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Deelish, Drumoleague (1922)

There was a family living in Deelish north of Drumoleague on the road to Bantry. They had 7 sons and 7 daughters. One of these sons (Patrick) was my great granddad Patrick Dullea. The British army regularly passed their house on the way to Bantry. Patrick Dullea was born in 1899. He told my granddad these stories my granddad passed them on to me.

Story 1

One night there was a party in a house in Meenier. Lots of locals were there. Patrick Dullea was standing on the hill watching for the British army. He saw them coming and mounted his horse. He galloped off to tell the people at the party house. He was in such a panic that he rode the horse right into the sitting room of the house.

Story 2

A few nights later four of his brothers were arrested by the British army and imprisoned.

in the Barracks in Drimoleague. Patrick and his other brothers made a bomb. Late one night they went to the (~~Barrack~~) Barracks and blew up the back wall of it the Dullea brothers escaped and ran for their lives!

### Story 3

There is a tunnel under the road near my Nana and Grandad's house. Patrick Dullea and his brothers placed bombs in the tunnel. They hid in the ditches with rifles. There ~~was~~ a convoy of army trucks heading to Bantry. They intended to blow up the trucks. Another group had stopped the army in their tracks, they never made it as far as the surprise awaiting them in Deelish.

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