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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 2nd 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.

PRESIDENT.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Regiment</u>
Col.	E. W. S. K. Macnechy	CB CIE. DSO

MEMBERS.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Regiment</u>
Lt. Col.	A. M. Bent CMG	2/R. Munster Fus ^o
Major	F. W. Woodward D.S.O.	LN Lances Regt

Lt. Maxwell

Signed _____

General
Commanding the Forces in Ireland
Convening Officer.

Sheet No. 2.
SCHEDULE 1.

Date *May 3. 1916*

No. *33*

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><i>33</i> <i>Joseph Plunkett</i></p>	<p>Did an act to wit 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><i>Not Guilty</i></p>	<p><i>Guilty. Death</i></p>	<p><i>Confirmed</i></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.

L. H. Maxwell *W. S. Macarone*

Convening Officer.

President.

*Formulated by me this
third day of May Nineteen Hundred
and sixteen.*

*Beaufort Staff Capt
Capt 178th Inf/Sec*

1st Witness

Major Philip Holmes 5th Bat^m (attached 3rd Bat^m) R. Irish Reg^t states after being duly sworn: —

I identify the prisoner as a man who was one of the leaders of a large company of Sinn Feiners who surrendered on the evening of the 29th April. They surrendered at the northern end of Sackville Street the area to which the Sinn Feiners who had been in the Post Office for several days had retired when the Post Office was burnt. The Sinn Feiners in the Post Office had been firing on the troops for several days & had killed & wounded a number of soldiers. He was dressed in the green uniform he is now wearing with a Captain's badges of rank on his sleeves when he surrendered.

The party at the head of which he surrendered was armed.

2nd Witness

Sergeant John Bruton, Dublin Metropolitan Police states

I know the prisoner Joseph Plunkett. The Head Quarters of the Irish Volunteer movement - are at n^o 2 Dawson Street.

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I have seen him on two occasions entering & leaving n^o 2 Dawson Street dressed, as well as I could see, in the uniform of the Irish Volunteers on at least one occasion.

His name appears on the Proclamation issued by the Irish Volunteers & I believe him to be a member of the Executive Council of that body.

Cross examined by the Prisoner

How do you know the proclamation was issued by the Irish Volunteers

Answer.

I know that the names of the men ^{Englyn} whose names who signed it which appear at the foot of the Proclamation are commixed with the Irish Volunteers.

They include P. H. Pearse, Edmund Kent, Thomas Macdonagh, John McJermid who are members of the Council of the Irish Volunteers, & who constantly attended meetings at n^o 2 Dawson S^t.

3rd witness. Lt Colonel ^{H.S.} Hodgkin D.S.O. 6th Bnth Sherwood Foresters States:-

I saw the prisoner when he surrendered on the 29th April. He was wearing a Wolfe Macdonagh

Sword & pistol.

Defence. The prisoner in his defence states.

I have nothing to say in my defence
but desire to state that the proclamation
referred to in Serjt Britton's evidence
is signed by persons who are not
connected with the Irish Volunteers
& the Proclamation was not
issued by the Irish Volunteers.

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Evidence and Charge Sheets to be pinned here.

I certify that the above Court assembled on the *third* 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)
- (3. The interpreter)

were duly sworn.

Signed this *third* day of *May* 1916

W. B. Macomber Colonel

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 be suspended.*

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

Signed this _____ day of _____ 191

Promulgation to be entered here.

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

E.
Confirmation of sentence of death or penal servitude

*Omit (and in the case of the above sentences of death I where confirmed by an of opinion that by reason of $\frac{1}{2}$) Officer in Chief Command. it is not practicable, having due regard to the public

$\frac{1}{2}$ State service, to delay the case for confirmation by any according to the ~~qualified Officer superior to myself.~~ circumstances,

the nature of the country or the great distance of the operations of the enemy.

Signed this 3rd day of May 19 16.

H. Maxwell

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

A.S. to see

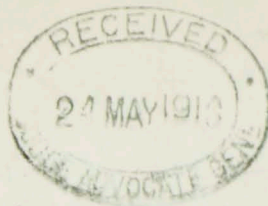
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To F. C. Clay
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Field General, C.M.

Civilian

Joseph Plunkett.

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Dublin.

3rd May, 1916.