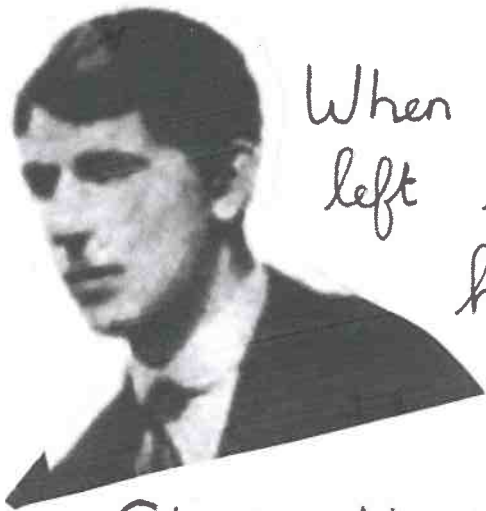


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Identity. Members of 3rd Battalion, 1st Cork Brigade, 1920.

..... Dick Barrett asked me to safeguard Brigade Comdt. Charley Hurley, also wounded at Upton and then staying at Timothy Sullivan's house, Cloughdough. The Sullivans, Tom Kelleher and I shifted Charley by night in a horse and trap (he was wounded in the head as well as having a badly sprained ankle) to various safe houses, **eventually** to Mahoneys, [O'Mahonys] Windsor, where he remained some days guarded by 'B' Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Cork Brigade. Séan Buckley and I brought Charley to my own house, then down to Bebee Ford's, where I parted with them. Charley told me he was recovered enough to be back on active duty. He was, unfortunately, killed next morning at Humphrey Ford's house, Ballymurphy, about half a mile away from Bebee Ford's house .....

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