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

PROCEEDINGS.

*State the place & country.

At* Dublin this 4th 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>
<u>Col</u>	<u>E. W. K. Macomber</u>	<u>C.B. CIE DSO</u>

MEMBERS.

<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>
<u>Lt Col</u>	<u>A. M. Bent</u>	<u>CMG 2/R. Munster Fus</u>
<u>Major</u>	<u>F. W. Woodward</u>	<u>DSO. L.N. Lancs Regt</u>

Lt. Maxwell
Signed _____

General,
Commanding the Forces in Ireland.
Convening Officer.

Sheet No. 2222
SCHEDULE
1916

Date 4th May

No. 46-47-48

Name of Alleged Offender	Offence charged	Plea	Finding, and if convicted, sentence (b)	How dealt with by Commanding Officer.
Not more than six names to be entered on one form	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 prejudicial to the Defence of the Realm and being done with the intention and for the purpose of assisting the enemy.	Not Guilty	Guilty Death	Confirmed
46 J. J. Hewston		Not Guilty	Guilty Death <i>recommended to mercy</i>	Confirmed & commute the sentence to one of Penal servitude for 3 years.
47 W. O'Dea		Not Guilty	Guilty Death <i>recommended to mercy</i>	Confirmed. The sentence to a Penal servitude for 3 years.
48 P. Kelly		Not Guilty	Guilty Death <i>recommended to mercy</i>	2 years imprisonment with hard labour recommended to mercy on account of his youth. Confirmed, one year of sentence awarded.
49 J. Brennan				

(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.

Lt. Maxwell W. H. Macdonald
General

Convening Officer.

President.

The sentences of J. J. Hewston, W. O'Dea & J. Brennan promulgated this seventh day of May 1916 at Kilmmainham Gaol Dublin.

Lt. Anderson Capt. 3/1st Regt. Dragoon

The sentence of P. Kelly promulgated by me this eighth day of May 1916 at Kilmmainham Gaol Dublin.

Det. Stanton Lt. Col. R.F.A.

ARMY OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC
(Dublin Command)

Headquarters

Date. 24th April, 1916.

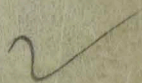
To

Captain Houston.

Seize the mendicity at all cost.



Signed *James Connolly*
Commandant-General
Dublin Division.



Army of the Irish Republic

5

Duty:

STAIRS

Hours

Names

2 to 5

{ J. Cerrigan
J. Brennan ✓

5 to 8

{ Peter Wilson
G. Levers

8 to "

{ J. Cerrigan
J. Brennan ✓

" to 2

{ Peter Wilson
G. Levers

N. B. above men must sleep with

full equipment in kitchen

3

Army of the Irish Republic

Duty:

TOP

Hours

Names

2 to 5

{ J Marks
Jas Wilson ✓
J Byrne
F. Cullen

5 to 8

{ W Wilson ✓
J Pepper
R Balge
W Haines

8 to 11

{ J Marks ✓
J Wilson ✓
F. Cullen x
Joe Byrne x

11 to 2

{ W Wilson
J Pepper
R Balge
W Haines

N. B. above men must sleep in top front room with full equipment

4

Army of the Irish Republic

7

Duty

SPECIAL

Hours

Names

2 to 5

J. Norton ✓

5 to 8

Jack Wilson

8 to 11

J. Norton ✓

11 to 2

Jack Wilson

N. B.

Above men must sleep with

full equipment in kitchen.

5

Army of the Irish Republic

Duty

HALL

Hours

Names

2 to 5

{ E. Roche
John Clarke ✓



5 to 8

{ A. Kelly
J. Derrington ✕

8 to 11

{ E. Roche
John Clarke

11 to 2

{ A. Kelly
J. Derrington ✓

N. B.

Above men must sleep with
full equipment in Secretary's office.

6

Joseph Gordon s.a
 Purse - 2.4
 1 Watch - P. 2
 2 Clay Pipes
 1 Field Dressing

William Derrington
 1/8
 Tie Clip & Pins
 1 Oil Bottle

Patrick Kelley ✓
 1 Watch - C.
 1 Penknives
 1 Purse Leather 4⁰⁰
 1 Connecting Tube
 2 Keys
 2 Trousers Clips

1 Pocket Knife
 5 Spanners
 1 Pair Pliers
 1 Sissors
 1 Bag Case
 3 Straps
 1 Malin Case
 1 Delonator X
 2 Field Dressing
 1 Braces
 1 Tie
 1 Trousers
 1 Handkerchiefs
 1 Pouch

Top

2-5

J Marks

J Wilson

J Byrne

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5-8

W Wilson

Perry

R Baize

W Staines

8-11

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11-2

W Wilson

Perry

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W Staines

sleep in top frontStairs.

