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1921 The IRA GHQ Staff. A sketch by Leo Whelan.

An oil sketch for Whelan's famous painting which depicted the GHQ staff shortly after the Truce of June 1921, which he completed in 1923 and which is now in the National Museum, Collins Barracks. This sketch includes only 12 figures whereas the completed work features 13 – Michael Collins (intelligence), Richard Mulcahy (chief-of-staff), Gearóid O'Sullivan (adjutant-general), Eamon Price (organisation), Rory O'Connor (engineering & OC Britain), Eóin O'Duffy (assistant chief-of-staff), Seán Russell (munitions), and Seán McMahon (quartermaster-general). Standing: J. J. O'Connell (training), Emmet Dalton (operational training), Seán Donovan (chemicals), Liam Mellowes (purchases), and Piaras Beaslai (publicity). See History Ireland, Vol. 17, 1, Jan.-Feb., 2009.
10 x 7in. (25 x 18cm)
€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)

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1921: (February-September) IRA prisoner mail to and from Ballykinler Camp.

A correspondence between Patrick O'Loughlin, Prisoner No. 975, Hut 38, H Company, No. 2 Camp, Ballykinlar, Co. Down, and his parents at 39 Lower Kevin Street. Comprises 20 letters from the prisoner, all with stamped envelopes postmarked BALLYKINLER CAMP, and 12 letters to the prisoner, all with stamped envelopes and camp censor manuscript markings, also some empty envelopes and some other letters and cards. Also included is a photocopy of O'Loughlin's Internment Order of 29 December 1920. A rare primary source on life in the War of Independence prisoner camps and in Dublin city. (48)
€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)

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1921: Ballykinlar Internment Camp Chess Medal

An extremely unusual and scarce white metal medal. With chess board decoration on the obverse and engraved on the reverse in Irish 'Chess Competition in Ballykinlar 1921'. Also with "On my keeping and in theirs : a record of experiences on the run, in Derry Gaol, and in Ballykinlar Internment Camp' by Louis J. Walsh, Talbot Press, Dublin 1921. (2 items)
€250-€350 (€210-€290 approx)

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1921: (August) Barbed Wire. Ballykinlar prisoners' publication Vol. 1 No. 1

Mimeograph, 6pp. The first edition of Barbed Wire produced by prisoners held in Ballykinlar camp. A scarce item consisting of six single pages with information, advice, jokes, sports notes etc.
€150-€200 (€130-€170 approx)

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1919-21: Original photograph of a 'Flying Squad'

An extremely interesting photograph of an unidentified War of Independence 'Flying Squad'. Marked bottom right "Copyright J.J. Leonard"
Framed. 8½ x 11½in. (20 x 28cm)
€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)

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Breen, Dan. Manuscript Letter on Dáil Éireann Letterhead 15th, July, 1961

1961. Good A 4pp. mss. signed letter on Dáil Éireann headed notepaper dated 15/7/61. Includes: "Some kind friend would like to see me out of public life or even dead and forgotten. That would suit them best.....when it would be more easy for me to stay on a hill side in Tipp..... The other report they speak about Breen don't live in Tipp.....why vote for him. Well I was in Tipp whenever I was needed.....". Daniel "Dan" Breen (1894-1969) was a leading figure in the Irish Republican Army during the Irish War of Independence and the Irish Civil War. In later years, he was a Fianna Fáil politician.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1919-46: War of Independence medal, 1971 Truce Anniversary medal and Emergency Medal group

1919-21 War of Independence Service Medal, 1971 50th Anniversary of

the Truce Medal and 1939-1946 Emergency Service Medal with one additional service bar, Local Security Force issue. Issued to an unknown recipient from the South Tipperary area.
€400-€500 (€330-€420 approx)

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1919-21: War of Independence Service Medals

Two War of Independence Service Medals. Recipients unknown but found in South Tipperary.
€300-€500 (€250-€420 approx)

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1919-21: War of Independence Service Medal with Comrac bar

With box of issue.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1921-1971 50th Anniversary of the Truce Medal

Awarded to those who received the 1919-21 War of Independence Service medal and who were still alive in 1971. With original box and issuing slip. Recipient unknown.
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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1916-30: Republican ephemera collection including de Valera East Clare by-election handbills

A good mixed collection of Republican ephemera including nine different Éamon de Valera East Clare by-election handbills, 'Bishop of Limerick and General Maxwell' mimeograph circular, 'English Brutality' pamphlet, editions of 'The Factionist', 'Commandant General Michael Carolan's Speech from The Dock' and 'England's Gallows Tree circulars, 1798 Rebellion information pamphlets etc. (25 items)
€200-€300 (€170-€250 approx)

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circa 1860: British Army private purchase land pattern revolver from the collection of Éamon De Valera

A revolver similar in style to the Beaumont Adams revolver but with front loading lever latch, made by J Beattie 205 Regent Street, London and with VR patent marks. Many antique and older weapons were used by Irish Volunteers during the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence, this example was acquired by Éamon De Valera and gifted by him to a member of An Garda Síochána who guarded his house at Cross Avenue, Blackrock.
5 x 8in. (13 x 20cm)

Provenance: Gifted to the previous owner's father by Éamon De Valera thence by descent; Whyte's, 16 April 2011, lot 248; Private Collection
€500-€700 (€420-€580 approx)

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1940s: Éamon de Valera signature with Constitution of Ireland

Éamon de Valera signature on the reverse of a Presidential compliment slip. Tipped into the free front end paper an early official printing of the Constitution of Ireland.
€150-€200 (€130-€170 approx)

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circa 1940: Éamon de Valera signed portrait photograph

A card mounted portrait photograph by A. H. Poole & Co. Waterford signed lower right by de Valera. Also with some modern printed photographs of Michael Collins and newspaper clippings. (5 items) 8¾ x 7in. (20 x 18cm)
€120-€150 (€100-€130 approx)

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circa 1940: Éamon de Valera autographed photograph of his portrait by Leo Whelan

Autograph in white on a fine photograph of Whelan's excellent portrait. Also an Irish Press photograph of President Sean T. O'Kelly circa 1950. (2)
9½ x 7½in. (23 x 18cm)
Provenance: Family of the artist, Leo Whelan.
€100-€150 (€80-€130 approx)