
**MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS
COLLECTION**

MA/MSPC/A/1(B)2

**B COMPANY,
2 BATTALION,
1 CORK BRIGADE**

**MILITARY ARCHIVES
IRELAND**

HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICE,
Shandon ~~WORTH~~ STREET,

CORK,18:9.....19⁴⁰

Dear Dan,

Enclosed find records
of B & C Coy 2nd Bdn.

I wrote to Sister
but but there is word
from him so far.

It would be as well to
get some kind of acknowledgment
for the lot you take up

Any records outstanding
now should not hold up the
whole Brigade

Yours
Tom Molewney

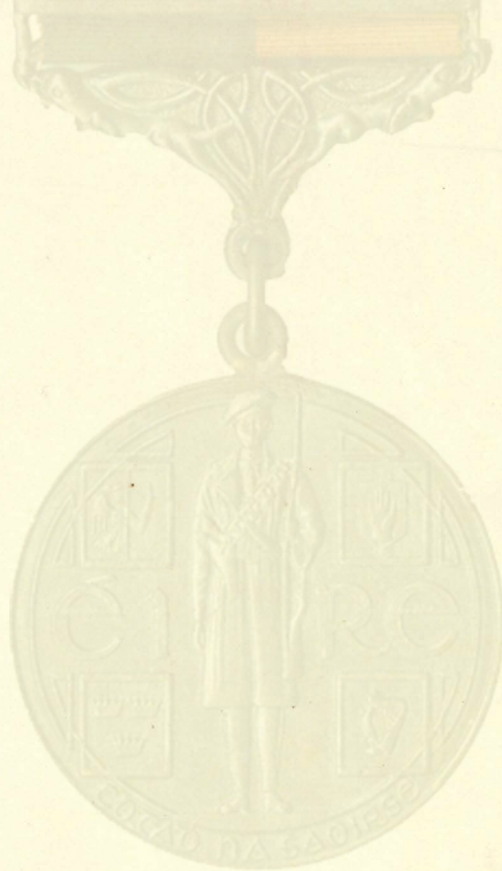
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B. Coy. 2nd. Batt.

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The Unit Committee desire to point out that the geographical position of the area, (a peninsula adjacent to R.I.C. H.Q. at Union Quay) and the type of people who mainly inhabit it made military activities extremely difficult.

The area was inhabited mainly by wealthy merchants of Cork City who were, generally speaking, hostile, and there is abundant evidence in the accompanying list of activities to show that there was constant communication with British Forces.



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The following members of the Coy. have been connected with the National Movement since before 1916 first with Na Fianna Eireann and later with the I.V. and I.R.A. and have taken part in many activities outside their Coy. activities, cutting the Iron Bars and rescuing prisoners from Cork CourtHouse (Michael Barry and T. O'Shea, Cobh) attack on British Troops. Batt. raid on Ballea Castle, seizure of cargo of timber from Cork Quays, etc, and have continuous service - pre-truce and civil War periods.

M. Walsh.

M. Kenny.

J. O'Mahony.

P. Hegarty.

John J. Walsh.

John Delea.

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Period 3.

During this period it was learned that R.I.C. intended to collect all Shot-guns in the area and the following members of the Coy. took part in a drive to forestall R.I.C. and succeeded in obtaining five double barrell shot guns, two at Beßborough House, Blackrock, one from Daniel O'Keefe, Blackrock, one from Patrick Murphy, Ballinsheen, Blackrock, and one from John Coakley, The Quarries, Blackrock.

These guns were seized about 1 hour before being called for by the R.I.C. The following took part:-

M. Walsh. ✓

M. Kenny. ✓

Richard Barrett.

John Dulea. ✓

James Flaherty. ✓

James Healy. ✓

John J. Walsh. ✓

Joseph O'Mahony. ✓

Joseph O'Callaghan.

John Cotter. ✓

Patrick Hegarty. ✓

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Period 3.

Armed Raid for Arms on Capt. Arrow, Ballintemple.

Michael Murphy.

X James Walsh.

Denis Hegarty.

John Cotter.

M. Walsh.

Joseph O'Mahony.



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Period 4.

Taking over and Working of Forge.

This consisted in taking over of Forge owned by Daniel Driscoll Blackrock, where the following were engaged for three weeks in preparing and drilling caps for hand grenades.

Denis Healy.

James Healy.

John Hegarty.

Joseph O'Mahony.

John J. Walsh.

John Dulea.

