

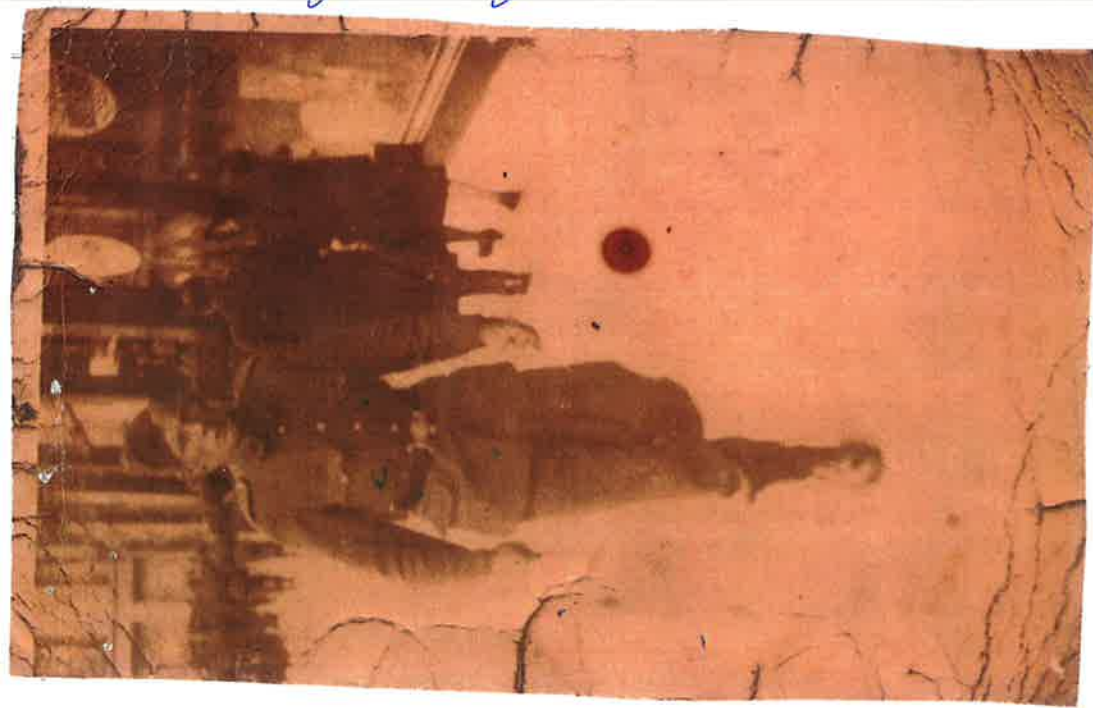
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## The Eire Stones

I chose the Eire stones for my project as everybody in my family knows the story about them because it has been passed through generations. The tower is a napoleon tower. My Nana's uncle, Donal Sheehy Jimmy O'Driscoll and Jimmy Leonard lifted down huge stones to make the shape of Eire 29. The reason they did this was because when people were bombing England we could have been mistaken for England. The Eire stones would set them straight. There were 85 different places around the Irish coast, like this, to make sure we were safe. All through each night at Spain Tower. The fire would be seen at Toe head and Schull. They did this every night. For the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the stones, fires were lit at all 85 points and we could see the fires at Toe head and Schull like they could a hundred years ago.



My Nanas Uncle  
Donal Sheehy  
Dressed in his  
uniforms.



The Éire  
Song

Éire

On the <sup>1</sup> 21 day of June  
In the year forty three  
As the boys of Spain tower  
looked out on the sea,  
Their head man came up  
and says there is work to be

And if ye dont do it <sup>done</sup>  
Indeed we will have fun

<sup>2</sup>  
He took out a pen and he  
started to write  
Let one man do the day  
and another the night.  
The rest of you all must  
work with a will  
And print out the word Éire  
on Collins Hill

composed by the men working at  
Spain tower. Written by my Nanas Aunt  
in law Tessie Sheehy.



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Next morning the corporal  
got his men into line  
With their picks and their shovels  
Indeed they looked fine  
The people that morning  
From the townland of Spain  
Said Eve should be proud  
Of these printing her name.

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The stones on the hill,  
They were very scarce.  
Now these young lads  
Had to search all the place.  
They found a big heap  
Covered over with moss  
And with their hand-barrow  
They drew them to the boss.

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The boss he stood there  
With his hammer & tafe

He was fixing and putting  
the letters in place.  
They were forty feet long  
and four feet wide  
with a border of two feet  
all around the outside.

The work <sup>6</sup> would be finished  
in very good time.  
The boys came to gether  
and brought up the line  
with a misunderstanding the line  
was left there  
No fall coming. Shady donkey  
went off like a hare!

When <sup>7</sup>  
the line it came up  
off they went with a will  
to the well with their buckets  
and saucapans to fill  
They were thinking of stopping  
when their head man came up.



Pictures of Eire



The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Jimmy  
a Driscoll  
(Gerald)  
BALTIMORE



This picture was taken  
at Spain Tower



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Thank you  
for reading.

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