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CHIEF OF POLICE, IRELAND,
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DUBLIN CASTLE.



Illegal Drilling by I.R.A

Chief of Police.

D.I. Newport reports that about 70 members of I.R.A. attended Mass at Ballycrov Chapel yesterday 4th Inst.

They marched in four from the Chapel. They wore civilian clothes except Peter McDonnell and Joseph Doherty who both wore I.R.A. officers uniform.

March orders were given. They were not armed, as far as could be seen.

They marched in the direction of Sheean Lodge 2 1/4 miles E of Ballycrov, where they are believed to be living.

[Signature]

Major. C.I.

SECRET
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DUBLIN CASTLE.

Co. of Mayo

Belmullet 6 : 9 : 21

The D.I.

I beg to report that on 5.9.21 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ am while proceeding per Ford car in company with Consts Rully and M^c Dermott from Belmullet to Castlebar I observed about 50 men standing on the lawn in front of Kenagh lodge. This place is in the S.D. of Newport, late S.D. of Coolnabinnia.

They were in close formation, and in double rank. Three men, apparently instructors were standing about in front of the main body.

I heard no words of command neither did I see any arms.

On our return journey as we passed Kenagh lodge at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ pm a small group of men about 4 or 5 in no

Co. Mayo.

LEVIES.

Breach.

Date.

30-8-21.

Forced collection by I. R. A. in
Louisburgh district.

Courts.

Date.

7-9-21.

16-9-21.

3-9-21.

4-10-21.

29-9-21.

2-10-21.

Breach.

Sinn Fein Court at Crossmolina.
Eviction Order against Mrs.
Kate Flannery.

Sinn Fein Court at Charlestown.

Sinn Fein Court at Ballyhaunis.

Sinn Fein Court at Swinford -
30-9-21.

Arrangements for holding Sinn
Fein Quarter Sessions at Castle
bar on 4-10-1921.

Sinn Fein Court held at Foxford
on 30-9-21.

Date.

Breach.

15-9-21.

I.R.A. training camp at
Oldcastle and Cloongee.

6-9-21.

Drilling at Keenagh Lodge.

5-9-21.

Drilling at Ballyeroy.

8-9-21.

Shaen Lodge and sporting
rights taken over by I.R.A.,
Ballyeroy.

9-9-21.

Delphia Lodge taken over by
I.R.A.

14-9-21.

Carrymore House outbuildings
taken over by I.R.A.

15-9-21.

Ashleagh Lodge commandeered by
I.R.A.

16-9-21.

Meeting of I.R.A. men held at
Swinford Workhouse on 16-9-21.

19-9-21.

Camp at Aughalasheen.

20-9-21.

I.R.A. camp established at
Aughalasheen, 19-9-21.

20-9-21.

6 I.R.A. men in charge of
officer in uniform visit
Ballyhaunis Sports on 18-9-21.

21-9-21.

8 men marching near Eskeragh on
20-9-21.

22-9-21.

31 I.R.A. men marching and
skirmishing at Aughtlaheen on
22-9-21. Camp established
19-9-21.

24-9-21.

22-9-21. Drilling observed
near Castlebar.

26-9-21.

Glenturk Lodge commandeered by
I.R.A. on 23-9-21.

26-9-21.

Drilling at Knockmore on
25-9-21.

26-9-21.

50 men marching from camp at
Aughalasheen to Church on
25-9-21.

26-9-21.

25-9-21. 25 I.R.A. marching
on public road.

Date.

Breach.

3-10-21.

Drilling at Oldcastle, Swinford,
on 2-10-21.

2-10-21.

Keath Lodge, Muingnahalona,
commandeered by I.R.A. 30-9-21.
About 20 I.R.A. in occupation.

26-9-21.

Vacant house at Mistea, Ballina,
Geesalia, taken over by 18 I.R.A.
on 24-9-21.

28-9-21.

Carramore House, Ballina taken
possession of by I.R.A. for week
ended 24th to 26th September.

