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**DUBLIN**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SOUTH BRIGADE**

**(incl. South Wicklow)**

**MILITARY ARCHIVES  
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C. Company 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Dublin Brigade.  
up to July 1921 after this date B Company.  
1<sup>st</sup> Battalion South Dublin Brigade.

### Company area.

Merrion, Booters town Williams town Newtown.  
park. Stillorgan. Yallopeng Green and.  
part Monks town.

1917. Company organised January 1917. Special  
classes, Drilling, Firing Practice. Manufact-  
uring of Grenades (Gelenite) this work  
carried out under armed guard. all  
night Manoeuvres and training. whole  
company Parades for Funeral. Thomas  
as he.. decd. R.I.P. collection of arms at  
Sandy mount and delivery of same  
at Blackrock.

1918 Training, Recruiting all night Manoeuvres.  
ante Conscription activities, Parades,  
Raid by Enemy Police on parade at  
Monks town av. three members of company  
assisted. remainder of company ordered



1918  
(Continued) to go on run. Further raid by Police on whole company parade at Seans Yrangel. some member of company arrested.

Homes of Volunteers raided. Raided by company on Corporation yard and large supply of tools captured.

1919. General Training, Firing practice special classes all night parades, Raids for arms and capture of some guns. Raid by police and military on whole company after all night parade. entire company captured at Kiltarnan Co Dublin some members of company carrying arms. Tree felling and road blocking. Raids on Post office and capture of supply of cycles. Further Raid for mails and capture of same. Holding up of car owners and taking of motor cars for use of company in connection with above work. all activities carried out under arms.



1920. General training. Large number of Company on run. Tree Felling road trenching and blocking several Raids on post office capture of cycles. capture of mails and censoring of same, Destruction of Deans Grange Police Station by Tree cutting of Telephone wires destruction of Telephone exchange at Deans Grange. Company assists in destruction of Stepside police Station by Road blocking and out post duty. Number of Raids by police & Military on company while training on Dublin Mountains. Extensive Raids by company for arms. Holding up and taking of motor cars. All activities carried out under arms. attempted capture of large Post office supplies at Deans Grange. Party surprised by military while making attempt all escape.



1921  
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of no 3 Section who were returning  
from a company Parade. Raid on  
Enemy Lorry at police station Blackrock  
and attempted capture of guns.  
Armed Raid on Corporation yard and  
capture of large supply of Tools  
for use in Road Blocking. Road.  
Blocking Trenching and Tree Felling.  
Holding up of British soldiers and  
stripping of same large supply of  
Boots and clothing captured about  
20 soldiers stripped. This job was  
carried out over whole coy area.  
Number of men arrested and imprisoned  
in connection with same. Raiding  
for and Taking of Motor cars over  
whole area for use of coy Batt and  
Brigade. Extensive Raiding for  
arms over company area and outside  
area and capture of number of  
guns. Raid on enemy supplies  
and capture of same at Blackrock



(5)

1921. Laundry. Continuous day and night  
ambush parties and patrols. Boycott  
raids and capture of large supplies of  
goods. Collection of fines from  
enemy suspects, Arrest of suspect  
at Blackrock. Results in capture of  
six guns at Rathgar or Lesson Street  
Dublin. Large number of company  
arrested while watching homes of  
enemy officers. Almost whole company  
on run at this period. and experienced  
great hardships. Attempted execution  
of Police Inspector at Blackrock also.  
attempt on life of spy at Stillorgan.  
Company Police Duties, Some member  
of company took part in Batt jobs.  
Number of company volunteered for  
service with the A.S.W.

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1921.

(6)

General training Intelligence work by whole company armed guard. (all night) at Professor McNeill Netley Bootstown Co. Dublin. This guard was done by. Entire boy and was some months on continuous night duty. armed guard. on company Dumps. number of. Ambushes carried out by company. Merrion Gates, this attack was one of the biggest operations carried out in the country up to this time Twelve of our company attacking a convoy of 18 lorries 3 armoured cars and 6 private cars. inflicting a number of casualties our company had no. casualties by some civilians were killed. other ambushes carried out were. Willow Park. Temple Hill Laurel Hill, Alma Road, also. Stillorgan This ambush was not carried out under orders. but was carried out by a number of men



1922.  
(Truce Period.)

