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The Connaught Rangers mutiny—1920, 1970 & 2020



Members of the 1st Battalion of the Connaught Rangers in India, 1920. The leader of the mutiny, James Daly, is bottom right. (King House Museum, Boyle)

On 28 June 1920, five men from C Company of the 1st Battalion of the Connaught Rangers led a mutiny in Jalandhar, Punjab, in protest against martial law in Ireland. Following their surrender a few days later, 88 mutineers were court-martialled, of whom 77 were imprisoned; the leader, James Daly, was executed. The imprisoned mutineers were released in 1923; they returned to Ireland, and in 1936 were granted State pensions. In 1970 the remains of James Daly and two other mutineers were repatriated from India.

Listen to **Tommy Graham**, editor of *History Ireland*, discuss the complex web of issues arising from these events and their commemoration both in 1970 and today with **John Gibney, Cécile Gordon, Brian Hanley and Kate O'Malley**.

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Cécile Gordon

Cécile Gordon is Senior Archivist and Project Manager of the Military Service (1916–1923) Pensions Collection Project. The Project, a Government initiative for the Decade of Centenaries, aims to preserve and make available the files of the men and women who were active during the period 1916–23 and who applied for financial recognition under specific legislation enacted by the Irish Free State from 1923. Her areas of interest include the impact of archives and of the work of the archivist on the nature of nationalism, identity, commemoration and collective memory. Languages and History graduate (Licence, University Lyon II France) and Archives and Records Studies graduate (HDip. and MA, UCD).

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