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KEY STAGE 3 CURRICULUM LINKS

KEY ELEMENTS

PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING;
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING; MORAL
CHARACTER; CITIZENSHIP;
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING; MEDIA
AWARENESS; ETHICAL AWARENESS

CROSS CURRICULAR SKILLS

COMMUNICATION; USING ICT

THINKING SKILLS & PERSONAL CAPABILITIES

MANAGING INFORMATION;
THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING,
DECISION MAKING; BEING CREATIVE;
WORKING WITH OTHERS

AREAS OF LEARNING

THE ARTS; ENGLISH (WITH MEDIA
EDUCATION); ENVIRONMENT &
SOCIETY

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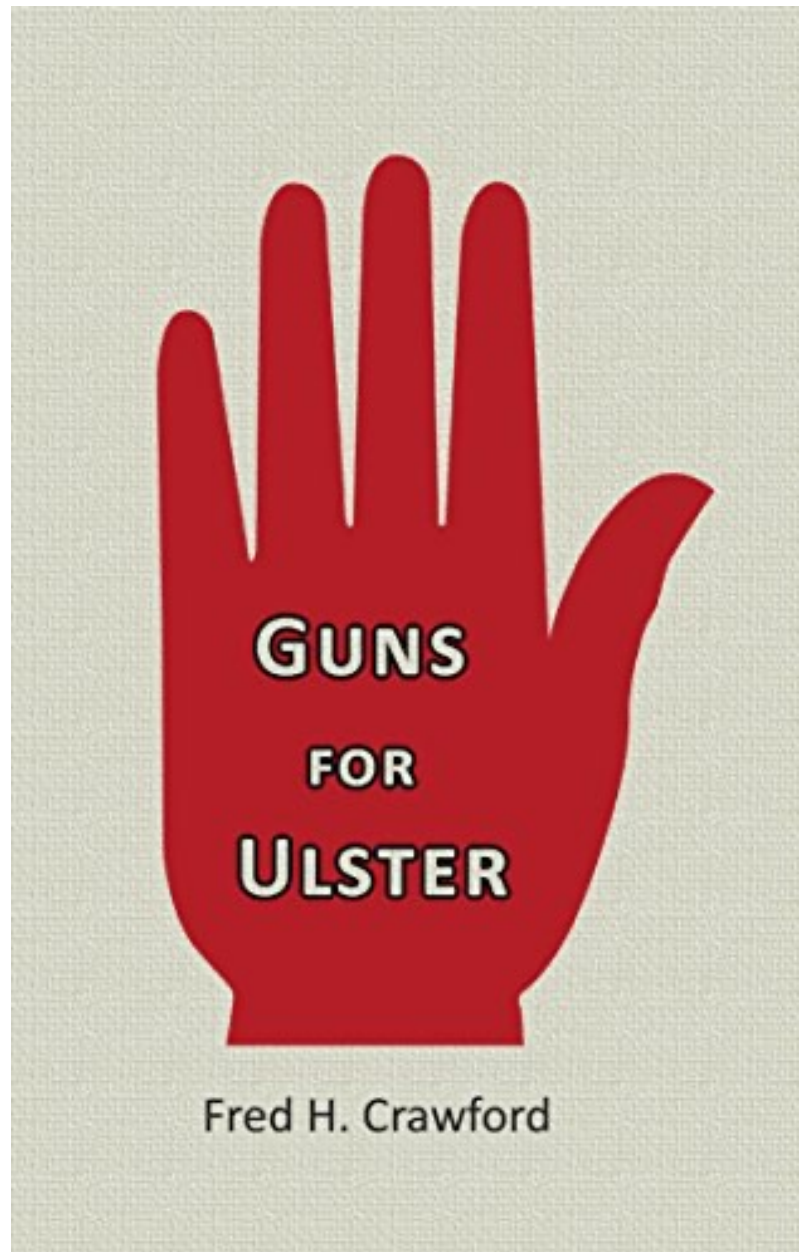


A RIFLE OF THE TYPE LANDED AT LARNE

Students will make a podcast reporting on the daring night-time military operation to smuggle thousands of rifles into Ulster.

