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Re history of I.R.A. and Sinn Fein movements in Monivea, Athenry, Co. Galway - 1917 to 1922.

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A company of the I.R.A. was formed in Monivea in March, 1917. William Dolley, Ryehill, Thomas Kelly, Ballyskea, and Patrick King, Monivea, were appointed Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant, respectively. All meetings except those for drill and military exercises were held in the barn in King's yard, which was situated beside the school house, about three hundred yards from the village. The company had a membership of fourteen members.

Drilling took place twice a week in a valley called Pake, which is about two miles' distant from Monivea.

Members of the Company performed ordinary Volunteer duty at election meetings during the 1918 campaign.

Captain Dolley, Lieutenants Kelly and King, and

Volunteers Michael Reilly, Roundfield, and John Kelly,

Ballyskea, blocked roads at Knockbrack, Monivea, by

felling trees across road on the occasion of the attack

on Moyville R.I.C. barracks in March 1920 - also for

attack on Loughgeorge R.I.C. barracks in May 1920. We

also blocked roads at Belville for attack on Headford

R.I.C. barracks in May, 1921.

During the month of June, 1920, 2nd Lieutenant
King and Volunteer Keilly, Roundfield, took part in an
ambush at Killatcher, about two miles from Monivea, on
the Athenry - Mountbellew road. They were the only two
members from Monivea Company to take part in the ambush.
The other members present were John J. Cullinane,
Patrick Cullinane, and Thomas Kennedy, Cussane Company;
Michael and Patrick Burns (brothers) and Patrick Healy,
Newcastle, Monivea, Darby Forde, Robert Lally, Peter
Dolly, now deceased, Michael Jordan, Killacloher,
Monivea, Skeahana Company, Walter Costello and Walter
Coppinger, Skeahana Company, Patrick Ruane of Menlough
Company. The latter and Darby Forde were in charge
of ambush.

Particulars of ambush: The ambush was prepared for a party of R.I.C. who were expected to accompany as boycotted farmer, named Houtchinson, of Ballybane, Skeahana. The position selected was from inside a demesne wall which was about eight feet high. Holes were punched in the wall for about a distance of eighty yards. plantation ran along the inside wall for about a half Width of plantation was about 150 yards. was all open country after that - and very dangerous for retreat. There was no wall on the other side of the road. The land there is about eight feet lower than level of road. One would have to jump down to the field below, inside of road. At about 2 p.m. on the Sunday in question, four R.I.C. men accompanying Houtchinson (two in front of horse trap and two in rear) ran into the Fire was opened, and the R.I.C. men were called scene. on to surrender. The driver of the trap turned the horse, and raced back home at a galloping speed,

standing up in the trap and whipping the horse, as fast as he could. One of the R.I.C. men, Constable McGloin, threw his rifle on the road. The other constable opened fire, and was wounded while jumping from road down into the field on the other side of road.

The other two constables, who were in front, seemed very anxious to surrender and held their rifles over their heads, at the same time, taking a few side steps towards the opposite side; then suddenly they jumped right down to the field below where they had safe cover. Fire from both sides continued for some time. The R.I.C. evertually retreated under safe cover.

One rifle and four bicycles were recovered by the I.R.A. (attacking party).

The attack was carried out at great risk, as lorries containing military might pass at any moment. A large number of military were stationed in Athenry, only seven miles away. The arrest of Captain Dolly, lst Lieutenant Kelly and 2nd Lieutenant King of Monivea Company was ordered immediately after, but all escaped or evaded arrest until after the Truce.

After the Truce, an officers' camp for training was established at Killeen Castle, Galway.

2nd Lieutenant King was promoted there to the rank of Captain, Monivea Company, I.R.A. He took Monivea R.I.C. barracks from the British, and was appointed O/C of same. At the commencement of hostilities in the Civil War, he resigned with the officers of the Tuam Brigade.

A Sinn Fein Club was formed in Monivea in April, 1917, by Captain Dolly, Lieutenants Kelly and King,

and John Concar, Belville, Monivea. The latter was appointed first secretary, but 2nd Lieut. King was appointed secretary after a couple of months, and remained secretary all through. The same men were in charge of both organisations in Monivea. All meetings were held in King's yard, in the oats barn. The barn was situated beside the National School, and is about three hundred yards from the village. This barn was christened "Liberty Hall" locally by some of the boys.

A very successful collection for the Dail Eireann bonds was carried out, in the Monivea area. 2nd Lieut. Paddy King acted as personation agent for Dr. Cusack, the Sinn Féin candidate for the North Galway constituency in the famous 1918 election, at the polling station held in Monivea National School. Captain William Dolly and 2nd Lieut. King were elected to the Tuam District Council for the Monivea area on the Sinn Féin ticket, being two of the first to be elected.

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