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NATIONAL & ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY ARCHIVE



## Thomas Dowling

REG NO: 5708

### BORN

05 July 1896

### JOINED

26 March 1924

### STATIONED

CLARE (Fanore)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

### ADDRESS

High Street, Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny

### DATE OF DEATH

28 December 1925

### RELIGION

Roman Catholic

### OCCUPATION/TRADE

Carpenter

### HEIGHT

5ft 8.1/4

### CHEST

34 36.1/2

### IRISH LANGUAGE

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### MARRIAGE

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## SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

**GARDA RANK**

Garda

**IRA RANK**

Sec Commander

**NATIONAL ARMY RANK**

2nd lieut

**RIC RANK**

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**FOREIGN ARMY RANK**

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**CID/PROTECTION CORPS**

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**END OF SERVICE & REASON**

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## NOTES & REFERENCES

**REMARKS**

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**FURTHER NOTES**

Having previously worked as a carpenter, he had been involved in the struggle for Irish Independence and subsequently joined the National Army achieving the rank of Lieutenant. During his military service he was wounded in an ambush near Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Son of John Dowling (a Labourer) and Bridget Murphy. On 28th December 1925, Garda Dowling, in the company of another member, was returning to Fanore Garda Station after some hours on cycle patrol duty in the neighbouring District, when passing Craggagh graveyard a volley was fired into them, resulting in the death of Garda Dowling. The killing of Garda Dowling was believed to have been in reprisal for his enforcement of the illicit distillation laws. He is buried in Ballyouskill Graveyard, County Kilkenny.

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