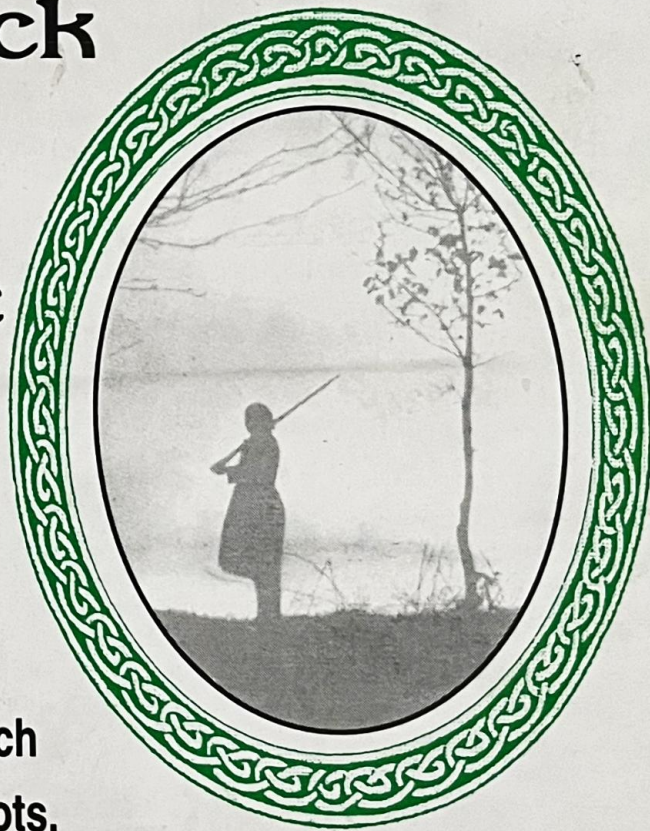


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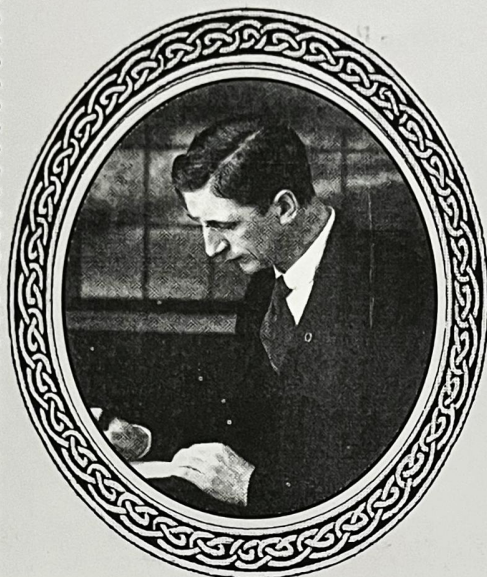
JANUARY

EAMON DE VALERA

As President of the Irish Volunteers and as President of Sinn Fein, Eamon De Valera linked the military wing of the Republican movement to the political wing in 1917. This was a shrewd thought-out action that gave a new found strength to Sinn Fein and an extra level of legitimacy to the volunteers. It was the beginning of a political leadership of 40 years that changed Irish history, achieved unparalleled national unity, survived civil war, developed a new 26 county Ireland, delivered a unique constitution, saved Ireland from a World War and made an international impact of statesmanship.

As is to be expected De Valera was not infallible, he made some serious errors of judgement at vital times, particularly by absenting himself from the Treaty negotiations. This decision on his part was a costly error, that led to the regrettable divisions that blighted the nations dream during its greatest hour in history. It must also be stated that without his leadership the Irish revolution would not have achieved so much in such a short time.

His impact when he returned to power as head of the new State, 10 years after opposing it in bloody conflict, was massive by any standards. His handling of a multitude of social, economic and financial problems, combined with civil unrest created by opposing civil war factions, was masterly. His undoubted negotiating skills with the British Government achieved the return of port facilities retained by the British under the Treaty. Ireland owes him a deep debt of gratitude.



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| Ernie O'Malley escapes from Kilmainham Jail January, 1921 | | | | Thomas Murphy, Ballylanders, Daniel Tobin, Ballinalakin, shot by Crown Forces, 1921, at Glenbrohane, Co. Limerick. 1 | 2 | Vol. J. Keane dies of wounds in action, Dromin Hill, Co. Limerick. Reprisals in Nenagh, shops destroyed in 1920 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Treaty was accepted in 1922 | 7 | 8 Michael Kennedy, Moneygall, killed, 1921 | 9 | 10 Sparkie Breen killed by Free State Soldiers in Tipperary, 1923 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 PR is introduced 1919 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Drombane Barracks attack 1920 | 20 | 21 First Dail meets. Soloheadbeg ambush - First action in War of Independence in 1919 | 22 | 23 | 24 Murroe Barracks attack 1920 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Vol. Frank O'Meara shot while trying to escape, Laffinsbridge, Co. Tipperary, in 1921 | 28 Vol. Tom Blake killed by Crown Forces, Limerick City, 1921 | 29 | 30 Vol. Pat O'Halloran, shot by Crown Forces at funeral of Tom Blake, in Limerick City. | 31 |

