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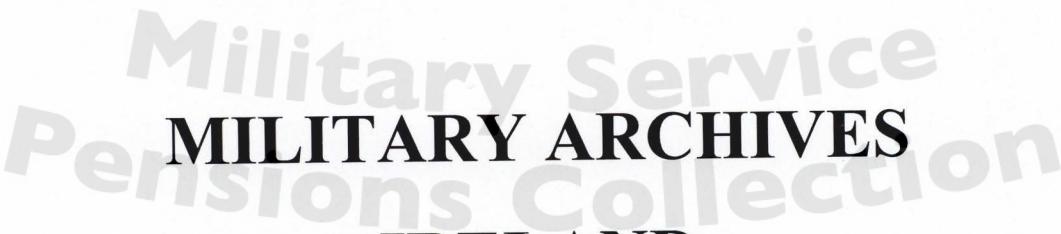
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DUBLIN

**2nd SOUTH BRIGADE
(incl. South Wicklow)**

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C. Company 6th Battalion Dublin Brigade.
Up to July 1921 after this date B Company.
1st Battalion South Dublin Brigade.

Company Area.

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

1917. Company organised January 1917. Special classes, Drilling, Firing Practice, manufacturing of, grenades (grenade) this work carried out under armed guard. all night Manoeuvres and training, whole company Parades for Funeral. Thomas Ashe. dec'd. R.I.P. Collection of arms at Sandy mount and delivery of same at Blackrock.

1918 Training, Recruiting all night Manoeuvres, anti conscription activities, Parades, Raid by Enemy Police on parade at Monks town Av. three members of company arrested, remainder of company ordered

1918 (Continued) to go on run. Further raid by Police on whole company parade at Seans Grang. Some member of company arrested. Homes of Volunteers raided. Raids by company on Corporation yard and largl. 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 Kilmann 60 Dublin some members of company carrying arms. Free 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 van Tree Felling road trenching and blocking several Raids on post office capture of cycles. capture of mails and concuring of same. destruction of Deans Grange Police Station by fire cutting of Telephone wires destruction of Telephone exchange at Deans Grange. Company assists in destruction of Stepaside police Station by road blocking and out post duty. Number of Raids by police or 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 sneaking attempt all escape.

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1921 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
work. 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 Mc Neill Netly Booterstown Co. Dublin. This guard was done by entire Co. 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. General training, organising of company.
(Truce Period.) 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.

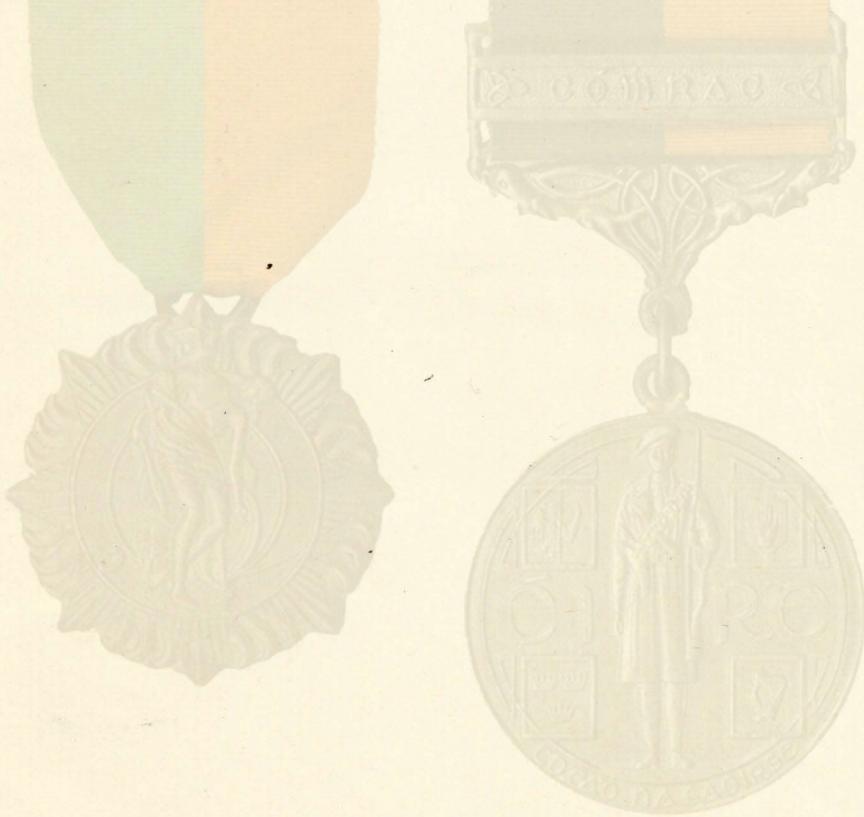
1922. Company mobilisation for duty in
area. ordered to Blessington under
Brigadier McDonald. Telephone and
Telegraphic communications cut before
leaving. also Raids for and capture
of arms. All member of company
under Brigadier McDonald command
while in occupation of Blessington
all member of company proceeded
with Brigade to Glenree Co Wicklow
and were then sent to their homes.

