23/11/2017

War of Independence.

My name is Ciara o' Donoghue and my great grandfather Jack o' Donoghue and his brothers Paddy, Con, Jeer, Denis and Daniel were volunteers in the war of Independence. His sisters Mary and Eileen were in Cumann na nBan.

Daniel o' Donoghue was arrested in May 1916. In June 1916 Con and Paddy o' Donoghue were arrested at home in Rathdrought for being involved in the IRA and taken to Bandon. When Paddy, Con and Daniel were in Frongoch Interment Camp in 1916. Mr. Griffin of the Bandon Town Commissioners wanted to start a petition asking the British Goverment to release the remaining Ballinadee prisoners in Frongoch. But they wrote a letter to the Southern Star saying they did not want the petition and would not come home until all prisoners were released. They came home in late December of 1916.

See below the letter sent to the Southern Star by the o' Donoghue brothers.

21/11/2017

To the Editor of the "Star."

Dear Sir,—Our attention has been drawn to a paragraph in your issue of the 2nd September stating that Mr. John Griffin, Chairman of the Bandon Town Commissioners, was organising and circulating for signatures a petition beseeching the Government to release us and the remaining prisoners of war of the Ballinadee corps of Irish Volunteers now interned here in Frongoch. Will you kindly do us the favour and the justice of saying we have never given permission to anyone to petition on our behalf for our release from internment or from prison, and while sincerely thanking Mr Griffin for his interest on our behalf, any release other than that of a total amnesty of all the Irish prisoners will not be acceptable to us, even though we dearly love to return to our own dear land. All Ireland should demand the immediate release of her prisoners, whether in internment camps or in penal servitude, through her public boards or from her platforms at public meetings. This form of action would be far more desirable from a National standpoint thanmerely petitioning for the release of local prisoners.—Signed,

JOHN HALES.
PATRICK O'DONOGHUE.
CON O'DONOGHUE.
DANIEL O'DONOGHUE,
EDWARD BARRETT.

Frongoch Internment Camp,
September 14th, 1916.

How is it. by Gods Decree
Im cursed. outlawed and banned,
Because I swore one day to free.
My Trampled. Native Land.

Daniel O Donoghue.
Ballinadee
Bandon
Cork
South Camp
Frongoch. 10. 11. 16

This is a poem which my great grandaunde Daniel O Donoghue wrote while serving his prison sentenence in Frongoch internment camp.

In May 1921 the volunteers attacked the barracks in bandon and killed a private of the Essex Regiment. In retaliation a number of houses in the surrounding parish were burned on the 25th of May. The O' Donoghue home in Rathdrought was one of the houses to be destroyed but the fire failed to take off. Because the laundry was kept under the stairs and it dampened the fire.

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Locality.	Date of Incident.	C.R. Number.	Date.	Div. Number.	Bde. Number.	Unit Number.
BANDON	25th May 1921	2/1/65/13 2/1/4326				

Civilians Involved.

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The Rebels attacked Bandon Barracks on the 14th may 1921 and killed one Private of the Essex Regt: As a reprisal the houses of the following were destroyed:-

Mrs Jordan NEWCESTOWN
Dan Barty —"—
Mrs Donoghue BALLINADEE
Michael Walsh. CRAGGIN
James Mahony. CLOONDEVEEN

Casualties.

	K.	W.	M.	Total
Officers ...				
O.R.s ...				
Police ...				
Civilians				
Men				
Women				

For particulars of Court of Inquiry see Reverse.

story told by by Ciara o' Donoghue.
Ann Corcoran.