

THE BRIGADE BOOK OF IRISH PIPE MUSIC

FOREWORD

The need for a book of pipe music for the use of the Irish regiments in the British Army has been felt for some time. The difficulties and expense of producing a book which by its nature could not command any great sale has up to date prevented its production.

By means of photostatic reproduction a limited number can be made for private circulation. The photostatic process demands extremely fine manuscript penmanship both for the music and lettering. The work of Pipe Major Dargan and Mr P.G. McGirr of the Armagh Technical School, who has kindly done the lettering, needs no praise from me as the result speaks for itself.

In January 1949 a committee was assembled at the Brigade Pipe School in Armagh to produce this book. The members were representatives of each regiment and consisted of the following:—
Pipe Major T. Woods, 1st. Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles,
Pipe Major B. Dargan, Depot, Royal Irish Fusiliers,
Corporal H. McLennan, Depot, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers,

This committee worked for almost three months transposing tunes and arranging the best settings from numerous old books and manuscripts. Lists of tunes for inclusion in the book and some manuscript music were received from O.C. 1st. Bn. The Royal