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## THE RESTORATION OF ORDER IN IRELAND ACT AND ITS EFFECT

From January 24, 1920, to February 7, 1920, two constables were killed and one constable wounded in Ireland. No soldiers were killed or wounded. Six attacks were made on constabulary patrols and barracks. There was at that time no Restoration of Order in Ireland act; no martial law; nor any of the more extensive precautions against attack taken by the English forces in Ireland.

From January 24, 1921, to February 7, 1921, six months after the Restoration of Order in Ireland act came into operation; two months after the declaration of martial law in the Southern Irish Counties; and at a time when every device to terrorize the Irish people and safeguard the English armed forces in Ireland is in use all over Ireland, 32 constables and military were killed in Ireland, 40 were wounded and 43 attacks were made upon constabulary and military patrols and barracks in Ireland. Seventeen of the attacks were made in the counties under martial law. In all, successful operations by the Republican forces were carried out in 13 of the 32 Irish counties.

Further, in January and February, 1920, the English military government admitted the casualties inflicted on its forces. The bulk of these casualties are not now admitted. In many cases in which military and constabulary have been killed and wounded the official report states: "There were no casualties."

The following are details of the attacks on English forces during the last fortnight. The dates given are those upon which the attacks were reported in the press.

### 1921

**January 24.**—Foot patrol of constabulary attacked at Stranooden, County Monaghan. Dublin Castle admits two constables killed and one mortally wounded.

Sergeant Kempt, R. I. C., dies of wounds at Armagh.

Constable Johnston dies of wounds at Cork.

Constabulary barracks at Scarragh, County Donegal, bombed and attacked with rifles for over an hour. Official report states that there were no constabulary casualties and adds, "but it is believed a number of raiders were wounded."

Engagement between Republican forces and military near Fortiana, County Tipperary. No official report issued as to casualties.

Daylight engagement between Republican forces and military near Holy-cross, County Tipperary. Official report does not mention military casualties, but states that "two of the attackers were seen to fall."

Constabulary cycle patrol attacked near Thurles, County Tipperary, and captured, disarmed and released.

Motor patrol of auxiliary police bombed at Booterstown, Dublin. Official report states, "there were no casualties."

**January 25.**—Motor patrol of military and constabulary attacked at New Birmingham, County Tipperary. Official report admits two soldiers killed and six other members of the patrol wounded.

Constabulary and military barracks at Bandon, County Cork, which adjoin each other, attacked for an hour with rifles, bombs and machine guns. Official report states "the police and military sustained no casualties but the dead body of an unknown civilian was found near the barracks."

Constabulary barracks at Glenbower, County Tipperary, attacked for two hours with rifles and bombs. The official report states "there were no casualties."

Constabulary barracks at Kilcooley, County Tipperary, attacked in daylight. "There were no casualties."

Motor patrol of constabulary attacked near Kells, County Meath. Running fight followed by an hour's battle ensued. Official report states: "The motor car and arms lost. Otherwise all's well."

**January 26.**—Motor patrol of auxiliary police attacked with bombs and revolvers at Usher's Quay, Dublin. The official report stated that the auxiliaries inflicted four or five casualties on the attackers "who all got away." "The police had no casualties."

Constabulary search party at Tallow, County Cork, attacked by Republican forces. No official statement as to casualties.

**January 27.**—Two constables shot dead in Town Hall street, Belfast. One badly wounded.

Foot patrol of auxiliary police attacked at Trim, County Meath. Official report admits that one auxiliary was dangerously wounded and two others slightly wounded.

Constabulary barracks attacked at Innishannon, County Cork, with rifles and bombs. Attack lasted for two hours and a half. Official report states: "There were no police casualties."

Captain Handley Ensor, shot at and wounded in his house at Malahide, County Dublin.

**January 28.**—Official report states that a foot patrol of constabulary attacked at Granard, County Longford. Constable Selby wounded.

**January 29.**—Motor patrol of constabulary attacked with machine gun and rifle fire near Castleisland, County Kerry. Official report admits Divisional Commander Major P. A. Holmes, R. I. C., mortally wounded; Constable Myles killed and five others of the party wounded—four seriously.