TIPPERARY NR. At 10 a.m. on 3.6.21. a party of police were ambushed at Kylebeg Cross on the Borrisokane and Cloughjordan road, Roscrea District. Sergeant Jones and 11 Constables left their station, Borrisokane, to attend Petty Sessions at Cloughjordan. They were overtaken on the road at Kylebeg by D.I. Fitzpatrick and a party of 16 men in motor cars from Roscrea. Immediately rifle and shotgun fire, hand grenades, and bombs, came from a wood at Kylebeg Cross. The fight lasted about 1½ hours, during which, Constables Cantlon, and Walsh of Roscrea, and Constables Feeney and James Briggs of Borrisokane, were shot dead. Sergeant Wm. Jones, Consts. Carson, Rennie, Doyle, and Dolan, were wounded.

MAYO. At 7 p.m. on 2.6.21. a party of seventeen men and District Inspector Stevenson, were ambushed at Carrowkenedy, Westport District, by about 100 rebels. D.I. Stevenson, Sergeant Creegan, Constables Brown, French, Blythe, and Doherty, were killed, and Constables Downing, Allen, Collio, and Fitzgerald, were seriously wounded. R.I.C. arms, ammunition, Lewis gun, captured. Two Crossley cars and one Ford car burned.

CORK NR. At 7 p.m. on 1.6.21. Constable Holman, Kilworth, ER Fermoy District, was shot dead a short distance from the village, by men concealed behind a hedge.

CLARE. At 8 p.m. on 26.5.21. Constable Edgar Budd, Kildysart, Ennis District, was shot dead at Cooga, and Constable Robert Irvine was slightly wounded, when returning off leave from Ennis, by a party of armed men concealed in furze.

MAYO. District Inspector Munro and 18 police encountered rebels 30 strong at Skirdagh, four miles from Newport, on 23.5.21. D.I. Munro wounded. Constable Maguire killed. One wounded rebel picked up.

CORK CITY. Referring to précis of 15.5.21. in which Constable Hayes was wounded at Blackpool, he died in Cork military hospital on 23.5.21.

KERRY. At 6 p.m. on 17.5.21. at Ballyseedy, Tralee District, Constable C.T. Mead was (presumably) murdered. It was learned that a man wearing police uniform was seen being shot by two men. The Constable was last seen alive at 4 p.m. on 17.5.21.

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LONGFORD. At 7 p.m. on 20.5.21. Constables Stewart and Booth returning cycling off leave, were murdered about four miles from Longford. Constable had gone half a mile from the scene of attack after being wounded in shoulder, when he was overtaken and shot through the heart. Constable Stewart killed instantly. Two revolvers and two bicycles taken.

MAYO. At 3 p.m. on 19.5.21. District Inspector and twenty police were ambushed by 60 rebels at Kilmeena on Westport road. One Constable killed. Head Const. seriously wounded. Police attacked entrenched position, and after fierce fighting drove the rebels into headlong flight. Four rebels killed, four wounded prisoners and one unwounded prisoner. Arms, ammunition, and bombs, captured.

DONEGAL. At 11.10 p.m. on 18.5.21. police patrol fired on in Letterkenny. Constable Carter shot dead and Sergeant McGuire wounded.

MAYO. Newport barracks attacked from 9.15. to 10.15 p.m. on 18.5.21. by about 50 armed men. Sergeant Butler was seriously wounded and died on 19.5.21. Constable Evans slightly wounded.

DUBLIN. -- At 3.30 p.m. on 13.5.21. at Cabinteely, Dundrum District, Constable Albert E. Skeats fired at while working in barrack garden and seriously wounded by enemy sniper.

KERRY. -- At 1.30. a.m. on 14.5.21. in Cahirciveen, police patrol of one Sergeant and six Constables ambushed on street. Rebels routed. One shotgun captured. One Constable slightly wounded on cheek.

LOUTH. At 8.15 a.m. on 8.5.21. Five police were ambushed at Greenore, Dundalk District. Constable John Lynch was seriously wounded. Remainder escaped.

MAYO. -- At 10.30 p.m. on 8.5.21. a marching patrol of 2 Sergeants and 9 Constables were ambushed passing under a railway bridge at Westport. Several bombs were thrown at the patrol. Constables Sullivan and Brady were seriously wounded. Constables Fagan, Fardisty, and Meahan were slightly wounded. Patrol replied with rifles and bombs and dispersed attackers.

