



Boys From the County Cork

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Traditional



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This recent folk song describes the key players and units of the Irish War for Independence (1919-1921), especially the 3rd Cork Brigade of the Irish Republican Army. This unit, which operated in Co. Cork, was led by Tom Barry and defeated units of the British Auxiliary Force and the British Black and Tans at major engagements including the Kilmichael Ambush, where the “Boys from the County Cork” killed 18 members of the British Auxiliary Division, and the Crossbarry Ambush where the 3rd Cork Brigade escaped encirclement by 1,200 British forces.



Members of the 3rd West Cork Brigade, IRA. 1919

