

Duties in the I.R.A.

Clonakilty Coy (company)



Cloch na Caoilte



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Mr. James O'Brien

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My dad's grandfather, James O'Brien, was a volunteer for the G.R.A. Clonakilty Coy. He joined the G.R.A. Clonakilty Coy in April 1917. He worked with them until April 1920.

In July 1919, he did Police duty at Rosscarbery Courthouse on the day of the Polling of the County Council Elections. He travelled with a section of the Clonakilty Coy. Sean Nugent A.F.C. was surrounded by the enemy on this evening. They tried to capture the ballot boxes. They succeeded in escaping with them and guarded them on the same night at Clonakilty Courthouse.

That was some of what my great grandfather wrote during the time of the war. He also about when he was on duty all night at Clonakilty watching movements of the enemy. Skiltown R.G.C. Barracks was burned on the same night by a section of the Coy. They also cut the telephone wires outside the town.

July 1920, James took part in the attack and capture of Ring Coastguard Station Clonakilty. His duty on that night was the blocking and guarding of the road leading to the station. His position was half a mile from enemy positions

This is a picture of James and
My Granny Mary.



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