

**THE PROCLAMATION OF
POBLACHT NA H EIREANN.
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.**

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

In 1916 this was the location of Kenmare Post Office. It was from here the telegram was sent that informed America of the Easter Rising.

Tim Ring and Eugene Ring were members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and were employed at the Western Union Cable Station in Valentia. To bring news of the Rising to America and to avoid the strict British Military Censor, they enlisted the help of their cousin Rosalie Rice who was an employee of Kenmare Post Office. When Pádraig Pearse issued the order for the Volunteers to mobilise, Rosalie sent the coded telegram from Kenmare Post Office through the Western Union in Valentia. The telegram read:

'Mother operated on successfully today'

The telegram reached John Devoy, a founder of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, in New York. Before word of the Rising reached British Newspapers, the Rising had made headline news in America and played a role in stopping the further execution of volunteers. The lives of many republicans, sentenced to death by Military Tribunals, were saved.

For his role in sending the telegram, Tim Ring was interned in Frongach Camp in Wales with other participants of the Rising. Eugene Ring was dismissed from Western Union.

Rosalie Rice was imprisoned in Tralee Jail.

We remember Rosalie Rice, Tim Ring, Eugene Ring and all those who played their part in the Easter Rising of 1916.

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