

1916 John Lynch and Margaret McCarthy

I asked my nana did I have any relations in 1916 and she said I did. It was my nana's mother's uncle who was John Lynch he was a member of the Easter Rising 1916. He moved to England in 1913. When he was in England he fought with them and heard their secrets. Then a few months later he moved back to Ireland and trained young men and told them England's secrets and made a plan. While that was going on the English heard Ireland's plans so the date of the Rising was brought forward. So other countries rushed to Dublin. The west coast train was stopped in Kildare and they were arrested and put into the camp on the Curragh. They were there for weeks. They were only fed bread and water. But all of this is going on what no one knew was there was a group of women called the Cumann na mban. One of those women was called Margaret McCarthy. She was going in and out with a letter and had a message.

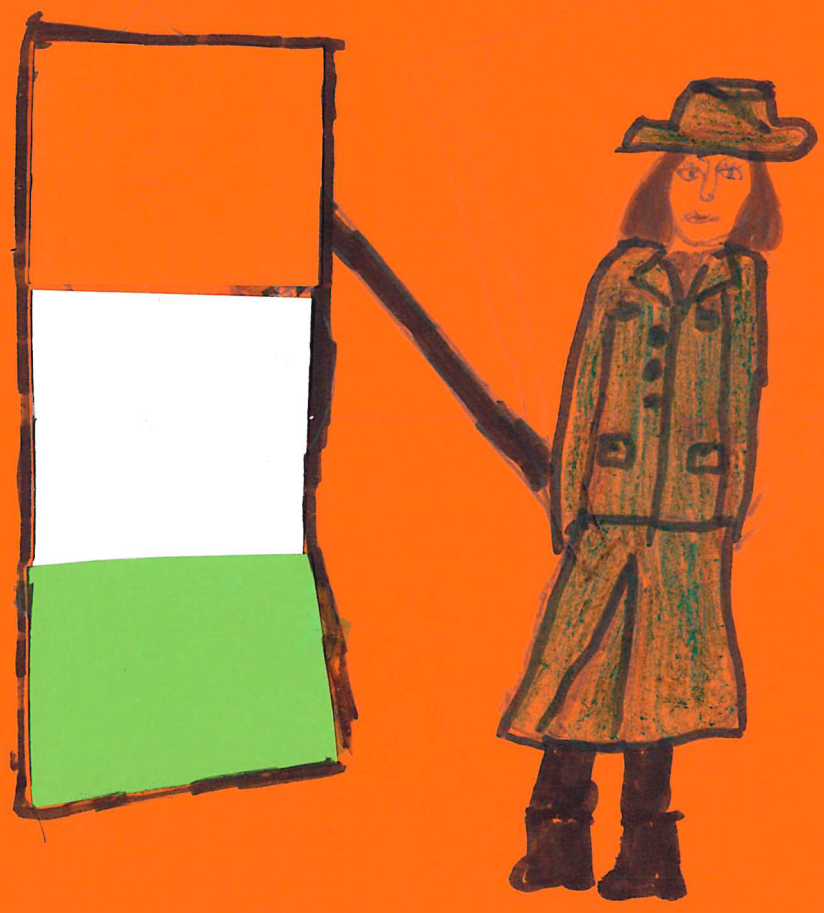
1898. How she used to get passed
the guards was she used to wear
a cloak and they had secret
pockets with guns and letters and food.
They had pockets behind their neck
only with letters in it because if someone
asked you "who goes there?" you would
put up your hood and no one
would notice you had letters. You had
to be brave to do that, going out
at night with candles they had no
phones back then. There was a war going
on and there were walking around.
That was pretty impressive.

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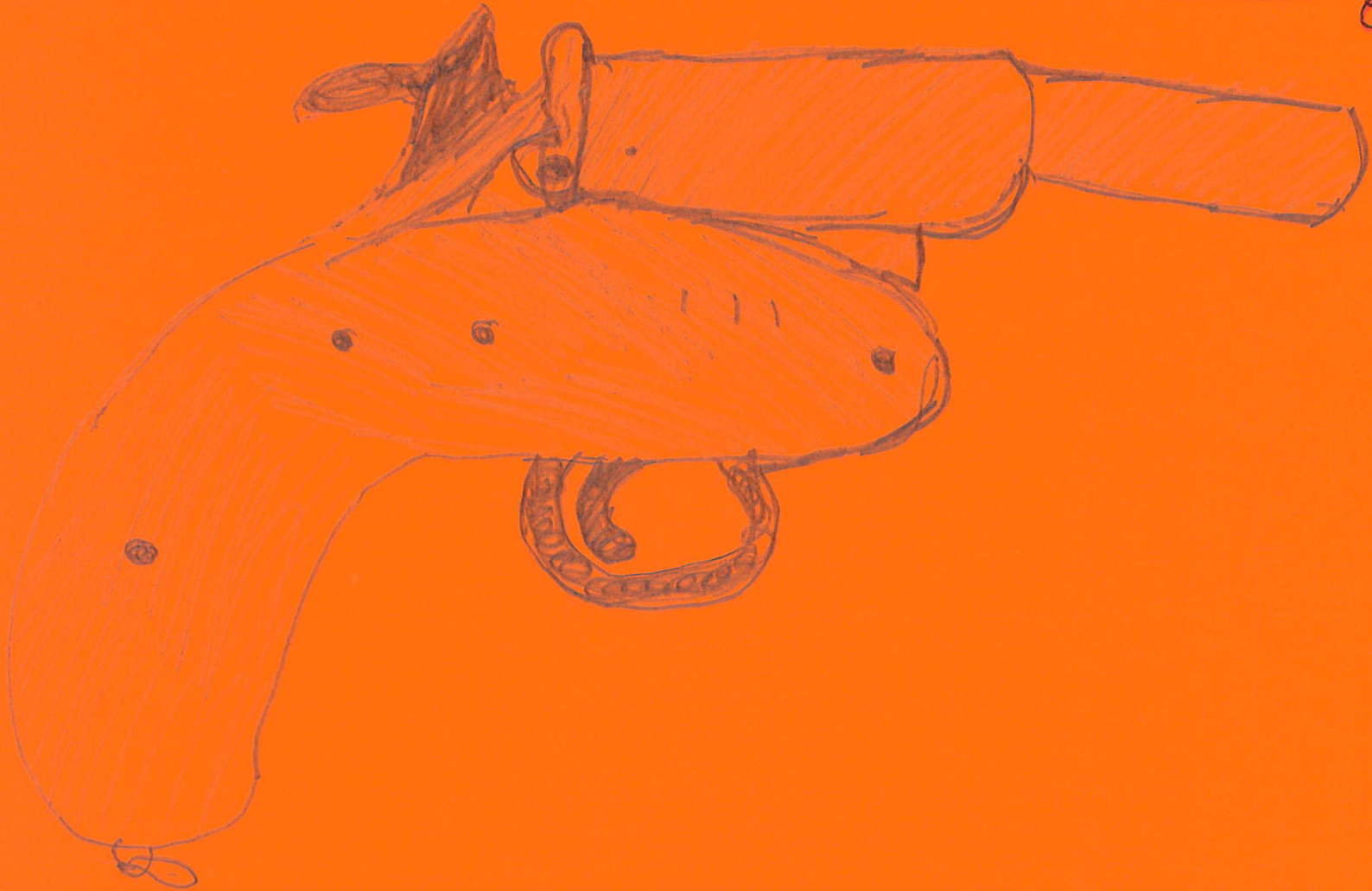
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GUINNESS



Margaret
↳ McCarthy
member
of the
Cumann na mBe

John Lynd's gun



John Lynch
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