

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04 April 2016 12:30

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Invitation for a dinner hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Thank you for the invite. H.E. Dominick Chilcott accepts the dinner invitation on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 01 April 2016 16:26

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Invitation for a dinner hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Please find attached invitation for a dinner being hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade at Iveagh House, Dublin, on Wednesday 6th April at 7.30 pm on the occasion of the Ulster Unionist Party's conference at the Royal Irish Academy, 'Marking Easter 1916 - Examining Events from a Unionist Perspective'.

**From:** Dominick Chilcott (Sensitive)

**Sent:** 01 June 2016 12:35

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Grangegorman [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email. Apologies for not replying earlier (but I've been away from the office for a few days).

I fully agree with you about the Grangegorman ceremony. The incident at the beginning did not actually affect the event very much (even if it dominated the reporting of it). The ceremony was indeed very dignified and moving. The words were carefully chosen and the occasion was characterised by mutual respect. Mr Flanagan's contribution was terrific.

So congratulations are due to you and your team for putting together the ceremony with such skill. It is good to hear that [REDACTED] and other embassy colleagues played a helpful part.

I told [REDACTED] afterwards that it was generous of the Irish government to have organised the ceremony to remember the British soldiers who died in Easter 1916. He corrected me, saying it was not generous but entirely natural within the overall inclusive spirit of the commemorations programme. But he conceded it has been carried out with very good grace.

As you say, the veterans organisations were delighted with the event, as were the British soldiers who came over from GB and NI. There was a strong sense of a coming together at the ceremony. We can be confident that it will help generate a better understanding and tolerance of different traditions and thereby play its part in promoting reconciliation and friendship across our islands.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

With best wishes,  
Dominick

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 27 May 2016 13:11

[REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Grangegorman [REDACTED]

Dear Dominick:

Despite the unexpected and unwelcome excitement at the beginning, I felt yesterday's ceremony in Grangegorman was very moving, dignified and an apt commemoration of those 125 men in British uniforms who lost their lives in the Easter Rising.

I wish to thank you, [REDACTED] and your colleagues for the Embassy's whole-hearted and sensitive participation in this event.

The feedback from participants was very positive and we are hoping that the event will have helped in some small way to broaden understanding of, and respect for, the various narratives that attach to our past.

[REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ireland, United Kingdom and Americas Division

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**From:** Dominick Chilcott (Sensitive)  
**Sent:** 24 February 2016 09:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Commemorating the Rising

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope you are well.

Last night, I took part in a debate at the UCD Law Society (James Green, son of John Green of Glasnevin, is the society's president this year) about whether 1916 was worthy of commemoration. I spoke for the motion.

Slightly to my surprise, today's Irish Times carries a short report of my remarks. So in case you or colleagues would like to see the full text (it is mercifully short), please find it attached.

With best wishes,  
Dominick

**This House believes 1916 is worth commemorating, UCD Law Society**  
**23 February 2016**

**Mr President, may I thank the UCD Law Society, through you, for the invitation to speak in this debate.**

**As an undergraduate at Oxford, I managed to speak in a university debate only once, at Balliol College's eccentric Arnold and Brackenbury Society, where debates had only two rules: speakers had to address their remarks to a stuffed owl called Mr Gladstone and we were not allowed to say anything relevant to the motion.**

**This evening is a great advance on those days and I'm grateful to James Green and the Law Society for the chance to participate. It is also reassuring, for one not schooled in the cut and thrust of university debate, to be on the same side of the motion as the father of the president of the society.**

**Mr President, 1916 was a very eventful year. It contains a lot to remember and commemorate.**

**There have been regimes, one thinks of Pol Pot and its advocacy of a return to year zero, which choose to obliterate all memory of the past and make a completely fresh start. But I doubt that anyone opposing this motion would propose such a scorched earth approach.**

**As I said, a lot happened in 1916 and the motion is not specific about particular events.**

**For the UK, for example, the First World War battles of 1916 included some of that terrible war's most costly and resonant engagements. On the first day of the battle of the Somme, the British army lost more soldiers than in any single day's fighting in its history – including many from Ireland. They were all volunteers.**

**The slaughter at Verdun, which lasted almost the whole of 1916 and was one of the largest battles on the Western Front in the war, defies credulity and haunts France to this day.**

The battle of Jutland in 1916 was the largest ever surface fleet naval battle – measured in terms of tonnage of ships engaged – in the history of mankind.

