Stories from 1916-1923

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Long ago in 1945 when I was seven years old I was visiting an aunt of mine who lived in Clontarf Dublin. Her name was auntie mags. WhenI was visiting I saw an old wardrobe with a uniform in it.
The uniform had a few bullet holes in it.

The uniform belonged to my grand uncle Tom traynor. These bullet holes were caused by the Black and Tan soldiers who were looking for the Tom who was in the IRA around 1916. They didn't find him. Tom had been on the clerical staff of Guinness brewery at the time, and when it was discovered that he was involved with the IRA he was fired from Guinness
By Frank Traynor

Her brother myleo who was a young doctor working in the nature hospital in Dublin. During the civil war august 1922 he took holidays from work and went down to Cork to help with the IRA. He was in a first aid tent when Michael Collins body was brought in. They were not able to save him.

Sylvester Riordan was born in 1905.At the time of the rising in 1916 when the GPO was damaged in the fighting he was eleven years old.His family lived nearby in Talbot st.During the fighting they stayed at home.

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There was no radio news and nobody really knew what was happening.There was a news letter that you could get and his mother sent Sylvester out to get it and come straight home.

However when he was passing a sweet shop called nobletts he saw boxes of chocolates lying on the ground,so he took one home!His mother told him he should not have taken them,and that it is wrong to take things....but she was so glad to see him she didn't let him go back out again.I think they ate the chocolates!

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