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The attackers mustered quietly at Ballylany Bridge, about a mile below the village. They were equipped with firearms, bombs and ammunition, and detailed to various posts. They were placed in two companies, one in different parts of the building.

At 11 pm, it was uncertain that two of the companies were in bed and that the sergeant and the remaining companies were in different parts of the building.

After 11.30 pm, "Forty" finished the "open fire" signal from the roof of No. 1 position, and the was an immediate volley of rifle-fire, a shower of grenades, to which the garrison replied immediately.

The attack on the roof set about breaking a gap hole inside the building with sledge-hammers. Bombs and incendiaries were immediately thrown in to set the building on fire. A fire hose was attached in use, but was not effective.

In point of fact, those who had taken part in the actual fighting, and for whom arms were available, had no time to fire.

Sean T O'Riordan, of Kilmallock, stated that he was in charge of the garrison, and that he was in the act of hiding from the enemy.

The plans for the attack on Ballylany Barracks were drawn up at the house of Ned Tobin, of Ballinaleen, about two miles from the barracks.

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The capture of the barracks was a triumph for the garrison, and it was considered a blow to the cause of the enemy.