But, Mr President, I shall take it as read that there is an emerging consensus these days that we should remember, with humility and respect, the hundreds of thousands of those from our grandfather's and great-grandfather's generations who died in that awful global conflagration.

No, the 1916 event that this motion is surely inviting us to consider is the Easter Rising. Is that worthy of commemoration? I believe it is. Any visitor to Ireland would be struck by the robust controversy here surrounding the Easter Rising.

Some point out that, just in terms of numbers, the Rising wasn't even the most sanguinary event involving Irishmen and women that week. More Irishmen were killed and wounded at the battle of Hulluch between 27-29 April on the Western Front than were casualties of the rebellion in Dublin.

Some have questioned whether the Rising accords with the theory of a just war, as codified by St Thomas Aquinas. Others have argued that the constitutional route available to Irish nationalists had not been exhausted by Easter 1916. And others have questioned the rebels' mandate, given the popular opposition to the Rising at the time. But these arguments, though they have their place in schools of history and in the public discourse, are beside the point as far as this motion is concerned.

Mr President, there is no need to take a view on the rights and wrongs of the Rising in order to conclude that the Rising is worthy of commemoration.

As a matter of history, it is incontestable that the Rising happened and that it was part of the thread of events that led to Ireland's securing her independence.

It may have been small in scale, compared to the Western Front's battles, but it was very large in strategic effect, obviously highly significant for this country.

There may have been other routes which would eventually have led to independence. But, although it can be fun speculating about such counterfactuals, we shall never know where the roads not taken might have led to.

The fact is that it was the Easter Rising that was the actual route that history travelled.

And given that this is what actually happened, rather than what might have happened, it seems right that this country, in celebrating its independence, which, after all, was won after a long struggle with a larger and overbearing neighbour, should remember the key events in the actual path to its independence.

As the foreword to the programme of state events to commemorate the centenary of 1916 says:

"There are some moments in history when a seed is sown and the old order changes forever. Easter 1916 was such a moment and from the very early days of this state, it has been the moment we have chosen to commemorate as marking the birth of our sovereign nation".



Mr President, admitting that 1916 is worthy of commemoration, however, does not give carte blanche to organising any sort of commemoration.

There are good commemorations and, with respect, there can be bad commemorations.

The manner in which we, the peoples of these islands, look back at and reflect on our interconnected history is important.

In a ground-breaking statement about British-Irish relations, made jointly by the Taoiseach and the British PM in March 2012, the two leaders spoke about commemorations.

Acknowledging that 2012 marked the beginning of a decade of centenary commemorations that shaped the political destinies of both Britain and Ireland, the Mr Kenny and Mr Cameron said:

"This series of commemorations offers us an opportunity to explore and reflect on key episodes of our past. We will do so in a spirit of historical accuracy, mutual respect, inclusiveness and reconciliation."

Historical accuracy – well, of course. Who was it that said that events cannot be commemorated without being assigned new meaning?

At 100 years' distance from the Rising, it is easier to appraise it with a cooler and more objective eye.

The centenary has brought to the surface a vast amount of information in pensions records, soldiers' wills and survivors' accounts, which present us with a more bottom up feel to the Rising, bringing us closer to the people of the time.

Mutual respect. It's often said in Northern Ireland that one side of the sectarian divide doesn't expect the other side to agree with its position. But it wants the other side to recognise that its own position is legitimately held, however much they disagree with it.

Similarly, reading the newspapers here, it seems unlikely that a consensus will emerge across Ireland about the Rising.

But a sense that the commemoration is not basing itself on a narrow, nationalist historical scholarship – to borrow a phrase from President Higgins – will help to inculcate the right spirit for commemorations.

Inclusiveness. The more partisan commemorations are, the more they reanimate the differences and turbulence of the past and stir up old ghosts. This is not rocket science and there are many examples of generous inclusivity in remembering the past.

French and German soldiers have marched together along the Champs Elysees on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

The ceremony held in August 1914 to mark the centenary of Britain's entry into the First World War at the cemetery of St Symphorien in Belgium was a joint British-Irish- German one.

