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Operation No. 5.

Place Lifford, Co. Donegal.

Date - May - June 1922.

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Nature - On instructions from Div. H. Q. a column comprised of 9 men from 4th Batt. proceeded to Lifford + joined a unit under Peadar O'Donnell, Brigade O.C. No 2 Bde. The unit was engaged in an attack on the "B" Specials who were then holding Strabane. The operations lasted about 3 weeks + consisted mainly of sniping. Regular positions were occupied on the Donegal side of the Lough river. On a number of occasions raids were made into the "Six Counties". During the fighting about 12 lorries + motor cars were seized. On the defeat on the Republican forces at Belleek, Co. Donegal orders were given to retire from Lifford to Raphoe.

All the contingent from the 4th Batt. participated in the operations. Their names were

Hugh McKay,	Bluskill,	1/c	
Willie McKay,	do		
George McKay,	do		, now in U.S.A
Frank McAis,	Kelops,	do	" " South Africa
John Goban,	do		" " U.S.A. England
Wm. McBonnelgue,	do		" " U.S.A.
Tom Ferguson,	Gartan,	do	now in U.S.A.
John Mullin,	Glendonan		
John McMonagle,	do		