

# Cronbury ambush

The Cronbury ambush occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> of March 1921 and was one of the largest engagements of the Irish war of independence. It took place at the the rural crossroads of Cronbury in Co. Cork, about 20 km south west of Cork city. About a hundred Irish Republican Army (IRA) volunteers escaped an attempt by more than 1,300 British troops to encircle them. After an hour between 10 and 40 British troops and three to six IRA men were killed.

One of the first people killed was Charlie Healey he was in his house recovering from the Upton ambush he got trapped and was killed at 6:30 am. To this day he is still remembered with a memorial in Cronbury.

An amazing 30 British soldiers were killed. But the British said different they said a much lower, 10 killed and 3 wounded. This event was so big that even the New York Times wrote about it. 400 British troops came from Cork with 200 from Lillinclogh, 300 from Kinsale 350 from Land an 120 from Macroom.

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