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January - Eanáir

THE PROCLAMATION OF

POBLACHT NA H EIREANN. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

IRISH REPUBLIC

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long asurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can u ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it narms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every lishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citiens, and declaree its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an allen government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God.

Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that
cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour
the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children
to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthyof the august destiny
to which it is called.

JAMES CONNELLY.

Signed on Behart at the Provisional Government, THOMAS J. CLARKE, SEAN Mac DIARMADA. THOMAS Mandonagh, P. H. PRARSE. EAMONN CRANNT.

JOSEPH PLUNKETT



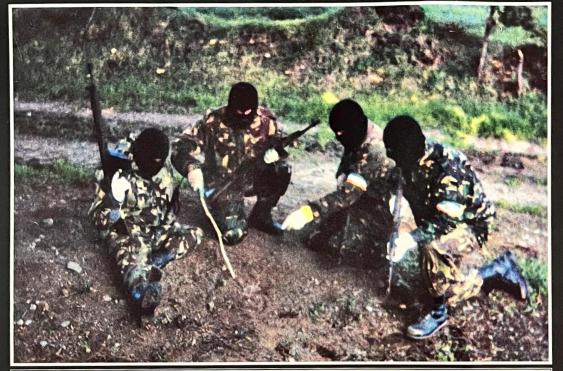
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February - Feabhra

"When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then shall my character be vindicated, then may my epitaph be written".

Robert Emmet



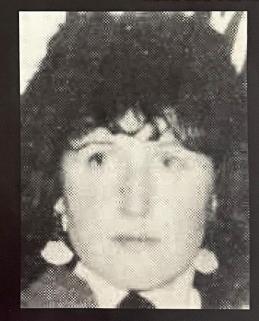


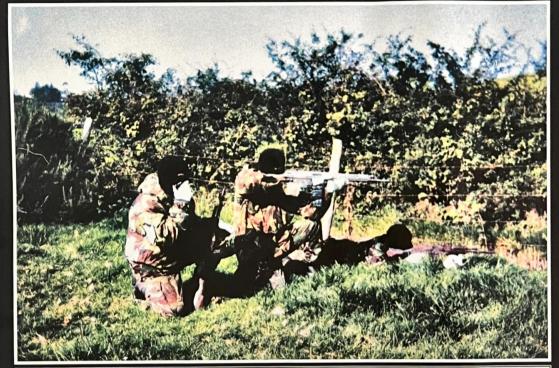
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March - Márta

"I am oppressed as a woman, and I'm also oppressed as an Irish person. Everybody in this country is oppressed, and yet we can only end our oppression as women if we end the oppression of our nation as a whole".

Mairead Farrell



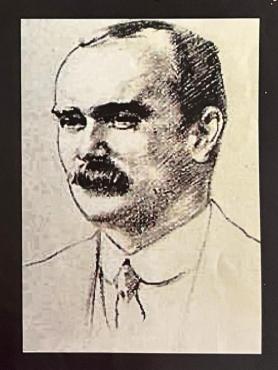


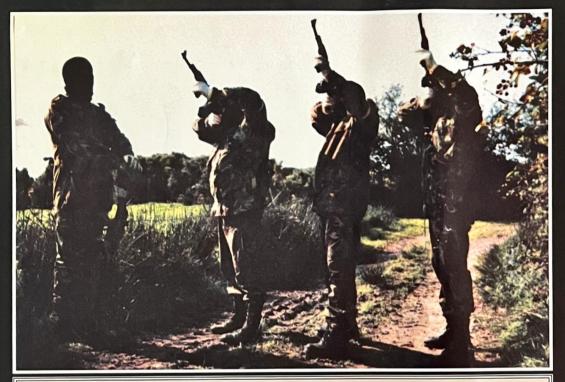
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April - Aibreán

Our demands most moderate are – We only want the earth!

James Connolly





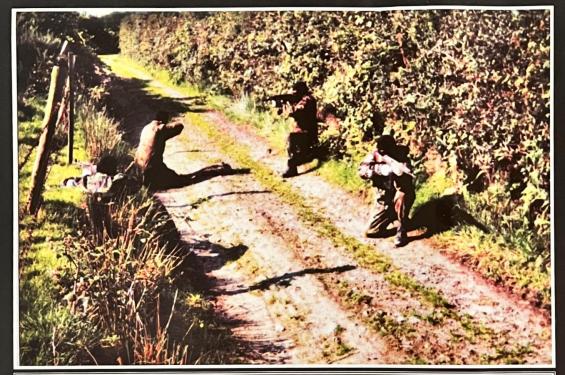
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May - Bealtaine

"If they aren't able to destroy the desire for freedom, they won't break you".