KERRY. -- At 5.30 p.m. on 8.5.21. four Constables walking on recreation from Farranfere village, Castleisland District, were ambushed by fifteen or twenty men who used shotguns and revolvers. Constable Stockton wounded.

DONEGAL. - At 9 p.m. on 9.5.21. Constables Clarke and Murdock, Englishmen, left Clonmany barracks, Bundoran District, for a short walk. Constable Clarke's body was found on seashore next day, having been murdered. Constable Murdock also believed murdered, but body not found.

CORK VR. Constable James Cullen wounded by bomb explosion in Clonakilty on 3.5.21. died in Cork military hospital on 9.5.21.

CORK CITY. - At 5.30 p.m. on 8.5.21. Constable S. Sterland, Union Quay barracks, was fired at and dangerously wounded in head and arm in Cook Street, Cork. He died in South Infirmary at 6.30 p.m.

MAYO. On night of 8.5.21. Constable Thomas Hopkins of Dromore, County Tyrone Force, on leave at his father's home, Lefase, Ballindine, County Mayo, was shot dead by a party of armed men about 500 yards from his home.

MAYO. At 10 a.m. on 1.5.21. Sergeant John Garvey, Westport District, received by post a threatening letter. The Sergeant obtained a decree for £210 for injury to his furniture at Belmullet Q.S. on 22.10.20. and the letter is the usual warning to people who have obtained decrees in an English Court of Law.

LONDONDERRY. On 3.5.21. a notice referring to a Special Constable was posted on a tree at Killyboggan in the district of Magherafelt, threatening him with death if he has anything to do with the Special Constabulary. Another Special received a similar letter through the post.

LONDONDERRY. On 3.5.21. Sergeant Samuel Kennedy, Bellaghy, Magherafelt District, received a letter as follows:- "Dear Sir, I beg to inform you what I think you already know. You are looking for trouble too soon in Bellaghy District, it is all right if left alone. So you may prepare for death within two weeks. - You beggar's get." Signed IRA.

Since this Sergeant took up duty at the Station, Special Constabulary are being sent out on patrol, which apparently Nationalists and Sinn Feiners resent.

MAYO. On 29.4.21. Sergt. Thomas Doyle, and on 27.4.21. Constable P.J. Hopkins, Kilmoree, Swinford District, who were awarded compensation, received the usual Dail Eireann notice regarding garnishee orders.

DOWN. At 9 p.m. on 26.4.21. a police patrol was ambushed in Newry. Three bombs were thrown and revolvers fired. Eight police were wounded, none dangerously.

LONGFORD. At 5 p.m. on 27.4.21. a cycle patrol returning from Longford to Granard was ambushed at Granard. Constable Hugh Fogley was wounded in two places.

CLARE. Police returning from Mass were fired on by rebels at 10.30 a.m. on 24.4.21. near barracks. Constable Neal, barrack orderly, slightly wounded in leg by bullet passing through front door. Locality searched by police and military without result.

LIMERICK. At 6 p.m. on 24.4.21. a party of police from William Street, were out walking and were bombed by civilians as they were passing underneath Raboigne Railway Bridge. Sergeant Daniel Crowley was slightly wounded by bomb spin splinters.

MAYO. At 9.30 p.m. on 23.4.21. Constables Hollinger and Costello walking near Guilmore barracks, Westport District were ambushed by armed men. Both were wounded but not seriously.

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CORK ER. On 21.4.21. at Rathnactan, Castletownroche, Mitchelstown District, Crown Forces surprised a party of rebels at John O'Neill's. Fire exchanged. Two I.R.A. officers captured, one of whom was wounded. No Crown casualties.

MAYO. At 10 p.m. on 22.4.21. a police patrol of twelve men under the command of a head constable, and travelling in a Crossley and Ford car, ambushed about three miles from Westport by about 50 rebels. The police returned the fire and scattered the rebels. No police casualties.

FERMANAGH. At 10.45 p.m. on 20.4.21. James C. Taylor, Special Constable (Class B) Newtownbutler, was fired at by an unknown man whom he was in pursuit of for loitering. The Constable escaped injury.

