

KILBRIEN, Coy, Area.

Battn. 1,  
Waterford 2. Bde.  
21-3-21.To. C/S.  
G. H. Q. DUBLIN.Ref. O.S. Sheet 22, 10 & 11. E.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to mile.REPORT OF ACTION OF 19th inst.

Nineteen men of A.S.U., left JOHNSTOWN HOUSE, F.9. 8.5. P.M. going E. then N. then E then N. through CARRIGLEA CONVENT grounds and BALLYMACMAGUE, across Rly. and E by CAPPOQUIN road to Cross roads E.10. east of BALLYCOE HOUSE, to act as protection party for local companies who were detailed for demolition of OLD PIKE Bridge A.S.U. were to be reinforced by armed parties from Coy's.

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Before leaving JOHNSTOWN HOUSE area-7.30.P.M. five men from A.S.U. went to DUNGARVAN, to cooperate with local Coy in an attack on an R.I.C. patrol. They met an unusually large patrol armed with carbines (12). Shots were exchanged and our party withdrew-9.P.M. DUNGARVAN.

11.30. P.M.

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While main body of A.S.U., were waiting for local units and the five A.S.U. men, who had been engaged in DUNGARVAN, at Ballycoe Cross roads, motors were heard to go out from DUNGARVAN towards OLD PIKE Bridge and enemy post at CLONCOSKRAINE, E.11. where the motors stopped. Being certain that they were enemy transport and expecting it to return to Dungarvan, twelve men (No.1. party) were detailed to take up a position at a crossroad where a road runs N.W. from ABBEYSIDE-OLD PIKE road, E.11. and turns N for BALLYCOE crossroads, the remainder of the forces remaining in ambush at BALLYCOE cross. Local units and 5 A.S.U. men had joined main body at 11.35.P.M.

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At 2.30. A.M. No.1. party attacked enemy car coming from OLD PIKE, which rushed through and halted  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile nearer DUNGARVAN and turned round, the occupants dismounting and retuning on foot. Some of No. 2. party coming to reinforce No. 1. intercepted this

enemy party but were over zealous in halting them with the result that the enemy party ran away and were chased for half a mile to within a few yards of their car-about a mile from DUNGARVAN.

2.30. Meanwhile No.1. party were fired on by enemy who to arrived in a second car (CROSSLEY) and dismounted.

3.30 A.M. No.1. party changed front but had to retire as they were attacked on two fronts. Part of No.2. party continued attack on Crossley party. Some of the

19/3 enemy party that was chased towards Dungarvan escaped; three were captured, i.e. CAPT. THOMAS, o/c DUNGARVAN; enemy forces, one private of "the BUFFS" and one R.I.C.

man; also two rifles (L.E.), 200 rds. .303 SAA., 25 MILLS hand grenades No. 23(?) one Colt .455 auto and 12 rds., one .380 Webley Auto and 20(?) rds. (Webley subsequently lost) also some code messages, which were forwarded to D/1. The two military were released and given shelter in separate houses, being warned



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not to move till dawn. Enemy car damaged by Hand Grenades placed on petrol tank and exploded.

5. A.M. What remained of reinforcing party No. 2 retired 19/3 towards KILBOGNET (E. 10.). Here they met mixed party No. 1. and others. Fourteen men returned to place of action to search for arms or attack enemy fatigue party.

7.30-8.A.M.

Attacked enemy fatigue party. Our force in open order in field. Enemy in close order escorting remnants of Cross tender drawn by horses. Surprise on both sides. We opened fire. Enemy had good cover and returned fire. One of ours killed immediately, and one wounded very badly (died 5.P.M. same day) R.I.P. Enemy casualties 3 (or more) killed. Wounded 7. Here we lost Webley Auto .380, 3 or 4 bombs and some .303 SAA. Enemy retreated to DUNGARVAN. We fell back towards KILBOGNET (No. 10.E.)