2-5

J Cronaghan

J

MENDICITY INSTITUTION,
9 USHER'S ISLAND,
DUBLIN.

1st WitnessCapt. A. W. MacDonnell - 7th Bⁿ R.

Dublin Fusiliers states:—

On the 26th April I was present when the Mendicity Institution was taken by assault by a party of the 10th Bⁿ R. Dublin Fusiliers.

23 men surrendered on that occasion.

I identify the four prisoners J. J. Hennessy, W. O'Grady, P. Kelly & J. Cronigan as having been in the body of men who surrendered.

They left their arms except their revolvers in the Mendicity Institute when they surrendered. Some of them still wore revolvers.

One officer of the 70th R. Dublin Fusiliers was killed & 9 men wounded by fire from this Institute on the 26th April.

I searched the building when they surrendered. I found several rifles several thousand rounds of ammunition of for both revolvers & rifle (.303).

I found 6 or 7 bombs charged & with fuzes in them ready for use.

I found the following papers.

An order signed by James Connolly

W. B. MacDonnell

one of the signalones to the Irish Republic Proclamation, directing "Capt Houston" (sic) to "Seize the Meridicity at all costs." It was dated the 24th April 1916.

James Connolly signed as
"Commandant General
Dublin Division".

Also papers detailing men for various duties in the Meridicity Institute.

All these papers are headed
"Army of the Irish Republic".

Also two message books signed by Houston "Capt."

One contains ^{copies of} messages sent to "Comd^{ant} General Connolly" giving particulars of the situation in the Institute.

The other message book contains ^{copies of} messages commencing on the 22nd April two days before the outbreak. One message contains a reference to Macdonagh who is stated to have just left Houston. Another is a message to "all members of D Co^m, 1st Bnⁿ" stating that the parade for the 23rd is cancelled & all rumours are to be ignored.

Another message dated the 23rd states
"I hope we will be able to do better
next time"

W. B. Macdonagh

These documents are attached to the proceedings by the court.

~~Witness~~ Examined by the Court Capt^l Maidermott states: -

Heuston commanded the party of men who surrendered.

2nd witness

2nd Lt Lieut W. P. Connolly 10th R. Dublin Fusiliers states: -

I was present when 23 men surrendered on the 26th April at the Mendicity Institute.

I identify the four prisoners before the court as being amongst them.

The leader was J. J. Heuston.

I was present when the troops were fired on from the Mendicity Institute on the 24th April, when Lieut G. A. Heilan was killed & 6 men wounded to my knowledge.

Heuston was without a coat when he surrendered & also had no hat on. He was not in the uniform of the Irish Volunteers.

I was present when the building was searched & found ~~the~~ arms & ammunition in it & also the documents now before the Court.

W. B. Maconduy //

Cross examined by J. J. Houston

I cannot say exactly where I found the message books but they were in the building.

Examined by the Court.

Among the arms there were some old German Mausers. Among the ammunition there were two cardboard boxes of "Spange" German ammunition.

McWhorter
Geo. S. Hill

Defence.

W. O. Dea states. I was perfectly ignorant of what was going to occur. I understood it was an ordinary drill march when I was called out as we had been told for some time previously that the best equipped Company was to get a prize at the Easter Manoeuvres. It was to have taken place on Easter Sunday but was postponed. I do not know why it was postponed. I turned out in full uniform but I took it off when we were about to surrender.

✓
✓
copy this

J. J. Houston states.

The message in the note book produced saying "I hope we will be able to do better next time" is not mine.

The order from Counolly addressed to "Captain Houston" is not addressed to me as my name is "Houston"

W. O. Dea 12

I had no intimation of the nature of the charge against me until this morning.

P. Kelly has sworn states.

I did not know anything about the rebellion beforehand or what I was coming out for. I came out because I was asked to. I thought it was for manoeuvres. I did not fire any shots.

OK This

J. Brennan states

I did not know what I was called out for. I thought it was for manoeuvres. I am 16 years old.

W. S. Macomber

Evidence and Charge Sheets to be pinned here.

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I certify that the above Court assembled on the day of *May 19/16* 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 *fourth* day of *May* 19*16*

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 should be suspended.*

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

Signed this *6th* day of *May* 191*6*

J. H. Maxwell General

Promulgation to be entered here.

