



Edward (Bob) Hawkins, my Great-Grandfather  
and his twin brother Robert (Bob) Hawkins  
were born into a large family in Enniscorthy,  
Co. Wexford on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Ennisceorthy on Monday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> April 1916. Ennisceorthy 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 Ennisceorthy was possibly, the most outstanding event of the Rising outside Dublin.



These efforts were recognised and they received General Service Medals for their participation in the Irish War of Independence, the Black and Tan Campaign Bar Medal, The Connaught Bar Medal and the Connaught Bar Medal 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 Vindexers marched through the town in  
tribute to 1915.



Here is a picture of my great-grandfather marching, proudly wearing  
his medal.

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



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

Ellen Marks,  
5<sup>th</sup> Class,  
St Joseph's 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**

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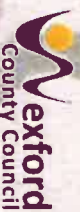
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IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN:

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.

*Tony Dempsey*  
 CLER. TONY DEMPSEY CATHAOIRLEACH, WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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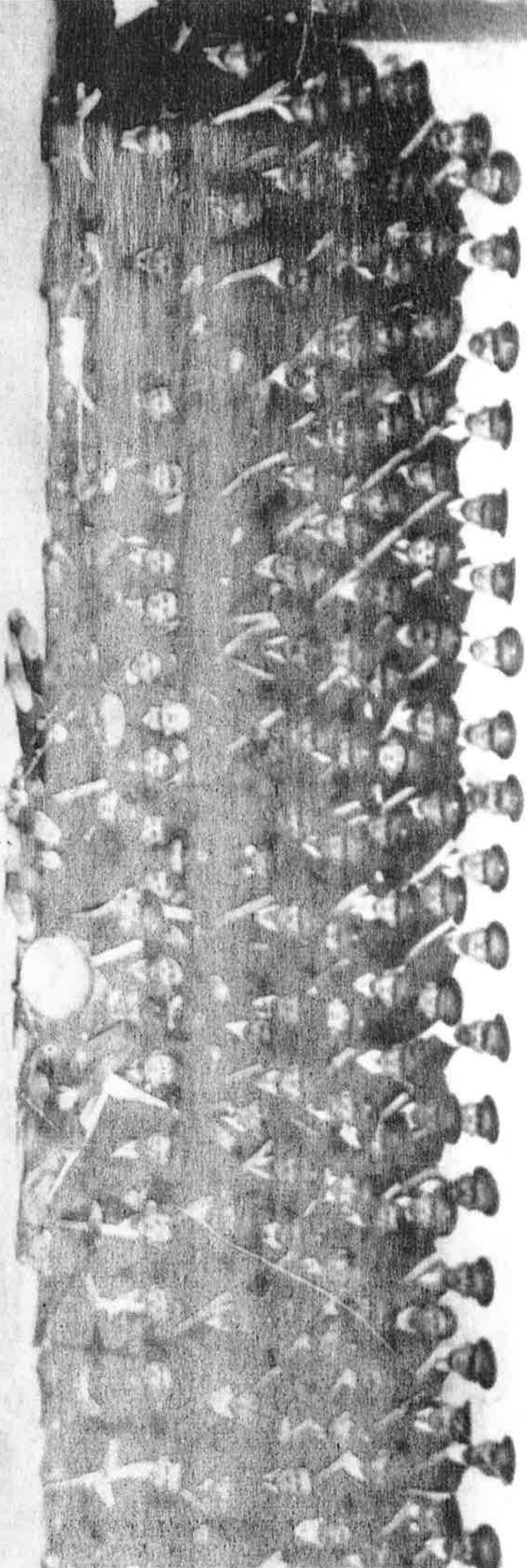
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 Program



27th April, 2016





SHANNON COMPANY IRISH VOLUNTEERS

BACK ROW—Johnny Connolly, Felix Murphy (Blacksmith), Ed. Ryan, Ed. Murphy (Spring Valley), Pat Adams, Dinny Kehoe, John Ryan, Warr Sutton, Jack Hughes, Ml. Pierce, Jas. Murphy, Stephen O'Connor, Tommy W. Robt. Coff, Paddy Wilder, Park. Murphy, Tom Boyne, Jas. Roche (cozeman), Tom Jordan, Mike Askins.

2nd ROW—Jos. Franklin, J. Dwyer, Robt. Corrigan, Con Franklin, Matt. Laasy, Bob Hawkins, Paddy Johnson, Denny Dwyer, Myles Roche, Andy (Lari) Doyle, Park. Webster, Ed. O'Connor, Martin Kehoe, John Kenny, Ml. O'Toole, Martin Kehoe, Lee. O'Neill.

3rd ROW—Jack Balte, Jas. Martin, Ml. Balte, Tobias Murphy, Jas. O'Neill, Sgt. Balte, Park. Corrigan (———), Mike O'Connor, John Purcell, Wm. Quirk, Paddy Pierce, Park. Hall, Wm. Sheehan, Ml. Sheehan, Aidan Ken loop, Callaghan, Andy Kehoe, Ml. Doyle, Har Hubbernatry, Patsy O'Farrell.

4th ROW—Robt. O'Neill, A. Mulvett, Park. Boyne, Jas. Deegan, John Forrestal, Ml. Murphy, Bob O'Connor, Robt. Webster, Jack Laasy, J. Tobin, Clann Kelly, John Walter, Mikey Murphy, John Boyne, Jimmy Murphy, "Ke I. 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 Park. Carton, Park. Dempsey, Jas. O'Neill, Tom O'Neill, I. McDonald, P. Dempsey, Owen Lacey.

6th ROW—John O'Leary, Felix Murphy, Jas. Ringwood, Tom Toole, Owen Hiney, Wm. Inay, John Carley, Paddy Doyle, Martin Doyle, Pat Kehoe, Paddy (Red) Boyne, Ml. Gowman, Chris O'Toole, Tom Kehoe, Jas. Coff, John Cullen, Paddy (Black) Boyne, Ed. Woods, Peter Murphy, Harry Goff, Sgt. Balte, Tom Murphy, Jim Quirk, Park. Woods, P. Coff, Tom Brookes.

SCOUTS—Murtin Doyle, Pat Kehoe, Paddy (Red) Boyne, Ml. Gowman, Chris O'Toole, Tom Kehoe, Jas. Coff, John Cullen, Paddy (Black) Boyne, Ed. Woods, Peter Murphy, Harry Goff, Sgt. Balte, Tom Murphy, Jim Quirk, Park. Woods, P. Coff, Tom Brookes.

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