No. 2 party reinforcing, forced this enemy (Crossley) party to retire and their Crossley was burned by 5 men of No.1. party who after having failed to get in touch with No. 2. party fell back to a prearranged mobilisation point. Not finding anyone there they went on to KILBOGNET, returning to the attack 7.30-8 A.M. with others. The R.I.C. man captured was shot about 6. A.M. at a point in a field at the "full Stop" after CAS. over KILBOGNET. 10. E.

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Reinforcements arrived from WATERFORD CITY between 9 and 10 A.M. with 1 armoured car, 1 Bomb proof and 7 other lorries. These removed the body of dead R.I.C. man with great caution. This par. is in place of more exact information.

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Dark hours.

Verrey lights and parchment lights were sent up from DUNGARVAN military and R.I.C. barracks, and from CAPPOQUIN R.I.C. barracks.

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night.

The bridge on FINISK river on the CAPPOQUIN-DUNGARVAN road 9. E. under C of CAPPAGH was made impassible for vehicles.

(Signed)

Capt. H.Q. ENG.

2.P.M. 21.3.21.

P.S. Our dead man was captured by enemy but the man who was wounded and died later was not.

This report is a copy of the report sent to G.H.Q. two days after the operation.



ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS.

Pax Whelan.	Abbeyside, Dungarvan.
Joseph Organ.	Shears St. Abbeyside.
Wm. Organ. ✓	(Garda) Co. Wezford.
John Moloney. ✓	Australia.
Michael O'Keefe	
Paul O'Keefe.	
James Whelan.	U.S.A.
Dr. Bernard Mc. Carthy.	Rathgormack, Co. Waterford.
Philip Beresford. ✓	Abbeyside, Dungarvan.
Patrick Moloney.	Skihacrine, Abbeyside.
Nicholas Beresford.	" "
Thos. Power. ✓	Shears St. "
Edmond Veale.	U.S.A.
Patrick Organ.	Abbeyside, Dungarvan.
James Spillane.	U.S.A.
Mee Finn.	Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
James Drummy.	2 Slendale Rd, Hammersmith, London.W I4
Pk. O'Dwyer.	Davis St. Dungarvan.
John Mc. Carthy. ✓	Mitchells Tee. "
Bernard Moloney. ✓	Cardiff.
Edmond Butler. ✓	Abbeyside.
Patrick Moroney. ✓	Loughmore, Dungarvan.
Patrick Greany. ✓	U.S.A.
Edmond Kirby.	Shandon, "
Jack Connors.	U.S.A.
Wm. Rossiter.	Rices St. Dungarvan.
James Prendergast.	Garda. Cork.
Jack O'Meara. ✓	Military Bks. Waterford.
Andy Kirwan.	Bunmahon.
Paddy Dunford. ✓	Behadeon. New in England.
Bill Foley.	Dublin.
Jack O'Brien.	Bray.
Tom Kelleher.	Cappequin.
Redy Mc. Keon.	Ballydwan, Bunmahon, Co. Waterford.
Andy Kirwan.	Bunmahon, Co. Waterford.
Ed. Power.	Waterford.
Jim Lonergan.	40 Park Ave Yonkers .
Paddy Greany.	New York City.
Jack Morrissey. ✓	(deceased)
Tom Landers.	Tramore.
John Mansfield.	Mothill Tramore, Co. Waterford.
M. Mansfield.	Dublin Castle.
M. Shallee.	Garvans Tee. Dungarvan.
Jas Mansfield.	" "
GeorgenLennon.	Dublin.
Paddy Joe Power.	Dublin Castle.
George Plunkett.	Interned.
Kelly Denovan.	U.S.A.
Pat Keating.	Killed in action.
John Fitzgerald.	" " "

Signed *Janus Mansfield*  
*P. O'Keefe*  
*P. O'Keefe 513*



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## GUTPOSTS.

John White.

Patrick Buckley.

Patrick Sheehan.  
David Murray.

