

# The Burning of Cork

The Burning of Cork took place on the night of the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1920. In the time leading up to the burning Republican volunteers and the British authorities battled on the city streets. "A gloom hung over the city as if they knew something bad was going to happen."



On the night of the burning at around 10:00pm, British soldiers broke into houses and set the on fire. People also reported seeing armed soldiers on St. Patrick's Street. The British government denied that the British started the fire and blamed the IRA.



Although my Grandpa said when he was growing up, that talking about that time was very much avoided, he did tell me a bit about the burning.

My Grandpa grew up on the end of John Street, directly across from the old Northern Ferry hospital and he was born in 1937.

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