

Lorry Crashes

Three Soldiers Killed -- Many Injured

Inquest in Limerick.

Private Patrick Quirke, of the Claddagh, Galway, was killed instantly when a military lorry in which he was travelling crashed into a wall near the railway station at Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare, early on Saturday morning. A second soldier, Private Charles McKellop, Glonkirk Rd. Whitehall, Dublin, who was gravely injured, died a few hours later in Barrington's Hospital. A third man, Private Noel Mullally, Main street, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, is in a serious condition in the hospital, and six others are injured in a lesser degree.

The lorry, when it struck the wall, overturned, and Quirke was thrown over the railway gates. Lieut. McMahon and the driver who occupied the cab, were uninjured.

The Inquest

Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, opened an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Saturday, into the circumstances of the death of Private McKellop.

Inspector P Comer, Kibhaloe, conducted the inquiry.

Dr F Crowe, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence of performing a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased, who was admitted to the Hospital at 1.20 a.m. on the 4th September, and died about 3 a.m. He had severe injuries. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and cerebral haemorrhage.

Lieut Henry F Howard, Air Corps, stated he knew the deceased, Private McKellop, for the past 18 months. He was attached to witness's squadron. He saw the body of the deceased at Barrington's Hospital and identified it. The deceased was 26 years and single.

The Inspector said that in view of the fact that there were a number of witnesses who were injured, and in an unfit state to appear, he asked for an adjournment to an indefinite date.

The Coroner, adjourning the inquest, said that the jury might not again be called. He sympathised deeply with the relatives of the unfortunate men who were killed.

Inspector Comer, on behalf of the Garda, joined in the Coroner's expression of sympathy with the relatives.

The Injured.

The injured are—Corporal J Coleman, 57 Connolly st, Fermoy, Cork; Private L Hickey, Newmarket-on-Fergus; Pte Noel Mullally, Main street, Tallaght Dublin; Pte Kevin McNally, Rathmackin, Sixmilecross, Co. Tyrone; Pte James Coyne, Uringford, Co. Kilkenny; Pte Eugene Canfield, Basteenbridge, County Cavan; Pte M Skelly, Eective, Kells, Co. Meath.

Third Death

Private Noel Mullally died in St Brigid's Hospital, Dublin, on Monday, bringing the death toll of the lorry crash at Sixmilebridge to three.