

## Sylvanpark Ambush.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1921

Above is a rough sketch of Sylvanpark where enemy were ambushed on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1921. There was great enemy activity in the area at the time and several prepared ambushes proved abortive. At a meeting of the Batt. officers at Clonagrowna, Carnaross, about March 28<sup>th</sup> it was decided to mobilize the four companies Carnaross Stonefield, Whitegate, and Ballinacough, which went the road on certain days at 9 to 10 a.m. and it was decided to send the two Batt. mines to the position the evening before April 1<sup>st</sup>. David Smith, Batt. Comdt. was asked to take charge but suggested Phil Teulin, Dulane, Kells a senior officer of Carnaross Coy. The point of taking charge was not definitely decided as it was considered it made no difference. It was then 5<sup>th</sup> Batt. Meath Brigade and prior to formation of 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Div. and afterwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade. A couple of evenings prior to ambush Seamus Finn, Brigade Adjutant arrived in the Batt area and was shown the positions by Capt. Chas. Conaty afterwards Batt. Comdt. He arranged

House where ambush party mobilized and rested on night prior to ambush

to be present. The men arrived at a disused house as arranged, a quarter of a mile from the scene of the ambush to rest for the night on March 31<sup>st</sup> and move to the position (which had been inspected) at 6 a.m. Matt. Teulin, Rathbracks, Carnaross, Batt. Engineer took a party of engineers at midnight and tackled the job of sinking mines in the road and breaking courses for leads through walls and ditches, those were to be ready when party took positions at 6 a.m.

Scouts were placed in the wood at Ballalley and towards Kells, 3 riflemen were placed at the entrance gate to the big residence 3 more riflemen in a covering off position the other side of the road and the main body with shot guns behind the loop-holed wall in the wood and rest the big house. The lady occupants and owners of Sylvanpark house were of planter stock regarded as enemies and a guard was placed on the place. Strangers, loafers or suspects were placed in the yards. While the engineers

were placing mines at 5 a.m. a post car horse drawn vehicle (Kells to Crossakiel) with mails was taken and conveyed to prisoners quarters. This brought about the ambush as the Police Authorities when notified sent a convoy in search of the missing postman. The ambush party waited from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Military Convoys and were about to vacate the positions when the Crossley tender of Police came from Kells direction. It was signalled by the scouts, the men were at the time covering the raising of the mines, they opened fire on the tender and one Police man or man was wounded with a bullet through the body.

Riflemen were placed at the entrance gate and in a covering off position on the northern side of the road, while the men with shot-guns were in the loopholed wall towards Sylvanpark House.

The following mobilized at Sylvanpark and took part in the attack.

Carnaross Company

Matt Smyth,	Bloughanush,	Carnaross	(Coy. Capt.)
John Lynch,	Cornasase,	Carnaross	Kells
Joseph Lynch,	Same address.		
<del>Thomas Lynch *</del>	<del>do.</del>	<del>do.</del>	<del>NO.</del>
<del>James Lynch *</del>	<del>do.</del>	<del>do.</del>	<del>??</del>
Peter Dunne	Cornasase	Carnaross	Kells
George Dunne	do.		
James Dunne *	do.		
Patrick Dunne	do.		
Michael Dunne	do.		
Thomas Yone,	Currow,	Carnaross	Kells
James Yone	do.		
Matt. Levin	Rathbracks,	Kells	

Philip Levin, Dulane, Kells  
 John Levin \* Kieran Carnaross Kells  
 Pat Martin Kieran Carnaross, Kells  
 William McNamee, B. Pottlebane, Virginia Rd  
 Pat. McNamee, Pottlebane, Virginia Road <sup>Kells</sup>  
 Pat. Mulvany, Currow, Carnaross Kells  
 William Mulvany, Currow, Carnaross Kells  
 Michael Lynch, Keitrim, Mullagh Kells  
 Thomas Farrelly, Oakley Park, Kells  
 Matt McInerney \* Rathbracks, Kells  
 John Daly, Loughan, Moynalty, Kells  
 Bryan Daly, Loughan, Moynalty, Kells  
 Edward Connor, Woodpole, Carnaross  
 Thomas Mullally, Kieran, Carnaross Kells  
 Pat. Waters, Balgnee, Carnaross  
 Michael Farrelly, Telonagrowney, Carnaross <sup>Kells</sup>

\* Cut by S. Farnham for Sylvan Park, Prices for amount  
 Small part - Service.

Stonefield Coy.

Michael Wynne, Clonastillagh, Virginia Rd (Coy. Capt.)  
 Chas Conaty, Ballyhist, Kells Kells  
 Matt Smyth, Enagh, Lisduff Kells  
 Thos. Connell, Fartagh, Lisduff Kells  
 Ultan McCabe, Lisduff Kells  
 James Keegan, Clonastillagh, Virginia Rd  
 Peter Wynne, Clonastillagh, Virginia Rd  
 Matt. M. Enrol, Ballinlough Kells  
 William Miller, Clonastillagh, Virginia Rd  
 Pat. Boylan, Virginia Road Kells (London)  
 John Boylan, Ballivor, Co. Meath  
 Tom. Mulvany, Lisduff, Kells Co. Meath

Ballinlough

Sean Keogh, Ballinlough Kells  
 Jim Gillic, Stonefield, Ballinlough Kells  
 Patk. Conway, Stonefield Kells (In New York)  
 Harry Lee, Sylvanpark Kells  
 Michael Farrelly, Ballinagun, Ballinlough (In New York)

Whitegate Coy.

Bernard McEvina, Deror, Carnaross  
 John Madden, Edenbust, Lisduff Kells  
 Patrick O'Reilly, Fartagh, Lisduff Kells  
 X Patk. Tobin, Edenbust, Lisduff (now Newrath) Kells  
 Philip Carroll, Edenbust Kells  
 Harry Carroll, Edenbust Kells (Deceased)  
 X Patrick Bennett, Fartagh, Lisduff Kells  
 Peter Smyth, Cloughbally, Mullagh Kells  
 X Michael Bennett, Fartagh, Lisduff Kells  
 Bryan Daly, Cloughbally, Mullagh Kells

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