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Trial of Thomas MacDonagh.
Prosecution

1st witness

Major J. A. Armstrong. 1st Royal
Inniskillen Fusiliers -
Provost Marshall 176th Brigade
Stale's

I was present at St. Patrick's Park,
Dublin on 30th April 1916.

There were British Troops there
and I saw them fired on. I was
wounded fire myself. The shots
came from the direction of
Jacobs Factory. There were
several casualties among
the British Troops. At a later
hour I saw the accused
coming from the direction
of Jacobs Factory under a
white flag. He made
several journeys through
our lines. About 5 p.m. he
surrendered with over 100
others to General Carleton.
- He was acting as an officer
when he surrendered.

I made a list of the unarmed
men & the accused was not
on that list.

He made a statement to me

that he was a Commandant.
He was subsequently sent
under escort to Richmond
Barracks.

Cross examined by the accused.

I did not know that the
accused came out at the
invitation of General Howe
- The accused made the statement
to me that it was no use
my searching for papers as
they had all been destroyed

The witness withdraws
Prosecution closed.

~~2nd witness~~ Cps.

~~2nd Lieut P. H. O'Brien~~

The accused calls no witnesses
in his defence.
The accused in his defence
states.

~~The statement of Major~~
~~Armstrong is~~ Cps.

I did every thing I could
to assist the officers in
the matter of the surrender
telling them where the
arms & ammunition were
after the surrender was
decided upon.

Cps. John J. ...
President

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FORM FOR ASSEMBLY AND PROCEEDINGS OF FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON ACTIVE SERVICE

PROCEEDINGS.

*State the place & country.

At* Dublin this 1st day of May, 1916

A. Order convening the Court.

Whereas it appears to me, the undersigned, the Officer in Command of the Forces in Ireland, and a competent Military Authority under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, that the persons named in the annexed Schedule have committed the offences in the said Schedule mentioned.

Omit except where convening Officer is not a Commanding Officer, and is below rank of Field Officer.

And I am of opinion that it is not practicable that such offences should be tried by an ordinary General Court Martial, nor is the offence one of a minor character.

I hereby convene a Field General Court Martial to try the said persons, and to consist of the Officers hereunder named.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>PRESIDENT.</u> <u>Name.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>
<u>Brig Genl.</u>	<u>C G Blackader</u> D.S.O. A.D.C.	_____

<u>Rank.</u>	<u>MEMBERS.</u> <u>Name.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>
<u>Lt. Col.</u>	<u>G. German</u>	<u>5th Leicesters Regt. (T)</u>
<u>Lt. Col.</u>	<u>W G Kent</u>	<u>R. F. A. (T)</u>
_____	_____	_____

L. G. Maxwell

Signed _____

General,
Commanding the Forces in Ireland.
Convening Officer.

Sheet No. 2.
SCHEDULE.
19 16

Date 1st May

No. 30.

Name of Alleged Offender	Offence charged	Plea	Finding, and if Convicted, sentence (b)	How dealt with by Commanding Officer.
<p>Not more than six names to be entered on one form</p> <p>30/ Thomas Mac Donagh</p>	<p>Did an act to which did take part in an armed rebellion and in the waging of war against His Majesty the King, such act being of such a nature as to be calculated to be prejudicial to the Defence of the Realm and being done with the intention and for the purpose of assisting the enemy.</p>	<p>Not Guilty.</p>	<p>Guilty Death by being shot</p>	<p>Confirmed.</p>

- (a) If the name of the person charged is unknown, he may be described as unknown, with such additions as will identify him.
- (b) Recommendation to mercy to be inserted in this column.

J. Maxwell
General.
Convening Officer.

C. S. ...
President.

Promulgated this Second day of May 1916

(Signed)

W. Bradbridge Lieut Colonel
a.d. & a.m.g.
59th Division

No. 7822

A. D. M. S.,

Dublin District.

