

# Michael O'Mahoney

Michael was my great granddad.  
He was my nanas dad. He was born on  
20th of sept 1899. When he was nine years  
old he moved to his avnta farm in  
Water falls

He was about 18 years old when he  
joined the army in Ballinora in 1917.  
then he joined Ballinacorney in 1918.  
He started rifle practise. In 1921 he  
was made section comm on a det. The  
black and tans were looking for him and  
he went on the run they burnt the  
straw on roof of his house.

He blew up bridges in Ballinacorney and  
burnt up rail way stations to stop the black  
and tans.

My great granddad died on the fifth of  
January 1980. at his funeral the last  
post was played and shots were fired  
over his grave.

References

**Name** Michael Mahony  
**Gender** male  
**Address detail**  
Street Corran, Waterfall  
County Cork  
Country Ireland  
**Date of birth** 1899  
**Date of death** 1980-01-05  
**Associated files in MSPA** 34E2371  
**Civilian occupation** Unknown;  
**Easter rising service** No  
**Organisation** Irish Republican Army  
Rank Private  
Unit 9 Battalion  
Company G Company [Ballinhassig Company]  
Brigade 1 Cork Brigade  
Commanding Officer(s) Michael Walsh  
**Organisation** Irish Republican Army  
Rank Section Commander  
Unit 5 Battalion  
Division 1 Southern Division  
Company D Company  
Brigade 3 Cork Brigade  
Commanding Officer(s) William Reynolds; Michael Walsh





cemetery.

**O'MAHONY** (Waterfall) — On January 5, 1980, at the South Infirmary, Michael, beloved husband of the late Catherine O'Mahony, Corran, Waterfall (A member of 3rd West Cork Brig. Old I.R.A.). Deeply regretted by his loving son, daughters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Reposing at Fordes Funeral Home, South Gate Bridge. Removal on this (Monday) evening at 7 p.m. to Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Goggin's Hill. Funeral on tomorrow (Tuesday) after 11 o'clock Requiem Mass to adjoining cemetery.

**SULLIVAN** (Cork) Service On

Pensions Collection



# Military Archives

I Michael O'Mahony of Corran  
Waterfall Co Cork  
wish to add the following statement  
to my application form.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918 to 31 March 1919

I joined Ballinhasurg Coy on the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
April of this period having served with  
Ballinora Coy during 1917.

My services consisted of drilling with  
Coy. Parading with same to outside areas for  
organisation work.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1919 to 21 March 1920

during this period I attended Coy Parades  
made dumps for arms raided for same.  
Caring arms and other Coy work. also  
carried out Rifle Practice.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1920 to 21 March 1921

during this Period I was attached to a  
Column operating in Ballinhasurg District

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I was with Column while some were lying in wait for the enemy at Mensake, Ballinboy, Ballintubber, Halfway, and other places, also had to scout for column, Guard Batt Officers while some were billeted in Coy area. I also had to do duty for 3 Battalion Officers<sup>2</sup> being residing in the Coundry area also done work for 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade column on account of my activity during this period the Black & Tans raided for me and when I could not be found they burned a rick of straw on account of this I had to keep on the run until end of the Tan War.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1921 to 11<sup>th</sup> July 1921

During this period I was continually out with column armed I was with party that attacked patrol near Halfway Ballinbarrig this would be about May on the same evening the Tans came out fully armed and gave battle when after a time we had to retire owing to shortage of ammunition.

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# Military Services

I also took part in attack on Barrick and later on patrol where one man was killed and some wounded. Besides all this I had to break up roads knock bridges ect.

Period 12<sup>th</sup> July 1921 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1922  
during this period I was made Sect Commander. I attended training Camps for about 6 weeks. I also was with party in the making of Ballinacorney also I attended the usual Coy parades and Drills also cut roads & knocked bridges.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> July 1922 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923  
I was in the blowing up of several bridges in Ballinacorney area burning of Railway stations. Mobilised several times for attacks on Free state army Guarding Brigade and Battalion Officers providing bullets for same. also in three attacks on Free State Troops.

Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1923 to 20 Sep 1923  
During this period I carried out attack on National Army at Ballinacorney cutting enemy communications at Waterfall scouting and helping men on the run.