

Old I.R.A. Man's Death

Funeral of Mr Patrick J Ryan, Clonlara

The death has occurred at his residence, Drumeen, Clonlara, county Clare, of Mr P J Ryan (Tadgh). Deceased was a member of the old I.R.A. and was a very popular figure in the locality. During the Anglo-Irish War his home was always a resting place for the Irish Volunteers. The coffin was draped in the tri-colour and was borne from the church to the hearse by members of the old I.R.A. The funeral to Doonhas was the largest seen in the district for many years.

Very Rev P J Canon Barrett, P.P., celebrated Requiem Mass and officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev T Hehir, O.C.

Canon Barrett delivered an oration and said he was very proud to be at the graveside of such a brave soldier. It was the second time, he said, that he was called upon to pay such an honour to an old I.R.A. man. He concluded his oration in terms of poetic praise and expressed the sympathy of the general public to the family.