General training organising of company  
Number of men at Battalion camps.  
Dublin Mountains. Police duties  
Boycott Raids. (armed) one man  
seriously injured while on armed  
police work. number of men on.  
Run as attempts were made by  
National army to arrest them  
Number of men sent to Barracks.

1922.

Company mobilisation for duty in  
area. ordered to Blessington under  
Brigadier Mc Donald. Telephone and  
Telegraphic communications cut before  
leaving. also Raids for and capture  
of arms. All member of company  
under Brigadier Mc Donald command.  
while in occupation of Blessington  
all member of company proceeded  
with Brigade to Glenree Col Wicklow  
and were then sent to their homes.  
Large number of arrests



(8)

1926

Some time after Break up at Glenree.  
Column was formed of men from  
A.B.C. company's. The list of activities  
after its formation is compiled.  
by Frank O'Hanaghan a copy is  
sent here with.

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(9)

List of some operations carried out in 1st  
Batt area during Civil War Period

- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1922 Destruction by Fire of Wykeham Dendrum  
Co Dublin residence of Senator Sir Michael Murphy.
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1922 Seizure of Mails at Rly Station Blackrock  
Co Dublin ~~Defining Arms Dump and Billits when~~
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1922 Attacked by Free State troops at Newtown  
Park. Co Dublin.
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1923 Capture and destruction of Barracks,  
Court House, Telephone Exchange and Post Office at  
Dundrum Co Dublin.
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1923. Destruction by Land Mine of Killinagh  
Towerock Co Dublin. residence of Senator Sir Horace Plunkett
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1923. Burning of Train at Towerock Co Dublin.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> 1923 Destruction by Land Mines of Main  
Telephone Cables and Rly Signal Cabin at Blackrock L.D.  
Destruction by Fire of Burton Hall Stillorgan Co Dublin.  
residence of Senator Guinness
- Destruction of Telephone Exchange and seizure of Post  
Office Cycles at Blackrock Co Dublin.
- Destruction of Rly Signal Cabin at Foxrock L.D.
- Destruction of Telephone Exchanges at Foxrock, Kiltinan  
and Dundrum Co Dublin
- Attack on Free State Military Cycle Patrol at  
Deans Grange Co Dublin
- Partial Destruction of Woodford Night Goods Train between  
Foxrock and Stillorgan Co Dublin.
- Attack on Free State Military guard at Nally Blackrock  
residence of Com M<sup>c</sup>Neil T.D.



Surprised by very large force of Free State Troops  
while arranging for sleeping quarters at residence  
of — at Dalkey Co Dublin, resulting in intensive  
exchange of fire, during successful escape.  
Capture and detention for several days of important enemy agent.

In addition to the foregoing operations and  
intensive campaign of harrying tactics against  
Free State Forces was carried out in Batt Area,  
including Blocking of Roads cutting of Telephone  
wires Raids for Arms, and Equipment and Petrol  
Disarming of Civil Guards Censoring of letters  
addressed to suspected persons. Commandeering  
of Motor cars for transporting of Arms and War  
Material.

Frank O'Hagan. Bay Blackrock.  
Late Adjutant- 1st Batt  
2nd Dublin Brigade

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(Office of the Referee),  
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Uimhir Thagartha  
(Reference No.)

Vol Tx

2nd July 1937

PINSIÚINÍ SEIRBHÍSE MILEATA, 1934.  
(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the applications which have been received from former members of Dublin II Bde. I.R.A., and I am to request your Committee to be good enough to submit, at the earliest possible date, a certified statement showing - by Battalions - full particulars of the major operations carried out by each Battalion in the Brigade during each of the two qualifying periods: 1st April 1920 to 31st March 1921, and 1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921, and indicating :-

- (a) the name and nature of the operations;
- (b) the approximate dates on which they were carried out, and
- (c) the names and present addresses of the persons engaged in them.