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FEBRUARY

COMMANDANT NED DALY



He was the youngest of the 1916 leaders to face the British army firing squad after the Easter Rising. Ned Daly was born into the intensive Fenian tradition of the great patriotic Daly family of Limerick on February 25th., 1891. His mother was Catherine O'Meara from Ballingarry a traditional region for nationally minded people in West Limerick. Ned was born a few months after his father's death, the only son in a family of 10 that included a sister who married Tom Clarke the first signatory of the 1916 proclamation.

Ned Daly moved to Dublin after employment with Spaight's and with his uncle, owner of Daly's bakery in Limerick, he stayed in the metropolis with his sister Mrs. Tom Clarke.

He joined the Irish Volunteers at their inception in 1913. In a short time he rose through the ranks to become Captain. He was on active service for the Howth gun running in 1914. In 1915 Ned Daly was promoted Commandant of No. 1 Battalion Dublin Brigade.

On Easter Monday 1916 he took over the Four Courts for the Irish Republic. His military leadership was exceptional, he held a vulnerable building against a vastly superior force until the General Surrender by Pearse. Ned Daly was executed on May 4th, 1916 at dawn. No finer soldier or patriot has the Irish Nation produced than this noble son of Limerick.

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|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Vol. L. Murphy shot for possession of arms, in Cork, in 1921 | 2 James Devaney killed by Crown Forces at Pallas, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary in 1921 | 3 Mr. R. O'Dwyer, publican and Miss Johnston, both killed in Limerick City as Welsh Fusiliers run amok, 1920 | 4 | 5 Jim O'Keeffe, native of Ballinvoher, killed at Two-Mile-Bridge, Clonmel, in 1921. | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Denis Quinlan, killed by Crown Forces at Hollyford, Co. Tipperary, in 1921. | 14 Sean Treacy born in 1895 |
| 15 Martin Barry, Newtown, Nenagh, dies of wounds, 1921 | 16 | 17 | 18 Dinny Lacey killed in 1923 | 19 | 20 | 21 Capt. Michael Darmody and Vol. Thos. Hennessy killed by Crown Forces at Friary St., Kilkenny, 1921 |
| 22 | 23 Sir Bryan Mahon Crown Forces C. in C. issued order prohibiting carrying of arms in Galway, Clare and Tipperary in 1918 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Thomas O'Brien, Daniel O'Callaghan, John Lyons, Timothy McCarthy, P. O' Mahoney, Sean Allen, Tipp., all executed in Cork's Victoria Military Barracks |

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MARCH

EAMON O'BRIEN



One of the noblest Volunteers who never said no to a friend in need, Eamon was one of the finest Irishmen and soldiers to serve his nation. Few in his circumstances at the time of his involvement at Knocklong would have so readily answered Sean Treacy's request for help. O'Brien, a married man with a baby daughter, without hesitation organised his Galbally comrades to face death to rescue Sean Hogan at Knocklong.

Eamon O'Brien was one of the Galbally men waiting for action in 1916. They then had the best company of Volunteers in Munster. The Galty men were always in the forefront of every cause to free Ireland. Unlike other places, Galbally did not go to sleep with the failure of 1916. They were ready and waiting for another day. Knocklong was that other day for Eamon O'Brien, John Joe O'Brien, Jim Scanlon, Ned Foley and Sean Lynch.

Eamon O'Brien and his men played key roles in Hogan's rescue. In the aftermath of Soloheadbeg ambush it provided sensational headlines in the National Media. O'Brien knew the cost of his involvement well. With Scanlon he was a wanted man and if captured the hangman's rope would have been his fate. He avoided capture and escaped to America after some lucky escapes. In the U.S.A. he continued to serve Ireland through a wide range of activities.

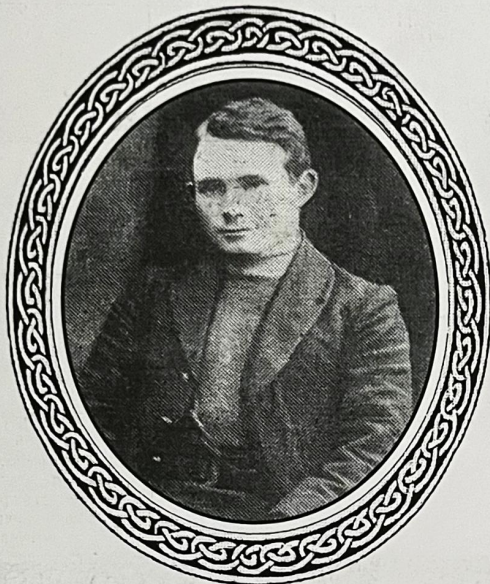
We honour his memory as a man who asked not the cost but the cause. His name and that of his comrades deserve to be remembered with pride and respect by future generations.

