

Irish Easter Rebellion



Brief Overview:

The Easter Rebellion, also known as the Easter Rising was an armed insurrection in Ireland during Easter Week. The rebellion was led by Irish republicans whose goal was to gain independence from Great Britain. The Irish thought that if they attacked while the British were heavily involved in WWI, they might stand a greater chance of winning.

The Specifics:

Reports coming out of Europe suggest that the British put down the rebellion with extreme force. The brutality associated with the British during the rebellion turned many against the British. While no one suggested that the Irish deserved their independence, nor applauded their use of WWI to their advantage, the excessive force used by the British angered many. The rebellion lasted a total of 6 days and left over 300 Irish dead and over 2,000 wounded.