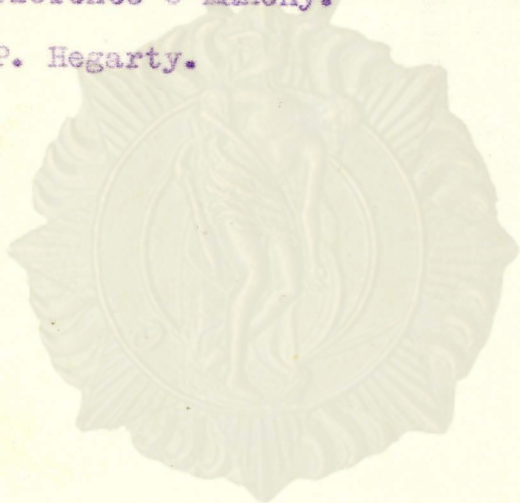
Wm. Hegarty.

Joseph O'Callaghan.

James Hayes.

Florence O'Mahony.

P. Hegarty.



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Period 4.

Armed Raid for and seizure of Gun-Powder and Gelignite.

This consisted of armed raids on all quarries in Coy. area and the seizure of gun-powder and gelignite. The gun-powder was used extensively in the making of cartridges for shot-guns. The following took part.

M. Walsh.

M. Kenny.

P. Hegarty.

John Kidney.

Joseph O'Mahony.

John Dulea.

John J. Walsh.

Joseph O'Callaghan.

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Period 5.

Raid on C.B. and P.R. Stores at St. Patrick's Bridge, Cork.

This operation consisted of an armed raid on the above named premises and the seizure of gas-engine parts destined for Fort Camden, Cork Harbour.

Denis Healy.

Blackrock.

Joseph O'Callaghan.

do.

James Flaherty.

do.

John Hegarty.

do.

John J. Walsh.

Ballintemple.

Richard Barrett.

Sheares St., Cork.

Joseph O'Mahony.

Skehard Rd., Blackrock.

P. Hegarty.

Ballintemple.

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Period 5.

The following were engaged in the construction of dug-out at Lake-lands, Blackrock for storage of petrol, but had to abandon the work when party of British Military and R.I.C. arrived and burned down the place, consisting of out-houses, large Barn and Stores.

Joseph O'Mahony.

Alfred Canty.

Joseph O'Callaghan.

John Dulea.

John Hegarty.

John J. Walsh.

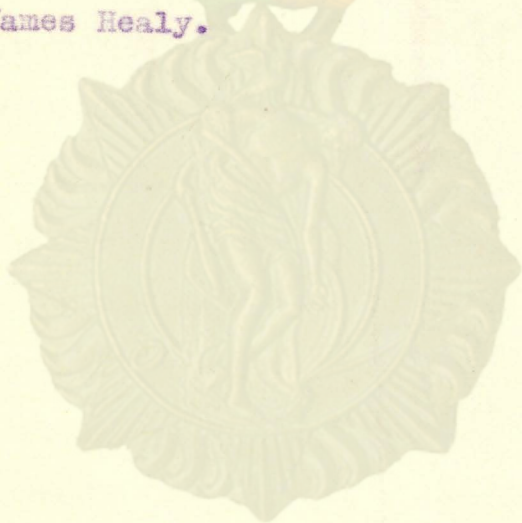
Patrick Hegarty.

James Flaherty.

David Hayes.

Florence O'Mahony.

James Healy.



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Period 6.

Burning of Blackrock R.I.C. Barracks.

This Barracks was situated two miles from Cork City and was completely destroyed by fire by the following members of the Company.

Michael Walsh.	Ballintemple.
Patrick Hegarty.	do.
Joseph Connolly.	do.
John J. Walsh.	do.
Richard Barrett.	do.
John Donovan.	Blackrock.
John Dulea.	do.
Joseph O'Mahony.	do.
John Hegarty.	do.
James Flaherty.	do.
William Hegarty.	do.
Joseph O'Callaghan.	do.
Richard O'Leary.	do.
Leo McNamara.	do.
Michael Kenny.	do.

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Period 6.

Burning of Homes of Enemy Agents.

During this period a large Party of Black and Tans (estimated at about 70) surprised a number of members on the Old Blackrock Road at 7 P.M. The Tans called on the party to halt. Two men, Denis Healy and John Sisk complied with the order and were taken to custody. M. Walsh., J. O'Donovan, P. Hegarty, Richard Barrett, Joseph O'Mahony, J.J. Walsh, ^{Brother of Coy Capt J. J. Walsh} succeeded in escaping. When the Tans observed the party escaping they immediately opened fire, wounding J. O'Donovan in the leg. The party were pursued by the Tans from Old Blackrock Rd. to Church Rd., Blackrock at a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The Black and Tans pursued the escaping party on foot as the route taken could not be traversed by the lorries. At Church Rd. the whole party got clear away with the above mentioned casualty.

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Period 6.