Large number of arrests

1926

(8)

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'Hanrahan a copy is sent here with.



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List of some operations ⁽⁹⁾ carried out in 1st
Batt area during Civil War Period

Dec 17th 1922 Destruction by Fire of Wykeham Dundrum
Co Dublin residence of Senator Sir Michael Murphy.

Dec 16th, 1922 Seizure of Mails at Rly Station Blackrock
Co Dublin ^{destroying arms, Demps and Bills when}

Dec 19th, 1922 Attacked by Free State troops at Newtown
Park. Co Dublin.

Jan. 26th, 1923 Capture and destruction of Barracks,
Courthouse, Telephone Exchange and Post Office at
Dundrum Co Dublin.

Jan 30th, 1923 Destruction by Land Mine of Killiney
Foxrock Co Dublin. residence of Senator Sir Horace Plunkett

Feb 4th, 1923 Burning of Train. at Foxrock Co Dublin.

March 19th, 1923 Destruction by Land Mines of Main
Telephone Cables and Rly Signal Cabin at Blackrock C. D.
Destruction by Fire of Burton Hall Stillorgan Co Dublin.
residence of Senator Guinness

Destruction of Telephone Exchange and seizure of Post
Office by Rlys at Blackrock Co Dublin.

Destruction of Rly Signal Cabin at Foxrock C. D.

Destruction of Telephone Exchanges at Foxrock, Killiney
and Dundrum Co Dublin

Attack on Free State Military Cycle Patrol at
Deans Grange Co Dublin

Partial Destruction of Wexford Night Goods train between
Foxrock and Stillorgan Co Dublin.

Attack on Free State Military guard at Nally Blackrock
residence of Sean Mc Neil T.D.

Surprised by very large force of Free State Forces
while arranging for sleeping quarters at residence
of ~~—~~ at Dalkey Co Dublin, resulting in intensive
exchange of fire, during successful escape.

⁽¹⁰⁾
Capture and detention for several days of important Emergency.
In addition to the foregoing operations and
intensive campaign of harrying tactics against
Free State Forces was carried out in Dublin Area,
including Blocking of Roads Cutting of Telephone
wires Raids for Arms, and Equipment and Petrol
Disarming of Civic Guards Censoring of letters
addressed to suspected persons. Commandeering
of Motor Cars for transporting of Arms and War
Material.

Frank O'Flanagan B Coy Blackrock

Late Adjutant 1st Batt

2nd Dublin Brigade

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(Office of the Referee),
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(Griffith Barracks).
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(South Circular Road),
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(DUBLIN).

2nd July 1937

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(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.

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RÚNAÍ

Mr. P. Brennan
St. Endas
Phibsborough, D.

*Reminder issued
attracted to 10/10*

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

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

afterwards

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

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Date	Operation
May 1918	Capt Pedlet 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. Trey 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. McDennell at Barnacullia.
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 1919	Charging hand-grenades with gelignite and storing same grenades dangerous as gelignite must be kept in even dry temp. <i>This was done at J. Moran's house under armed guard</i>
August	Armed raid by Coy. on Killbogget Farm for arms, got a .32 revolver and .22 rifle.
September	Armed raid by Coy. on "Foxrock" 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 manoeuvres 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 to May 1920 1920	Reorganisation of Coy. (the men who escaped arrest with Capt. Lemass, the men who had been sent on the run, and new recruits) By Capt. M. Chadwick.
May	Burning Kill O'the 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

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1920

September

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

October

Armed raid on O'Callaghans Stradbroke 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. Forde under armed guard*

November

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

November

Became "F" Coy., 6th Battalion.

November

Armed raid on McCrew 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 Stradbroke 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 to May 21	Coy. sleeping away from home under arms in different parts of Coy., area on instructions of Batt O/C.
May	Arrest of Capt. William Trey, No. I. 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 Tallen 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 ^{attacked} 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.

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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 Cathumm 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 Barnacullia 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.

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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

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DATE	OPERATION
Truce Per. (cont'd)	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. P. 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 tramps.
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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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 Free State 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 nor does it include any details of Special classes which had to be ended by Officers, N.C.O's and special services.

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

- (1) The watching of suspects and suspect enemy houses.
- (2) Raids 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 Cey. 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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At the south

Ruynarde, Archives

Nothing seems to have been done re supplying of records in this case. As a conference was held in 1939.

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

Yours 26/9/41.

Mr. Quinn

Mr. McDonnell promised a. c. to send in records by 11th inst
~~Boys file forwarded thru 2/10~~

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A chara,

I am d. by the Q. to refer
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~~Ruysdael,~~

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~~Mr. Dunn~~

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Mr. McConnel
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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.

Yours

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RÚNAIDHE.

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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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 Battm. 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 reps. 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 dis-organised. 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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