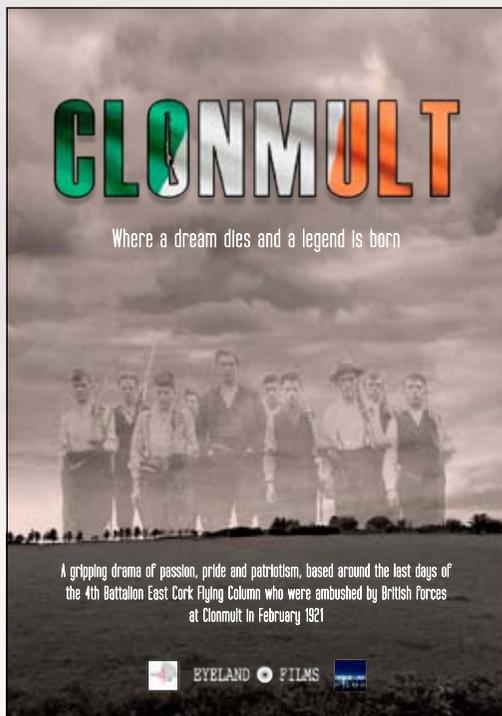


Feature Film Proposal



STATUS

The project is currently in development with Pre-production rescheduled due to pandemic for late 2021/22.

Completion and screening is now provisionally scheduled for late 2022.



The burnt out farm house at Clonmilt

BUDGET

An outline budget of €800,000, including 12% contingency, has been prepared during development for all anticipated costs of pre-production, production and post-production, as well as initial marketing and distribution. A copy of the line item budget is available on request.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Production Country:	Ireland
Completion Date:	2022
Running Time:	c. 90min.
Language:	English
Picture:	Colour
Aspect Ratio:	2.39:1
Shooting Format:	4K HD
Sound:	Stereo 5.1
Exhibition Formats:	DCP, DVD & B/Ray

SHORT SYNOPSIS

This story of the ambush is told through the eyes of a fictional teenage girl, KITTY, who's mother is pro-active in Cumann na mBan and supplies milk for the Column. The recent weeks have seen heightened patrols and activity by British forces and the RIC across the county.

With danger in the air and strangers in the locality, Kitty develops a crush on one of the teenage boys of the Column, despite only having seen him fleetingly. The lad himself is unaware of her attentions and Kitty doesn't fully understand her feelings.



Previous period drama by the Development Team

Kitty's mother and another officer in Cumann na mBan want Kitty to take a job at Midleton RIC barracks, to gain access to intelligence. Her sheltered life makes this a frightening prospect and she declines.

On the afternoon of Sunday the 20th of February, Kitty and her friend are out in the fields when they glimpse Army lorries on a distant back-road moving in the direction Clonmilt. Kitty realises the danger and takes off through the glen, hoping to warn the men before the troops arrive by road. But it is not to be.

A witness from a distance, to the fatal battle fought and lost by the Column, Kitty's world is changed forever. Now she understands all her feelings and, for the first time, understands her mother. She makes the bravest decision of her life - she will become a spy for the cause.

CAST

An initial breakdown of story characters allows for c 97 in total as follows:

Lead: 4 Principal: 7 Cameo: 2
Support: 18 Feature: 21 Extras: 44.



Diarmuid O'Hurley Jack O'Connell Jimmy Glavin

LOCATIONS

Where possible, locations will be selected within Co. Cork using suitably adaptable rural and village landscapes, selected for their broad vista and intimate detail.

It is further envisaged that a number of shots will feature actual places at Clonmilt for the film's short opening sequence, which is set in the present-day.



Nine of the men are buried in the republican plot at Midleton cemetery, two were interred in Cobh and one in Ballycotton Co. Cork.

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STORY

In February 1921, at the height of the Irish War of Independence, the East Cork Flying Column of the IRA 4th Battalion were surrounded and ambushed at a remote farmhouse near the village of Clonmilt, Co. Cork, by the British Army 2nd Battalion Hampshire Regiment, together with RIC and Auxiliary forces.

Twelve of the Column were shot dead during and after the gun battle and two were subsequently executed in Cork.

This period drama will tell the story of their final days as an adaptation of the known facts, seen through the eyes of a local fictional family.