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| T. Devaney, brother of James, killed by Crown Forces at Pallas, Toomevara. T. Looby, killed, Shrough, Ardavillane, Co. Tipperary in 1921. 1 | 2 | 3 | Vol. T. Lee killed near Fethard. 1921, J. Hayes dies after shooting at Ardavillane in which Tom Looby died, native of Knockarden, Co. Tipp. 4 | 5 | Pierce McCan dies in Gloucester prison, 1919. M. Clancy, R. Fleming, P. Hackett killed. P. Hogan, Batt. Comd, KIA, Derrycloney Cahir, RIC Sgt. McGuire shot in Kilmallock 6 | Doon RIC Barracks attack. Assassination of Limk's. Lord Mayor G. Clancy, ex Mayor O'Callaghan and Vol. O'Donoghue, 1920 7 |
| 8 | 9 | L. Hickey killed at Main St., Thurles, Co. Tipperary in 1921 10 | 11 | Garryricken Hse., Callan, Co. Kilkenny, surrounded by British Forces. Fire fight ensues. British sustain casualties. No IRA casualties, 1921. 12 | 13 | 14 Six Republican prisoners hanged in Mountjoy Prison, 1921 |
| 15 | 16 | St. Patrick's Day 1858 Irish Republican Brotherhood founded 17 | 18 | 19 Crossbarry Ambush 1921 | Constable Cambell RIC killed in Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary 1921 20 | 21 Curragh Mutiny British Army officers declared they will not move against Loyalists in 1914 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Arrival of Black and Tans in Ireland in 1920 | 26 | Vol. D. McEnery, Monegay, Co. Limk., killed in action. Vol. S. O'Leary, Killarney, Co. Kerry, dies of wounds. Both in 1921 27 | 28 |
| 29 | T. Dwyer & J. McCarthy, killed, The Ragg and Fianna Rd., Thurles, 1920. J. McLoughlin killed, Cormackstown, Thurles Brig. S. Finn killed in action, Ballyhahill, 1921 30 | 31 | Capt. Tim Madigan killed while leaving his home by Crown Forces. Native of Shanagolden, Co. Limerick. March, 1921. | 2nd Lt. Michael O'Shea died in Charleville as a result of wounds from ambush at Granagh, Co. Limerick. March, 1921 | | |

CON COLBERT



A son of Athea, West Limerick, his short life was an example of goodness to and consideration for all he ever knew. Con Colbert was free of ill will towards anyone. He loved God and he loved Ireland. In the homes among the hills and valleys of Athea they still speak of Con Colbert with love and respect.

Con, like many another youth, left Athea for employment in Kennedy's Bakery in Dublin. In the metropolis he became involved as a leader in Fianna Eireann and devoted much of his time to that organisation. He was also a member of the National Executive of the Irish Volunteers in 1914, then a position of considerable importance.

His role in Fianna Eireann helped him to motivate young men to join the Irish Volunteers. Cons gentle manner, his gaiety and generosity made him a person easy to relate to, for new recruits as well as the top brass of the Volunteer movement. Pearse had implicit trust in him. Brian O'Higgins the poet admired the quality of his patriotism and Tom Clarke held him in high esteem.

No braver or nobler man than Con Colbert will you find among Ireland's illustrious sons who fought for Irish Freedom. That nobility and bravery remained with him to his last breath of life. Unafraid and totally reconciled he died for Ireland. We of this and future generations will revere his memory.