If any delay is experienced in compiling the data requested at (c) I am to state that the particulars required at (a) and (b) should be submitted without delay when available, and the names and addresses of the persons engaged in the operations at the earliest possible subsequent date.

Mise, le meas,

E. de Burca

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Mr. P. Brennan

St. Enda's

Shruchtown Rd.

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Attached to 10/1/38



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## DETAILS OF ARRESTS, SHOOTINGS, OPERATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS OF: -

"F" Coy. (Deansgrange)  
6th Battalion  
Dublin Bde

afterwards

"C" Coy (Deansgrange)  
1st Battalion  
2nd Brigade (Dublin South)

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## Date

## Operation

- May 1918 Capt Pedler and Lieut Gascoigne arrested after parade in Deansgrange.
- July 1918 Stephen Foley John Foley Patrick Yorke Michael Yorke John Byrne Thomas Connor Peter Somers Dan. Doyle Bert. Troy Pat. Devlin Tim. McCarthy Geo. Tallon Thos. Griffin Thos. Kirwan Frank Coyle John Sweetman. Summoned for Drilling, ordered on the "run" by Batt. O/C. Men to report to Capt. A. McDonnell at Barnaculla.
- Dec. 1918 Members of Coy assisting at general Elections as personation agents, tally clerks and canvassers. Escorting and guarding Ballot boxes until the count of votes.
- Dec. 1918 Charging hand-grenades with gelegnite and storing same grenades dangerous as gelegnite must be kept in even dry temp. *This was done at J. Moran's house under armed guard*
- 1919
- August Armed raid by Coy. on Killbogget Farm for arms, got a .32 revolver and .22 rifle.
- September Armed raid by Coy. on "Rothbury" Foxrock, for arms got .45 rev and military equipment.
- October Armed raid by Coy. on house in Ashford Co. Wicklow for arms got .360 shotgun.
- October Capt. Noel Lemass Thos. Moran John Nolan Will. Hempenstall Chris. Hill Edward Murphy John Byrne Thos. Noctor Will. Troy Thomas Troy Richard Troy Thomas McCarroll arrested while on night maneuvers at Glencullen with 13 Men of the Blackrock Unit 23 men tried by Civil court 3 men tried by Courtmartial 10 men of Coy. armed.
- October Reorganisation of Coy. (the men who escaped arrest with Capt. to Lemass, the men who had been sent on the run, and new recruits) May 1920 By Capt. M. Chadwick.
- 1920
- May Burning Kill Othe Grange and Ballybrack Police Barracks by the united Coy's of Deansgrange, Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire men armed for operation.
- July Armed raid on Blair-Whites Monkstown for arms got ammunition and equipment. Two raids before admission was gained.
- August Armed raid on Halls' Kill O'the Grange for arms got two Mauser rifles. this house had also to be raided twice to gain admission.
- August Raiding party of British Troops fired on in Deansgrange by members of coy.
- August Armed raid on Rosstittle Foxrock for arms, ammunition and equipment got. A stiff Resistance was encountered in this case.
- September Armed Raid on Sir H. Plunkett, Foxrock, for arms got shotgun.
- September Armed raid on Elecker, Foxrock, for arms, fired on by occupants



DATE

OPERATION

1920  
September Armed raid on Panthers' Foxrock, for arms got shot-gun and ammunition.

October Armed raid on O'Callaghans Stradbroom for arms, got ammunition and military equipment.

October Armed raid on Moonys' Foxrock for arms, got military equipment.

October Carried out three armed raids in Shankhill district for Shankhill Coy., as local Coy., to well known.

October Breaking up shot-gun ammunition and reloading cartridges with "Buckshot. *This was done at the house of Lieut. P. Yorke under armed guard*

November Armed raid on Parochial Hall the local headquarters of Ulster Volunteer force, nothing taken.

