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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 3rd 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>NAME.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>
Brigadier General	C. J. Blackader.	D.S.O.

MEMBERS.

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

J. G. Maxwell

Signed

General,
Commanding the Forces in Ireland.
Convening Officer.

Sheet No. 2.
SCHEDULE.
1916

Date

1st May

No.

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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>34 John Mc Bride</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>Not Guilty</p>	<p>Guilty. Death by hanging 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. G. Marshall

Capt. Alexander B. S. Linnell

Convening Officer.

President.

Promulgated by me this fourth day
of May Nineteen Hundred and
Sixteen.

*Blawie Staff Capt
17th Inf. Belle*

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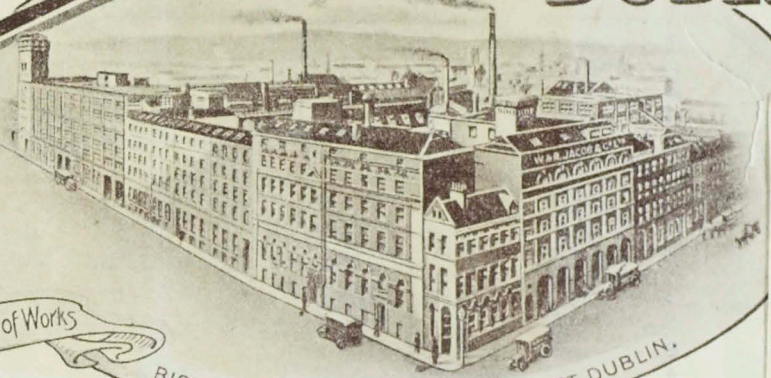
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JOHN MACDONAGH
ANDREW COMSFORD
TO BE
LIEUTENANTS.

(SIGNED) THOMAS MACDONAGH
COMMANDANT GENERAL

MEMBER OF PROVISIONAL GOVT.,
IRISH REPUBLIC.

found on

Major John McBride

Withd.

W. J. Jackson
and A. J. R. R. R.

ARMY OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

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Found on

Signed

(Major) John M. Brides

Trans Under

Court of Law

*Sgt Jackson
and Lt. and R. J. Regt.*

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Cpl. ...
Print.*

Headquarters,
Irish Command.

Enclosed is the proceedings of the Court
Martial on the rebel prisoner John McBride -case
No. 34 - duly promulgated; also the certificate
of execution by the Acting A.P.M. of this Division,
the Medical Certificate of death, and sketch of
the position of the grave.

A. S. Sandbach

DUBLIN.
5.5.16.

Major-General,
Cmdg. 59th Division.

Headquarters,
Irish Command.

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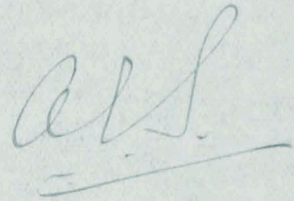
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5.5.16.

Major-General,
Cmdg. 59th Division.

HEAD QUARTERS

No.

DATE

60th (North Midland) Div.

Certificate of Execution

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John McBride.

I certify that the rebel prisoner
named in the margin was duly executed
by being shot at 3.47 a.m., this morning.

5th May, 1916.

Wm Whitehead Captain,
4th Bn. Sherwood Foresters,
Acting Assistant Provost Marshal,
59th Division.

ARIBOUR HILL
DETENTION BARRACKS

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8	Major McBride

I Certify that the above position of Burial
was verified by me personally & is as
shown above

A Hubbard
2 Lt
6 Sherwood Foresters

5/5/16

Trial of John McBride.

Execution

1st witness Major J. E. Armstrong
Inniskillen Fusiliers.

duly sworn states

I was present at Patrick's Park Dublin
on April 30. The British troops
were fired on on that occasion,
there were casualties - the first came
from the neighbourhood of Jacobs
factory. I was present when the
prisoners from Jacobs factory
surrendered at 5 p.m.

I recognize the accused as one of
them. He gave his rank as an
officer. I had a list of the
unarmed men made before the
party was disarmed & the
accused does not appear on
that list. I was present
when a summary of evidence
was taken & I gave the same
evidence as I have given now
to the best of my belief. The
accused did not cross examine
me - he was not in uniform

was examined by the accused.