The Gallipoli commemorations last year were led by the Turkish authorities and included representatives from France, Ireland, the UK, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and other countries.

The Irish state's programme for the centenary of 1916 passes the test of inclusiveness with flying colours. The programme is so comprehensive, including something for everyone, that it lasts a full calendar year.

There will even be a state organised ceremony to remember the soldiers who died wearing the King's uniform during the rebellion.

Mr President, if these three principles are followed – historical accuracy, respect and inclusiveness – it seems highly likely that the 1916 commemorations will also make a contribution to reconciliation and healing.

I am very hopeful that British-Irish relations, which have never been better, have now reached a state of maturity that our participation in the various state organised Easter Rising ceremonies will seem perfectly natural.

I hope my wreath laying at the Sigerson memorial in Glasnevin and my attendance in front of the GPO over the last few years on Easter Sunday has been appreciated by the Irish government and others here. I know that the British government were delighted when the Irish ambassador in London laid a wreath for the first time at the cenotaph at our state commemoration on Remembrance Sunday in 2014.

Mr President, four years ago, Fintan O'Toole wrote a brilliant, short essay about the Queen's visit to Ireland in which he described the Queen bowing her head in the Garden of Remembrance.

"The Queen", he wrote, "managed a dignified humility and simplicity ... Her gesture was not, as some overexcited commentators and headline writers sought to insist, some kind of homage to the rebels who beat the Brits.

It was more meaningful than that. It was a simple acknowledgement that Ireland is a different place, with its own history and mythology, its own encoded meanings. Different, that is, but equal."

The Queen's act of respectful commemoration at the Garden of Remembrance was the catalytic moment during that extraordinary state visit when history fast-forwarded from wariness and suspicion into a different era of friendship and cooperation.

As we all know, the Queen's visit was transformational for British-Irish relations.

The transformation burst into life in that simple, very moving, highly significant commemoration of those who had lost their lives in the cause of Irish freedom, including, of course, the 1916 rebels.

If it's good enough for Her Majesty, it's certainly good enough for me. Mr President, I beg to support the motion.

**From:** Dominick Chilcott (Sensitive)

**Sent:** 27 January 2016 16:00

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Commemorating British soldiers who died in the Rising

Dear [REDACTED],

When we met yesterday, you said that you would be convening a group to design an event at Grangegorman cemetery to remember the British soldiers who died in the Easter Rising and that you would welcome someone from the embassy to be part of that group.

I think the best person for the job would be [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is already involved in a great deal of commemorations work and has the links into the UK MOD and army associations, should they be necessary.

With best wishes,  
Dominick



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2016 12:23  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising OFFICIAL

[REDACTED]

As discussed yesterday, H.E. Dominick Chilcott confirms his attendance. Please advise if Mrs Chilcott is also invited to attend, following on from Glasnevin.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2016 16:12  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising OFFICIAL

That's great, thanks [REDACTED]. Looking forward to seeing you at both. Further detailed information will follow early next month.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2016 15:02  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising OFFICIAL

CLASSIFICATION:OFFICIAL

[REDACTED]

Good afternoon. Thanks for your email and I would be delighted to attend.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge,  
Dublin 4, Ireland | Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 09:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising

Good morning [REDACTED],

Just to advise that we are inviting [REDACTED] to these events so we would be delighted if you would advise us if you are in a position to attend.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Iveagh House | 80 St. Stephen's Green | Dublin 2

Tel: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]



**From:** #HQ-PRO RSVP Corps

**Sent:** 19 February 2016 15:25

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising

To all Resident Heads of Mission

Dear Heads of Mission,

Please see attached Third Party Note no. 147/16 regarding an invitation from the Taoiseach on behalf of the Government to attend a Ceremony at the G.P.O., Dublin on 27 March 2016, and also a Reception later that day in the State Apartments at Dublin Castle.

