

LIMERICK DRAINAGE BOARD POLICE GARRISON SUR- RENDER April 1920

After Three Hours' Fight

Arms and Ammunition Captured

Ballylanders Police Barracks, Co Limerick, were attacked with rifles and explosives at one o'clock yesterday morning by about 100 men. Three policemen were wounded, but not seriously. One of the attackers was badly wounded, and is reported dead. The roads were blocked and the wires cut for four miles around. Details are consequently meagre, but it is said that the siege lasted three hours, after which the garrison surrendered. The attackers having captured the arms, ammunition, and bicycles belonging to the garrison, burned the barracks to the ground. Ballylanders is a good-sized village, 15 miles south-west of Tipperary.

A Charleville correspondent writes:—Yesterday morning some sensation was caused in Charleville when it became known that a number of telegraph and telephone wires had been cut on the previous night between Charleville and outlying districts, and speculation was rife as to what was the object in view. The wires between Charleville and the railway station were cut, while communication with Milford, Dromcollogher and other centres was also interrupted. On the road between Charleville and Kilmallock, and also between Charleville and Buttevant, trees were felled across the road, the usual precautions taken preparatory to attacks on police barracks throughout the country, but so far as can be ascertained no further incident of importance took place locally. In some circles the rumour was prevalent that an attack was contemplated on Charleville Police Barrack, but this theory seems very remote.

A message from Kilmallock states that Ballylanders Police Barrack, near Knocklong, was burned down on Monday night, all roads in and around the vicinity of Kilmallock being blocked. Last evening there was a military display of the Lanciers through the town. This regiment only arrived at Buttevant from England on Sunday last.

BURNING OF CREAMERIES