James Murray.

James Lenihan.

James Curran.

Michael Biehey.

Path, Morrissey.

Pierce Murray.

Jeff. Drohan.

South Tee.      Dungarvan.

Mitchell St.      "

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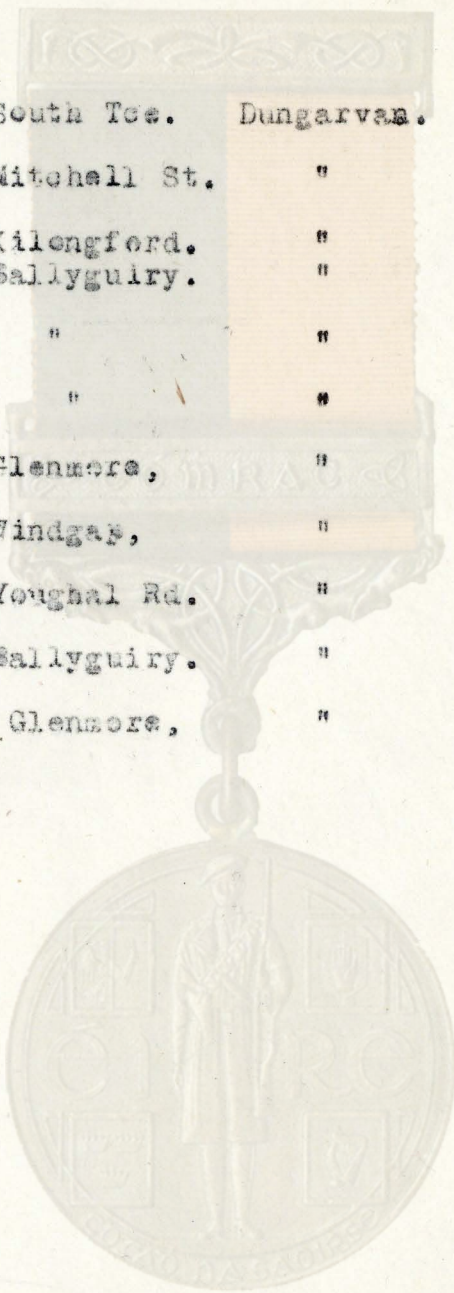
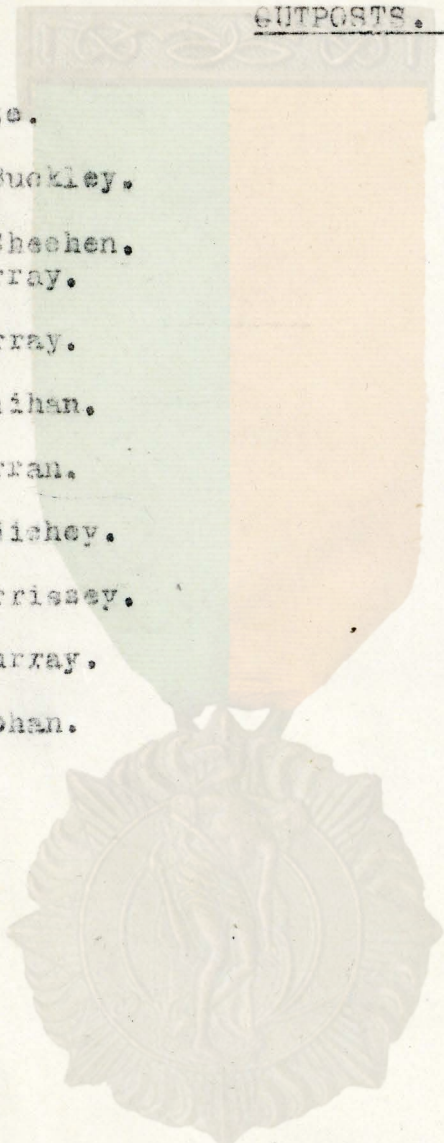
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