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Private Daniel Fay, 2nd Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers

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Fonds Level Description

Identity Statement

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111

Title: Private Daniel Fay, 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Dates: 1913-1998

Level: Fonds

Extent and Medium: 14 items, 61pp

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Administrative History

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association, Ayrfield, Dublin 13, was established in 1996 to commemorate all Irish men and women who volunteered, served and died in the First World War 1914-1918. The collection was transferred to Dublin City Library from the RDFA in May 2016. For this reason the RDFA have been credited in the “creator” field of the fonds level description. The items relate to the life of Daniel Fay, James Joseph Moore, Bartholomew Moore, and their service in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Biographical History

Daniel Fay was born on the 8 March 1887. He lived off Dorset Street with his parents John Fay and Elizabeth Fay (née O’Shaughnessy). He worked as a porter in a grocers shop on Mountjoy Street. On the 2 April 1908, Daniel joined 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was married in the Pro Cathedral, on the 20 November 1912 to Mary Moore of Nerney’s Court, Temple Street. Private Daniel Fay, 7249, served on the Western Front and was wounded in 1918 only a few short months before the end of the war. He was discharged on the 26 August 1918. He was diagnosed with melancholia in his treatment papers. He resumed his work at the Custom House Docks in January 1919. He went on to raise seven children, four boys, and three girls. He died on the 20 June 1942. It is important to note that birth, marriage, death and census registers give the name David Fay. Daniel’s children and some of his own military documents refer to him as Daniel. Daniel will be the name used in this descriptive list, however use of the name David in the documents will be noted in the description.

The brothers of Mary Moore, James Joseph Moore and Bartholomew Moore, became close friends with Daniel Fay and all three served in 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Private James Moore, 11587, was born on the 8 June 1892. He enlisted on the 19 July 1913. He was previously employed as a Farm Labourer. He was killed in action on the 2 March 1915. He is buried in Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Warneton, Belgium. Private Bartholomew “Bartle” Moore, 11402, was born on the 17 May 1894. He enlisted on the 26 October 1912. He was honourably discharged on medical grounds on the 16 October 1919. He was transferred from Belfast War Hospital to Richmond District Asylum Hospital where he remained for thirty eight years. He died on the 1 March 1957. He is buried in Blackhorse Avenue Military Cemetery, grave Number 139.

A small amount of the material relates to William Fay and the other children of Private Daniel Fay. William Fay died on the 28 August 1997.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of material donated to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association by William Fay, the son of Private Daniel Fay. Material relates to the military service of Daniel Fay, and his brothers-in-law James Moore and Bartholomew Moore. The collection includes photographs, discharge forms, and a number of post-war items.

System of Arrangement

Collection is listed at the file and item level. It is arranged in chronological order. The collection is relatively small and expanding the listing to series level would cause unnecessary complication. Reproduced material has been inserted based on the date of its content, not of its reproduction.

Archival History

Papers were donated to Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association in 1998 by William Fay, the son of Private Daniel Fay. The collection was transferred to Dublin City Library and Archive via Tom Burke (chairman, RDFA) in May 2016. It was catalogued by Cillian Fearon, intern at Dublin City Library and Archives.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Item IE DCLA/RDFA/111/01 is in need of conservation. Some pages are stuck together with a desiccated elastic band. Item has only been partially digitised.

Access and Descriptive Control

Access Conditions: Available to view by public who apply for research card in Dublin City Library and Archive Reading Room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Access: The terms of the Copyright and Related Acts (2000) allows DCLA to provide photocopies of material for research purposes only.

Language: English

Related material: The Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association archive (IE DCLA/RDFA) is located at the Dublin City Archives

Finding aid: Descriptive catalogue.

Existence of Copies: Collection has been digitised & will be added to Dublin City Libraries and Archives Digital Repository

Archivist's note: Catalogue compiled by Cillian Fearon, Dublin City Archives intern.

Conventions: ISAD(G), IGAD.

Date of description: 10 November 2016.

Index Terms

Fay, David, 1887-1942

X Fay, Daniel, 1887-1942

Moore, James Joseph, 1892-1915

Moore, Bartholomew, 1894-1957

Dublin City, County Dublin

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1881-1922

Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

World War, 1914-1918

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/01

Title: "The Small-Book" of James Joseph Moore, 11587

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 19 July 1913

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 34pp

Scope and Content: Soldier's small book includes personal information, training and soldiers regulations, next of kin, and other information.