This is to certify that I was present at the Execution of the Prisoners enumerated below, which took place at Kilmainham Jail on morning of 3/5/16, and that the Prisoners were dead before the Commandant disposed of the bodies.

P. H. Pearse.

Thomas MacDonagh.

Thomas Clarke.

(Sd.) H. V. Stanley,
Capt., R. A. M. C.Red Cross Hospital,
Dublin Castle,
3/5/16.

G. O. C. Troops,

Dublin.

Forwarded.

Dublin Castle,
3rd May, 1916.(Sd.) W. J. Macnamara, Lt. Colonel,
R. A. M. C.,
A. D. M. S., Dublin District.

Subject:- Sein Feinn Insurrection.

D.G.C.R. No.45/16.

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
City of Dublin Area.

Forwarded.

(Sd.) H.G.Kennard, Colonel,
Commanding Troops, Dublin Castle.

Lr. Castle Yard,
Dublin,
3/5/1916.

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Headquarters,

Irish Command.

With reference to your No.P.1, dated 2nd May, on the subject of Execution of Rebel Prisoners - I have to report that the following prisoners were duly executed:-

P.H.Pearse.
Thomas MacDonah.
Thomas Clarke.

Enclosed are the proceedings of the Court in the case of the above mentioned deceased prisoners, and also in the case of E.T.Duggan, P.Beazeley, J.Magennis - the sentence of the Court was promulgated to the person concerned in each case as stated on the proceedings.

Also enclosed are (1) Certificates of death by the Medical Officer. (2) Certificate of Execution by the A.P.M. (3) Sketch of the position of the graves.

Dublin,
3/5/16.

(Sd.) A.E.Sandbach, Major-General,
Commdg. 59th Division.

Sheet No. 3.

Evidence and Charge Sheets to be pinned here.

I certify that the above Court assembled on the 2nd day of May 1916 and duly tried the persons named in the said Schedule, and that the plea, finding, and sentence in the case of each such person were as stated in the third and fourth columns of that Schedule.

B. Certificate of President as to proceedings.

Omit if not applicable.

I also certify that

- 1. The members of the Court.
- (2. ~~The witnesses~~) *Cps.*
- (3. ~~The interpreter~~) *Cps.*

were duly sworn.

Signed this 2nd day of May 1916

Cps. Leekadu Dwis Jenu

President of the Court Martial.

I have dealt with the findings and sentences in the manner stated in the last column of the said Schedule, and, subject to what I have there stated, I hereby confirm the above findings and sentences.

C. Confirmation.

To be omitted unless the Confirming Officer desires that the sentence should be suspended.*

(I direct that the soldier named in the margin be not committed to prison until further orders).

Signed this 2nd day of May 1916
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Promulgation to be entered here

General GOC in C. India

Sheet No. 4.

I have dealt with the reserved findings and sentences in the manner stated in the last column of the Schedule, and, subject to what I have there stated, I hereby confirm the said reserved findings and sentences.

D. Confirmation of reserved sentences.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

General (Field) Officer in the Force.

Subject to what I have stated in the last column of the Schedule, I hereby confirm the (finding and) sentence of death in the case of

E. Confirmation of sentence of death or penal servitude

Thomas Mac Donagh

and of ~~penal servitude in the case of~~

*Omit (*and in the case of the above sentences of death I where confirmed by an of opinion that by reason of 1) Officer in Chief Command.

it is not practicable, having due regard to the public service, to delay the case for confirmation by any qualified Officer superior to myself.)

1 State according to the circumstances, the nature of the country or the great distance of the operations of the enemy.

Signed this 2 day of May 19 16.

L. J. Marshall

General (Field Officer) in Chief Command of the Forces.

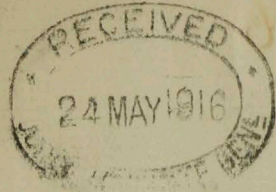
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~~Li Capt. S.C. Clay
War Office~~

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Field General, C.M.
Civilian

Thomas Mac Donagh

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Dublin.

2nd May, 1916.

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