

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

WHY THE BRIDGES WERE BLOWN

ON April 19, Glasdrummond bridge was blown up by the South Fermanagh Active Service Unit of the Irish Republican Army. On July 25, Caldragh (Springtown) bridge was demolished.

These actions cut off the Gortoral area of Co. Fermanagh from British-Occupied Ireland.

Ten days later—on August 4—two sets of spikes on two roads leading to the area's natural market town of Swanlinbar were removed by Resistance fighters of the Irish Republican Army.

Life goes on normally in this area of six townlands and, for the time being, the forces of the British Crown do not operate here.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT—

- The Irish Republican Army inconvenienced the 30 families living in Gortoral by cutting the area off from British Occupied Ireland.

IN FACT—

- Thirty families have been re-united with their fellow-countrymen. They have been re-united with their natural hinterland and trading area. They are no longer inconvenienced by the presence of British Crown Forces travelling their roads, searching their farms, raiding their homes.

AND—

- Although sacrifice has been demanded of them in their country's interest, they are fully aware that the Border erected in Ireland by Britain—a Border manned, guarded and maintained by England—is the root cause of not merely inconvenience but misery, sorrow and evil to ALL Ireland's families, to all Ireland's people.

WHILE—

- By solidarity now in the face of the enemy, by sacrifice, by unity, that Border and all it entails—British law, British rule, British Crown forces of repression—can be removed for all time from Irish soil.

SUPPORT THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.

**REPORT TO THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN YOUR AREA ON ALL FUTURE
ACTIVITIES BY CROWN FORCES.**

SUPPORT THE ALL-IRELAND REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED IN ARMS IN 1916.

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