

EASTER

RISING



Edward (Ned) Hawkins, my Great-Grandfather
and his twin brother Robert (Bob) Hawkins
were born into a large family in Enniscorthy,
Co. Wexford on 17th December 1898. They and
their family lived at 19 Shannon Hill, under
the shadow of Vinegar Hill, an imposing and
historic landmark high above Enniscorthy town.



The 1916 Rebellion began in Enniscorthy on Thursday morning, 27th April 1916. Enniscorthy was important as the main train line from Dublin to Wexford passed the town, which could be used to move British reinforcements to Dublin should they land in Rosslare Harbour.

The volunteers took over the town, patrolling the streets in their uniforms. Food and cars were commandeered and the railway line was tampered with. Given that the Volunteers held a large town for four days, their seizure of Enniscorthy was possibly, the most outstanding event of the Rising outside Dublin.

Both Dad and Bob were members of the Shannon Company of Irish Volunteers and played an active role in the Easter Rising of 1916.



SHANNON COMPANY IRISH VOLUNTEERS

BACK ROW—John Connolly, Felix Murphy, Blacksmith, Ed Ryan, Ed Murphy, Springhill, Pat Adams, Denis, Arthur, John Ryan, Willie Dutton, Jack Higgins, M. Purcell, Jas. Murphy, Stephen O'Connor, Thomas Wilson, Robert, Capt. Paddy Wilson, Pats. Murphy, Tom Byrne, Jas. Ryan, Stephen, Tom Jordan, Mike (Jack).

2nd ROW—Jas. Franklin, J. Dwyer, Edie Carrigan, Con Franklin, Mike Lynch, Bob Newman, Paddy Johnson, Denis Dwyer, Mike Roche, Andy Linn, Denis Park, Webster, Ed O'Connor, Martin Keenan, John Ryan, Mike O'Toole, Martin Keenan, Leo O'Neill.

3rd ROW—Jack Balle, Jas. Martin, M. Balle, Tobias Murphy, Jas. O'Neill, Syd Balle, Pat Carrigan, Mike O'Connor, John Purcell, Wm. Dwyer, Paddy Purcell, Pat Hill, Wm. Sheehan, M. Sheehan, Aiden Keenan, James Callaghan, Andy Keenan, M. Davis, Mr. Hibernian, Peter O'Farrell.

4th ROW—Bob O'Neill, A. Mulhern, Pat Byrne, Jas. Duggan, John Forrester, M. Moran, Bob O'Connor, Rags Webster, Jack Leahy, J. Tobin, Clara Kelly, John Walter, Mike Murphy, John Byrne, James Murphy, Bob O'Connell, J. Murphy.

5th ROW—John Murphy, Robert O'Neill, Jim Ryan, J. J. Conroy, Alex Doyle, M. Cahill, John Forster, Oscar and Wm. O'Beirne, Bob Keenan, John O'Reilly, Arthur Park, Carrigan, Pat Duggan, Jas. O'Neill, Tom O'Neill, Ed McDonnell, P. Duggan, Owen Leahy.

6th ROW—John O'Leary, Pats. Murphy, Jas. Ringwood, Tom Toole, Owen Ryan, Wm. Jany, John Curry, Paddy Doyle.

SCOUTS—Martin Doyle, Pat Keenan, Paddy Brad, Barry M. Conroy, Chris O'Toole, Tom Kehoe, Jas. Carr, John Cullen, Paddy Black, Byrne, Ed. Woods, Felix Murphy, Harry Carr, Syd Balle, Tom Murphy, Jim Quinn, Peter Woods, P. Carr, Tom Black, Gus and Wm. Moxley, Bandman—Tom Bishop, Edward Ryan and Martin Leahy.

Their efforts were recognised and they received General Service Medals for their participation in the Irish War of Independence, the Black and Tan Comrae Bar Medal. The Comrae Bar Medal was for combatants only.

Here is a picture of my Great-Grandfather's medal which has been handed down through the family.



Every year, at Easter, the Blunkers marched through the town in tribute to 1916.



Here is a picture of my Great-Grandfather marching, proudly wearing his medal.

Commemorative certificates were awarded to my family on 27th April 2016 for Edward and Robert Hawkins to celebrate the 100th anniversary of 'The Rising of Easter week 1916.



This information was told to me
by my Mum, Edelma Marks.

Ellen Marks,
5th Class,
St Josephs Girls School.



Comóradh Na Cásca 1916 - 2016 100th Anniversary of The Rising of Easter Week 1916



Bronnadh an Teastas Comórtha seo ar chlann
This commemorative certificate is presented to the family of

Edward Hawkins

Mar aitheantas ar a rannpháirtíocht in Éirí
Amach na Cásca i gContae Loch Garman,
27 Aibreán – 1 Bealtaine 1916

in recognition of his participation
in the Easter Rising in County Wexford,
27th April to 1st May 1916

A FHEARA AGUS A MHNÁ NA hÉIREANN:

In ainm Dé agus ghlúnta na marbh óna bhfaigheann sí a seantraidisiún mar náisiún,
tá Éire, trínne, ag gairm a clainne chun a brataí agus ag bualadh buille ar son a saoirse.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN:

In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood,
Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.



