

The Ambush was carried out by Kilgefin and Kilbride Companies, Batt. III. South Roscommon Brigade.

For many days before the Ambush, Scouts were posted on the various roads in Batt. III. area to watch enemy movements.

The Scouts on the road from Roscommon to Boyle and Strokestown reported that several Lorries of Black and Tans and Military travelled each day from Roscommon to Boyle or Strokestown, ~~or~~ from Boyle and Strokestown towards Roscommon.

It was decided to ambush the Crown Forces at place marked A. on the attached sketch, at which the main body, or attacking party took up positions.

The country in that district is very open, and as there was no definite information as to where the lorries would come from, it was necessary to send a "Squad" to the points B, C, and D.

The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each "Squad" was under orders to block his road immediately he heard the sound of rifle fire at point A. This was to prevent any other lorry passing towards the point of attack.

Some of the Officers were placing a cart in a position so that it could be pushed out before the expected lorries, and the main body was preparing positions, when the sound of a Crossley tender was heard coming from Roscommon and travelling very fast.

The O/C. (Pat Madden) gave orders to "Take Cover" and immediately after, the "Fire" order was given, and instantly all weapons responded to the Order.

The Driver of the Crossley escaped, and succeeded in getting his tender out of range of the attacking party, but not before 2 R.I.C. Sergeants and 3 Constables were killed, and 3 others so seriously wounded that they were unfit for further duty.

The tender travelled at a reckless rate towards point B. where the squad ~~was~~ working hard but before the road was rendered impassable the Crossley drove through the wall across the road and got away.

The Squad at this point opened fire on the Crossley which was now ^{handling} very fast.

On hearing the sound of the guns the men at C. and D. carried out the orders given them and consequently held up for a considerable time a lorry of Military travelling from Strokestown towards Roscommon, and also another lorry travelling after the 'attacked' lorry.

Owing to the very open country in this district we believe the men at points B, C, and D. did their bit, equally as well as the party at A. and were exposed to as much danger.

The names and addresses of the Officers and men who took part in in this attack are attached herewith.

- Pat Madden 14 Adelaide Road, Dublin.
- Luke Duffy, Clooncagh, Lacken, P.O. Strokestown, Co. Roscommon.
- Frank Simons, Abbey St. Roscommon.
- John Gibbons, Rathmore, Fourmile, House, Roscommon.
- Peter Collins, Ballybeg, Lacken P.O. Strokestown.
- John O'Connor, Lisnaria, Lanesboro, Longford.
- John Scally, Portnahinch, " " "
- Peter Egan, " " "
- Frank Madden Ballagh, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.
- Tom Madden, " " "
- James Tiernan, " " "
- Peter Monaghan, " " "
- Andrew Madden, Derrane Road, Fourmilehouse. Roscommon.
- Thomas Flynn, Grange, " " " 5
- Andrew Scanlon, Miltown, " " " 5
- John Garaghan, Cloonbony, " " " 5
- Patrick Farrell, Cooltigue, " " " 5
- Patrick McGreevey, Lisheen, Tully, P.O. Strokestown, Roscommon.
- Thomas Brennan, " " " "
- John Brennan, Carnalasson, Fourmilehouse, Roscommon.
- Michael Kelly, Kinnity, " " " 5
- Michael Flynn, Carroward, " " " 5
- John Hussey, Cooltigue, " " " 5
- Roger Brock, Cloonbony, " " " 5
- Richard Hughes, Ballagh, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.
- Thomas Gilooly, Lanesboro, Longford.
- William, and Patrick Hanly, Mountcashel, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.
- Martin Quinn, Kilmurtagh, Curraghroe, P.O. Longford. (now near Rooskey)
- James Cooney, Aghanuck, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.
- Michael Simons, Carrowmoneen, " " (now 624, East, 138. Street. New York City, U.S.A. 1/2)
- ML. Murray Rathmore 4 Mile House Roscommon

Martin Fallon, Lisheen, Strokestown, Longford.

Henri Compton, Tuam, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.

Thomas Compton, " " "

Joseph Gibbons, Aghamuck, " "

John McDermot, " " "

Patrick Gibbons, Clooncagh Hinds, Lacken P.O., Strokestown.

