

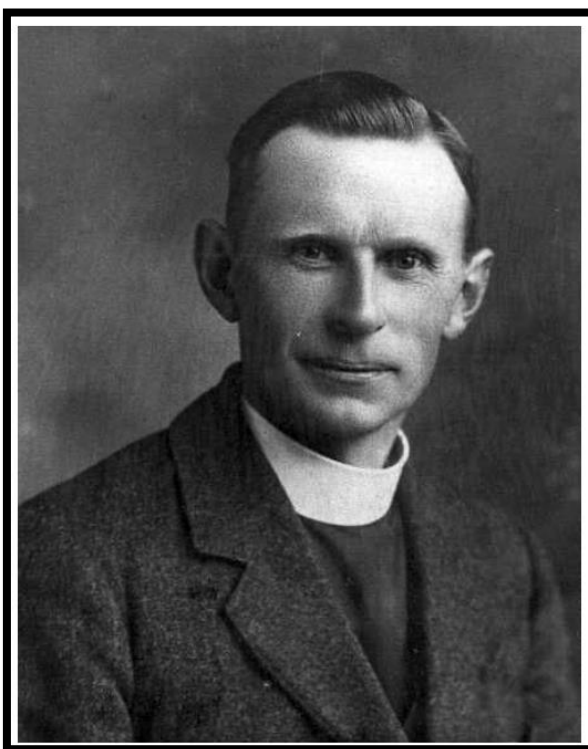
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CURRAGH CAMP CEREMONY

PROTESTANT ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

On Sunday last, Most Rev. Dr. Barton. Archbishop of Dublin (Church of Ireland) paid his first official visit to the Curragh Camp. His Grace was officially welcomed on his arrival by Commandant P. J. Whelan, Command Adjutant, on behalf of the Officer Commanding, Curragh Camp. A Guard of Honour (drawn from the 21st Battalion and under the command of Lieut. J. Brennan) was drawn up outside the Garrison Protestant Church and presented arms whilst a trumpeter sounded the "Salute." His Grace then inspected the Guard of Honour. He then addressed the parade. He thanked them for the honour paid him and complimented the men on their smartness and obvious efficiency. He was glad of the opportunity, he said, of telling them how proud they all were of our Irish Army. We are all Irish, said His Grace, and we are all extremely proud of you. If war comes to our country, which God forbid, we are confident that you will play your part nobly, as Irish soldiers have done for hundreds of years. But the time must come when the horrors of war will cease and in those days of peace the lessons of efficiency and attention to detail which you are now being taught by Army life will be of great benefit to you. We, Irishmen, said His Grace, are (though perhaps slow to admit it) rather prone to disregard the importance of efficiency and matters of detail. Even the advent of peace is not likely to bring easy times, but your military training will be of advantage to you in that other battle of life. Of late, said His Grace. I have encountered great proof that public opinion holds very



Most Rev. Dr. Barton.
Archbishop of Dublin
1939-1956

strongly that in the days of peace to come there must be as little unemployment as possible. Then, as at the present time stress, we must all stand shoulder to shoulder.

Dr. Barton subsequently preached the sermon at the Church of Ireland Parade Service. The Service was taken by Rev. H. Vere Flint. Church of Ireland Chaplain, Curragh Camp, and His Grace the Archbishop, pronounced the Blessing.

There was a large congregation which included members of the British and German Air Forces at present interned at the Curragh.

In the afternoon the Archbishop visited the camp of the interned airmen.



**St. Paul's Garrison Church
Curragh Camp**

Barton, Arthur Willis (1881–1962), Church of Ireland archbishop of Dublin, was born in Dublin 1 June 1881, son of Arthur Robinson Barton, rector of St Paul's, Dublin, and Annie Barton (née Hayes), and was educated at St Columba's College, Dublin, and TCD. Ordained deacon in 1904 and priest in 1905, after serving curacies in Dublin and Down he was appointed archdeacon of Down in 1927 and bishop of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh in 1930, and was archbishop of Dublin 1939–56. He retired in 1956, died 22 September 1962, and is buried at Kilmore cathedral. He married (21 April 1914) Zoe Margaret Victoria Cosgrave; they had two daughters and a son.