APRIL 1998

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| | | | Eamon De Valera declared President of the Republic by Dail Eireann, 1919. Clonoulty, Co. Tipp RIC barracks attack, 1920. 1 | Vacated RIC barracks at Clomantagh, Co. Kilkenny, destroyed by IRA in 1920. 2 | 3 | Vacated RIC barracks at Gatabawn, Co. Kilkenny destroyed by IRA. Also John St., Kilkenny ambush, Crown forces, 1921. 4 |
| 5 | 6 Death of Vol. Robert Byrnes, Limerick City, 1919 | 7 Roskeen RIC barracks attack, 1920 | 8 Rearcross Creamery destroyed in 1920 | 9 Conscription Bill introduced 1918. Dan Carew, Golden Gardens, Dundrum, killed in action, Dublin, 1921 | 10 Kilcommon Creamery burned, 1920 | 11 Peter Freaney, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, dies of wounds, in Dublin hospital, 1921 |
| 12 | 13 Moonarch, Callan, Co. Kilkenny ambush, 1921 | 14 Limerick Trades Council declares a General strike, 1919 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 British declare Limerick City a special military area, 1919. Vol. S. Bergin, Nenagh, killed at Loughlynn, Co. Roscommon, 1921 | 20 | 21 D. Sheehan, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick killed in car accident on way to Banna Strand, Co. Kerry, 1916. Anti-conscription pledge signed, 1918 | 22 Film "Knocknagow" first screening Directed by Fred O'Donovan | 23 Bessboro, Fidown, Co. Kilkenny ambush, 1921 | 24 1916 Easter Rising commences. Proclamation at GPO by Padraic Pearse. | 25 Thomas Traynor hanged in Mountjoy Jail in 1921 |
| 26 | 27 Dist. Inst. Potter executed by Tipperary IRA in 1921 | 28 Liam Lynch fell in battle in Knockmealdown mountains in 1923 | 29 1916 Pearse and Connolly surrender. | 30 Sean Duffy and Patrick Moloney killed by Crown Forces, 1921 | | |

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MAY

SEAN WALL



Was probably the Brigade Leader of the Irish Republican Army with the greatest tactical brain during the War of Independence. He was an initiator of the thinking that led to the establishment of the first Flying Column in the country, the East Limerick Flying Column. Problems within the South Limerick volunteer command that preceded him were handled in a statesmanlike way by him, resulting in the Galty foothills providing some of Irelands finest Volunteers.

Brigadier Sean Wall was older than most volunteers in his Brigade. This maturity, allied to an active brain, a strong personality and good features, combined to give him the qualities of an Irish Chieftain. Wall was much more than a military man in the revolution then in motion. He had a shrewd opinion on economic policies with a good knowledge of the agricultural industry in the production and processing sectors.

He was an able public representative as a formulation and articulation of local and national policies for the development of the country. His vision went far beyond the immediate objectives. He was an able chairman of Limerick Co. Council as well as being a General at the battlefield.

His death in action near Annacarty Co. Tipp in May 1921 was a national loss. In a military and political context he had given his life to Ireland after achieving much to establish her nationhood we salute his memory as a great soldier and patriot.

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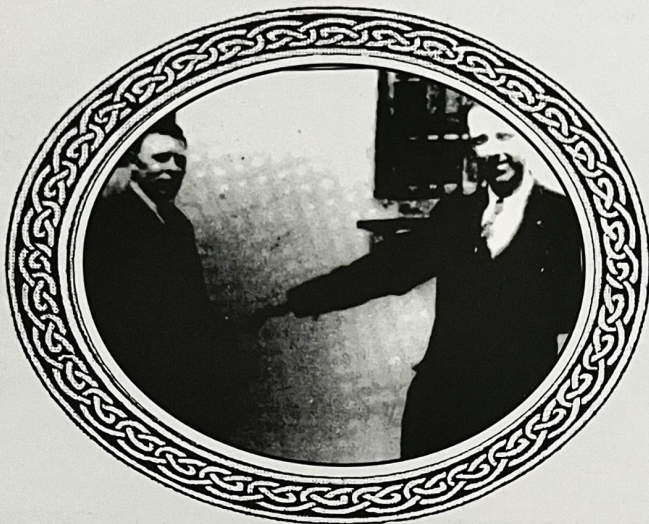
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|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Vols. T. Hennessy P. Starr, J. Horan, killed at Shraharla, also Vol. H. Clancy shot trying to escape. M. Duffey killed, 1921 | Vols. J. Frahill, P. Ryan, T. Howard, W. Riordan killed at Lackelly ambush Co. Limerick. |
| T. McDonagh, Cloughjordan, 1916 Rising Leader executed. Vol. M. Downey shot at Fair Green Limk. City, 1921 | Cmdt. Ned Daly, Limerick, executed 1916. Vacated RIC barracks, Inistioge and Kilmoganny destroyed by IRA, 1920. | | Brig. Sean Wall killed at Annacarty, Tipperary, 1921 | | Con Colbert & Sean Heuston, 1916 leaders executed by British, 1916 | John Kealy, Kilkenny, collapsed and died on way to prison in British custody, 1916 |
| | Sean Hogan captured, 1919 | Vol. P. Dalton, Coole East, Athea, Co. Limk., murdered by Black & Tans in the valley of Knockanure, Co. Kerry, 1921 | Sean Hogan rescued at Knocklong station, 1919 Knocknagress ambush, Co. Kilkenny. Vol S. Quinn shot, Kilkenny, '21 | Dist Insp. Biggs and Miss Barrington shot dead, near Newport, 1921 | Vol. J. Dalton killed in action, Clare St., Limerick. Barracks at the Rower, Co. Kilkenny destroyed by IRA 1920. | |
| 1916 Bishop O'Dwyer, Limerick, writes letter of reply to General Maxwell in support of 1916 leaders. | Vol. P. Walsh dies of wounds received at Knockangress, Co. Kilkenny, with Sean Quinn, 1921 | IRA shoot dead one RIC man and wound another in Mallow St., Limerick, in 1920. | | Vol. J. Brett, accidentally shot in Windgap, Co. Kilkenny, in 1921 | Vacated RIC barracks at Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny, destroyed by IRA in 1920 | Cornelius Gleeson killed at Upperchurch by Crown Forces, 1921 |
| | Dublin IRA burn Custom House in 1921 | | Train holdup at Barnagh railway station, West Limerick, 1920 | Kilmallock RIC barracks attacked. Capt. L. Scully killed. Vol. J. Saunders shot by crown forces killed in Limk City. | | Vols. M. Purcell and W. O'Brien, natives of Dundrum, Co. Tipp., killed while in Prison in Tipp Military Barracks, 1921 |
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JUNE

