

O'Connell Street, Upper, July 1922

This destruction, begun as part of the movement against the British Government in Ireland, was continued after the Treaty as part of the movement against the Free State Government.

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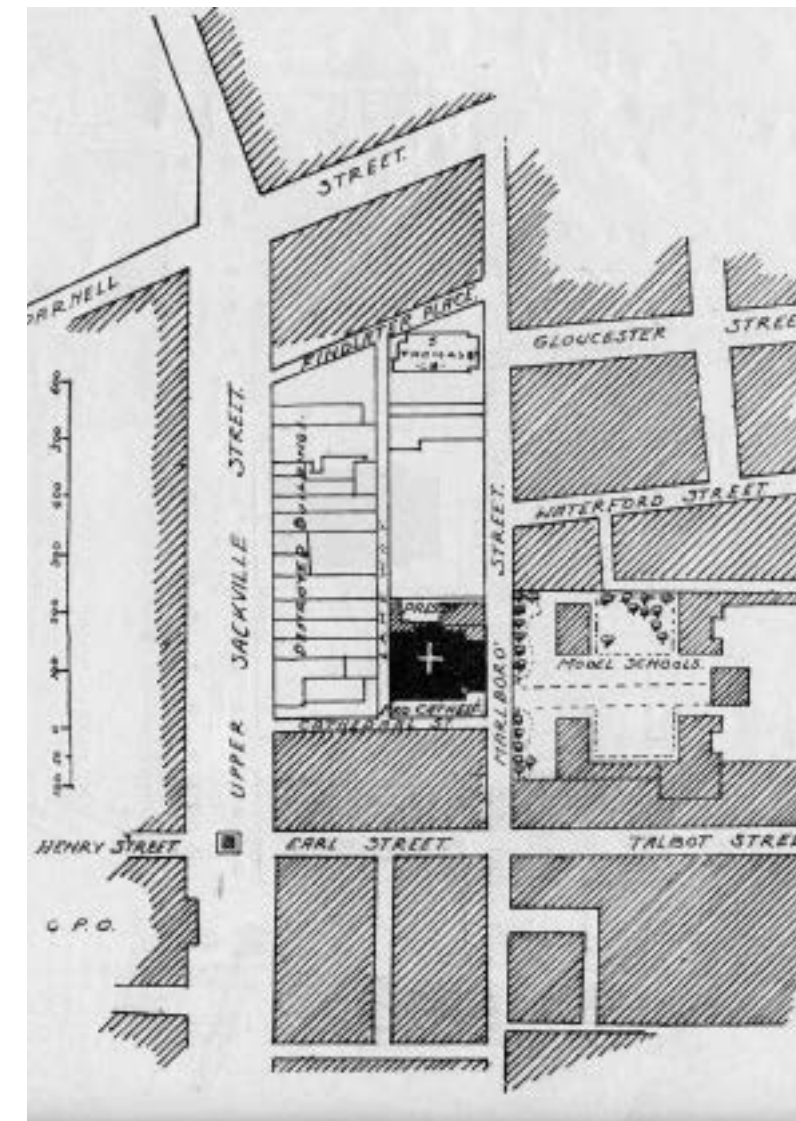
The fighting which began at the Four Courts on 28 June 1922 quickly spread to other parts of the city. There were incidents in Leeson Street, Abbey Street and Parnell Square, but by Monday 3 July the affected area had constricted to a group of buildings on the east side of O'Connell Street, Upper. By the time anti-Treaty forces surrendered on the evening of Wednesday 5 July, O'Connell Street, Upper, was in ruins, with over twenty buildings destroyed and property loss estimated at between £3 and £4 million.

Among the buildings lost were the Hammam Hotel, the Hibernian Bible Society (Drogheda House), the YMCA, the series of houses in use as a temporary GPO (whose staff, having been burned out for the second time in six years, could be forgiven for feeling somewhat paranoid), and the Granville, Gresham, and Crown Hotels. On the west side, the Edinburgh Hotel, the premises of Messrs Adam Scott & Co., the Edinburgh Insurance Co., Messrs A. and R. Thwaites, and Messrs J. and G. Campbell were also badly damaged.

O'Connell Street, Upper, east side c.1890
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O'Connell Street, Upper, viewed from Nelson's Pillar, c.1890
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Map showing area of destruction, July 1922
Irish Builder, 19 May 1923, p. 365



Granville Hotel and temporary GPO, viewed from offices of the Irish Builder, July 1922
Irish Builder, 15 July 1922, p. 498



O'Connell Street, Upper, east side, July 1922
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Dublin Unity Tramways Co. offices (formerly the Scottish Provincial Insurance Co.), 9 O'Connell Street, Upper, fire brigade in attendance, July 1922
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Gresham Hotel, July 1922
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