November Became "F" Coy., 6th Battalion.

November Armed raid on McCrow Carrickmines for arms got Shot-gun.

November Armed raid for arms on Brodericks' Cabinteely, got Shot-gun and ammunition.

December Armed raid on Kielys' Carrickmines for arms got ammunition and military equipment.

1921  
January Armed raid on Wilsons' Carrickmines for arms got ammunition and equipment.

January Armed raid for arms on Col. Morrisons' Carrickmines got shot-gun, ammunition and equipment.

February Armed raid on Wilsons' Foxrock for arms got ammunition and equipment.

February Armed raid for arms on Warrens' Carrickmines got equipment.

Belfast Boycott. Raids on shops and cars in Coy. area for the purpose of enforcing the boycott.

March Armed party of Coy. blocked road at Stradbroom by cutting road, felling trees. Several parties of D.M.P. men held up searched and detained until end of operation.

March Telephone in Cabinteely P.O. destroyed beside R.I.C. barracks P.O. bicycle seized.

April Attempt to execute the son of Sir V. Grace who had exerted himself overmuch on raids in Coy. area, while in Black and Tans.



## DATE

## OPERATION

- 1921  
April Attack on Cabinteely R.I.C. Barracks at Cabinteely, roads blocked in different parts of Coy. area by armed parties, men fired on by military and R.I.C.
- April Armed raid on train for the purpose of seizing mails at Foxrock Station.
- April Telephone and Telegraph exchange at Foxrock destroyed by armed party from Coy.
- May Attack on Cabinteely R.I.C. barracks two R.I.C., men killed and one wounded during attack.
- May '20 Coy. sleeping away from home under arms in different parts of Coy. area on instructions of Batt O/C.
- May '21
- May Arrest of Capt. William Troy, No. 1. Coy. Roll found in his pocket the following men were arrested as a result of roll being found:- John Sweetman, Thomas Griffin, Edward Murphy, George Tallon and James Thornton. A small dump was also found.
- May Company ordered on "Run" by Batt O/C. to avoid arrest and to take all Coy., arms, ammunition and documents with them. Coy. took over Leopardstown Race Course as it was in a suitable position to hold against surprise attacks or raids and contained the necessary accommodation for the billeting of the men. While in Leopardstown (which the Coy. held until the Truce) the Coy. were subject to the same conditions and discipline as a Flying Column, being unable to visit their homes or go to work.
- May R.I.C. patrol fired on by armed party from Coy. One R.I.C. man wounded.
- May Road blocked by armed party from Coy. at Cornelscourt.
- May Cabinteely R.I.C. barracks <sup>attacked</sup> twice in one night by orders of Batt O/C for the purpose of decoying troops from around City on eve of Custom House Attack.
- May Attack on Cabinteely R.I.C. barracks with bombs from motor car on entrance and rifles at rear. A large number of casualties were admitted to by the R.I.C. but actual figures were never published.
- May Volunteer Thomas Murphy shot dead by R.I.C. when his home was raided. Vols. John McCann, Patrick Quigley and William Reynolds arrested in different parts of Coy. area at same time.
- May Coy. supplied Guard of Honour and Firing party at funeral of Vol. Thos. Murphy. Men and arms got safely out of cemetery through cordon of British military.