NED FOLEY and PADDY MAHER



Ned Foley was a Galbally Volunteer who took part unarmed in the Knocklong train rescue of Sean Hogan in May 1919. He was arrested several weeks later with Paddy Maher who had no involvement in the episode. After a long detention and a trial in Armagh both men were convicted on evidence that would be inadmissible in any reasonable court of law. Both young men showed remarkable calmness and retained a most impressive demeanour throughout their trials and long detention. They met their deaths with remarkable calmness and reconciliation towards their fellow men and at peace with God. Their executions five weeks before the truce on June 6th, 1921, in Mountjoy Jail was another example of British vengeance towards the Irish people. The manner in which they faced death gave a message to the British that you can kill the Irish but you will never keep their spirit down.

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Modreeny, Co. Tipperary ambush in 1921 | 4 Capt. Thomas Keane executed by British in Limerick, 1921. | 5 Brosna barrack attack, West Limerick, 1920 | 6 P. Ryan, Knockfune, Co. Tipp, killed in action in 1921. First Black & Tans in Limk. City in 1920 |
| 7 Edward Foley and Paddy Maher were hanged in Dublin in 1921 | 8 | 9 | 10 Holycross, Co. Limerick ambush, 1921 | 11 | 12 Dan Breen and Bridghid Malone were married in 1921. | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 RIC Barrack mutiny, Listowel, in 1921. | 18 T. Brett, killed, Drombane, 1921. Coolbawn ambush, Co. Kilkenny, Vols N. Mullins, Thomastown & S. Hartley, Glenmore, killed in action, Fidown ambush, 1921 | 19 | 20 Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick, courthouse burned in 1921 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 District Inspector Hunt, shot in Thurles, 1919 | 24 | 25 | 26 Trial of Roger Casement commences in 1916 | 27 W. Connolly, killed, Upperchurch in 1921. Borrisokane RIC barracks attacked. |
| 28 Jim O'Meara killed, Ballyhone, Emly, in 1921 | 29 Austin Stack, Justice Minister, sets up Sinn Fein Courts in 1920. | 30 Vols. Edward Donnelly, John Moloney and James Hogan killed in burning of courthouse in Croom, Co. Limerick, June, 1920 | | | | |

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JULY

SEAN FINN



Among the young men of County Limerick who devoted their lives to Irish freedom Brigadier Sean Finn will always be foremost. He was born to lead people, intelligent, of gentle personality, his sincerity, commitment and dedication to the cause, were exceptional in the high standards of his time. The examples he set from early boyhood, earned him the high respect he enjoyed among his peers and the people of West Limerick, as a man and as a leader.

His life though only lasting 22 years was full of noble deeds and positive actions to help his people and his country to win freedom from British domination. He was a useful hurler and promising athlete, a devout catholic and well read. He was definitely a model young man with a bright future in the material world. Without hesitation he chose to put Ireland first

As the years roll on and the young people and their elders today take for granted the freedom they inherited, as a result of the sacrifices of Sean Finn and his comrades of 1916 to 1921, It is important that we reflect on the price they paid to achieve what we enjoy now. The task Sean Finn set himself was a noble one. His work and death to achieve it, remain a lasting example that can motivate us to realise his objectives, to make our land a nation once again.