Kind Regards

Protocol II


**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 12:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grangegorman

Dear [REDACTED],

Hope you're well. I just wanted to check whether [REDACTED] participation in the Grangegorman event had been confirmed at this stage?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Department of Foreign Affairs and  
Trade | Iveagh House Saint Stephen's Green | Dublin 2  
[REDACTED] : [www.dfat.ie](http://www.dfat.ie)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 May 2016 10:24  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grangegorman Booklet

Hi [REDACTED],

Just wanted to share a copy of the draft booklet that we are producing for the event in Grangegorman next week. We will be sending it to the printers early this afternoon in order to have them ready in time for the event, after a last few typos have been corrected. In terms of the programme outlined in the draft attached, the second poem to be read still needs to be included – *The Last Day of Leave* by Robert Graves (1916). I have reproduced the abridged version that we will use below.

Our thinking is that members of the Irish Defence Forces would read the Ledwidge poem and the account by [REDACTED], and that members of the British Armed Forces would read the Graves poem and the account by [REDACTED]. Both accounts are attached for info.

If you have any thoughts, feel free to let us know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

*The Last Day of Leave* by Robert Graves

We five looked out over the moor  
At rough hills blurred with haze, and a still sea:  
Our tragic day, bountiful from the first.

We would spend it by the lily lake  
(High in a fold beyond the farthest ridge),  
Following the cart-track till it faded out.

The time of berries and bell-heather;  
Yet all that morning nobody went by  
But shepherds and one old man carting turfs.

We were in love: he with her, she with him,  
And I, the youngest one, the odd man out,  
As deep in love with a yet nameless muse.


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We spoke little, our minds in tune—  
A sigh or laugh would settle any theme;  
The sun so hot it made the rocks quiver.

But when it rolled down level with us,

Four pairs of eyes sought mine as if appealing  
For a blind-fate-aversive afterword:—

‘Do you remember the lily lake?  
We were all there, all five of us in love,  
Not one yet killed, widowed or broken-hearted.’

[REDACTED] | Department of Foreign Affairs and  
Trade | Iveagh House Saint Stephen's Green | Dublin 2  
[REDACTED] : [www.dfat.ie](http://www.dfat.ie)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 May 2016 14:51  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Invites for [REDACTED] for Grangegorman event

[REDACTED],

Thanks for reminding me about [REDACTED] when we spoke earlier. Please find attached invites for both. I will presume that they are both coming and have marked them as such on the final RSVP list which we will circulate later today, so just if you hear otherwise please let me know.

You might also draw their attention to the below email with some practical information about attending the event.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Reconciliation and Commemorations Section  
Ireland, UK and Americas Division | Rannán na hÉireann, na Ríochta Aontaithe agus Chríocha Mheiriceá  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
[REDACTED]

Dear Guest,

Thank you for confirming your attendance at the State Ceremonial event to remember the British Soldiers who died during the Easter Rising.

We would like to remind you that the event is being held this Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, and guests are asked to arrive at McKee Barracks on Blackhorse Avenue at 11 am. Parking will be available within the Barracks.

Transport will be provided from McKee Barracks to Grangegorman Military Cemetery, and please note there will be *no direct access to the cemetery* on the day.

We ask that you print out a copy of your invitation and present this at the guardhouse of McKee Barracks. If you have any trouble locating the invite which we originally sent, please contact us and we will resend it. As noted previously, the invitation is strictly for the **named invitee only**.

Grangegorman Military Cemetery is an outdoor venue and we would recommend that guests keep an eye on weather forecasts while making preparations for the event.

Following the ceremony, transport will again be provided back to McKee Barracks where refreshments will be served.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday to this event, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 24 May 2016 10:32

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Name of guest from The Rifles

[REDACTED],

Just a quick question – in The Rifles correspondence with us, they didn't supply us with any names of representatives, noting that their attendance was 'being coordinated by the [REDACTED]'. In terms of our guest list/seating plan, I've taken their representatives' names from the RIR's Mounting Instruction, but I see that they also have "Additional X 1 (TBC)" down – would you be able to confirm whether there will be a third Rifles representative; and if so, what their name is. Many thanks in advance.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Reconciliation and Commemorations Section

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[REDACTED]



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| Royal Irish Regiment   | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Royal Lancers          | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Royal Logistical Corps | No  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Kind regards,

| Reconciliation and Commemorations Section | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | Iveagh House Saint Stephen's Green | Dublin 2

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 09:33  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Sincere thanks for that.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 09:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Please find attached address details as requested. As discussed I am one email outstanding – [REDACTED]. We will chase this up today and get back to you.

