

IRISH HISTORY-1921

Tom Barry was called up to meet the G.H.Q of the I.R.A and he was to meet Michael Collins and Eamon Develera. To avoid suspicion of who he was, he disguised himself as a medical student from U.C.C. He got books from a medical student Jer McCarthy from Dreeny House also an I.R.A man. He also needed a new suit, so the Caheragh Company had a suit for him. The I.R.A scout John Levis was to deliver the suit to Tom Barry at a house in Caheragh. The British Army were raiding houses in the area. They caught John walking across a field with the suit and questioned him. John gave them no information. The British took the suit and one army man wore Johns coat and cap. The British man called to houses to say he had the suit but the local people got suspicious of him. After John Levis was arrested and was taken to Bantry and was jailed. The I.R.A got another suit for Tom and he went to Dublin by train.

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.My dad,, Brendan Griffin told me this.



Tom Barry

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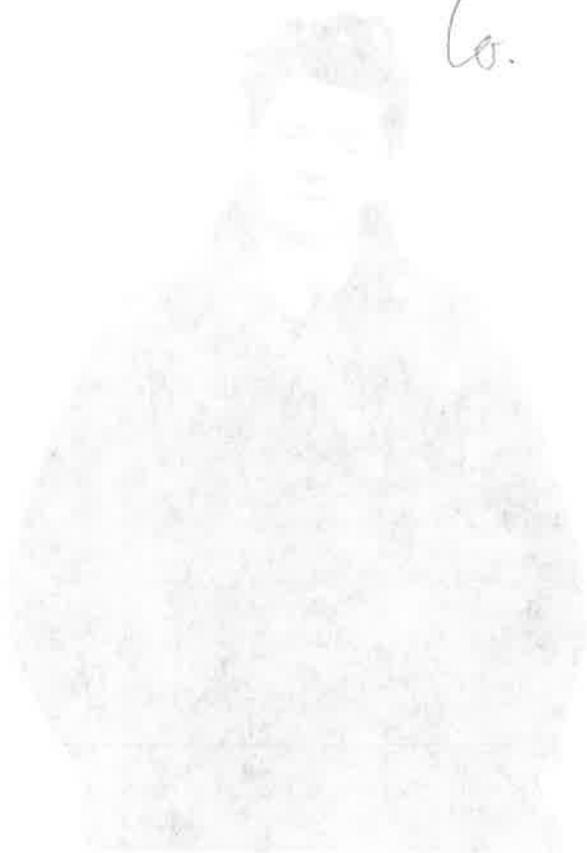
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Jim Murphy and Jim Lane from the I.R.A were on the run and came into Rosscarbery. They were hungry so they went into O'Regans Pub. Cathy O'Regan knew them and gave them each a meal and a drink. When the men were eating Cathy saw The British Army drive into the square of Rosscarbery. She warned the men and they ran out into her garden and hid under potato stalks for two days. Cathy's brother, Pat gave them each a bar of chocolate and offered them a meal and a drink. They declined this offer because they might be found. They told Pat not to return to the garden as The British Army might suspect that people were hiding in the garden. The British Army questioned Cathy did she see any men around but she gave no information. The British Army still checked the garden but never realised that Jim Murphy and Jim Lane were under the potato stalks. The British Army remained in Rosscarbery for quite a while. Jim Murphy and Jim Lane decided to escape during the night. They eventually walked to Rosscarbery Pier. They found a local man with a boat to take them across to Galley Head, from there they made it a safe house at Fisher's Cross. Back in Rosscarbery twenty-six British Army men demanded food and drink at O'Regan's Pub. Jim Murphy was nicknamed Spud Murphy after this happened.

Cathy O'Regan was my great-grandmother.

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My grandmother Josephine Griffin told me this.*

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The British Army in Skibbereen were looking for an I.R.A man from Caheragh. They went into his house and searched all the rooms. There was a picture of the man in the living room. The British Army Commander, Colonel Hudson recognised him a he served with him in The British Army in World War 1 in France before the man joined the I.R.A. He said to the mother is this your son and she said yes. The British Army said sorry and that they wouldn't look for him again. They then left the house.

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