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| | | | 1 Michael Counihane shot by Crown Forces Limerick City, 1920 | 2 Newtown / Dualla Ambush 1920 | 3 Sinn Fein banned as illegal organisation, 1918 | 4 Michael Small killed Upperchurch, in 1920 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Four RIC men disarmed by IRA in Bulgaden, Co. Limerick. | 10 1917 Eamon De Valera elected to Parliament. Ambush in Callan. Last action of Kilkenny IRA before Truce, 1921 | 11 1920 Rearcross Barrack attack. 1921 Truce. |
| 12 | 13 IRA engagement at Emly, Co. Tipperary, in 1920 | 14 Lloyd George and De Valera discuss Dominion status in 1921. | 15 | 16 RIC ambushed near Foynes. Constable Fahey killed in 1920. | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Kilmallock looted by Black and Tans. Newport, Co. Tipp creamery burned. Oola ambush, two Crown forces killed, 1920 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Thomas Harris, civilian victim of Black & Tans assault on Bruree, Co. Limerick in 1920 | 30 Vol. M. O'Kennedy died of wounds, Nenagh. Ballinahinch ambush. J. O'Sullivan shot by Crown Forces, Limerick City, 1920 | 31 James Mulcahy, Nicker, Co. Limerick, shot by Crown Forces, 1920 | |

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AUGUST

LIAM SCULLY



Was a son of South Kerry who came to West Limerick as an Irish teacher, young, able and willing to serve Ireland, he quickly rose to the rank of Captain in the Irish Republican Army. His enthusiasm and organising ability made him a useful asset to the West Limerick Brigade.

He was among the contingent of West Limerick Brigade IRA men that volunteered to join in the attack on Kilmallock RIC Barrack. Being interested in history, Liam was aware of the significance of the attack on Kilmallock Barrack and the Fenian link of half a century earlier.

The West Limerick men played a leading part in the Kilmallock attack and were withdrawing from their position with their task accomplished, when Liam Scully was fatally wounded. This son of Kerry, fighting with the West Limerick Brigade, died in Kilmallock for Ireland. His mortal remains rest close to Templeglantine. His grave is marked by a Celtic Cross in Kilkenny marble erected by his comrades. It was in the aftermath of his funeral that Ireland's first Flying Column was formed by his comrades. As Pearse said at the grave of O'Donovan Rossa "*Life springs from death and from the graves of patriot men and women spring living nations*". From Liam Scully's grave sprung the Limerick Flying Column that beat the forces of the British Empire. Your memory deserves full recognition, you were a true Irishman.

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| | | | | | | 1 Pearse speaks at graveside of O'Donovan Rossa in 1915 |
| 2 | 3 Roger Casement hanged in Pentonville Prison, London in 1916 | 4 Ballinahinch ambush Co. Limerick. Kildorrery ambush by Limk. Brigade, 1920 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 William Hartnett, Emly Co. Tipperary, murdered by RIC in 1920 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Arthur Griffith dies 1922. Kilkenny People Newspaper suppressed by British military 1919 | 13 | 14 Patrick Lynch, Hospital, Co. Limerick shot by Black and Tans while praying, 1920 | 15 Crown Forces engage in night of organised terrorism in Limerick City, 1920. J. Piggot killed by Crown forces, 1921 |
| Vol. P. Clancy, Killfinnane, Co. Limk. killed in Kanturk by Crown Forces. Dist Insp. Wilson killed in Templemore in 1920 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 IRA established by Dail Eireann 1919 | 21 | 22 1922 Michael Collins killed at Beal na Blath |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 J. Hynes, Shana- golden, killed by Crown Forces. Knocklong Creamery burned, RIC station vacated in Freshford, Co. Kilkenny in 1920 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

SEPTEMBER

BISHOP O'DWYER



When a voice in defence of the media-maligned men of 1916 was desperately needed, it came with a clarity and power and made such an impact upon public opinion that it gave an oppressed people a new pride in themselves and in their country. To Bishop O'Dwyer must go much of the credit for the rapid change in national outlook with his defiance and condemnation of Maxwell, then the Military Governor of Ireland.

General Maxwell requested the removal from parish work of two staunchly National minded priests by Bishop O'Dwyer. An excerpt from the Bishops letter in reply stated in referring to the 1916 rising executions. "The first information we got of their fate was the announcement they had been shot in cold blood. Personally I regard your action with horror and I believe it has outraged the conscience of the country" Bishop O'Dwyer had activated the national conscience at a time when the rest had chosen to remain silent.

The facts of 1916 and the response of the majority of the Irish people misled by John Redmond, John Dillon and other Irish party leaders and dependent on handouts and British business interests was a hostile one in many parts of Ireland. Bishop O'Dwyer's letter to Maxwell, Commander of British forces, changed that reaction. His impact was immediate, public opinion changed, it could be said that he confirmed all baptised in the Fenian Faith. Ireland owe him a special place in her modern history.

