

TIM

BUCKLEY

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My uncle in laws grandfather was Tim Buckley he was born in Clondrohid near Macroom. Tim Buckley was a 1st lieutenant of the local batalion Clondrohid branch.

He was the eldest of a family of three boys and five girls.

He was involved in forming a section of the Irish Volunteers in 1915 and organised a collection to help defray legal costs of Seán O'Hegarty who had been arrested in February and charged with possession of documents and explosives. At the end of 1915 they had twenty two men and this remained their strength up to Easter 1916.

When it was coming up to Easter 1916 they held parades twice weekly and once on a Sunday. They were to march to Carriganimma on Easter Sunday morning and be there at 10 am. They were to bring all available arms, ammunition and equipment with rations for three days. They did not know why they were going there, but waited for further information.

When all companies assembled from Clondrohid, Killnamartyra, Macroom, Kilmurray and Ballinagree they carried out manoeuvres on a hill nearby. Later that evening Michael Lynch, a brigade officer, from Cork city on a motor-cycle with an official message that the parade was cancelled and that they were to return to their home areas.

Following this all arms were hidden in safe places. Following the Easter rising attack in Dublin, Dan Coker visited and roused enthusiasm among the volunteers. As 1917 advanced the organisation spread and new recruits were enlisted. In late 1917 a branch of Cumann na nBan was formed in Clondrohid.

In 1918 when enemy forces started raiding known volunteers at all houses Tim Buckley went on the run and training now had to be done underground.

At the end of 1919 Tim Buckley was appointed officer in command and continued in that office until he joined the I.R.B in 1920 where he selected a number of ambush positions but the enemy did not put in an appearance. Carrigadroich R.I.C barracks were attacked on June 9th 1920 (Tim Buckley was in charge of this attack.)

On Feb 7th 1921 the bridge at Clondrohid was demolished and many roads blocked in the area to stop the enemy from advancing.

As the fighting continued local battalions joined forces with the flying columns and carried out many ambushes on enemy forces until a truce in 1921.

Tim Buckley was a true Irish hero and helped achieve the independence that we all enjoy today in Ireland.

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