Physical Characteristics: A number of pages damaged and unable to be opened due to desiccated elastic band. Removal of band will cause damage to the information on the pages. In need of conservation.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/02

Title: Photograph of Painting of Private Daniel Fay

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 1914

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: Portrait, 115mm X 165mm, colour photograph. Folded card frame 255mm X 205mm. Copy of original painting depicting Daniel Fay in his dress uniform.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/03

Title: Postcard photograph of Daniel Fay

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 1917

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 3pp

Scope and Content: Portrait, 90mm X 140mm, sepia photograph. Depicts three soldiers. Includes two modern magnified photocopies. Inscription on back read: "First World War 1917, 6-1-48, Soldier on left of picture is David [Daniel] Fay, father of William, Owen, David, Lily, Hannah, Mary B."

Physical Characteristics: Original photograph has adhesive tape on top and bottom corners.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/04

Title: Treatment card for Daniel Fay

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 26 August 1918

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 2pp

Scope and Content: Treatment card for David [Daniel] Fay, 7249, Private Royal Dublin Fusiliers, discharged from King George V Hospital Dublin (now Saint Brichin's Military Hospital), suffering from Melancholia. Recommended treatment: "avoid alcohol and open air employment."

Physical Characteristics: Badly creased due to folding.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/05

Title: Discharge Certificate of Daniel Fay, Army form B. 2067

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 26 August 1918

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 6pp

Scope and Content: Discharge certificate for Daniel Fay. Includes personal information including previous occupation, height, complexion, and eye and hair colour, and character reference. Date of enlistment 2 April 1908.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/06

Title: Discharge Certificate for Daniel Fay, Army form B. 2079

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 28 August 1918

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: Discharge certificate of Daniel Fay including description of him at time of discharge, and reason for discharge.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/07

Title: Memorandum from the Dublin Port and Docks Board to D. Fay

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 16 January 1919

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: Letter telling Daniel Fay that the head foreman will re-employ him at the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/08

Title: Richmond District Asylum certificate for Bartholomew Moore

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 25 July 1920

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: Certificate acknowledging that Bartholomew Moore is alive and is a patient of the Richmond District Asylum Dublin (now St. Brendan's Hospital).

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/09

Title: Postcard of sepia photograph of The Ginchy Cross

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: c1925

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 2pp

Scope and Content: Postcard with sepia photograph of The Ginchy Cross, 90mm X 140mm. Memorial erected to the 16th Irish Division, and the 9th Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Inscription underneath reads "Lest we forget 1914-1918 Irish memorial at Dublin Centre." Reverse of postcard reads: "late twenties early thirties Dublin, college green, Trinity College in background." Included is A4 photocopy of Ginchy Cross. Includes modern magnified reproduction.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/10

Title: Photograph of Bartholomew Moore's Gravestone

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: c1957

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: 60mm X 85mm, Black and white photograph of Bartholomew Moore's grave in Blackhorse Military Cemetery. Inscription on reverse reads; "Grave No 139 Blackhorse Cemetery. Stone commemorates brothers Privates James and Bartholomew Moore Royal Dublin Fusiliers."

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/11

Title: "The Three Dubs" Biographical information

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 1996

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 5pp

Scope and Content: Laminated and non laminated story of the three dubs, told by William Fay, about his father Daniel Fay and his two uncles, James and Bartholomew Moore, all of whom served in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/12

Title: Photograph of Fay family military decorations

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: c1997

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: 100mm X 145mm. Photograph depicts the painting of Daniel Fay, along with his medals, and the medals of William Fay's maternal uncle's James and Bartholomew Moore.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/13

Title: Photograph of wreath laid at James Moore's grave

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: 11 November 1998

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 1p

Scope and Content: 125mm X 180mm, photograph depicts the grave stone of James Moore, who died in Belgium 2nd March 1915. Wreath laid by nieces Lilly Redmond and Hannah Marron. Inscription on reverse reads "Sean Connolly 11.11.98, Prowse Point Mesen Belgium.

Reference Code: IE DCLA/RDFA/111/14

Title: Supplementary Material

Creator: Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association

Date: c1998

Level of Description: Item

Extent and Medium: 3pp, 12 tags

Scope and Content: Administrative information coming from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association.