CLLR. TONY DEMPSEY
CATHAOIRLEACH, WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL



CLLR. PADDY KAVANAGH
CATHAOIRLEACH, ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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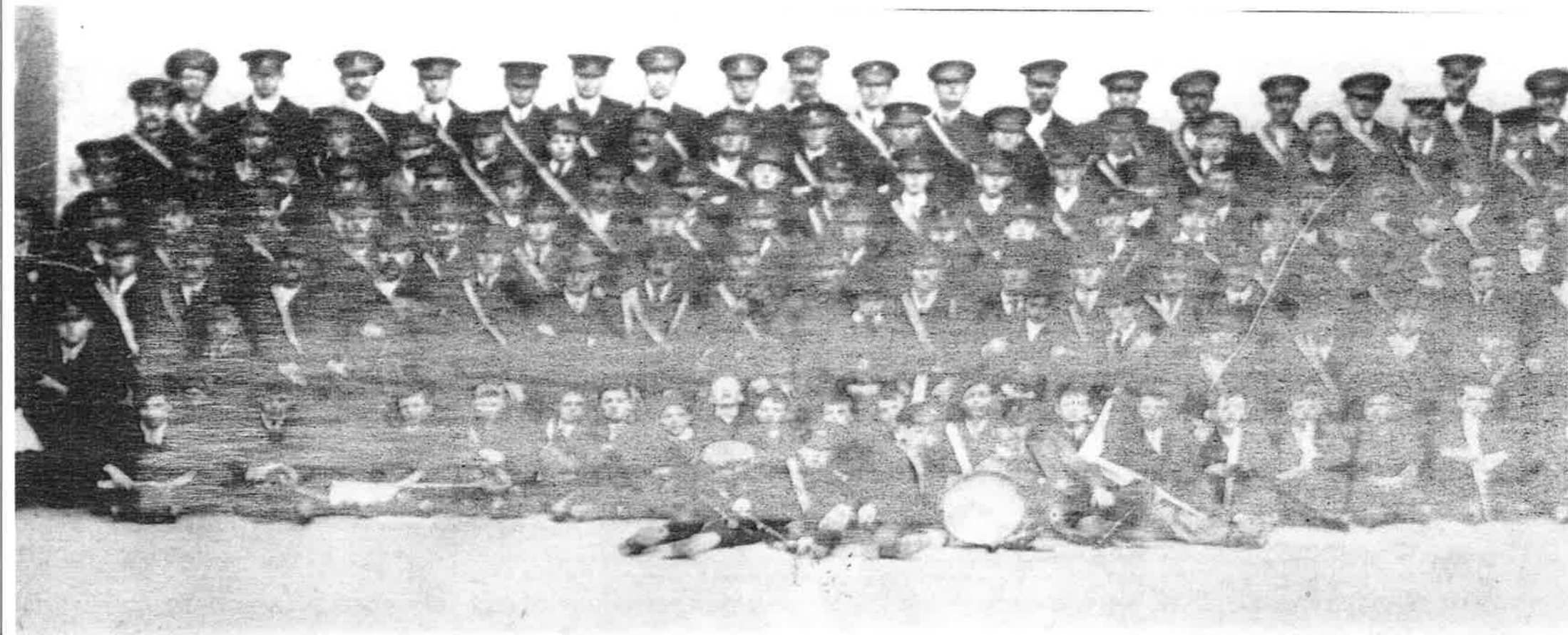
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 Robt. Goff, Paddy Wildes, Patk. Murphy, Tom Boyne, Jas. Roche (cotman), Tom Jordan, Mike Askins.
2nd ROW—Jos. Franklin, J. Dwyer, Robt. Corrigan, Con Franklin, Matt. Leacy, Bob Hawkins, Paddy Johnson, Denny Dwyer, Myles Roche, Andy (Lar) Doyle, Park. Webster, Ed. O'Connor, Martin Kehoe, John Kenny, Ml
 O'Toole, Martin Kehoe, Lce. O'Neill.
3rd ROW—Jack Balfe, Jas. Martin, Ml. Balfe, Tobias Murphy, Jas. O'Neill, Syl. Balfe, Patk. Corrigan (———), Mike O'Connor, John Purcell, Wm. Quirke, Paddy Pierce, Patk. Hall, Wm. Sheehan, Ml. Sheehan, Aidan Ken
 Josp. Callaghan, Andy Kehoe, Ml. Doyle, Har Habbernatty, Patsy O'Farrell.
4th ROW—Robt. O'Neill, A. Mullett, Park. Boyne, Jas. Deegan, John Forrestal, Ml. Murphy, Bob O'Connor, Robt. Webster, Jack Leacy, J. Tobin, Clem Kelly, John Water, Mikey Murphy, John Boyne, Jimmy Murphy, "Ke
 J. Whelan, J. Murphy.
5th ROW—John Murphy, Robt. O'Neill, Jim Ryan, J. J. Cosgrave, Alec Doyle, Ml. Cahil, John Parcer (Dave and Wm. O'Reilly, Boy Scouts) John O'Reilly, Art and Patk. Carton, Patk. Dempsey, Jas. O'Neill, Tom O'Neill, I
 McDonald, P. Dempsey, Owen Leacy.
6th ROW—John O'Leary, Felix Murphy, Jas. Ringwood, Tom Toole, Owen Hiney, Wm. Inoy, John Carley, Paddy Doyle.
SCOUTS—Martin Doyle, Pat Kehoe, Paddy (Red) Boyne, Ml. Cowman, Chris O'Toole, Tom Kehoe, Jas. Goff, John Cullen, Paddy (Black) Boyne, Ed. Woods, Peter Murphy, Harry Goff, Syl. Balfe, Tom Murphy, Jim Quirk
 Patk. Woods, P. Goff, Tom Brookes, Geo. and Wm. Meyler. Bandsmen—Tom Bishop, Edwd. Ryan and Martin Leary.

PHOTO TAKEN IN BENNETT'S HALL, ALLY BY CREANE, COURT STREET, ENNISCORTHY—1914 1915.