Bobby Sands





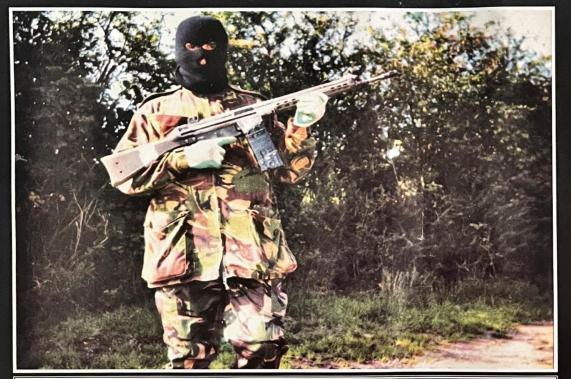
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June - Meitheamh

One armed man cannot resist a multitude, nor one army conquer countless legions; but not all the armies of all the empires of earth can crush the spirit of one true man. And that one man will prevail.

Terence MacSwiney





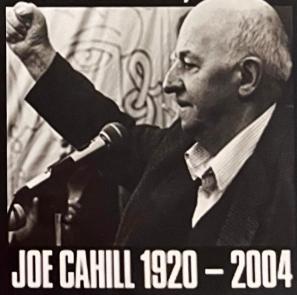
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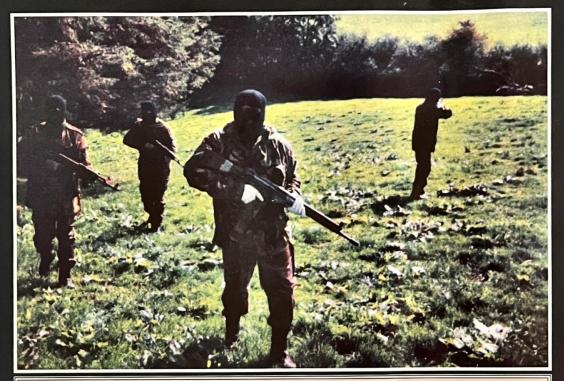
July - Iúil

"We have won the war, now let us win the peace."

Joe Cahill

'Carry on, my comrades, until that certain day'





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August - Lúnasa

Everyone, Republican or otherwise, has their own particular part to play. No part is too great or too small, no one is too old or too young to do something.

Bobby Sands





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September Meán Fómhair

The road to freedom is paved with suffering, hardships and torture; carry on my gallant and brave comrades until that certain day.

Tom Williams





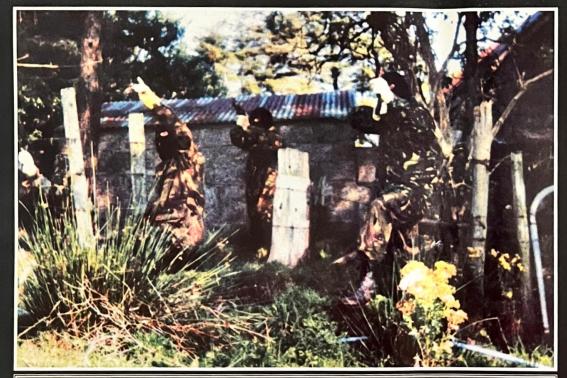
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October Deireadh Fómhair

"We will not take any steps backwards, our steps will be onward, for if we don't the ghosts of the martyrs who died for you, for me, for this country will haunt us for eternity"

Máire Drumm





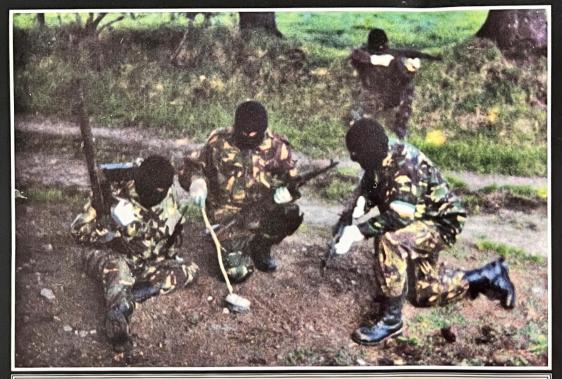
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November - Samhain

To break the connection with England the never failing source of all our political evils, and to assist the independence of my country, these are my objectives

Théobald Wolfe Tone





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December - Nollaig

Lt. Gen. Joseph Mc Kelvey,
Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellowes and
Richard Barrett Executed by the Free
State Government on the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception,
8th December 1922