DATE	OPERATION
June	Attempt to execute Det.Sgt.Dillon D.M.P. for his political work. Wounded by party after chase on Newtown Park Avenue.
June	Armed Raid on Scanlans' Hillview for the purpose of capturing and shooting a member of the family who had been doing spy work and joined the Black and Tans. Did not succeed.
June	Destruction of Leopardstown Telegraph office during Races by armed party from Coy.
June	Arrest of Capt. McDermott, Lieut.P.Yorke and Sec.Com.Devlin after Batt. Council at Chatham Row.
June	Hold up of Publichouse in Clarendon St. for the purpose of retrieving handcuffs and orders dumped by Lieut.Foley and Qr.Mr% Kelly while evading arrest.
June	Arrest and chaining to public railings of two criminals tried and found guilty of robbery under arms in the name of the I.R.A.
June	Road blocked by large armed party from Coy. at Murphystown by orders of Batt.O/C. to relieve Barnaculla and districts which had been cordoned off by British military.
June	Capture of Lieut.Breeze O/C Magazine Fort, afterwards shot in duel with escort while trying to escape. This man was armed when captured and had in his possession some useful documents which were sent to Batt.H.Q.
June	Armed raid on Kennedys' Carrickmines for arms got a .45 Rev.
July	R.I.C. patrol attacked at Cornelscourt one R.I.C. man wounded.
July	Arrest of Vols. John Coates and Thomas Noctor when area was cordoned off by British military.
July	Destruction of repaired Telephone Exchange at Foxrock by armed party from Coy.
July	Road blocked by armed party from Coy. between Foxrock and Cornelscourt.
11th July 21. I to 1st July 1922. Truce Period.	During this period the Coy.was engaged policing Coy area (the police of two areas which comprised the Coy. areas having left) attending Battalion camp and intensive training in own area and the following operations:- Assisting the rescue of four I.R.A. men who had been arrested while doing police duty. Disarming insane man (Capt.Tarleton) on the instructions of O/C% Arresting three armed men (one being an escaped criminal from Mountjoy



## DATE

## OPERATION

Truce Per.  
(cont.)

Armed parties from Coy. blocking roads and cutting communication in Coy. area on outbreak of hostilities at Four Courts.

1922

July

In the field at Blessington, holding the town for a week against enemy until ordered to leave by Bde. O/C and return to Coy Area.

July

Attack on Free State troops at Beechgrove, one I.R.A. man wounded.

July

Ambush of Free State troops at Deansgrange.

July

Arrest of Lieut. B. Yorke, Vols. John Sweetman Geo. Reamsbottom Peter Byrne and A. Rodgers.

July

Lieut. T. Moran fired on by Free State troops while evading arrest.

July

Attack on the Chief of Staff's car and escort at Newtown Park Avenue.

July

Arrest of Vols. Jas. Mulvany, Thos. Murphy Pat. Larkin Frank Nolan

August

Mobilisation of Coy. for the destruction of the County Dublin bridges.

August

Raiding party of C.I.D. attacked in Deansgrange and one C.I.D. man killed.

August

Armed raid on house of Sir H. Robinson, house captured after stiff fight, a number of Automatics and a large amount of ammunition captured.

September

Vols. Charles Murphy and Leo Murray killed in action, Vol. A. O'Neill wounded and Vol. J. Nolan captured in fight with Free State troops at New Park Lodge.

September

Coy. supplied Guard of Honour and Firing party at funerals of above Vols.

September

Comdt. J. J. Stephens captured and shot by Free State troops.

September

Coy. supplied the Guard of Honour and Firing party at the funeral of above Officer.

September

Lieut. Thos. Moran arrested

Signal Cabin at Foxrock Railway station destroyed.

Burning of train at Foxrock railway station two I.R.A. men wounded

Burning of Senator Sir H. Plunkett's house in Foxrock.



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## OPERATION

Attack on Free State post at Carrickburne Foxrock.

Burning of Senator Guinness's Burton Hall, land mine placed in position.

Destruction of Dundrum Signal cabin and cutting telephone and telegraph wires between Dundrum and Stillorgan.

Destruction of Dundrum police barracks and Telephone Exchange.

Destruction of Murphys' Dundrum.

Armed party from Coy. seized mails from Mail Train at Blackrock station.

Capt. J. Foley and Jas. Lynch fired on by FreeState troops in Deansgrange.

R. Soden's house surrounded by Free State troops R. Soden arrested, Capt. John Foley and Jas, Lynch in fight with troops while escaping from house.

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NOTE.

