

TWO YOUNG MEN SHOT DEAD.

IN ENDEAVOURING TO ESCAPE

The dead bodies of David Tobin and Thomas Murphy, who, according to the official report, were shot while trying to escape from the military in Ballylanders district, Co. Limerick, on Saturday, have been brought into Tipperary Military Hospital.

It would appear that about 2.30 in the afternoon a party of military from Tipperary came along in a lorry through Glenbrohane, two miles from Ballylanders. As the lorry approached the house of Mrs Tobin, a widow, her son, David, and Thomas Murphy, who were inside, ran out. The military, it is stated, called on them to halt, but they continued to run. The military fired, and both men were hit. Murphy fell, but Tobin managed to get away. The military, coming up, found Murphy mortally wounded. He was brought into a neighbouring cottage. The military sent for a clergyman and doctor, but he died half an hour afterwards. The military, it is said, got a bloodhound and searched for Tobin. A pool of blood was found on the mountain, where he had evidently rested for a while. On Sunday morning his dead body was found within 100 yards of his mother's house, whither he had crawled from some place of hiding during the night. He had his coat under his head, and evidently had lain down to die. It is stated that both men had been wanted by the Crown forces for some time. Tobin's house had been repeatedly searched by the military. His mother holds a small farm. Murphy was a working baker in the village of Ballylanders.

The official report states:—Thomas Murphy and David Tobin, of Ballingarry, both of whom were wanted by the authorities, ran from Tobin's house on the approach of a military car on the afternoon of January 1st. Tobin ran about 100 yards, turned and sheltered behind a roadside bank with a drawn revolver. He was outflanked and shot dead. Murphy still continued to run, and was eventually shot at and wounded. He was placed in a house pending the arrival of a doctor, and has since died.