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VES: MURDERED.

On Saturday we expressed the fear that Brigadier Seamus Devins, T.D. and Col-Comdt. Brian MacNeill had not been killed in action but had been surprised, captured and murdered. Information from Sligo has since reached us which justifies this fear. We are informed that Seamus Devins,-Brian MacNeill, Patrick Carroll and Joseph Banks were taken prisoner at Ballintrillick on the night of 19th-20th. In the "Freeman's Journal" of the 21st the arrest of Carroll was reported and his transfer to Sligo Jail was described. Nothing official was heard of him or of the three others until Thursday when a F.S. report was issued in Sligo announcing a "desperate conflict" in which "many irregulars were killed' nore o whom were however named. A second official deport was issued in Dublin on the same day, in which no particular conflict was referred to but it was gagements no place and no date OFFALY at Tullamore. given nine bodies were found by the KILDARE at Leighlinbridge. troops." including those of Devins and SLIGO at Cliffoney, Kinlough. MacNeill. It is clear that this Dublin WATERFORD at Dungarvan, Whitefield report was carefully drafted in an endeavour to suggest that the troops did not know whom they had killed until KERRY at Tralee (2), Killorglin, Rathmore, they found the bodies and suggesting too that the 9 were killed in a general CLARE at Ennistymon, Miltown-Malbay. engagement over a wide area. But KILKENNY at Thomastown, Kilkenny. these are not the facts. We give WESTMEATH at Delvin. our information to the public and call MONAGHAN at Ballyotion, Carrickmacross upon the F.S. Command to disprove WICKLOW at Wicklow, Glendalough. it and to explain also why a Curfew was imposed on Sligo on the night of Wednesday so that the bodies could be brought secretly into the town.

A F.S. Torture Depot.

The Coast Guard station at Dun Laoghaire is becoming as infamous as Wellington Barracks for the torture of Republican prisoners. Day after day members of the I.R.A. are "put through it." They are kicked, beaten and taken out to die in approved Auxiliary fashion; and recently a form of water torture and a system of. electric shocks were used as a means of getting from prisoners answers to the two questions: "Who are your Officers?" "Where are the dumps?" The F.S. officers in the station boast that 5 out of every 10 prisoners break under the strain; but happily for the honour of the I.R.A. this cruel boast is untrue.

We are informed on reliable authority that Ballymeehan Barracks with 36 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition was recently captured by our forces. Word has also come from the West that Brigadier Frank Carty T.D. by a clever ruse captured practically the whole garrison at Tobercurry Co. Sligo with all arms, ammunition and equipment.

The "Defeated" I.R.A.

STILL ACTIVE IN 23 COUNTIES.

During the week Sept. 15th-22nd the I.R.A., who it will be remembered were utterly defeated a month ago, attacked enemy patrols, barracks, communications, convoys and posts in the following counties:

CORK at Donoughmore, Riverstown, City (6 attacks), Macroom (2), Kilbarry, Carrigaline, Aherla. Kilcrea, Innishannon, Glanworth, Castlelyons. Knocknagree.

LIMERICK at Rathkeale, City, Knocklong, Foynes.

LEITRIM at Drumshambo, Dromahair, Carrrick-on-Shannon.

MAYO at Castlebar (2), Balla, Newport, Claremorris.

DUBLIN at Killiney (2), Tallaght, Sandycove, City (12).

GALWAY at Portumna, Mountbellew, Cloonmore.

TIPPERARY at Bohar, Thurles, Ballinard, Aherlow, Fethard.

ROSCOMMON at Cootehall, Boyle, Drum-

LONGFORD at Esker.

Court, Mullinavit, City.

WEXFORD at Tarmonbarry, Glenmore.

Blennerville, Dysart.

MEATH at Oldcastle.

CARLOW at Oldtown.

For Having the "Poblacht"

WHAT DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF?

We have received the following signed statement:

"On the night of 10th inst. the three undersigned were driving in from Linden Convalescent Home, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. We were halted by 8 or 10 F.S. troops who ordered us off the car and searched us. They found a "Poblacht" in Dan Cahill's pocket and put him up against the wall to shoot him. After consultation they ordered the three of us into the lorry. We were brought to some back lane off Heytesbury St. and here we were all put against the wall and preparations made to snoot us. They then kicked us and beat us around the road also firing several shots. Then they put us against the wall once more and fired several shots at the wall over us and told us to go down on our knees and say our last prayers, which we did. They then searched us again using terrible language " and took about £,12 in notes and silver from our pockets and all they could lay hands on. Taking us to another street they had a private chat among themselves and after a few minutes they told us to run for our lives, and we did. They fired about twenty shots after us but failed to hit us.

Signed DAN CAHILL, PETER COLEMAN, DICK FITZGERALD."

Mr. Figgis Protects Murderers.

In Saturday's "Poblacht" we published the letter addressed to each member of Cosgrave's "Parliament" by the mother of Comdt. Sean Cole murdered by F.S. troops on August 26th. There has been an interesting sequel. On the 8th Mr. Darrell Figgis replied to Mrs. Cole repeating the libel that her son was slain by his own comrades. Unfortunately for Mr. Figgis he descended into detail and told a fantastic story of "two young men residents in Dublin" who called upon him and asked for protection against those who had slain Cole. These men told Mr. Figgis that Cole had been killed by the Fianna. Mr. Figgis added that he had "not mentioned these facts to anybody until now." Mrs. Cole replied on the 12th pointing out that stated that after "several sharp en- LOUTH at Narrow-Water, Forkhill, Dunleer Mr. Figgis had admitted he has evidence which will bring her son's murderers to justice. Yet he conceals that evidence though as a public representative he has been entrusted by 15,000 electors in Dublin to protect their interests. Unless he is lying, Mr. Figgis has plainly connived at murder and is shielding the murderers. Mrs. Cole asked him to name the men who sought protection from him and who obviously know her son's murderers. But Mr Figgis has remained guiltily silent.

More Dum-Dum Lying

In the official report of the ambush at Boher Cross, Tipperary, on the 17th in which three F.S. troops were killed F.S. G.H.Q. said:

"The severe gaping wounds inflicted on the troops would go to show that dum-dum ammunition had been used."

At the inquest held in Nenagh on the 19th reported in the "Freeman" of the 20th Dr. A. D. Courtney, who attended the troops gave evidence as to the wounds. He was cross-examined by F.S. Brigadier Hoolan:

"Hoolan: Were all the wounds clean ones.

Dr. Courtney: They were.

Hoolan: Could any of the wounds vou described be caused by dum-dum bullets.

Dr. Courtney: I don't think so."

A second Dr. corroborated. We wait for the apology of the F.S. Command.