MEATH. At 10 a.m. on 16.4.21. a party of police and military were searching for armed men, arms, and ammunition near Irishtown, Navan, when two men were seen running and were ordered to halt. They did not halt and were fired on. One of them fired two shots from a rifle. They were subsequently arrested by the military and handed over to the police.

CARLOW. On 19.4.21. a mixed patrol of 6 military and 7 police met a fully armed party drilling. Five of the party were killed and 8 taken prisoners, 2 of whom were wounded. Two of the dead believed not to have been drilling but ran with the rebels. Twelve rifles, 5 revolvers, a large quantity of ammunition, and 5 bombs, captured. No Crown casualties.

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8-9-20



COUNTY LIMERICK. At 1.45 a.m. on 31.8.20. a police patrol was attacked at Ballyporeen, Newpallas District. No police casualties.

BELFAST CITY. At 3.15 p.m. 31.8.20. serious rioting in Stanhope Street, Tyrene Street, and round that area. Armoured car, military and police on scene. Some people stood up to armoured car which was heavily stoned, and car had to fire. There are a number of casualties. Revolver firing took place from Castle Street, and ~~Bank~~ Bank Lane into the Junction. Three persons were wounded. Revolver firers were dispersed by District Inspector Heggart. At 8 p.m. there was stone throwing in Ballymacarrett. Police scattered the crowds. A Constable returning to barracks was held up by three men armed with revolvers. He rushed them with his fists and brought one of them to barracks. On 1.9.20. the city was quiet generally from Curfew on last night. A man found looting endeavoured to break through cordon of military, was shot dead. At 12 m.n. a soldier was accidentally shot dead by comrade.

COUNTY MAYO. At 2 a.m. on 30.8.20. a police patrol at Belmullet surprised a large party of civilians who were after setting Ballyglass vacated Coastguard Station on fire. Civilians fired at patrol. Police promptly returned the fire, dispersed the crowd and afterwards arrested four men. None of the patrol was injured.

BELFAST CITY. On morning of 25.8.20. some houses were burned in the Mountpottinger area, and some stone throwing took place at the Sirocco Works, and similar disturbances at Fraser Street Bridge. Some windows were broken in Comber Street School and a panic took place on the part of women, who took their children out of the schools. At 4.30 p.m. a stone throwing attack was made on the Chapel, Newtownards Road. Shots were fired, probably by the defenders of the Chapel. The military and police were stoned and 7 shots fired at them. The military replied with five rounds, and as far as is known one man is wounded. Later on, a patrol of military and police was stoned and a revolver shot fired at it. The military replied, and shot one man dead. Two women were dangerously wounded, and one is believed to have since died. 46 arrests were made for riot and kindred offences.

COUNTY MAYO. At 7 p.m. on 3.8.20. when Constable M. McGarry, Newport District, was returning to his station after paying mess bills, he was held up by eight men, three of whom were masked and armed. They searched and robbed the Constable of £25, and stated that if he did not report the matter, the money would be returned. They asked him to take out arms and ammunition; took his name and address, native county, and asked him to resign. The Constable was not injured, nor deprived of his bicycle. The real motive would appear to be robbery.



COUNTY GALWAY. At 11.30 a.m. 1.8.20. Constables O'Lone, Connolly, and McCall, left their bicycles in the Chapel Yard, Lackabeg, while attending Divine Service. When they came out from Mass at about 12 noon the bicycles were missing. They searched all round the place but could not discover them. The Sinn Feiners took the advantage while the Constables were absent.

COUNTY CLARE. On morning of 1.8.20. the mail car from Limerick to Tulla, was held up by five masked and armed men, and all official letters seized.

COUNTY MAYO. At 9 p.m. on 31.7.20. a goods train from Athlone to Claremorris held up near Ballyhaunis by 30 armed and masked men. Four mail bags opened. Twenty steel shutters for Westport removed.

COUNTY WESTMEATH. At 5.35 p.m. 31.7.20. the mail car from Kilbeggan to Mullingar was held up by 5 masked and armed men who searched the mail bags, and it is believed took away all official correspondence.

COUNTY WESTMEATH. The mail car between Castlepollard and Mullingar was held up by a party of armed and masked men who abstracted official letters from the mail bags.