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Blackcastle races, Third Tipp. Brigade raided by Crown Forces 1920 near Rosegreen. |
| 13 | 14 Moloney's house, Lackelly & Silvermines Creamery burned in 1920 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 RIC ambushed outside Abbeyfeale, one policeman shot dead, 1920. | 19 |
| 20 Civilians P. Hartnett and J. Healy shot dead by notorious Black & Tan named Hukerby in Abbeyfeale, 1920 | 21 | 22 T. Ashe dies on hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail in 1917. Mr. J. Lynch, Kilmallock Sinn Fein, member of Limk. C.C. killed in Dublin by Black & Tans | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Belfast Pogrom, several Nationalists killed in 1920 |
| 27 | 28 Further reprisals at Silvermines, 1920. | 29 | 30 William Corbett, New Road, Tipperary, killed by RIC in 1920 | | | |

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OCTOBER

TOMAS MALONE



Tomas Malone was a man of exceptional ability and bravery in a generation of Irish people that challenged the might of the British Empire with remarkable success. A son of County Westmeath, he was a Gaelic League activist, volunteer organiser and a great leader of men in the War of Independence. His exploits are legendary and his lifelong dedication to Irish freedom in its constitutional and geographical totality was admirable and unyielding.

Tomas Malone was also a man of culture and had a lively personality that endeared him to every local community of people across the age and social spectrum he visited in Limerick and Tipperary. His organising ability, great energy and high level of intelligence, attracted the attention of the police and British to his activities. He became a marked man in Munster from late 1917 forcing him to use the name Sean Forde to confuse British intelligence sources.

Tomas Malone was directed by IRA General Headquarters to assist the East Limerick Brigade IRA. His first major role with them was in the capture of Ballylanders Police Barrack. Malone led from the front as his team began the assault by climbing onto the roof. From Ballylanders to Kilmallock with Malone again on the police barrack roof smashing it in with a 56 pound weight attached to a chain. His deeds live on in song, story and print in County Limerick and elsewhere in Ireland. He lived a long life and gave exceptional service to his nation. He was a soldier of quality, a good leader of men, an Irish Irelander and a patriot of his country.

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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Reprisals in Nenagh Co. Tipperary, shops destroyed in 1920 |
| 4 Vol. John Keane dies of wounds in action at Dromin Hill, Co. Limerick, 1920 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 1920 Sean Treacy, Solohead, killed in Dublin. | 15 Sinn Fein, IRA etc., banned by Proclamation 1919 | 16 Birth of Michael Collis in 1890 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Edward and Frank Dwyer killed by Crown Forces at Ballydavid, Bansha, Co. Tipperary in 1920 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Vol. Michael Ryan shot in bed while ill at Upperchurch in 1920 | 26 William Gleeson killed by Crown Forces at Upperchurch, 1920 | 27 | 28 Thomastown, Co. Tipperary ambush Lacey's columns first engagement 1920 | 29 | 30 | 31 Vol. T. Donovan, killed in Killenaule, Littleton RIC barracks captured by IRA in 1920 |

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NOVEMBER



DONNACHADH O'HANNIGAN

He was a son of the Galty countryside that gave Ireland many fine soldiers through the centuries. O'Hannigan was a deep thinking leader whose decisions were considered ones and who chose his ambush sites carefully. He had a clear vision as a military tactician. His commonsense approach to difficulties as they arose contributed significantly to the high esteem in which he was held by all who served with him.

It was his great vision as a military strategist, that led to the formation of the first active service unit of the IRA in County Limerick. This development led to the successful Flying Columns, that impacted so effectively in the last nine months of the War of Independence.

As a leader and motivator of his Flying Column, he was central, directly and indirectly, to almost everything that happened in East Limerick, during the War of Independence. One of O'Hannigan's great qualities was his ability to involve his fellow officers in all aspects of planning and in delegating responsibility.

His calmness in crisis situations and his coolness under fire were attributes essential to success in the environment he was in. Donnachadh O'Hannigan was a great man when he was needed by his nation. We salute the memory of a gallant IRA leader and a great Limerick man.

