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Munster Republic

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Michael McMahon

Member

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If the aim of the Anti-Treaty forces was for a United Ireland, why didn't they just attack Northern Ireland directly? Were they trying to raise a slave army of Free State POWs to eventually invade Northern Ireland? Why didn't they do their best to avoid the free state military and exclusively attack Northern Ireland instead?

Given their aims it just seems very indirect. Of course, what they were doing was not democratic and so was not justified. I'm just curious about the tactics they chose.

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#2



Dearghoul

Member

My General. I would follow you to the chipper but not beyond.

 Mitsui2

May 29, 2019

#3



Kongming

Member

Michael McMahon said: 

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You've never seen what happens when a goat is placed at the border of Kerry and Cork, have you.

The Corkwegians puff out their gills so as to appear bigger than their typical three and a half feet, while the Kerrybeasts bare the three and a half teeth. This primal display is followed by both factions coating themselves down with exotic oils from the Seed of Rape, prior to engaging in "battle".

The winner gets to take said goat home to the village for all the wee hobbitses to shag.

  Vega1447, Erudite Pieman, Mitsui2 and 1 other person

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#4



Dearghoul

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Okay you may have meant the question seriously!

The fighting capability of the 'irregulars' was based on the WOI strategy of safe houses and a supportive or at the very least ambivalent population. Munster fitted that more than any other province, and was holdable for a while *if* Cork and Limerick could be maintained as bastions.

The war was prosecuted more in sorrow and righteousness from the Republican side, and many of the combatants had deep conflict about fighting their former comrades in arms.

The inevitable effect given the above was that the war could only be defensive in nature from the anti Treaty forces.

The 'Munster Republic' was a marker of defiance rather than an ambitious springboard to all Ireland dominance.

The overwhelming superiority in fire power and logistical superiority of the Pro Treaty forces rendered any actual *ambitions* redundant from the get go.

 Shaadi and NMunsterman

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 #5



Cruimh

The Handsome One

Staff member

Moderator

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There were some men from Cork and Kerry, AFAIK, involved in the battle of Belleek and Pettigo in a combination of pro and anti treaty forces.

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Could a Kerry victory generations ago explain the Healy-Rae dynasty?

Sidewinder



Old Mr Grouser

Member

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Not so.

The root of the Kerry problem is that the Free State forces were too soft - and so now it's become ingrained into Kerry culture that they're entitled to get away with anything.

Anyhow , this always gets them going -



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 #8



Talk Back

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The oath to the Irish Republic:- “ I, A.B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I do not and shall not yield a voluntary support to any pretended Government ('Southern Ireland' provisional government), authority or power within Ireland hostile and inimical thereto, and I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Irish Republic and the Government of the Irish Republic, which is Dáil Eireann, against all enemies, foreign (British army) and domestic (Free State army), and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me, God.”

Copy to Staff
OGLAIGH na h-EIREANN.

GENERAL ORDERS.

1920 (New Series)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

NO.11

23rd. July, 1920.

The following Oath of Allegiance to the Irish Republic shall be forthwith administered to all Volunteers. (Ref. memorandum to all Brigade Commandants from Adj.Gen. 16th. July, 1920.)

Any person who for conscientious or scrupulous reasons does not desire to declare his Allegiance in the form of an Oath may do so by affirmation by substituting the word "affirm" for the word "swear" where it occurs.

"I,.....do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I do not, and shall not, yield a voluntary support to any pretended Government, Authority, or Power within Ireland hostile or inimical thereto; and I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Irish Republic, and the Government of the Irish Republic, which is Dail Eireann, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me "God."

The Oath shall be taken individually by each Officer and volunteer as follows:-

To be taken by

At

In the presence of

The Brigade Staff and attached Brigade Officers.

A meeting of the Brigade Staff Officers and Council, specially summoned for the purpose.

The assembled Officers.

Battalion Staff and attached Battalion Officers.

A meeting of the Battalion Staff Officers and Council, specially summoned for the purpose.

