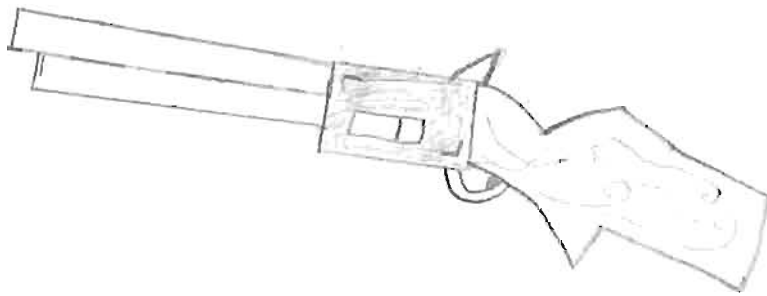


My Family Connection To General Tom Barry

My great great grand father, Michael Doyle, lived in Barrets Hill (now known as Convent Hill) Bandon, Co. Cork. His friend Tom Barry lived across the street and they both served in the British ^{Army} in World War 1 from 1914 to 1918. Tom Barry's house (25 Convent Hill, Bandon)



World War One British Army Recruitment Office in Bridge Street, Bandon in 1914 (office on left)



In 1919 they both returned from the war to a different Ireland. While they were away they missed the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. Both Tom and

Michael joined the National Ex Servicemen Organisation which is now known as the Royal British Legion.

British legion marching across
Bandon Bridge in 1919 (Tom Barry carrying
the flag)



In 1920
Tom joined
the Irish
Volunteers
who attacked
the British
Army in
Ireland to make
them leave
Ireland. My
great great
grand father
did not join
the Irish

Volunteers because he had seen enough of killing
during the war he was in. Tom Barry became
the leader of a group of volunteers called the
Flying Column. The Flying Column ambushed the
British Army around west Cork in places such as
Kilmichael, Rosscarbery and Crossbarry. Tom was
also involved in attacking British soldiers
around Bandon town.

Tom Barry?

After the war of
independence, Tom
worked in Cork Harbour
Commission while my
great great grand father
worked for Cork County
Council. Michael Doyle
continued to live in
Convent Hill, Bandon, he
died in 1971 while Tom Barry



died in 1980.

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