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3ʳᵈ (N. Roscommon) BRIGADE   3ᴿᴰ WEST   DIVISION.

Date MARCH 1921. Engagement SELTON HILL Townland BALLINAMORE

Nature of Engagement FIGHT WITH CROWN FORCES

I.R.A.	Enemy.	I.R.A. Engaged, Actively & wounded:-	Unit.	
			Batt.	Company.
No. Engaged	Military	Brig. Comdt Seán Connolly	2ᴺᴰ	
(a) Actively 11	Tans } 30	" " Seán Wynne		
(b) Scouting, etc.	R.I.C.	John Jo O'Reilly		
TOTAL:		John J. O'Reilly		
	No. engaged 30	Ml. Baxter		
Arms.	How armed Lewis Gun & rifles?	Jos. O'Beirne		
Rifles yes.		Wounded		
Shotguns	Transport.	Bernard Sweeney.		
Revolvers	Lorries	John Hunt.		
Bombs	Shots Fired.	Also in action		
Shots fired numerous	numerous	Pack. Guckian		
Casualties 8	Casualties.	Peter McDermott		
Names and nature of casualties		Andy McPartIand.		
6 killed & 2 wounded.		Others were present but took no part in action		

Initial attack by Enemy

Duration

Distance between parties Varying to 150 yards.

Terrain. SEE SKETCH ATTACHED

Position of I.R.A.

Position of enemy.

REMARKS.

Selton Hill fight.
Sean Connolly with 11 Riflemen lay out at
Selton Hill on the night of 10th March
awaiting Crown Forces.
On the evening of 11th March '21, information
as to the position of the I.R.A. forces was
brought to the officer in charge of Crown
Forces at Mohill.
About 30 of the Crown Forces arrived in
lorries armed with rifles and Lewis gun.
The I.R.A. were surprised. The scouts
who were watching gave warning. A shot
fired by a friendly R.I.C. man was heard
by Connolly who expected the enemy were
passing through and the shot seemed a proof
of the enemy's ignorance of their presence
in the locality. When the first lorry
arrived at Selton Hill, opposite houses
occupied by I.R.A. (150 yards distance),
fire was opened on the houses with machine
gun and rifles. Sean Connolly and the
most of the Column were in Flynn's House.
They rushed out and Connolly was shot dead.
After some firing and manoeuvring Brigade
Adjt. O'Beirne and 4 others were killed.
Bernard Sweeney and John Hunt were wounded
and later captured. Sweeney was later
rescued and helped by some others to escape.

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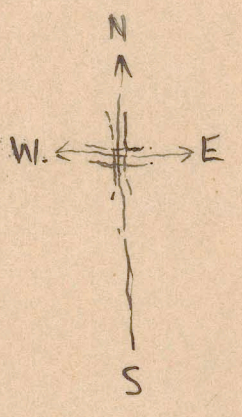
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