8.00 p.m. in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

Non-members are welcome to all lectures

*ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS ASSOCIATION*  
*Schedule of Activities Winter 2008*

**November 7th Friday**

Mass at City Quay Church, Dublin. To Remember the Fallen.  
 Time 7:30 p.m.

**November 9th Sunday**

Ecumenical Service of Remembrance at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Time 2:30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Mary Mc Aleese will attend.  
 Members may attend as part of the general public.

**November 15th Saturday**

Saturday: Lecture: Title. Hell Let Loose - The Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the German Offensive of March 1918.  
 Speaker: Mr Sean Connolly.

Venue: Dublin City Library and Archive, Gilbert Library, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Time 3:00 p.m.

**December 5th Friday**

The RDF Association Annual Dinner.

Venue. The Masonic Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.  
 Time 8:00 p.m.

Members and friends wishing to attend may book their seats by writing to the Secretary of the RDF Assoc. before Monday 1st December 2008.

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