Military and constabulary barracks attacked at Mullinahone, County Tipperary. Official report states: "There were no police or military casualties."

Constabulary barracks at Reshertan, County Antrim, attacked with bombs and rifle fire. "There were no police casualties."

**January 31.**—Considerable engagement between large body of Republican troops and strong forces of English military near Coachford, County Cork. The battle lasted for over an hour. Official report states that one Republican was killed and ten captured of whom five were wounded. "There were no military casualties."

Motor patrol of military attacked at Teronue, Dublin. Official report admits that one officer and eight soldiers were wounded—two seriously.

**February 1.**—Motor patrol of constabulary attacked between Virginia and Mullagh, County Cavan. Dublin Castle states there "were no police casualties" but that three of the attackers are "believed" to have been wounded.

Foot patrol of 10 constabulary attacked at Trim, County Meath. Dublin Castle states there were no constabulary casualties.

Motor patrol of auxiliary police attacked in Earl street, Dublin. One casualty—a cadet wounded—officially admitted.

Constabulary barracks bombed at Castlerea, County Roscommon.

**February 2.**—Captain King, County Inspector R. I. C., shot at and wounded at Mallow Railway Station, County Cork.

Motor patrol of military bombed at Newcommon Bridge, Dublin. Dublin Castle states there were no casualties.

Motor patrol of military attacked on the South Circular road, Dublin. No details of casualties given by Dublin Castle.

Motor patrol of military attacked in Nassau street, Dublin. No official report issued.

Constabulary officers in private car bombed and fired upon in Merrion square, Dublin. Dublin Castle states "none of the occupants were injured."

Dublin Castle official statement says: "There have been numerous indications discovered recently in County Kerry of contemplated operations against the forces of the Crown.

**February 3.**—Cycle patrol of constabulary attacked in Trinity street, Dublin. Constable Mullaney killed.

Motor patrol of three military lorries bombed and fired upon in Aungier street, Dublin. No official report re casualties issued.

Motor patrol of auxiliary police attacked with rifles on Usher's Quay, Dublin. No official report re casualties issued.

Motor patrol of two lorries of auxiliary police ambushed at Ballinalee, County Longford. The following casualties officially admitted: Two police shot dead; two mortally wounded; nine others wounded—some seriously.

Foot patrol of constabulary attacked at Drimoleague, County Cork. Official report admits one constable killed and one wounded.

Constable fired upon at Clonarlo, County Westmeath.

**February 4.**—Large forces of military and constabulary engaged by considerable body of Republican forces at Rosscarbery, County Cork. Resultant battle lasted an hour. Constabulary reports stated "there were no police casualties," but added that six of the attackers were killed and "their dead bodies were carried away by their comrades.

Foot patrol of constabulary attacked at Ballinhassig, County Cork. Official report admits two constables killed; one seriously wounded.

Motor patrol of two lorries of constabulary attacked near Rallasgreen, County Limerick. Dublin Castle report admits nine constables killed and two mortally wounded. The report adds: "There were no rebel casualties."

Officer of the General Staff shot at and wounded in the D. B. C. Restaurant, Dublin.

Constable Green of Gormanstown Camp, fired upon and mortally wounded at Balbriggan, County Dublin.

**February 5.**—Motor patrol of auxiliary police bombed and fired upon on the Custom House Quay, Dublin. Dublin Castle admitted that the motor lorry of the patrol was badly damaged but made no statement as to casualties inflicted on the occupants.

Constabulary barracks at Middleton, County Armagh attacked.

**February 7.**—Motor patrol of military attacked at three points in Merrion square, Dublin. Bombed and fired upon at each point. The official report states: "The troops suffered no casualties," but "believed" they inflicted several on their assailants.

Motor patrol of military attacked at two points in Camden street, Dublin. Bombed and fired upon at each point and again attacked at Rathmines. Official report admits one officer wounded.

Corporal Ryan, a military foot policeman, shot dead in Old Gloucester place, Dublin.

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