This list of operations does not include the routine parades of the Coy. nor does it include any details of special classes which had to be attended by Officers, N.C.O.'s and special services.

It does not include operations such as are set out below as they are far too numerous to give details of each and every time such operation took place:-

- (1) The watching of suspects and suspect enemy houses.
- (2) Raiding for Tools for the blocking of roads such as Pickaxes, Shovels, Crowbars and Crosscut Saws.
- (3) The seizing of bicycles of enemy employees.
- (4) The cutting of Telephone and Telegraph wires all over the area periodically.
- (5) The holding up of P.O. linesmen and the prevention of the repair Telephone wires.
- (6) Ambush parties, "Stalling" under arms at different parts of the Coy. area on the chance of attacking enemy.
- (7) The numerous raids on shops and the hold-up of goods trains for the purpose of obtaining food for the Coy. on the "run".

The work and activities of the Coy. in general was always hampered and made dangerous by the local population (the majority of which was pro-British and in a large number of cases connected with some branch of the enemy service) who were continually spying and reporting the movements of Coy. to R.I.C., and military.

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Rungasie,

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to have been done  
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records in this  
case. ~~to~~ A  
conference was held  
in 1939.

I wonder is there  
some understanding  
with the Bde. Cttee.  
in the matter.

YJR 26/9/41.

Mr. Quinn

Mr McConnell  
promised A.C. to send  
in records by 11th inst  
Brig ~~to send~~ then 2/10  
~~to send not to send~~



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A Chara,

I am d. by the R. to refer  
to the appn. under the above  
act of Mrs. etc. and to  
request your Cttee. to be  
so good as to furnish a  
certificate indicating  
the name of the person  
who was the effective  
officer commanding of .

R. L. ... Kildas ...



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Records not yet  
received.

Re. submitted as  
instructed in your  
minute of 2nd ult. pl.  
yrs 11/11/41.

Mr. ~~Dinner~~

Kind regards to  
Mr. McConnell.  
11/11/41



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21 November, 1941.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to inquire if you are yet in a position to furnish the activity records in respect of Dublin II Brigade.

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Mise, le meas,

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Mr. A. McDonnell,  
6, Glenayr Road,  
Rathgar,  
Dublin.

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26 January, 1942.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to my letter of 21st November last, and to enquire if you are yet in a position to furnish the Activity Records in respect of Dublin II Brigade.

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Dundrum Coy

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24th Feb. 1929

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ACTIVITIES IN WICKLOW - 1920-1921.

24th Jany., 1920 - Attack on Baltinglass Barracks: 2 police wounded.

6th Feby., 1920 - Half ton gelignite seized at Arklow.

Attack on Arklow Barracks earlier in the week.

12th Feby., 1920 - Police constable wounded in Rathdrum.  
Civilian shot dead.

20th Feby., 1920 - Attempt to blow up Arklow Barracks.

W.E. 3rd Apl. '20 - General burning of evacuated Barracks.  
General raids on Income Tax Offices.

25th April, 1920 - Clashes between military and civilians in Arklow;  
one civilian killed. The military broke Barracks  
and looted the town.

22nd May, 1920 - Third attack on Arklow Barracks.

25th April, 1921 - Attack on police Barracks, Courthouse, and  
patrol in Bray. No casualties.

19th May, 1921 - Police Boycott notices posted in Arklow.

6th June, 1921 - Attack on Kiltegan Barracks.

3rd July, 1921 - Murrough ambush, Wicklow. One R.I.C. shot.

8th July, 1921 - Attack on police at Rathdrum. One killed;  
one wounded.

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PRE-TRUCE I.R.A. - EAST WICKLOW.

It has been suggested that I should write a brief sketch of the above. I practically organised the Companies, in 1919, October that year, I organised a meeting which formed a Battalion consisting of the following Companies:

Glenealy,  
Ashford  
Wicklow  
Laragh  
Roundwood  
Rathdrum  
Barandarrig,  
Trooperstown.