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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 _____ and of

E.
Confirmation of sentence of death or penal servitude

J. J. Hewston

penal servitude in the case of *W. O'Dea & P. Kelly*

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

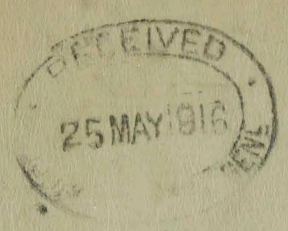
service, to delay the case for confirmation by any \pm State according to the circumstances, the nature of the country or the great distance of the operations of the enemy. qualified Officer superior to myself.)

Signed this *6* day of *May* 19 *16*.

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L. H. Maxwell

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



A.S. Duce
29/5/16

Field General ~~Civil~~
Civilians

- J. J. Hewston (46)
- W. O' Dea. (47)
- P. Kelly. (48)
- J. Brennan. (49)

79
Irish
248

Dublin.

A.S. 3. 10/8/16

4th May 1916.

79
Irish
365
(Brennan)

A.S. 3. 27/10/16
No Register No

79
Irish (Brennan)
414

~~A.S.~~ Capt. P.C. Clay

War Office

11/1/17
20 jag 21/3/17.

W. O' Dea
26 4/3 3/3

J. Brennan
26 4/3 3/3

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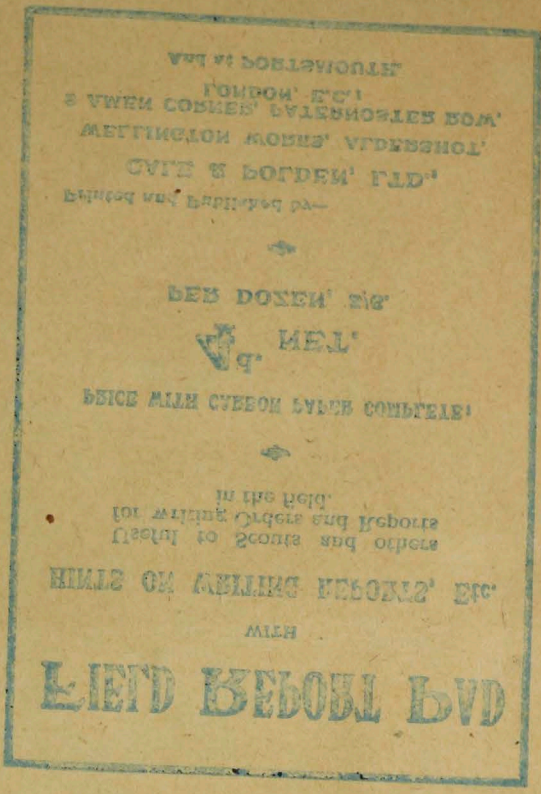
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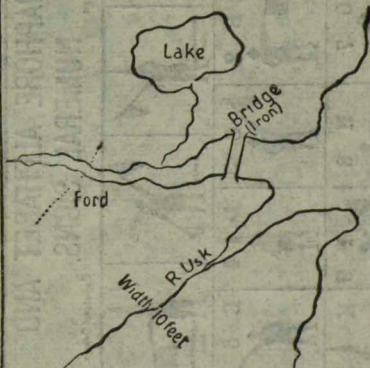
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	River		

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No. Date. Time Place
9 22/4/16 6 pm Bkall St

To Place
Seor Tobin
14 Hardwike St

Please give Beaver

150 rds 7 m/m

From

Michael MacScathain

No.

2

Date.

22/4/16

Time

6/15

Place

Ball G-

To

Place

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R Balze

No matter what
time you finish
to - night - come
over here

Sean Houston

From

No.

Date.

Time

Place

23rd

2:20

Liberty
Hall

27

To

Place

Doepps

MacDonagh
has left here about
half an hour ago.
I don't know where
he is at present.
but I guarantee that
MacD has issued
these orders. I have
been with him all the
morning. Advice off now
Doepps continued

From

No. ~~47~~ 23/4/16 Time 3/5 pm Place Blackhall St

To all members of
D Coy 1st - Bn. Place 28

There is no
parade to-day.
Take this as
definite and
ignore all rumours

Sean Heuston
Capt

From

No. 23 Date. 3/4/16 Time 3:30 pm Place Blackhall St

To all members of D Coy Place

1st Bn

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20-day parade
is cancelled. Take
this as a definite
order. Ignore all
rumours. Remain in
the City Sean Houston
Capt

From

No.