Bernard Connor, " " "

Frank Nelson, Aghtogher, " "

Frank Vesey, Aghvourney, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.

John Ryan, " " "L

Larry Vesey, " " "

Michael John Kearns, " " "

Patrick Kelly, Ballinvolley, " "

Patrick Tiernan, Sheeane, " "

William Corcoran, " " "

John Tonry, " " "

James Dowling, Kilmurtagh, Curraghroe, Longford.

Martin Quinn, " " "

John Nolan, " " "

Frank Dunne, " " "

Edward Watson, Ballyleague, Lanesboro.

Thomas Hanley, " " "

Joseph Fallon, Cappagh, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.

Michael McDermot, Corbo, " "

Martin Cummins, Ballincurry, " "

Thomas Cummins, " " "

Thomas Berrigan, Strokestown, Longford.

Patrick Brennan, Ballincurry, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.

James Fallon, Cappagh, " "

John Tiernan, Gortyleane, " "

Patrick Tiernan, " " "

Bernard Cassidy, Corry, Kilrooskey, " "

Michael Fallon, Corbo, " "

Thomas Fallon, " " "

Thomas Nevin, " " "

Thomas Fitzpatrick, Cappagh, " "

Frank Egan, Cloonadra, Lanesboro, Longford.

Michael J. Collins, Aghamuck, Kilrooskey, Roscommon.

SOUTH ROSCOMMON BRIGADE, FOUR-MILE HOUSE COY. I.R.A.LIST OF MEN WHO TOOK PART IN FOUR-MILE -HOUSE AMBUSH OCT. 1920.Blockade NO. 1 Four-mile -house road at Ballinderry branch road.

William Rafferty, N.C.O., Mullymucks, Roscommon. in charge.

Michael Connor, Derrane Road, Four-mile-house, Roscommon.

Michael Gilleran, Kinnetty, " "

X Michael McDermott, Tonelagee, " "

Blockade No. 2. Carnalasson Cross Roads.

Michael Beirne, Grange, Four-mile-house, Roscommon.

Michael Genoy, " " "

John Connor, Kinnetty, Four-mile-house, " "

Bernard Gilleran, " " "

Patrick Kelly, " " "

Thomas Fahey, " " "

John Mannion, Hollywell, Cooltigue, Four-mile-house, Roscommon.

Patrick Eardly, Rathconnor Road, " "

John Hegarty, N.C.O., Grange, " " in charge.

Blockade No. 3. Doorty, Strokestown Main Road.

Thomas Corcoran, Cloonboney, Four-mile-house, Roscommon. in charge.

Michael Noone, Caggle, " "

Patrick Finnerty, " " "

Patrick J. Fannon, Miltown, Four-mile-house, Roscommon.

James Sweeney, Ballinderry, " "

Michael Egan, Miltown, " "

Joseph Garraghan, Cloonboney, " "

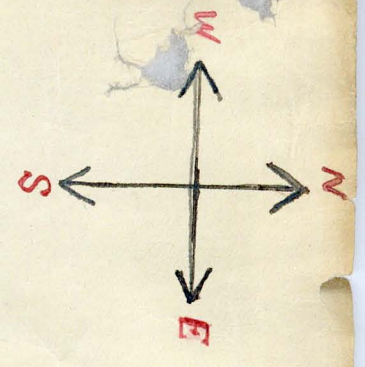
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KINNEY ROAD.

BLOCKED BEFORE AMBUSH

Military Archives



TO ROSCOMMON

TO BALLINACLISSH

FROM ROSCOMMON

COOLIDGE ROADS

BLOCKED BEFORE AMBUSH

TO BALLINACLISSH & CASLEREA

B

TO BOYLE

D

Very open country

R.I.C. BKS.

R.C. Church

A
ATTACKING PARTY

THIS ROAD WAS BLOCKED BEFORE AMBUSH
BALLINDERRY ROAD

CANASSON ROAD

4 mile from
Ambush

THIS ROAD WAS BLOCKED BEFORE AMBUSH
DERANE ROAD

SCHOOL

DOOLEY

TO STROKESTOWN

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SKETCH OF SCENE OF FOURMILE-HO
AMBUSH OCTOBER 1920