

# History Project

My history project is about my great grand uncle Michael Riordan. He was born on March 17<sup>th</sup> 1878. He lived in Finnis, Bandon, Co. Cork. He went to school in Ballinadee National School.

The Irish volunteers was was established in Kilpatrick about the end of October 1913 which he was involved with. The training carried out by them was close order foot drills and physical drills carried out in fields and by roads. An ex-commander of the British Army - Wm. Riordan, Castle Road, Bandon watched them train.

In November 1915, Kilpatrick, in co-operation with units from Bandon, Ballinadee, Lyre, Ballinhassig, Crookstown and from all over Cork took part in a big parade in Cork city everyone was armed with a weapon for example hurleys, pipes and guns. The Kilpatrick group continued training throughout the remainder of 1915 even on St. Patrick's Day.

Again in 1916 they took part in the parade representing the Kilpatrick group. On return from the parade in Cork that night a meeting was held in Castleback mills which is now knocked down but there are ruins of it and the wall in front of our house is made from those bricks.

The next day they marched into Bandon where they met the Ballinadee Company. They marched behind them all the way to Tinher's Cross where they met the local unit they then all went to mass in Kilmurray. Those who went to Kilmurray with my great grand uncle were Michael Doyle, John Doyle, Tim Riordan my great grandfather, John Lordan, Dan Lordan, Michael Lordan, John Coniffee my other

great gran uncle, Jerome Donovan, John Murphy, Bob Weatoh (olc) and Jerh. Healy.

In Spring of 1917 the officers of Kilpatrick Sinn Féin club were all members of the Irish volunteers. My great grand uncle was vice chairman.



↔ my great grandfather Tim Riordan was presented this medal for *Coisa na Saivise*

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