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Edward O'Brien  
1890 - 1952



Stories of the Revolution

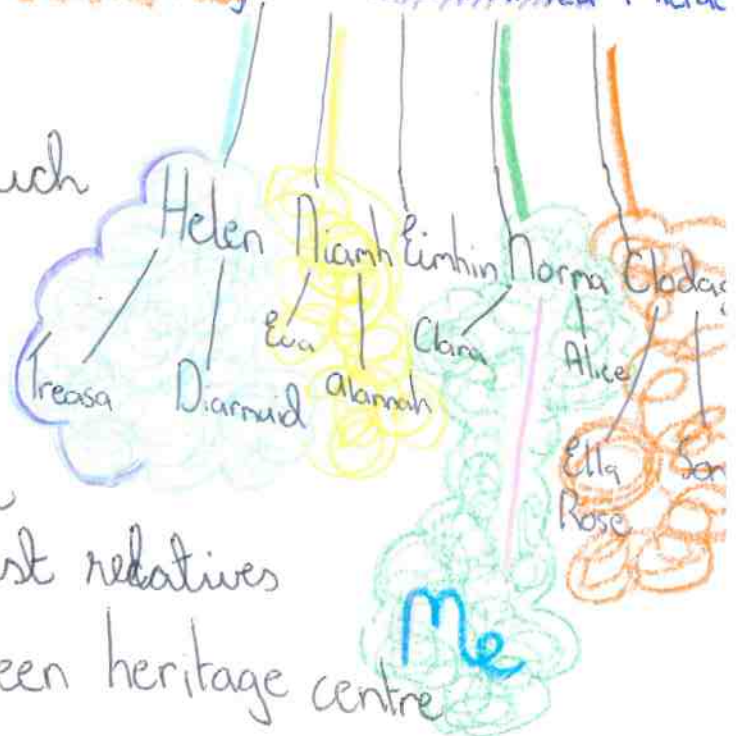
# Introduction

Hello my name is Lilah Steward and I am in the Gaelscoil in Clonakilty this booklet is about my great-grandfather, Edward O'Brien who fought in WW1 for Britain.

## Edward - Molly

Joan (Jimmy) Marie (Kevin) Eric (married leg) Barbara (married) Michael  
My granny (Mamó)

I enjoyed this so much because it gave me a chance to spend time with my mamó, and it's so cool to be aware of what my past relatives have done. Thank you Skibereen heritage centre



# Childhood

Edward O'Brien, my great grandfather was born in Dublin in the year 1890. His mother died at child birth and his father married a year later leaving Edward with a half brother and two half sisters.



# War years 1914-1921

In 1916 Edward joined the British Army and was stationed in Turkey! He was pte Edward O'Brien (which means he was a private). Edward didn't have good eyesight because he severely poked a fork in his eye as a child. Therefore he didn't fight up front and served behind the lines. His number was 485960 (every soldier had a number so they could be kept track of). PTE Edward O'Brien was awarded three medals a British war medal, a bronze victory medal and a Mon star medal. He had a slight form of shellshock. Edward left the army in 1921.



# After the war/army

After the army Edward moved back to his beloved Dublin. He married Molly Harte on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1929. They had their first daughter (Joan) 1930 then Marie 1935, Eric 1938 and my Mamó, Barbara in 1945. Unfortunately Edward O'Brien's life came to an end in 1952 age 62 from cancer.

## Fun Facts

- Edward was a painter by trade
- My Mamó was only seven when her father died.
- Edward loved to play the accordion.
- While gathering all this information, I saw Edward's army pouch, the wallet he had in the army with his name, number and rank that is over one hundred years old
- Every Friday Edward would bring home "lemons" toffee because it was his reward.

First Family Photos



I.O.H. 1934  
post Holiday



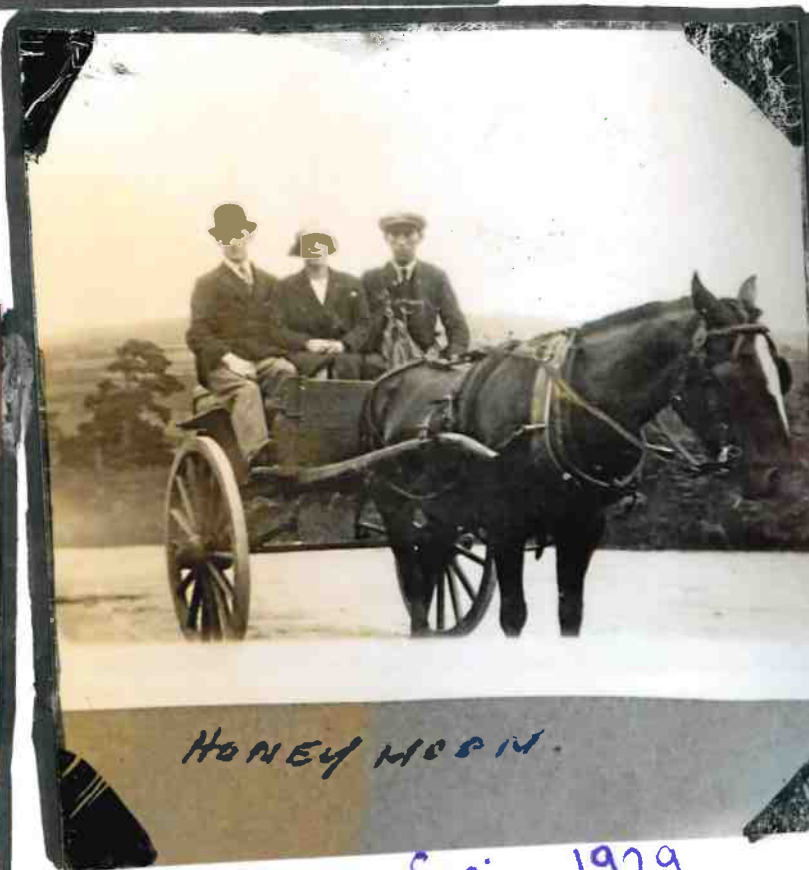
W. Tommy & Joan  
Mar 3



Joan Age 3



Edward and Molly's Wedding



HONEY MOON

Honey moon, Spring 1929