Information was received from Batt. I.O. that the presence of Coy. Officers and men on the Old Blackrock Rd. was Conveyed to R.I.C. Headquarters by residents in the district Hills and Youngs and instructions were received that the homes of those people were to be destroyed. The destruction of Hills was first proceeded with but before being completed R.I.C. and Tans arrived causing an abandonment of the attempt. Efforts were renewed the following day and the house ^{was} completely after the occupants had been removed. The destruction ^{of} Youngs was next proceeded with, the house being completely destroyed after the occupants were removed.

The Following participated:-

Matthew Murphy.

John O'Sullivan.

Richard Barrett.

Michael Kenny.

Leo McNamara.

John Cotter.

James Flaherty.

Joseph Connelly.

John Hegarty.

M. Walsh.

P. Hegarty.

Wm. Hegarty.

Dan Murphy.

Joseph O'Mahony.

C. Hayes.

John J. Walsh.

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Period 6.

During this period while a number of Members of the Coy. were at revolver practice at a place called Skehard, the party were surprised by a large number of Black and Tans who immediately opened fire, wounding one man, John Cotter, who received a bullet wound in the shoulder. He was treated at the South Infirmary and by Dr. D.J. Buckley M.C.H., Blackrock.

The following, who comprised the party, succeeded in escaping:-

M. Kenny.

Richard Barrett.

Joseph O'Mahony.

M. Walsh.

John Cotter. (wounded.)

Matthew Murphy.

John J. Walsh.

Timothy Donovan.

Denis Healy.

James Flaherty.

Florence O'Mahony.

David Hayes.

John Dulea.

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Period 6.

Raids on Mails (2 occasions)

The Coy. took part in raids on Mails being carried out in Batt. Area during this period and learned of the existence of a large hostile element in the area. These raids were carried out by the following members of the coy.

M. Walsh.
M. Kenny.
P. Hegarty.
R. Barrett.
J. O'Mahony.
W. Hegarty.
J. Flaherty.
J. Dulea.
J. Fuflong.
J. Donovan.
J. Healy.
J.J. Walsh.
D. Healy.
T. O'Donovan.

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Period 6.

Raid for Petrol on premises at Old Victoria Rd.

This raid was carried out and 400 Gals. of petrol secured for Batt. purposes by the following:-

Denis Canty.

M. Kenny.

John Dulean.

John J. Walsh.

John Donovan.

Joseph O'Mahony.

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Period 6.

Lying in Ambush for Enemy Forces at Ballinlough, Old Blackrock Rd. and Church Rd., Blackrock.

The following were engaged in these activities, armed with revolvers, and shot guns.

M. Walsh.

J. Donovan.

J. O'Mahony.

M. Kenny.

P. Sheehan.

D. Collins.

J. Healy.

John J. Walsh.

P. Hegarty.

W. Hegarty.

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Armed Hold up of Train and Capture of Stores.

These operations consisted of armed hold up of trains at Cork Station and Rochestown Station and the seizure of a large amount of instruments and tools belonging to the Engineering Corp. stationed at Fort Camden.

M. Walsh.

M. Kenny.

J. Hegarty.

J.J. Walsh.

Brother of M. Walsh Coy Capt above

P. Hegarty.

R. Barrett.

J. O'Mahony.

Wm. Hegarty.

J. Dulean.

J. Healy.

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Period 6.

Numerous Raids for and Capture of Arms and Ammunition.

These operations consisted of a large number of armed raids spread out over 10 days and resulted in the capture of 2 Lee-Enfield Rifles, 8 shot guns and 4 revolvers and a large amount of ammunition. Details 1 Short Webley Revolver and 1 double-barrelled shot gun secured at Major Daly's, Cleve Hill, Old Blackrock Rd., 1 double barrelled shot gun secured at N. H. Telson's, Ballintemple, 2 Lee-Enfield Rifles secured at Major Langtree's R.M., Ballintemple, one Bull-dog Revolver secured at Capt. Marshall's, Ballintemple., one automatic revolver and 200 rounds of ammunition secured at Dobbins, Old Blackrock Rd., one .32 automatic revolver secured at Brown's, Ballinlough Rd., one double barrelled shot gun and 50 cartridges secured at Hobson's, Blackrock., one double barrelled shot gun secured at Major AbBot's, Passage, one double barrelled shot gun secured at Healy's, Temple Hill, Ballintemple, one double barreled shot gun secured at Tivy's, Blackrock., one double barrelled shot gun secured at Steffer's, Blackrock, and one double barrelled shot gun secured at ~~Smith~~ Gerym's, Blackrock. The following took part in these raids:-

M. Walsh.
R. Barrett.
J. O'Mahony.
J.J. Walsh.
J. Collins.
D. Healy.
J. Donovan.
J. Dulea.
M. Kenny.

P. Hegarty.
P. O'Sullivan.
J. Hegarty.
J. Cotter.
P. Ahern.
T. Footte.
R. Hayes.

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Period 6.

