

Upton Train Ambush

The Upton train ambush took place on 15 Feb 1921, during the war of independence. The Irish Republican Army (IRA) mounted an attack on a train carrying British soldiers at Upton Co. Cork. The action was a disaster for the IRA; 3 of its volunteers were killed and two wounded. 6 British soldiers were wounded, 3 seriously wounded. 6 civilians were killed and 10 wounded in crossfire.

The Crossbarry Ambush

The Crossbarry ambush occurred on 19 March 1921 and was one of the largest engagements of the Irish war of independence. It took place at the rural crossroads of Crossbarry in Co. Cork, about 20km south west of Cork city. About a hundred IRA escaped an attempt by more than 1,300 British troops to encircle them.

During the hour long attack, battle between
10-40 British troops and 3-6 IRA volunteers
were killed. The ambush is one of the few large
large battles during the war where the
British forces, rather than ~~the~~ the IRA, initiated
the engagement.

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