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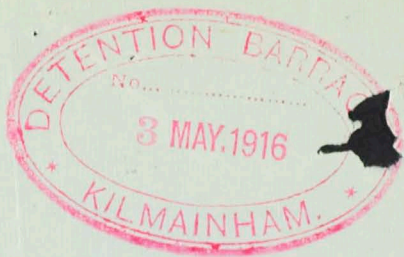
Commandant  
Kilmainham  
Detention Bkts

Please inform me by letter  
of the age of William  
Pearse who was tried by  
FGCM today

H. J. Ryan  
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The D.A.G.

I beg to inform you that the  
age of William Pearse is thirty three  
last November.

W. Linnam  
Major  
Commandant

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

PROCEEDINGS.

\*State the place & country,

At\* Dublin this 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Macomchy	C.B. C.I.E. D.S.O

MEMBERS.

<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>
LT Col.	A. M. Bent	C.M. G. 2/R. Munster Fus <sup>rs</sup>
Major	F. W. Woodward	D.S.O. L.V. Lancos Reg <sup>t</sup>

*J. Marshall*

Signed

General,  
Commanding the Forces in Ireland.  
Convening Officer.

Sheet No. 2.  
SCHEDULE.

Date *3rd May*

No. *26, 27, 28 29*

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 calculated to be prejudicial to the Defence of the Realm and being done with the intention and for the purpose of assisting the enemy.	<i>Not Guilty</i> <i>Guilty</i> <i>Not Guilty</i> <i>Not Guilty</i>	<i>Guilty</i> <i>Death</i> <i>Guilty</i> <i>Death</i> <i>Guilty</i> <i>Death</i> <i>Guilty</i> <i>Death</i>	<i>Confirmed in the case of William Pearce.</i> <i>I commute the sentence of <del>the</del> John Dougherty and J. J. Walsh to 10 years Penitentiary and that of John M. to 8 years Penitentiary.</i>
<i>26 John Dougherty</i>				
<i>27 William Pearce</i>				
<i>28 John M. Garry</i>				
<i>29 J. J. Walsh</i>				

(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.

*H. Maxwell* *W. S. Macaulay*  
*General* *Colonel*

Convening Officer.

President.

*\* John McGarry is recommended to mercy on the grounds that he was misled by his leaders*

*W. S. Macaulay*

*Promulgated by me this third day of May Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.*  
*R. Hainforth Hoff Capt*  
*Capt 178th Inf. Bde*

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1<sup>st</sup> Witness Lieut S. L. King 12<sup>th</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> R. Dragoon  
Testifies states: —

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11 a.m. I was seized by two armed men outside Clerij's shop opposite the General Post Office. John Dougherty was one of the two. He held a revolver to at me & told me if I did not put my hands up he would blow my brains out. He took me to the General Post Office where I was held as a prisoner till Friday night.

I was in uniform.

I saw each of the other prisoners in the G. P. O. while I was there & during that time the Post Office was held against His Majesty's troops by men firing against the troops.

There was another officer there Lieut Chalmer who was wounded, also in uniform.

I know that William Pearce was an officer but do not know his rank.

I do not know what McGarry's position was. He was not in uniform.

J. Walsh did not appear to be in any authority at that position but was dressed in uniform.

W. S. Macaulay

I saw Pearre, McGarry & Walsh wearing equipment, belts & pouches. Dougherty had a revolver but no equipment.

It was Dougherty who threatened to blow my brains out, not the man with him.

I am quite certain that I saw McGarry with equipment on.

Defense

John Dougherty states: -

I did not say that I would blow Lieut King's brains out.

William Pearre states

I had no authority or say in the arrangements for the starting of the rebellion. I was throughout only a personal attaché to my brother P. H. Pearre. I had no direct command.

John McGarry states: -

I had no intention of assisting the enemy I had no position or rank of any sort. I was employed as a messenger. I did not know of the rebellion until the Post Office was taken. I had no rifle.

J. J. Walsh states.

During the past eighteen months I

W. J. Macaulay

have held no <sup>official</sup> position <sup>with</sup> the big or  
 little in the Irish Volunteers or any  
 other National movement & my whole  
 attention was confined to business.

I gave it up at the time of the split  
 between the Redmondites & the Irish  
 Volunteers. I mean my official position.  
 I remained in the Volunteers as a  
 private & on being mobilised on  
 Monday I knew nothing whatever  
 of the intention of the mobilisation.

I found on nobody during the time  
 in the Post Office. I had no arms  
 whatever. I was told off to attend to  
 the water & sand arrangements in  
 case of fire.

W. B. Macaulay



Sheet No. 3.

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

I certify that the above *W. B. Macomber* President of the Court Martial. named 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

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 *William Pearce* and of

E.  
Confirmation of sentence of death or penal servitude

penal servitude in the case of *John Dugshety, J. Walsh and John McGarry*

\*Omit 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

$\pm$  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 *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *May* 19 *16*.

*H. Maxwell*

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

A.S. to See.

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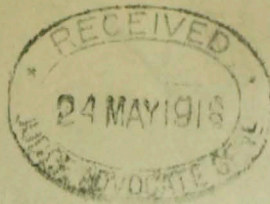
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Field General, C.M.

Civilians

John Dougherty

\* William Pearse.

John Mc Garry

J. J. Walsh.

Dublin.

3rd May, 1916.

\* Death.

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