Owen Porter (then in Trooperstown) who had taken part in Easter Week was appointed Battn. O.C. late Tom Cullen, Wicklow, Adjutant, I Q.M.

In January 1918, Michael J. Staines (then Q.M.G.) came down from H.Q. and held a meeting in Glenealy. All the above mentioned Companies were represented, also

Arklow  
Avoca  
x Grananne  
Johnstown  
(Delgany coming in subsequently).

The Quartermaster General decided to form a Brigade consisting of all the above Companies, divided into Battalions. (It was hoped to increase the number of Companies and Battalions). The late Jas. O'Brien, Rathdrum, was made Brigade Commdt., late Tom Cullen Adjutant; myself Q.M. and I.O. In April the Q.M.G. attended a Brigade Council Meeting held in Glenealy. The organisation remained on those lines - 1918-1919.

Diarmuid O'Hegarty attended a Brigade Meeting in 1919 ref. HQ. (after Volunteers had passed under control Dail Ministry of Defence - I.R.A.) The same officers were re-appointed: Tom Cullen, though now residing mostly in Dublin Hq. Staff, was still connected with East Wicklow. From October 1919 to May 1920 I was in the North of England - Manchester Hq., doing loan work. In March 1920 the Brigade O.C. Jas. O'Brien was shot in Rathdrum. In April Tom Cullen was reappointed. H.Q. held a meeting - dropped the Brigade and formed two Battalions for East Wicklow directly under HQ. When I returned to Wicklow June 1st, 1920, I resumed duty becoming Q.M. and I.O. 1st Battn.(?) Things were breaking up - when Commdt. Jack Smith was arrested in Sept. and they got disorganised. I got a meeting, representing all the Companies in East Wicklow in Avoca, October 1920; as all these Companies were weak we decided on one Battalion for all East Wicklow with Dez.(?) Kavanagh, Arklow, as Battn. Commdt. A. Kavanagh Adjutant and I remaining Battn. Q.M. and I.O. We were making good



progress when both the Com. and Adj. were captured by British Military in Arklow in December. They (British) also captured communications from Bg. also notices our Co, and Adjutant were sending out to each Company to send two officers to a meeting with Batt. Staff. The military (B.) using this information proceeded to convene this meeting themselves in the hope of making a complete capture. They called meeting for Barrandarrig Hall for Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1920. I only learned of this meeting late on Saturday night but through their notices and method of sending them out were very clever, we frustrated them and they only succeeded in capturing two - the Rathdrum O.C., P. Curran and - Morrissey, Rathdrum. This other capture of our Comdt. and Adjutant again disorganised us. However, I got a meeting together, Sunday, December 26th. We appointed James Grant (?), Wicklow, Battn. O.C.; Mattie Carroll, Wicklow, Adjutant. I continued Q.M. and I.O. In Jan. Frank Henderson attended from H.Q. and ratified this. In February HQ. sent down Matthew O'Brien to take charge. O'Brien, who held the rank of Staff Captain, proceeded with great energy to organise, train and equip Battn. He visited every Company and tried to strengthen and encourage them. He paid special attention to training the officers with the intention of organising a column. I tried to assist him in every way possible and the other officers played their part; the great difficulty was lack of arms. Capt. O'Brien and myself finding it very difficult to secure anything at all at this period. Eventually we got a few guns together and in the end of June we got a "hamper" from Sean MacMahon, Q.M.G. By this time O'Brien had the Batt. in good heart and had a column organised. He started a "push" from the 1st of July - the Batt. and Column were doing good work when the Truce intervened; had the truce not come till a month later and had we O'Brien a month earlier I am confident this column and the Battn. on the whole would have rendered a very good report of themselves.

The East Wicklow Batt. was directly under H.Q. up to Truce. In the Truce period organisation it became part of the South Dublin or Dublin No. 2 Brigade.

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Signed.....C. M. O'Byrne.

Q. P.S. If it was any advantage I believe I could forward notes giving a complete list of all Battn. and Company officers in East Wicklow during the whole pre-Truce period.

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