

1916 Story
I had a chat with my
Uncle and it turns out his great
grandfather who was a young boy
at the time of the Rising.
This is story.

In Dublin prior to 1916
John Murphy was a member of the
Dublin Metropolitan Police. There were
a lot of people called Murphy in
the police force, so they tended to
be known by their number. John Murphy's
number was 90 and he was therefore
known both in the force and by the
people in his area or beat as "ninety".

He became very friendly
with a family called Nolan and would
often call to their house where he
would have a cup of tea while on
his feet. The Nolans had a son called
Sean who was preparing for his first
Holy Communion and was learning the
Apostles Creed. The family ~~was~~ used
to be very amused that he kept getting
the words wrong and saying, "I believe
in God the father of 'ninety'", rather than
the correct words.

Immediately after the
1916 Rising, the Dublin Metropolitan Police
did patrols with the British Army.
John Murphy was a good policeman
but he was horrified by the actions
of the British soldiers to ordinary people

A 1916 Story

The country was placed under martial law which meant that the army was in charge. They had called a curfew and this meant that nobody could be on the streets at night. If a person was out at night without permission they could be arrested and sent to prison.

Sean Nolan had been in a friend's house and did not feel the time going by as there was great excitement and talk about the Rising. He left on his bicycle but had not left enough time to get home before the curfew was in place. He noticed a British army checkpoint on his way home and ducked down a side lane to avoid it. He was spotted by the police who came to the top of the lane and told him to come out. However, he recognised the voice of one of the policemen and from the dark he started saying "I believe in God the father of 10".

He heard the voice say "I'll deal with this and there in front of him was his family friend John Murphy. That you no sense said Murphy and then he escorted him home. His mother got the fright of her life when she saw him being brought home by a policeman but was relieved when she saw it was their family friend

I am so glad my uncle told me this story. My uncle also gave me two photos of his Grandfather's part in the Rising. I have two connections to the Rising. please turn over page to see

IRISH VOLUNTEERS.
DUBLIN BRIGADE.

COMPANY MOBILISATION ORDER.

The 1st Coy, 1st Batt., will mobilise on Easter Sunday at the hour
of 11.15 p. m.

Point of Mobilisation Quinn's Lane

Full Service Equipment to be worn, including overcoat, haversack, water-
bottle, canteen.

Rations for 2 hours to be carried.

Cycle Scouts to be mounted, and ALL men having cycles or motor cycles to
bring them.

P. H. Pearce
Captain or Officer Commanding

Dated this 10th day of April, 1916.

A written order to the Irish soldiers
signed by P. H. Pearce.



The medal that was awarded
years later to the Irish soldiers
who took part in the Rising
Written by Jack O'Sullivan
aged 12