

Civil War Period of Coy Mullagh.

An order was issued, to carry out a attack on Free State Forces, stationed in Bailieboro, in about the month of August 1922. Together with the Column we travelled to Bailieboro, in charge of Brig Comd Pat Farley, (Dead) Mick Hillard Brig Adj. & Sean Farley Peter McMahon, we were all armed with Rifles & 100 Rounds each, on reaching Bailieboro, I was sent in charge of ten men to take up position, at the Masonic Lodge, facing Brady Corner, on the main St. in getting into position we were attacked, by patrol of Free State Troops, at close range, we succeeded in getting safely under cover, & returned the fire. The attack lasted for over two hours, when the signal for Retreat was given, as it was then almost daylight, we had to travel a journey home of 13 miles & we were anxious to get our men home, safely, that was not on the Run. After the above came the attack on Athboy Barracks, (I am not sure of date,) but I think it was in Nov. or December, 22. we were ordered to transfer a number of Rifles, & have come at the Railway to Kells, to travel, to attack on Athboy we managed to get the Rifles through, although Kells was then a Garrisoned Town, arriving at the Railway, we were told the attack would come off earlier, than the time, selected, & we were ordered to Block Road leading from Kells to Athboy.

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The names of the men who took part in attack on F. S. J. at Bailiboro. Peter Lynch O.P. Phildie Carolan Killeter Thomas Farley Leitrim John Reilly The Gates Mullagh Michael Lynch Leitrim.

The names who transferred Poles to Kells are.

Peter Lynch. Phildie Carolan Michael Lynch John Reilly.

Free State Officers Stationed in Kells, would visit Mullagh occasionally, hold up & search anybody suspected of aiding the Republicans, we were sent to Mullagh to watch their movements & make our Report, on a night in January or Feb. we were suddenly called on to halt by these men, knowing the town so well, we took cover in an arch-way & opened fire on them, they immediately retreated into a house, & we could no longer carry on the attack.

The men who took part in the above are as follows

Phildie Carolan Killeter Michael Lynch
Peter Lynch.

These, as far as I can remember are the main operations that these men took part in, the Civil War Period

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