The success of this operation sent an electric shock through Ireland and indeed the whole of the United Kingdom.

Coming soon after the Curragh Mutiny in March 1914, this dramatic event changed the political climate in favour of unionist resistance to Home Rule.



FRONT COVER OF GUNS FOR ULSTER BY FREDERICK H. CRAWFORD.



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In groups, students will research the key historical source - the newspaper report from *Belfast Evening Telegraph*, April 25, 1914.

In his description of the Larne gun-running, the reporter emphasises solid preparation and military discipline, tapping in to the images of the Ulster Scot not only as a self-reliant and energetic organiser but also as a determined fighter that are emerging in the literature of this period.

AMAZING NIGHT AT LARNE.
—
WHOLESALE GUN-RUNNING.
—
THOUSANDS OF RIFLES LANDED.
—
THREE-AND-A-HALF MILLION CARTRIDGES.
—
MOTORS FROM FAR AND NEAR.
—
AN ASTOUNDING ACHIEVEMENT.

BELFAST TELEGRAPH SATURDAY APRIL 25TH 1914.



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Frank Crawford was the self-styled Ulster Scot who masterminded the secret purchase of weapons for the UVF and their transport by ship from Germany to Larne.

Create an interview with Frank Crawford for the podcast as he organises the transportation of the arms away from Larne harbour under cover of night.



FREDERICK CRAWFORD.



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Historical Source: Newspaper report from Belfast Evening Telegraph, April 25, 1914.

“The night of Friday, 24th April, 1914, is a date that will find a permanent place on the page of history. On it there were enacted happenings for which Great Britain’s long and chequered story affords no parallel. However prosaically the record may be set down, it will send a thrill of amazement through every man and woman who reads the simple matter of fact account of what actually took place, and which the writer personally saw.

On Friday night there were landed at Larne within a few hours 40.000 rifles and nearly three and half million rounds of ammunition. There was no rush or bustle in the doing of it. It was accomplished with celerity, yet without fuss or splutter, because it was done in pursuance of a well-formed plan, executed as perfectly as it had been preconceived. Thousands unconsciously played a part in it, though only a few hundreds were directly and immediately concerned in the actual work, or were cognisant of what was in progress. All the arms were landed at Larne Harbour, and a vast transport of hundreds of motor cars, lorries, and waggons drawn from their various centres came to the town. So exactly had this mobilisation been arranged that these hundreds of motors reached the assembly point at an identical moment. It was an amazing sight to see this huge procession of cars nearly three miles in length descending upon the town with all their headlights ablaze.

The people flocked to their doors as the seemingly endless procession filed past in the direction of the harbour. [...]”



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“...THE “MOUNTJOY” ARRIVES.

In the neighbourhood of Larne Harbour and throughout the streets of the town strong bodies of men wearing armlets stood in line silent as soldiers on parade, while officers moved about and conversed in low tones. At nine o'clock the throb of an approaching steamer's engines could be heard coming up the Lough; then masthead lights were discernible, and presently the grey, gaunt outline of the 'mystery ship' took definite shape. In a few minutes she was alongside the landing stage and made fast to her moorings [...]

SOME STRENUOUS WORK.

The 'mystery ship,' it was noticed bore on her bows the name Mountjoy—no doubt readers of Derry's history will draw their own parallel. As she came alongside the lines of men in waiting on shore were divided up, part being assigned sentry duty at the gate approaches; while others were quickly aboard [...] Hardly had the hatches been removed before bands of great sturdy fellows stripped to their shirts and pants plunged into the vitals of the ship to join the crew in getting her cargo ashore [...]

As each car received its complement, the driver accelerated his engine, let in his clutch, and slipped away in a cloud of smoke; while another moved into the vacant space and thus the work went hour after hour without pause. [...]”