

Dan Breen's APPEAL

Dan Breen's Appeal to His Old Comrades
now in the Free State Army.

COMRADES!

Are you aware that you are fighting against the Republic that you fought to establish in 1916, and that was maintained and is going to be maintained?

Are you aware that England tried to disestablish the Republic through a reign of Black and Tan terror?

Are you aware that she is now using the so-called Provisional Government to try where she failed?

Are you aware that YOU are the Black and Tans of to-day, the only difference is the uniform?

Are you aware that the death of CATHAL BRUGHHA is a damnable and eternal stain on the uniform?

Are you aware that CATHAL BRUGHHA died as my comrade, SEAN TREACY, died?—no surrender to the enemies of the Republic was their cry.

Are you aware that there are hundreds of MEN who will die as Brughha and Treacy died in defence of the Republic?

Are you aware that I did my best to maintain the army for the Republic, but I failed because your section took orders from our only enemy—England?

Comrades, I thought my term of soldiering was over, but duty has again called me to defend the Republic, which I will do or die in the attempt.

Will you again stand with me as my comrades in arms, or will you continue to fight with England against me?

DAN BREEN