

The Black and Tan medal



The Black and Tan medal (Pictured above) was found in my Grandparents house in Kilkee Co. Clare during the late 1950s. My Grandfather purchased the house along with a farm in the 1940s. The previous owner of the farm, Thomas Dillis, a commandant in the I.R.A. (Post truce) would have been involved in giving out medals to people who took part in in the war of independence. Over 15,000 medals with the Cormac hat (which indicated active service) were issued* throughout the country. While over 50,000 non-active-service medals were issued.* (*he-issues included)

Our family does not know if this medal was for active service or not as the ribbon and bar were broken-off it when found. The Black and Tan medal gets its name from the black and tan colours of its ribbon.

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