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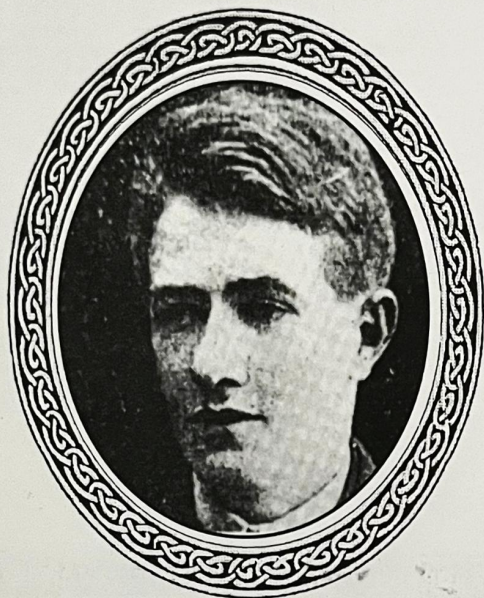
1998 Old I.R.A. Commemorative Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 Kevin Barry hanged in Mountjoy Jail in 1920 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 J. and T. O'Brien shot while trying to escape in Nenagh. Comdt. M. Scanlon, Galbally shot in similar circumstances in Limerick City 1920 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 David Brennan and L. Dannagher killed at Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick in 1920 | 10 Patrick Lynch killed at Golden, Co. Tipperary in 1920 | 11 Armistice 1918 WWI ends 49,000 Irish casualties. | 12 | 13 Glen of Aherlow ambush in 1920. Four police killed. | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 John and William O'Brien released from Mountjoy prison, small riot in Nenagh in 1919. | 18 | 19 | 20 Michael Blake and Jimmy O'Neill shot by Crown Forces in Co. Limerick, 1920. | 21 Michael Hogan, Tipperary footballer, killed on Bloody Sunday in Croke Park, 1920 |
| 22 Kilkenny jailbreak IRA prisoners escape through tunnel from Kilkenny Jail in 1921 | 23 Irish Citizen Army founded in Dublin by James Larkin in 1913 | 24 | 25 D. Carey killed at Nenagh in 1920. | 26 Maurice O'Loughlin killed in Thurles. MI Duggan, Broadford, Co. Limk., civilian victim of Black & Tans 1920 | 27 | 28 Kilmichael Ambush, 1920 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

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DECEMBER

SEAN HOGAN.



The involvement of Sean Hogan in the Soloheadbeg ambush of January 21st 1919 would have been sufficient to write his name into the history of Ireland. His capture at Annfield near Thurles by the Royal Irish Constabulary and his rescue from the police at Knocklong railway station made sensational headlines in the local and national media of the day. His leadership of the second Flying Column of the Third Tipp Brigade Old IRA up to the Truce confirmed the bravery and commitment of a colourful soldier of Ireland who at such a tender age played a man's part in the cause of Irish Freedom.

Few names in the IRA was as well known to the public and the British forces of occupation as Sean Hogan during the War of Independence. His rescue saved him from the hangman's rope. The ballad titled the "*Rescue of Sean Hogan at the Station of Knocklong*" was a rallying song for the Irish Volunteers. Today the boy soldier who was a veteran IRA leader before his 21st. birthday lives on in the memory of all who value and aspire to freedom for the whole island. His efforts for Ireland impaired his health, he died in middle age and rests close to many of his comrades in St. Michael's Cemetery in Tipperary town.

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|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | 1 Vol. Patrick Clancy Ballyluskey, Co. Tipp. killed in action near Drangan, Co. Tipp, 1920. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Anglo Irish Treaty signed. | 7 Glenacurrane, Co. Limerick ambush. | 8 2nd Newtown, Dualla, ambush, 1920 | 9 E. O'Malley, James, John, Thomas & N. Holland & Colleton arrested by auxiliaries at Cappagh, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny in 1920 | 10 Vol. Sean Riordan, Kilfinnan, Limerick, dies of wounds. Brig. P. DeLoughry, Vol. E. Comerford, Comdt. J. Roughan, Kilkenny Brigade arrested in 1920 | 11 Black and Tans sack and burn Cory City in 1920. | 12 |
| 13 | 14 1913 Conference to consider inaugurating Irish Volunteers in Limerick City | 15 | 16 Michael Edmonds killed in Tipperary Kilcommon ambush four police killed | 17 | 18 B. Delaney & J. Looby, natives of Rosegreen and Dualla, killed while prisoners in Tipperary in 1920 | 19 M. Walton and P. O'Connor killed in 1920 |
| 20 Lawrence Looby killed in 1920 at Ballysheehan. Ninemilehouse ambush 1920 | 21 | 22 J. Hyman, Emly, Co. Tipperary, shot by RIC in 1920. | 23 Vol. J. J. McGowan, Porthard, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon, shot dead, Rathkeary House raid in 1921 | 24 Republican Prisoners interned at Frongoch are released in 1916 | 25 | 26 Capt. J. Hickey killed while a prisoner in Tipperary Military Barracks 1920 |
| 27 M. Conway, E. Moloney, D. Sheehan, J. Quinlan, H. Wade killed at Caherguillamore 1920 | 28 1918 Election, Sinn Fein win 73 out of 108. Unionists 26 Irish Party 6 | 29 | 30 | 31 W. Slattery killed, Lisobhyhane, Emly. R. Leonard, Ballybrook, Pallasgreen, killed at home by Black & Tans 1920 | | |