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The Story
of my
Great grandad
and my Greatgranduncle

1 Information from my grandad.

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My great grandfather Denis Kiely along with his brother Thomas Kiely lived in (Bally B) Ballyregan on a farm on the borders of Innishannon (+) and Kinsale parish.

As young men they were active Scouts with the West Cork Column.

They took part in Youreen (~~camp~~) Ambush, (Bally) (1) Ballinassig.

During the Youreen Ambush (1) there was no casualties. The Royal Irish Constabulary soldiers (~~surrendered~~) surrendered 19 guns and walked back ^{to} Cork. The 19 guns were later hidden in a small island in the middle of Annagh Bog close to Crossbarry.

The Royal Irish Constabulary could not get in to the island because there was a secret way in.

The guns (~~were~~) were then used in Crossbarry and Kilmichael & Ambush.

However, shortly after Youreen Ambush, my great grandfather ^{and} his brother and many more people from the Innishannon area were arrested and taken by boat out of Cork to Brough in Wales and Ballykinlar in County Down.

Ballykinlar internment camp was the first mass internment camp to be opened by the British in Ireland during the war of Independence. Located on the County Down coast it opened in December 1920.

It became home to hundreds of men, from all over Ireland.

(2)

My great grandfather was held there until the end of the war of Independence.

He was subjected to brutal treatment and poor quality food.

Some men were executed, more died from malnutrition and others lost their sanity.

However their attempts to destroy the Irish spirit failed. A great comradeship and community ~~had~~ developed within the camp.

During their internment their parents didn't know if they were dead or alive!

During their internment the war of Independence raged on with Kilmichael and Crossbarry ambush happening.

They were ~~so~~ eventually released as part ~~the~~ of the agreement with Britain upon Michael Collins's signing of the treaty.

Following my great grandfather's release he purchased the farm I now live on with money he had hidden in an ~~outhouse~~ outhouse minutes prior to his arrest.



Street, Bantry

Denis Kiely, Kinsale

Thomas Kiely, Kinsale

D. Kingston, Clonakilty

Patrick Lane, Mallow

William Lombard, Ballineen

Batt Loughlin

Daniel Lynch, Annistown

J. Lynch, Bandon

John Lynch, Bandon

Photos of
Bally-Kinlas
camp
and the
prisoners.

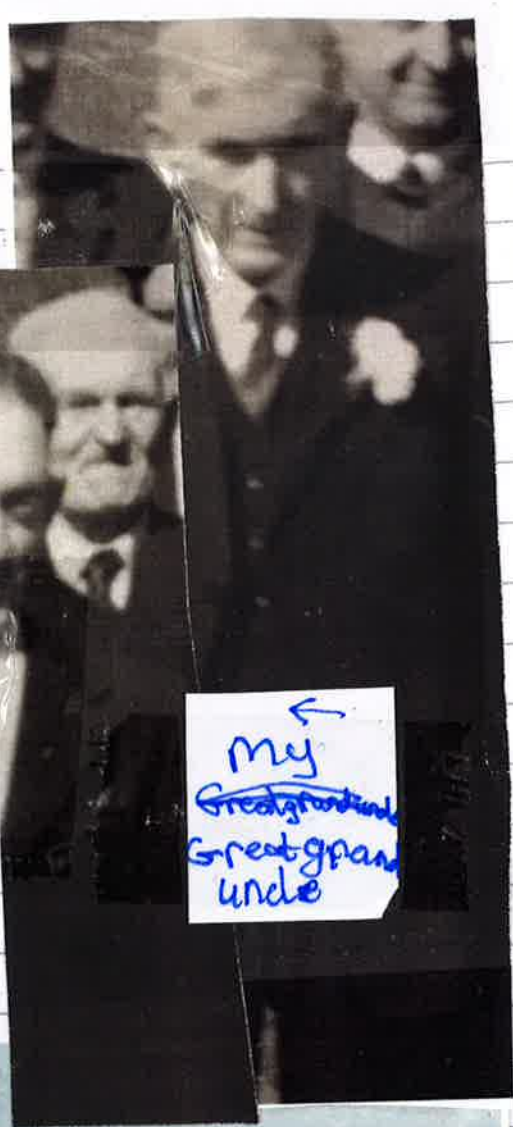
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Extra facts

The farm was bought on the 20th of February 1922.

My →
Great
Greatgrand
Greatgrandfather

The address of my greatgrandfather and his brother Derrynagasha Gnrishannon Co. Cork just on the borders of Kinsale.



←
my
Greatgrand
Greatgrand
uncle





Thank you

for

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