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Fenian Sash

In this picture I'm wearing a miniature Fenian Sash, which was worn by one of the pallbearers at the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa, a famous Fenian. The graveside oration given by Pádraig Pearse at this funeral is one of the most famous speeches of the Irish Independence movement, and is widely regarded as the rallying cry to the people to take up arms against the British, which led to the Easter Rising of 1916.

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Jowreen Ambush

On the 22nd of October 1920 during the war of independence the Third West Cork Brigade of the Irish Republican Army ambushed the Essex Regiment of the British Army at Jowreen, near Innishannon.

In the pictures above I'm holding a Mauser 10 shot pistol. This exact pistol belonged to Captain Dixon, the officer in command of the British troops. Captain Dixon was fatally wounded in the ambush and his gun was taken by the I.R.A.