I identify the accused as one
of the party that surrendered.

I do not produce a list with

the accused's name on it.

the witness withdraws

2nd witness 2/Lieut S. H. Jackson
3rd Royal Irish Regt
duly sworn states.

I recognize the accused as John
McBride. he gave his name
as Major John McBride.

I was in charge of a searching
party in the gymnasium.
The accused handed his note
book to me there, the date
being 1.5.16. Papers attached
marked X were found in the
note book

The accused declines to
cross examine the witness

the witness withdraws

3rd witness Inspector Richard H. Boyne
butlin Metropolitan Police
duly sworn. states.

I am an Inspector of the butlin
Metropolitan Police.

On May 2. about 11 a.m I visited
the lodgings of the accused & I
found

(evidence of this witness disallowed)
Prosecution closed.

Deafance

1st witness Mrs. Allan
& Spencer Villas Pennington
duly sworn states.

I have known the accused 25
years - I remember you leaving
my house last Castle Monday
morning, dressed in civilian
clothes. I remember seeing a
letter from the accused's brother
Dr. McBride saying that he
was coming up from Castle
Bar & asking the accused to
meet him at the Wicklow Hotel
bathin. I remember the
accused saying that he was
going to lunch with his brother
& would be back about 5³⁰ p.m.
- I remember that Dr. McBride
was to be married the following
Wednesday, & that the accused
was to be best man.

I have never seen him in uniform
nor has he got such a thing
so far as I know.

The Prosecutor asked no
questions.

The accused in his defence states
 on the morning of Easter Monday
 I left my home at Florencecourt
 with the intention of going to meet
 my brother who was coming to
 bathe to get married. In walking
 round town I went up as far
 as Stephens Green, there I saw
 a band of Irish Volunteers. I knew
 some of the members personally &
 the Commanders told me that an
 Irish Republic was virtually
 proclaimed. As he knew my
 rather advanced opinions &
 although I had no previous
 connection with the Irish Volunteers
 I considered it my duty to join
 them. I knew there was no
 chance of success, and I never
 advised nor influenced any
 other person to join. I did not
 even know the positions they
 were about to take up. I
 marched with them to Jacobs
factory. After being a few hours
 there I was appointed second

in Command I felt it my duty to occupy that position. I could have escaped from Jacobs Factory before the surrender had I so desired but I considered it a dishonourable thing to do.

I do not say this with the idea of mitigating any penalty they may impose, but in order to make clear my position in the matter.

Statement ends.

Cpt. L. L. L. B. J. J.

25/4/16 X
 Capt. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear]

at Capa. I am ready to move
 on a minute. There is nothing to
 report. Know nothing of Portobello.
 Lt. [unclear]

P.S.

I am not in touch with Lt. [unclear]

Found on

(Map) John M. [unclear]

At [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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Re Exhibit referred to in this
Case is with proceedings in
Connelly's case .

8/5/16

J. W. St. Col.

Attorney

Evidence and Charge Sheets to be pinned here.

I certify that the above Court assembled on the 4th 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~~) *Cps*

were duly sworn.

Signed this 4th day of May 1916

Cps Alexander B. J. ...

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 _____ 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

E. Confirmation of sentence of death or penal servitude

John Mc Bride

and of

~~penal servitude in the case of~~

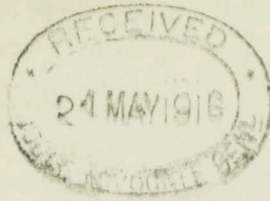
*Omit (*and in the case of the above sentences of death I where confirmed by an of opinion that by reason of \pm) Officer in Chief Command. ~~it is not practicable, having due regard to the public~~

~~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 *4th* day of *May* 19 *16*.

L. G. Maxwell

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



A.G. to see
27/5/16

Field General, C.M.

Civilian

John Mc Bride
(34)

Dublin.

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1st May, 1916.

~~Capt. E. C. Clay~~
~~War Office~~

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