By Order
The Brigade Commandant and the assembled Officers



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The real question is - what authority did the renegade Free State army (deserts and betrays an organization, country, or set of principles) have to attack the Irish Republic on June 28th 1922 - four days after the 'Pact' election votes were counted on June 24th - and suppress Dail Eireann two days before it was scheduled to meet to discuss the results of the 'Pact' election and dissolve on June 30th, and to form the new (3rd) Dail Eireann on July 1st. at 12 PM?



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Old Mr Grouser said: 

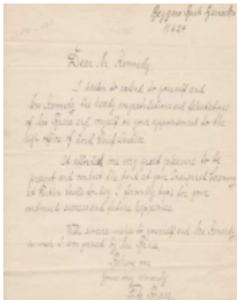
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Interesting to see footage of the Free State army Colonel Fritz Brase. Herr Brase was an rabid Nazi, and was Hitler's 'Ortsgruppenleiter' (Leader/recruiter) in Ireland.

Most people do not realise the strong connection between the Fascists and the renegade Free State army (deserts and betrays an organization, country, or set of principles). Part of the 'Southern Ireland' State's hidden history - things you don't learn in school..



1924 (11 JUNE) LETTER FROM COLONEL FRITZ BRASE, HEAD OF THE IRISH ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND NAZI PARTY ORGANISER IN IRELAND, AND OTHER LETTERS TO CHIEF JUSTICE KENNEDY.

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The letter congratulates Hugh Kennedy on his appointment and mentions Brase's conducting the Army band at his inauguration. Brase was a distinguished Prussian Army musician who was appointed by General Richard Mulcahy to establish the Irish Army School of Music. He was an active member of the Nazi Party and recruited for the party during his long stay in Ireland, where he died in 1941. The other letters are from Senator Martin Fitzgerald, a wine merchant in Abbey Street, who mentions John F Smyth (Monaghan County Registrar) and Judge Charles Doyle, and Agnes O'Farrelly, Irish scholar, who hopes that under Kennedy "the spirit of the Brehon Laws will infuse the life of Ireland again".

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You will note that I used each of the three titles current at the time in anticipation of the objection.

Aug 27, 2020

 #12



Michael McMahon

Member

Irish generals plotted to attack UK forces in Ulster

Codenamed 'Exercise Armageddon', the operations against British targets in 1969 would have stunned the world.

 www.dailymail.co.uk

This speculative and facetious alternative history article might actually remind us of how critical peace and reconciliation is in Northern Ireland. It truly takes it to such an extreme!

If Lynch Had Invaded?

T.V. program on this Tuesday night on R.T.E. 1 at 9.35pm about what might have happened if an Taoiseach Jack Lynch had decided to invade the North. A what if documentary. Lets pretend an invasion did take place what do you think would have happened?

politics.ie

These posts are yet more hypotheses inspired by the article. The absurd allusions to the Cold War has the opposite effect. It emphasises how similar nationalists and unionists are in the first place. Their political differences are minor in the whole scheme of international affairs. Religious people should really just be content that any young people bother to attend mass these days given the huge rise of atheism and agnosticism. The pedantic differences between Protestant and Catholic theology pales in comparison to that of other ideologies and world views. Indeed, Protestants and Catholics get on relatively well in America so I'm skeptical of how much religion itself was at play at all in the conflict. Needless to say that violence and revenge are antithetical to both of these religions. So implicating religion in the conflict is quite perverse and dishonest.



Stacey Dooley investigates: The men shot by their neighbours - BBC Three

www.bbc.co.uk

I generally agree with gun control. But if gun-running and paramilitarism plague a certain country, then non lethal projectile weapons such as air guns and tasers should be legal for civilian self-defence. Past terrorist attacks sometimes took the form of armed criminals shooting at unarmed civilians. This highlights the abject failure of previous governments to have implemented proper gun-control. These non-lethal weapons might give them some capacity to defend against any armed cowardly thugs.

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