

Statue to volunteers is unveiled

GENERAL TOM BARRY yesterday repeated remarks he made on the reunification of the country at Kilmichael the previous Sunday as, he said, some people did not like some of his remarks.

General Barry was speaking at the unveiling of a monument at Derrygallon, Kanturk, Co. Cork, to three volunteers who died during the War of Independence. Two of the volunteers, Comdt. Patrick Clancy and Captain Jack O'Connell, were shot dead by British troops in the district 50 years ago yesterday, and a third man, Daniel Clancy, died while a prisoner in Cork Jail a year later.

Gen. Barry said: "Those who state that the ending of partition is a matter only for the people of our Six Northern Counties are guilty of a heresy which can never be accepted. It is the responsibility of not alone the people of Ireland, but of every Irishman wherever he may live."

He added: "It is not alone the right but the bounden duty of all who seek to end the foreign armed occupation of the North-East to use every means to do so. One hopes it can be done peacefully, but it will only be effected from the strength of a united Republican movement."

The monument, which contains a life size figure of a volunteer, was unveiled by Comdt. Paddy O'Brien, an Old I.R.A. veteran. An F.C.A. firing party rendered honours, and four bands took part in the ceremony. About 3,000 people, including many exiles, subscribed to the memorial.