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Raid on Steamer conveying Military Stores on River Lee.

Information was received that a Steamer was being loaded at Cork City with Military Equipment. It was decided to hold up same, Blackrock Castle being agreed as the most suitable spot for bringing the goods ashore.

Fourteen Lorries and Vans were commandeered and a number of fishing boats were held in readiness. As the vessel approached the fishing boats rowed out to intercept her. She was held up and the work of transferring the goods ashore proceeded with. The work was carried out smoothly, goods being carried ashore in fishing boats, loaded on the waiting lorries and taken to a selected spot for distribution. This operation lasted from 11AM. until 5 P.M. being carried out in full view from a wide distance.

The material captured included Military Boots, Shirts, underwear, medical supplies and equipment. As the last of the lorries was about to leave, scouts were able to report that Military were approaching from the City. The lorries immediately left and had just rounded Blackrock Castle when the Military arrived. The Military raided Morrough's House, occupied by some of our men and opened fire on one man who was escaping. The delay caused enabled the lorries to get away. On the following night the captured material was distributed to various units of the I.R.A.

The following is a list of names and addresses of those who took part.

Michael Walsh.	Beaumont, Ballintemple.
Patrick Hegarty.	" "
John Collins.	" "
Richard Barrett.	" "
John J. Walsh.	" "
Joseph Connelly.	" "
Daniel Murphy.	" "

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Raid for goods on Steamer. (contd.)

Joseph O'Mahony.	Skehard, Blackrock.
James Flaherty.	"
Michael Dorney.	"
Timothy Donovan.	"
John Dulea.	"
James Hayes.	"
James Healy.	"
John Scannell.	"
Alfred Canty.	"
Daniel Cremin.	"
Patrick Sheehan.	"
Patrick Ahern.	"
Denis Sisk.	"
James Dulea.	"
John O'Leary.	"
Michael O'Leary.	"
Patrick Linehan.	"
Patrick O'Callaghan.	"
Richard O'Leary.	"
Denis Healy.	"
Daniel Sheehan.	"
Henry Radford.	Ballintemple.
Thomas O'Neill.	Victoria Road.
Philip O'Sullivan.	Borreenmanna Road.

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Period 6.

Coy. Engineers.

Attending Batt. training class, receiving instructions in charging mines and bombs, working in Batt. Engineering work-shop, surveying Batt. Area, and making explosives.

Leo McNamara.

John O'Sullivan.

Joe Connolly.

John Cotter.

Alex O'Connell.

Period 7.

Making and charging mines and bombs at Batt. engineering shop, surveying Batt. area, Raid on Cork Power House for Electrical Equipment . Raid on Cork Harbour Board Premises for Tools, Drills, etc.

Leo McNamara.

John O'Sullivan.

Joe Connolly.

John Cotter.

Alex O'Connell.

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Period 7.

Capture of Military Stores from Train.

This consisted of an armed party boarding train at Blackrock Station and stopping same midway between Rochestown and Blackrock where stores destined for Cork Harbour Forts were removed. This was one of many raids and it was felt advisable to vary the venues, such as Cork Station, River Lee at Blackrock Passage West, Rochestown Station and between stations. The materials seized included Blankets, tools of various kinds, and oils.

Patrick Hegarty.

John J. Walsh.

Michael Kenny.

Richard Barrett.

Joseph O'Mahony.

M. Walsh.

William Hegarty.

Richard O'Leary.

John Delea.

James Healy.

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Period 7.

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Seizure of Materials for East-Cork Engineers.

This consisted of an armed raid at Messrs. Fords, Cork.
and the seizure of Pig-Iron, Scrap Iron and moulding sand
and accompanying same to Cobh Junction.

Michael Scannell.

Joseph O'Mahony.

William Hegarty.

John J. Walsh.

J. O'Sullivan.



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Period 7.

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Destruction of Communications and seizure of Transport.

This consisted of wide-spread cutting of telephone wires and the seizure of cars, motor cycles, and bicycles from well known Loyalists.

John Donovan.

John Hegarty.

Patrick Hegarty.

Christy Hayes.

Philip O'Sullivan.

Patrick ~~At~~ Ahern.

William Hegarty.

John J. Walsh.

Michael Kenny.

Richard Barrett.

James Furlong.

Richard O'Leary.

Joseph O'Mahoney.

John Delea.

James Healy.

John O'Sullivan.

James Flaherty.

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