

The Sherwood Foresters Story

The Second Battalion of the Notts & Derbyshire Regiment, better known as the "Sherwood Foresters", were the last of the 'Great War'

Volunteers; Citizen Soldiers who joined up to fight in the trenches of France & Belgium during WWI. They never expected that their first fight was to be on the leafy streets of what was the second city of the British Empire - Dublin.



When the Sherwood Foresters arrived in Dublin early on Wednesday morning the 26th of April 1916. They had been told they were facing a poorly armed group & their role in Dublin would be little more than police work. However, the men they faced were far from ill disciplined men. Instead, only hours after stepping foot on Ireland, they would go to war with well trained fighters, in heavily barricaded buildings with home advantages. As they marched from Kingstown port into the city, they walked straight to the 1916 path of the rebels.

Within hours of their arrival, over 220 of the Sherwood Foresters lay dead or severely wounded, their injuries inflicted by just 17 men of the rebels. The men of the Notts & Derbyshire Regiment had been set to their slaughter.