# Former soldiers honour those who died as POWs

By MIKE DWANE

WHEN people take the time out each November remember fallen sol- returned from Mazindiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, the image that most often springs to mind is of trench warfare and of men sent over the top to their doom by incompetent

But outside of the battles proper, there are plenty of Limerick soldiers who met their ends in less "glorious" circumstances.

This month, Tadhg Moloney, Royal Munster Fusiliers Association, has visited Germany and France, where memorials stand commemorating whose military careers ended differently-they languished in POW camps and were executed by firing squads selected from their comrades-in-arms.

her, and Dubliner Peter Mulvany are members of

the Irish Shot at Dawn campaign whose lobbying helped to achieve a par-don for 28 Irish soldiers, including two Limerick men, this time last year.
They have just

garbe, outside Lens, in Northern France, where a plaque to Pte James Graham, one of 11 men executed in an abattoir, was unveiled.

"The French decided to honour the Irish in par-ticular," said Mr Moloney. "It's the only plaque where these men are remembered as being shot at dawn, and the only plaque we're aware of that mentions they were pardoned."

After France, Mr Moloney and Tony O'Brien, Janesboro, made a more personal pilgrim-age, this time to Limburg, Germany, where Irish prisoners-of-war were kept during the Great

It was at Limburg, where up to 20,000 prisoners could be kept at a time, that Roger Casement, with little success, tried to recruit Irish Mr Moloney, Gouldavo- POWs to take the fight to the British back home.

Mr O'Brien and Mr



Peter Mulvany, Dublin, and Tadhg Moloney, Gouldavoher, of the Irish Shot at Dawn campaign, at the unveiling of the memorial in Mazingarbe, France, to Irish soldiers executed during the **Great War** 

Limburg, exactly a year private donors. after they made a dona-

Half the money collected by the Friends of the marks, or about £350,

Germany. They ment, the remainder from returned this month to military associations and ally erected during the

tion of €10,000 for the with different regiments restoration of a Celtic who died in captivity Cross that commemo- there. The cross was rates the members the erected at the instigation Irish soldiers who died of the Catholic chaplain there, Fr Crotty.

"It cost around 7,000

Moloney have relations Limburg Celtic Cross was when it was put up in who were held as POWs donated by the Govern- 1917. It was the only memorial that was actuwar itself, and it was "There were 45 Irish something special for the German authorities to give it the go-ahead," Mr Moloney said.

Over the years, the 10tonne cross got weatherbeaten and the named inscribed there obscured.

A rededication ceremo-

ny was held last week at Limburg, attended by the two Limerick men, Adrian Farrell of the Irish Embassy in Berlin, and William Barlow, an Englishman whose father died at Limburg.

Two of the Limerick soldiers who died as POWs at Limburg were Patrick Kerins of Ballybricken, and David Madden of Newcastle West.

## Judge threatens he may strike out cell phone case

A JUDGE has threatened be charged with having a to strike out the case of a mobile phone inside Lim-convicted drugs mule, who erick Prison. He was is accused of having a before Limerick Court on

Earlier this year Denis Kelly, 20, who is originally from north Cork received a six-year sentence after he was caught with heroin worth almost €500,000 at Gooig, Castleconnell, in August 2006.

Last month, Mr Kelly became the first inmate to

mobile phone while serving a lenghty sentence at Limerick Prison, writes

David Hurley.

Earlier this year Denis

Kelly 20 who is originally

court again on Tuesday, Insp Pat Connolly said directions were not yet available from the DPP.

In response solicitor John Devane said: "Surely it should be easy enough to

get directions given the fact that this case first came before the court over a month ago."

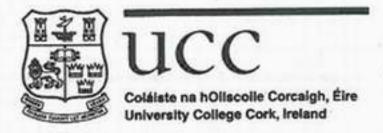
Judge Tom O'Donnell said: "I now think we are getting into nonsense territory," and said he would strike out the charges if the directions were not when Mr Kelly was in available by December 12.

According to the 2007 Prisons Act any prisoner convicted of possession of a mobile phone faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a fine of up to €5,000.

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### Court detains 'out of control teen' for trying to steal bike

#### By KATHRYN HAYES

THE father of an "out of control" teenager, who told a judge that he would not accompany his son to court anymore, has apologised for his remarks.

Last week at the Children's Court in Limerick Judge Tom O'Donnell warned the man that he could be arrested if he

son's court case. the court, the man said steal a bike from a Garda he had been attending station.

Despite his threat the man did appear in court yesterday for his son's trol," said Judge O'Donhearing after which he nell. apologised to Judge O'Donnell for the remarks he made last

he appreciated the fact that the man had come to court but said "enough is enough" and sentenced didn't show up for his the 17-year-old to six months' detention after In a direct address to he admitted trying to

young man is out of con- quid".

has 22 previous conviction or health services tions, pleaded guilty to according to a report cartrying to steal a quad Judge O'Donnell said bike from Roxboro Garda Station in Limerick on November 6 last.

solicitor Defence Andrew Darcy described the offence as one of "complete and utter stupidity" and said his client was under the influence of drugs at the time.

"The reality is this because he "needed a few

Judge O'Donnell said the teenager had not The 17-year-old, who engaged with the probaried out by the HSE and that he had been found at home asleep on the couch intoxicated.

He added that despite receiving previous sentences earlier this year the youth still walked "brazenly" into Roxboro Garda station and tried to steal a bike.