[REDACTED]

Can you speak to [REDACTED] at the Glen and see if you can get an email address for [REDACTED] – I have tried [REDACTED] but with no luck.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

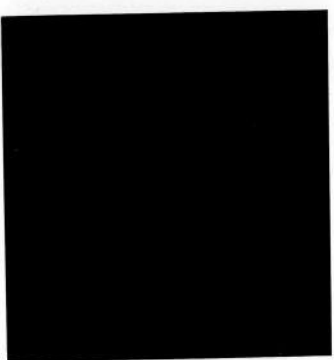
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 May 2016 11:25  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Is was good to meet you yesterday here at Iveagh.


I was just wondering whether you would have email addresses for several of the individuals whose names you passed on to us some time ago, particularly:


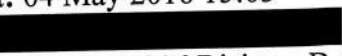
[REDACTED]




We are issuing invites by email today, so I would be grateful if you could let us know at your earliest convenience.

Regards,





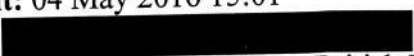
**From:**   
**Sent:** 04 May 2016 15:03  
**To:**   
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties



I appreciate that, many thanks.


Regards,




**From:**   
**Sent:** 04 May 2016 15:01  
**To:**   
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties



Of course. POC is as follows:



Regimental Headquarters Scots Guards  
Wellington Barracks  
Birdcage Walk  
LONDON  
SW1E 6HQ



Unlike many of the other regiments I would advise that you word the invite simply as 'Representative of the Scots Guards'. This is because the Colonel of The Regiment in the case of the Scots Guards (which is the appropriate person for many of the other invites) is HRH The Duke of Kent, a member of the Royal Family and first cousin of the Queen.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2016 11:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in reply – I'm afraid I was out of the office for a few days. I believe [REDACTED] was in contact with you regarding a meeting this week.

Many thanks for that information. Would it also be possible to get the Scots Guards' point of contact, postal address and email address as we would like to also issue them with an invitation?

Sincere thanks in advance.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2016 23:22  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Please find attached the information you requested in your email. The Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) were included in the original 8 units as the Pembroke Yeomanry were an antecedent regiment of the RLC who suffered 1 x killed in action. I have not provided the details for The Scots Guards as they have decided they will not be sending a representative. Please come back if you need any clarification / additional details on the info provided.

More than happy to meet next Wednesday morning just let me know what time.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2016 15:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Thanks for taking my phone call a short while ago, it was good to talk to you.

Many thanks for confirmation of ASC fatalities and the unit's successor.

Regarding points of contact with the various units and the issuing of invitations, could you provide the appropriate title of the individual to whom the letter should be addressed (as discussed on phone); a postal address; and an email address please (for the 8 units you originally sent and also for the Royal Logistical Corps)? We will email each of them a scanned version of the letter as soon as possible, with hard copy to follow, so I would be very grateful for the email addresses.

[REDACTED] asks could we meet next week – perhaps Wednesday morning here in Iveagh House, if that suits you – rather than tomorrow?

Sincere thanks for your help.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2016 13:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

In my last email I promised that I would come back with some more on the Army Service Corps casualties. In answer to your questions:

- Yes I can confirm that the five soldiers that you have identified from the Army Service Corps died as a result of the Easter Rising. It would appear that four of the soldiers, James Mulvey, Arthur Cobbold, Philip Purser and Thomas Harrison are all buried in Grangegorman Cemetery. The fifth, Maj Percival Acheson, is buried in Castlehyde CoI Cemetery near Fermoy, County Cork. The five died between 24-30 Apr 1916.

-The successor regiment is the Royal Logistic Corps. The POC is: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2016 17:20  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

Dear [REDACTED]

I am working with [REDACTED] on the upcoming State Ceremonial event to mark the deaths of British soldiers during the Easter Rising, and she recommended that I drop you a [REDACTED] I am trying to follow up on.

