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LONGFORD sheet 9. (13)

AMBUSH OF SPECIAL DETACHMENT OF MILITARY AND R.I.C.
IN CHARGE OF DIV. INSPECTOR FROM KILDARE - 3rd NOV.1920.

HISTORY: Acting under the General Order of Sept. 1920, D.I.Kelleher was shot in Granard, and Constable Cooney shot near Fr. Markey's and the attempt having been made to burn Markey's in Granard (see Granard) and the British having sentenced Canon Markey to death, the column had to be divided into three parts, one part in Granard with rifles, one at Fr. Markey's and one in Ballinalee. These parts were reinforced by Volunteers from Abbeylara, Granard, Ballymore, Mullinalaghta, Columbkilne and Killoe and Edgeworthstown Companies armed with shotguns. The orders were to prevent burning of Granard, Ballinalee and Canon Markey's, and Edgeworthstown where Legan, Edgeworthstown and Ardagh Volunteers were mobilised. We had no information as to where enemy was likely to strike. They arrived in Ballinalee at 1 a.m. on night Nov. 3rd and 4th, eleven lorry loads from Granard direction and turned to their right leaving the leading lorry below the R.C. church and the last one 50 yards from the crossroads. The party in No. 1 Post were placed lying on the road and fire was opened on the whole lot. Seamus Conway worked down along the lorries and threw three Mills bombs amongst the lorries and unmounted R.I.C. and military. The party at No. 2 Post opened fire upon the enemy from the right flank, but after a short time had to withdraw. A maxim machine gun was opened up by the enemy and the party at the Protestant Church and at Harte's came under fire. They all had to withdraw leaving the party at the cross the only one in action. At 6 a.m. this party's ammunition had dwindled to five rounds each and they had to cease fire allowing the enemy to escape the road marked in red arrows to Longford. Result - 15 killed and over 30 wounded. When daylight came and a collection of the spoils left was made we got 6 revolvers, 8 rifles and over 2,000 rds. .303, melodeons, whiskey, chocolate, boot polish, etc.etc. All forces were then mobilised to defend the town. Sean Connolly, R.I.P. and several Roscommon Brigade officers with 12 rifles, 6 from Cavan, Brigade etc. turned in to assist us as we expected the enemy to return. They never came until Dec. 6th. (See Ardagh ambush).

POSTS: No. 1 Post: Sean MacEoin (Rose Cottage).
Sean Sexton
Seamus Conway - Deputy O/C.
Seamus MacEoin
Thomas Early
Frank Farrell.

No. 2 Post: Sean Duffy (Harte's) Red Fealy
Andy MacEoin (Garda) Thos. McDowell
Michael MacEoin, Kilshrewly Thomas Smith
Joe Connolly John Treacy
Con Hosey Brian O'Neill
M. Treacy Pat Dalton
H. Flaherty Jn. McCarthy
P. Sweeney Pat Mullally.

No. 3 Post: Frank Davis O/C.
Patrick Callaghan
John McNally
Frank Farrell
John Doyle
John McNally, Aughacoradrinan

No. 4 Post: Hugh Hourican O/C. Protestant Church
Brian Keegan, Esker
Joe Keenan, Kilshrewly
Hugh Canavan, Garvagh
James Reynolds, Soran
Thomas Reynolds, Garda

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A BUSH OF SPECIAL DETACHMENT OF MILITARY & R.I.C. (Continued).

No. 4 Post (continued).

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| Joseph Duffy | Currygrane |
| William Isdell | Garda |
| James King | Lisameen |
| Joe Kelly | U.S.A. |
| John Connell | Soran |
| Patk. McGrath | Ballinalee |

CUMANN NA MBAN IST AID POSTS. (Mrs. James T. Killane O/C of all three Posts held from Nov. 3rd to Dec. 6th 1920.

No. 1 Post, O'Farrell's, Gurteen:

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| Mrs. Annie Duffy Hughes | O/C. Gowna |
| Miss Annie Gorman | Garvagh (dead) |
| Miss Julia Duffy | Cavan Ballinalee |
| Mrs. James Lee | Garvagh |
| Miss Rose McCarthy | U.S.A. |
| Mrs. Maura McLoughlin | Donegal |
| Mrs. M.A. Corcoran | Aughagreagh |
| Mrs. Mary Tynan | Breany Ho. Ardagh. |

No. 2 Post, Dooris, Aughnashinna

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Mrs. Helena Donohoe | O/C Lislea |
| Mrs. Patk. McGrath | Ballinalee |
| Mrs. Bridget Corcoran | U.S.A. |
| Mrs. Julia Bonniwell | U.S.A. |
| Mrs. Hugh Brady | Gelsha |
| Mrs. Rose Murphy Dalton | Soran |
| Mrs. R.A. Trapp Murphy | do |
| Mrs. B. Treacy Farrell | Ballinalee |
| Miss B. Hourican, | U.S.A. |
| Miss Lizzie Keenan | Aughnashinna |

No. 3 Post, Gilshinan's

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| Mrs. Nellie Eivers | O/C Glanagh |
| Mrs. Mary Ann Davis | U.S.A. |
| Miss Maggie Davis | do |
| Mrs. Julia Doherty | Soran |
| Miss Lizzie Farrell | Breaghy |
| Mrs. Ed. Reilly | Soran |
| Miss Annie Hannigan | |
| Mrs. F. Farrell | France. |

No. 4 Post

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| Mrs. O'Neill Kane |
| Miss Martha McLoughlin |
| Mrs. Brady Healy |
| Mrs. Briody |
| Mrs. Tom McManus |
| Mrs. Reynolds, Slevin |
| Miss M.R. Murtagh |
| Mrs. Cooke |
| Mrs. Kate Boyle |
| Mrs. MacKeon, |