

DEATH OF MR. P. FLANAGAN

COMMANDED DUBLIN ACTIVE SERVICE UNIT

MR. P. FLANAGAN, "Sunnyside," Oakley Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, formerly O.C. of Dublin Brigade, I.R.A., Active Service Unit, died in a Dublin private nursing home yesterday morning. He was aged 43.

Mr. Flanagan, who had been interned after 1916, took part in an attack on British headquarters officers at Charlemont Bridge, Dublin, in January, 1921, when bullet-proof motor-car glass was used for, it is believed, the first time by British forces in Ireland.

HEROIC EPISODES RECALLED.

He commanded about 30 members of the unit at the burning of the Custom House. One of the last to leave the scene, he escaped over railings under machine-gun fire.

Mr. Flanagan was in charge of a number of ambushes, including engagements at Clonturk and Crumlin, Co. Dublin.

In 1919, when he was O.C. of C Company, 3rd Battalion, two or three R.I.C. surprised him and some men whom he was drilling on Three Rock mountain, Co. Dublin. The police were disarmed and manacled with their own handcuffs.

Mr. Flanagan was born at Portumna, Co. Galway. When the 1916 Rising broke out, he was working as a carpenter in Dublin. He fought under Mr. de Valera in Boland's Mill; was imprisoned at Wakefield and interned at Frongoch. In 1917 he was made lieutenant, and in 1918 captain, of C Company, 3rd Battalion.

WIDOW AND FAMILY.

In the course of his three years and a half "on the run," Mr. Flanagan married Miss E. O'Brien, a member of Cumann na mBan, who, with five children, survives him. She helped him on many occasions before fighting ended.

Soon after the start of the Civil War he was imprisoned at Portlaoighise. He was freed before the general amnesty.

The remains will be removed to Whitefriar Street Church at 8 p.m. to-night. The funeral to Glasnevin will take place after 10 o'clock Mass to-morrow.