

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

Date MARCH 1921. Engagement SHEEMORE Townland CARRICK-ON-SHANNON

Nature of Engagement AMBUSH OF CROWN FORCES.

I.R.A.	Enemy.	I.R.A. Engaged.	Unit.	
			Batt.	Company.
No. Engaged	Military _____	<i>actively</i> Sean Mitchell	nohill	
(a) Actively <u>109</u>	Tans _____	Harry Mc Leane	do.	
(b) Scouting, etc. <u>9</u>	R.I.C. <u>35</u>	Mr. Georgegan	Aynsghostel	
others at another point		Joe Rangle	Corragh	
TOTAL: <u>18</u>	No. engaged <u>35</u>	John Rangle	"	
Arms.	How armed	Thos. Reilly	Aynsghostel	
Rifles _____		Chas. E. McLaughan	Ayphoo	
Shotguns _____	Transport.	Mr. Martin	Ballinamore	
Revolvers _____	<u>3 Lorries</u>	Matt. Boyle	Dublin.	
Bombs _____	Shots Fired.	<i>Boylan</i>		
Shots fired <u>numerous</u>	<u>numerous</u>	In position for ambush but took no part in fight.		
Casualties <u>not stated</u>	Casualties.	Joe Beiron		
Names and nature of casualties _____	<u>1 officer & 9 soldiers killed.</u>	Peter Lee		

Checked on as per record with Sean Mitchell from memory
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Initial attack by I.R.A.

Duration over 200 yards. 1 hour

Distance between parties 200 yards.

Terrain. *# See map under.*

Position of I.R.A. Behind ditches

Position of enemy. In lorry

Sheemore Ambush.
The I.R.A. got information that Crown Forces were to pay a visit to Gowel R.C. Church to capture I.R.A. men who had been in the habit of making the 1st Fridays there. Arrangements were made to ambush the Crown Forces. The I.R.A. were in the act of taking up positions when the military passed on their way to the Chapel; had a look around the Church, and returned again the road they went. - This returning by the same road was not anticipated and another ambush position was occupied as an alternative in the event of their not returning by the same route.

When the Crown Forces returned to the position where they should have been ambushed going to the chapel, fire was opened on them from a hill at a range of 200 yards. There were three lorries and a strength of 35 men of the Bedford Regiment. The first and last lorry was fired on; the last lorry got into difficulties, and the two leading lorries halted, the occupants got out, extended into fighting formation, and returned to the assistance of the disabled lorry. Lieut. Wilson, officer in charge and 9 soldiers were killed. 10 I.R.A. took part in the fight. After

about 1 hour the I.R.A. had to withdraw fearing arrival of reinforcements from Carrick-on-Shannon.

Crown forces were going to Envel R66 on the first Friday morning
when they were informed S.R.A. men would be receiving the sacrament
when a ambush took place

Memore Ambush
Road in Red in that travelled by crown forces from Chor Shanna to Spohare they were ambushed
and black - where attacks were concealed in cover of trees



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