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From June 1915 I had been living at Inseamur Kemonigh
I had no touch with any body outside the
Ballingeary Company, whose parades I attended.
on Palm Sunday 1916 after dinner I was
at Turin Dublin & met Tomas Mac Curtain &
Terry MacSwiney. They told me there was
"something on" on the following Sunday. I
said "In that case my place is in the
"it". Tomas said "no". The "it" men are
"coming to a room & marching both to
"occupy the high ground in the Millstreet
"direction. There is to be a landing of arms
"on the Kerry side & the Cork portion
"will come that way. Your instructions are
"to take the Ballingeary Coy to Keallin, meet
"the Bantry Company there, take charge of
"both and when you get word to go ahead
"capture the police barracks, and then
"block & hold the pass of

Kemonigh

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I asked them how would word
come & the answer was - By peadar
Oftansrain on a motor bicycle before
4pm. If no word before 4pm you
are to send the men home. I
waited till 6. individually

During the week before Easter I saw
all the men of the company in and
west of the village of Rathiney, as
well as the captain, without being
specific I made it clear that we were
out for more than a route march on
Easter Sunday. Let it be placed on
record that every man who turned out
on Easter Sunday morning was prepared
to fight.

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Now now I can recall clearly that on the Saturday Tony and Jim O Tuama & Timidubh told their father that they were going out in the morning that serious business was intended & that they might not return, & asked his approval. I can recall how he closed his lips tightly, then said "well if it be God's will, let ye go".
"for my blessing"

on Easter Monday about 1 o'clock Tom & Tony came walking to where I lived. We talked on the roadside & walked back to Timidubh. I gathered from their talk that they had been frequently in Dublin of late, & that they hid all along for fear of what actually happened viz a conflict of orders from the two sides

sides
 these - the I.R. B and the
 J.V. They told me how they had had
 conflicting orders during the week - a final
 note on Friday from Sean MacDonnalt that
 all were now agreed to go ahead on Sunday;
 then MacNeill's Sunday morning cancellation.
 They told me the arm ship was sunk
 + case went captured but it was mainly
 of the evil of "dual control" that they
 spoke, + that seemed to exclude everything
 else from their minds.

I gathered from the tone of their remarks
 generally that they took it for granted that
 MacNeill's cancellation meant that whatever
 action might have been contemplated was
 now abandoned. They did not say this
 in so many words; they did not

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did not even suggest to me that they
were aware of any specific action or
activity contemplated. They were very
disturbed in their minds, and very
general - indefinite in their con-
versation. My left Tumbler
about 3 pm Sat. Driver D. O'Callaghan.
Substitute driver Bob Hales.

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