Date. 27/1/16

Time

Place

To

Blackhall St
Linnings Dr
Place

Dear Sir,
Blackhall St

Regret we are
compelled to cancel 30
order for minerals
on account of papers
being declared off

Hope we will be
able to do better
next time

From

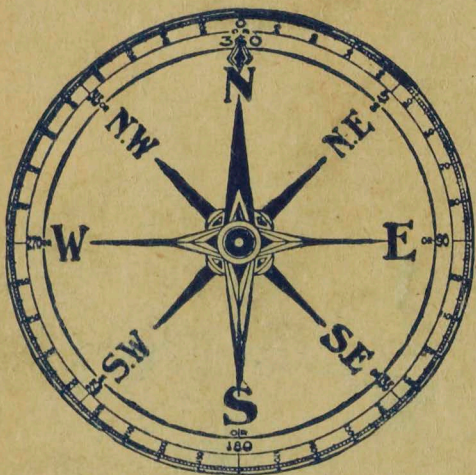
No. 1 Date. 26/4/16 Time 1945 Place

To Or master Staines Place 31
— 74. Q

Can you arrange
for somebody to see
after wife & children
of Tom Kelly 53 Harold
Road?

From

Sean Houston
Cox



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










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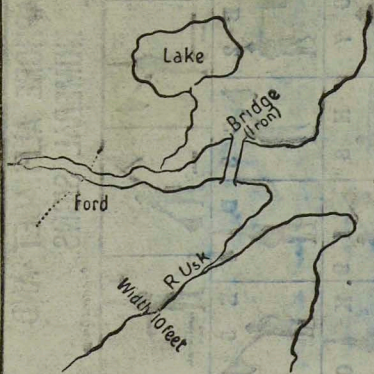
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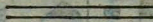
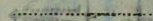
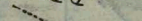
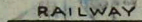
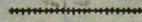
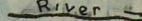







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<p>READY</p> 	 <p>NUMERICAL SIGN</p>	 <p>ERASE</p>	<p>J</p>  <p>ALPHABETICAL SIGN</p>	
<p>A 1</p> 	<p>B 2</p> 	<p>C 3</p> 	<p>D 4</p> 	<p>E 5</p> 
<p>F 6</p> 	<p>G 7</p> 	<p>H 8</p> 	<p>I 9</p> 	<p>K 0</p> 
<p>L</p> 	<p>M</p> 	<p>N</p> 	<p>O</p> 	<p>P</p> 
<p>Q</p> 	<p>R</p> 	<p>S</p> 	<p>T</p> 	<p>U</p> 
<p>V</p> 	<p>W</p> 	<p>X</p> 	<p>Y</p> 	<p>Z</p> 

SIGNS USED IN MAKING A MAP.



	Road enclosed by hedges
	Road not enclosed by hedges
Q	
Q Q	Woods
Q Q Q	(Pine)
Q Q Q	
Q Q	
	Footpath
	RAILWAY
or	
	Well
	River
	Church
	Church with spire
	Post Office
	Telegraph Office
	Sign Post
	Well
	Forge

No. 1 Date. 24 Time 10/10 Place

To Place

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Proceed @ once
to Black Hair or
@ once full
equipment. Rifle
and day's
ration

M. Fougères

etc

From

No. 2 Date. 24/4/16 Time 2/45 p Place merdinity
To Place

Or master
H Q

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or any who can assist.

Give Beaver supplies

of 303. We hold

position firmly ✓

no casualties

From Sean Houston
Capt

No. 25 Date. 9/10/16 Time 9/10am Place Mandan City

To _____ Place _____

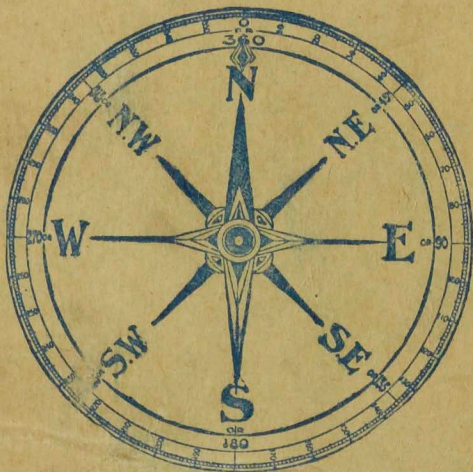
Comdt. General Conrally 40
Headquarters

Still here with 13 men
Very little enemy activity
in vicinity at present.
^{Enemy} Group enters patrolling
Barnhart st., Blackhall
Place John St. Over st

Have you any
special instructions
or news?

From Sean Heuston

Capt



TO FIND THE POINTS of the COMPASS.

At six o'clock in the morning the sun is due east, at nine south-east, at 12 south, at three p.m. south-west, at six p.m. due west. The south can be found at any time of the day by turning the hour hand of your watch, lying flat, to the sun, if then, without moving the watch, a piece of pencil is laid across the centre of the dial so that it points half-way between the Figure XII. and the hour hand this is the true north and south line.

As an additional guide it should be remembered that English churches usually point east and west.

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