

Noorse Quinn

My nana lived in Corbuis, Kilbrin
and during 1919-1923, Tom Barry, the
training officer of the 3rd West Cork
Brigade, held a training camp at her
house. (The Flying Columns) were small
groups of volunteers, trained disciplined
and were constantly on the move. They
attacked the British soldiers when they
got the chance.

The story of the camp is written
in Tom Barry's Book "Guerilla Days in
Ireland". The IRA would come and
train on the farm, sleep in the barn
and my great great grand aunts fed
them cabbage, potatoes, brown bread, and
sometimes meat. The women gave up their
beds for the IRA to rest. One
story is of my great great grandfather,
who was sick in bed in 1921. His doc-
tor, an English lady, was with him, when
a dangerous British Lieutenant perceival,
rode into the farm yard, and ordered
the place to be burned to the
ground.

The Doctor stood up to Lieutenant
Perceival and threatened that he better
move on, before she reported him. The
house is still standing today with
bullet holes in the barn wall as proof
of the visitors at that time.

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