Many thanks for your list of regiments/units which incurred losses during the Rising. In the course of some research, we came across the name of five British soldiers of the "Army Service Corps" (Percival Acheson, Arthur Cobbald, Thomas Harrison, James Mulvey, and Philip Purser) who died in Dublin in late April 1916. As the Army Service Corps doesn't appear on the list you provided, would you be able to confirm whether the five died as a result of the Easter Rising, and if so could you forward the contact details of a successor unit please?

We have also been on the lookout for an appropriate images to use on the cover of a booklet we are producing for the ceremony. By any chance would you have access to any appropriate images relating to British soldiers during the Rising which might particularly suit? I would be grateful for any help you could give.

Many thanks in advance for your help.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 February 2016 16:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 1916 Rising - British Regiments with Casualties

[REDACTED]

Good to talk yesterday. As promised please find attached a list of British Army units who had soldiers killed in action during the 1916 Rising. The list was based on data provided by Glasnevin Trust of regiment / unit / organisation and the respective numbers of killed in action (KIA). In the case of each unit I have attempted to identify the 'golden thread' that links it to a current British unit – I have discounted Irish infantry regiments that were disbanded in 1922 and an cavalry regiment disbanded in 1917 as there is no golden thread. In total I believe there are 8 regiments / units in existence today that can be linked to 14

antecedent regiments who suffered KIA during the 1916 Rising. The difference between 15 and 8 can be accounted for by the amalgamations of regiments. The top three, in terms of KIA suffered, are:

The Mercian Regiment – 52 KIA  
The Royal Irish Regiment – 15 KIA  
The Royal Lancers – 10 KIA

Hope this provides a little bit of insight.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2016 16:12  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising OFFICIAL

That's great, thanks [REDACTED]. Looking forward to seeing you at both. Further detailed information will follow early next month.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2016 15:02  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising OFFICIAL

CLASSIFICATION:OFFICIAL

[REDACTED]

Good afternoon. Thanks for your email and I would be delighted to attend.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge,  
Dublin 4, Ireland | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 09:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising

Good morning [REDACTED]

Just to advise that we are inviting resident military attachés to these events so we would be delighted if you would advise us if you are in a position to attend.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Éire ag na  
Náisiúin Aontaithe  
Ireland at the  
United Nations  
1955 - 2015

**From:** #HQ-PRO RSVP Corps

**Sent:** 19 February 2016 15:25

**To:**



**Subject:** Ceremony to mark anniversary of 1916 Rising

To all Resident Heads of Mission

Dear Heads of Mission,

Please see attached Third Party Note no. 147/16 regarding an invitation from the Taoiseach on behalf of the Government to attend a Ceremony at the G.P.O., Dublin on 27 March 2016, and also a Reception later that day in the State Apartments at Dublin Castle.

Kind Regards

Protocol II

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 May 2016 17:10  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Grangegorman Invites - Additional Names

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for that. I've issued an e-invite to [REDACTED] and will follow up with the other names.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 May 2016 14:15  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grangegorman Invites - Additional Names

[REDACTED]

Good afternoon. I mentioned that I had a couple of extra names for consideration for invites. Details are as follows:

[REDACTED] is responsible for coordinating UK military involvement on behalf of UK MOD)  
[REDACTED]

Also I finally tracked down [REDACTED]

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 May 2016 09:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Grangegorman State Ceremonial Event - Music

Sir

Many thanks for putting me in touch with [REDACTED]. I will contact him to progress the link-up.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Defence Forces School of Music | Cathal Brugha Barracks | Rathmines | Dublin 6

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2016 16:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grangegorman State Ceremonial Event - Music

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (cc'd), called me this morning regarding the musical support to the state ceremonial event at Grangegorman on 26 May. Can you please establish communications with [REDACTED] in order to create the link-up with the pipers and buglers that will be playing alongside [REDACTED] team in Dublin.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 May 2016 19:19  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting - Thursday afternoon

Great, thanks [REDACTED]

On 3 May 2016, at 18:03, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Anything after 1430hrs works for me.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Dublin | 29 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland | Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 May 2016 17:34  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Meeting - Thursday afternoon

[REDACTED]

It looks as though Thursday afternoon would be the only time possible for the Defence Forces and I'd like us all to sit down this week and discuss if possible. Would a meeting late in the afternoon be possible for you?

