



Michael Murphy  
Transport District Officer  
No. 5

Michael Murphy, born November 19<sup>th</sup> 1898 in Cavan, Barrack Hill. Born to Cornelius Murphy from Rosscarbery (a Royal Irish Fusilier in the British Army!!!) and Mary Wren from Clonakilty.

After Michael Collins was shot at Béal na mbláth the Sliabh na mban (armored car) had to be abandoned from the retreating convoy. Michael Collins' body was transferred from the Sliabh na mban to the touring car to make the journey to Cork city.

The following day Michael Murphy and a small team were sent to find and drive the Sliabh na mban back to Bandon. When they found the car it had been stripped of its wheels, after much searching all four wheels were found hidden in fields. The car had to be put back together before making the journey



Michael examining the Sliabh na mban at the curragh camp, 1980's.

(Story told by Conor Murphy, 87 years old, son of Michael of the Western Road, Clonakilty)

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DISTRICT STAFF OFFICERS - L.S.F.  
1940 - 1945

I joined the volunteers as a motor driver about 1919, "A" Company, 2nd. Bat. 3rd. West Cork Brigade. Dan Hart was Comdt. and Jim Murphy ( Spud ) was Company Captain.

I was arrested while driving on volunteer work and spent 3 months in Cork Gaol, the last 4 days of it on hunger strike. This strike was organised by Mick Fitzgerald Fenoy, who later died on that hunger strike.

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I joined the Free State army when they were taking over the West Cork towns of Clonakilty, Bandon and Kinsale. I drove a Carrierorry on all these occasions. During this period I organised the Work Shop in Bandon Barricks and was later transferred to Goranstown from where I was demobbed.

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I joined the F. C. A. at its inception in Clonakilty in 1940, and transferred to the L. S. F., and was in same until it was disbanded. I joined Civil Defence Corp. District and served for several yrs.