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *Reconciliation & Commemorations*  
*Section*  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 May 2016 12:45  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Thursday Grangegorman

[REDACTED]

Invitations attached. If there are any other Embassy colleagues that should be included, or if the Ambassador would like to bring any guests, don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 May 2016 12:38  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thursday Grangegorman

Hi [REDACTED]

Just spoke to the Defence Forces there – their preference is to have different individuals reading each piece, so four altogether, two from each contingent. Will it be a problem for you to identify a second reader from your side?

I have also just realised that in all of the back and forth, we never actually sent formal invitations to yourself and the Ambassador! We are of course assuming that you will be coming (!), and will send you formal copies of invitations which will be useful for accessing the barracks, but it strikes me that I should also send formal invitations to [REDACTED] which I will do now. Just to keep you in the loop.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reconciliation and Commemorations Section | Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade | Iveagh House Saint Stephen's Green | Dublin 2

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2016 12:24  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RIC and DMP Ceremonies

The following commemorations for RIC and DMP are taking place in the coming weeks/months and should be of interest to you all.

1. \*Constable James O'Brien DMP: 12 noon on Sunday 24 April 2016\* at Cork Hill Gate of Dublin Castle. The HARP Society are marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Constable O'Brien's death at that location exactly 100 years earlier. He was the first fatality of the Easter Rising. It will be a relatively short ceremony - 15 - 20 minutes, consisting of introductory words, biblical readings, the laying of wreaths, a minute's silence and the playing of the Last Post. See also our website - <http://irish-police.com/ricdmp-interdenominational-service-2015/>

2. \*Constable Michael Lahiff DMP: 1.00pm on Sunday 24 April 2016.\*  
Constable Lahiff was shot and killed at St Stephen's Green West (Harcourt St end) shortly after the O'Brien killing. When we have finished at Cork Hill Gate we will make our way to St Stephen's Green West where we will have another brief ceremony to commemorate Constable Lahiff

3. \*Constable Patrick Whelan RIC: 10am Tuesday 26 April 2016\*. Constable Whelan was killed during an engagement between the Volunteers and the RIC at Carnmore Cross, Co Galway on 26 April 1916. A commemorative stone will be unveiled at the site of the engagement and it will be followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Whelan's grave in Bohermore Cemetery, Galway.

This event is being organised by Galway County Council and will be led by the Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway and the Mayor of the City of Galway. See also <http://www.ireland.ie/events/constable-patrick-whelan>.

4. \*Annual Interdenominational Commemoration Service\*: The annual service for both the Royal Irish Constabulary and the Dublin Metropolitan Police takes place at \*2.30pm on Saturday 27 August 2016 at the Church of St Paul of The Cross in Mount Argus in Dublin\*.

We urge our supporters to attend at least some of these events to honour these men who fell in the line of duty and who for too long have been airbrushed from history. The fact that their names are now included in the recently unveiled Remembrance Wall in Glasnevin Cemetery goes some way towards recognising their contributions.

Today's (11 April) Irish Examiner has an excellent article written by our colleague Jim Herlihy on police casualties in 1916. You can read it at this link.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/analysis/recognising-contribution-of-police-who-fell-in-the-1916-fighting-392295.html>

Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think may be interested in these events.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

HARP Society

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Céad bliain  
Centenary  
Programme

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 May 2016 11:43  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Travel arrangements

[REDACTED]

Regarding practical arrangements for Thursday, just to let you know that the Ambassador will of course be welcome to head straight to Grangegorman Military Cemetery if he wishes – in that case we would ask that he arrive by 1235. I presume he will be travelling in his own car? If so, it would be very helpful to get reg and driver details so that we can ensure smooth access to the site.

If the Ambassador prefers to go to McKee barracks first, we will be welcoming guests there from 11 and departing at approx. 1130.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] : [www.dfat.ie](http://www.dfat.ie)



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 May 2016 09:15  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Wreath

[REDACTED]

Just to say that we are all set for the wreath (950mm). [REDACTED] is the name of the florist. I understand that the wreath will be ready by early tomorrow morning and that [REDACTED] is available to deliver it at that point. If that doesn't suit I believe that collection should also be possible. Would someone at the Embassy be able to liaise with her directly regarding delivery/collection? Her details are:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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