

Supplementary Statement

By

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On Saturday at about 11 a.m. I was directed with some others who had been with me in Reilly's to go to the Four Courts and obtain some rest. I think we rested for a few hours in the Law Library for I have a recollection of obtaining some books for a pillow. I then came out to one of the barricades in Church St., near Bow St., where I remember meeting Lt. Sean Flood and Gerald Feeney and from conversation with them learned that negotiations were taking place for a conditional surrender. Instructions reached us some hours later to fall back to the Four Courts, Main Hall or Restaurant, where Comdt. Daly addressed us, and stated that orders had been received from General Pearse that we were to lay down our arms and surrender unconditionally. This was the cause of an outburst amongst the men and some of the officers who replied that they would fight on sooner than surrender. Comdt. Daly, however, sympathised with them and stated that personally he would prefer to fight on under these conditions, but the orders from General Pearse were definite and had to be obeyed. The officers and men who had protested, overwrought, and some in tears, then proceeded to smash their arms or render them useless for further action. A few managed to get away from the Four Courts to friend's houses in the locality where they rested and eventually escaped from the area, avoiding arrest and deportation or worse. The Four Courts was gradually being surrounded by strong military forces and the final surrender occurred about 7 p.m.

To the words on page 2 of my original statement " I am not aware that any street manoeuvres took place before the Rising," add the words " but had attended Officers lectures on Street and barricade and house to house fighting given by the O'Rahilly, Thomas McDonagh and other leaders, prior to Easter Week, in Great Brunswick Street (now Pearse Street).

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QUESTIONNAIRE

on

The Rising of Easter Week 1916
and Associated Events



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A.—PERSONAL FACTORS.

1. At the commencement of the Rising were you a member of any of the five organizations which took part, viz. :

The Irish Volunteers *yes*

Irish Citizen Army

Fianna Éireann

Hibernian Rifles

Cumann na mBan

2. Were you a member of the Executive, H. Q. Staff, etc.?

No.

3. To what unit, e.g., Brigade, Battalion, Company, etc., were you attached?

*F Co. 1st Batt
Dublin Brigade*

4. Did you take part in the Rising?

Yes

5. Were you in uniform?

partly

6. What was your rank or office at the commencement of the Rising?

1st Lieutenant

7. When and by whom were you appointed?

*Battalion Officer
at first meeting of Co.
after Bachelors Meeting in
Nov. 1913*

8. Was your rank altered during the Rising?

No.

In what circumstances and by whom?

9. What posts or offices did you hold previously?

Volunteer

10. Who were the officers of your Brigade, Battalion and/or Company immediately prior to and during the Rising?

*Ed. Daly Battalion
F. Conboy
F. Conboy*

11. Which of your Unit officers took part in the Rising?

All of them

12. Who were appointed to replace those who did not turn out, and by whose authority?

13. At the time of the Rising were you a member of the I. R. B.?

Yes

14. If so, what was your position?

A member only

15. When did you join?

1900 or 1901 in London

In what circle?

*Barrett road, Lond. -
circle of Dr. MacBride, P.S.
O'Keefe, J. E. Mulvey &
Chamney Lane*

Where did it usually meet?

*At Mark Poyser's house
Dr. MacBride's house
Less than a dozen in circle*

Who was its centre?

How many members were there?

Probably 500 members in P.S. Mulvey

Can you give names?

By whom were you introduced and by whom were you sworn in?

*do not know - do -
By Poyser & Dr. MacBride in Dublin in 1900
(coming to office in 1912 - Poyser & MacBride)
of formation of P.S. Mulvey*

B. THE VOLUNTEERS PRIOR TO THE RISING.

1. To what extent and in what way were the I.R.B. responsible for—

(a) the formation of the Irish Volunteers, and
(b) the direction of its policy?

largely responsible

2. What were the channels through which it exercised its influence?

*through Brigade
Battalion & Co. offices
of Volunteers*

3. What members of the I.R.B. held key posts in the Volunteers, and how was that arranged?

*Directly all
offices of Volunteers
were members of I.R.B.*

4. Did the circumstances leading to the expulsion of Mr. John Redmond's nominees from the Executive of the Irish Volunteers on 24th September, 1914, have any bearing on the holding of the First Annual Convention on 25th October, 1914? If so, how?

*I think they
did, but am
unable to give
particulars as I
was not a
Junior Officer*

5. Had arrangements been made to hold the Convention before the expulsion?

6. Did the First Convention clarify or develop the stated policy of the Volunteers in any way?

7. How many delegates at that Convention were members of the I.R.B.?

*Was not
at Convention*

How many were supporters of the Irish Party?
How many were supporters of Sinn Féin, i.e., Arthur Griffith's policy?

How many had no affiliation with any political party?

Can you give names?

According to a Headquarters Bulletin of 19th December, 1914, this organisation was approved by the General Council on 5th December, 1914, and put into operation at once.

Two other posts are mentioned in the same paper as also having been created, possibly, at a later date, viz.:

- 8. Director of Recruiting—Vice-Comdt. Seán Fitzgibbon, appointed 14th April, 1915.
- 9. Chief of Inspection—Capt. J. J. O'Connell, appointed November, 1915.

Were there other posts of this type on G.H.Q. Staff, e.g.:

- 10. Director of Engineering.
- 11. Director of Intelligence.

Can you give a complete list?

12. How and when were these various posts created?

13. Who were their successive occupants?

*Not
any of the
higher
officers
to verify*

8. Between the First Annual Convention on 25th October, 1914, and the Second on 31st October, 1915, how often did the General Council meet?

Are the minutes of these meetings available?

9. Was general policy discussed at these meetings?

How far was there unanimity of outlook within the Council on policy?

10. Did the Second Annual Convention on 31st October, 1915, consider policy, or clarify it or develop it in any way?

Can you give particulars?

Who led the discussions?

What decisions on general policy were made?

*cannot
say*

11. Seven G.H.Q. posts are mentioned in the report of the Second Annual Convention of the Volunteers of 31st October, 1915. According to information given in various issues of the *Irish Volunteer* and elsewhere, these posts and the occupants of some of them, were:

- 1. Chief of Staff—Eoin MacNeill. ✓
- 2. Director of Arms—The O'Rahilly.
- 3. Director of Training—Thomas McDonagh.
- 4. Director of Military Organisation—P. H. Pearse.
- 5. Quartermaster—Michael Staines.
- 6. Director of Military Operations—~~John J. O'Connell~~
- 7. Director of Communications—~~John J. O'Connell~~

*cannot
verify
most of them
but believe
My own words
John J. O'Connell
? Father O'Connell*

C. PREPARATIONS FOR THE RISING.

1. When and in what circumstances did you hear first of the intended Rising?

(a) in the early stages as a possible event;

(b) as a specific project. *Early in April of 1916*

2. If at a meeting, who convened it?

Secord (confidential) Information

Where did it take place?

Who were present?

Who gave the information and in what capacity? *Harry Boland*

On what authority was he acting? *Fellow member I.R.B.*

3. Did he show you, or read from, a document?

If so can you say if a copy can be obtained?

If not, can you reconstruct its text from memory or otherwise?

No.

4. Were there any comments from those present by way of approval, dissent or otherwise, and by whom?

Did any discussions follow?

5. Were the Brigade, Battalion or Company O/Cs consulted at any time before the decision for the Rising was made?

If so, what form did that consultation take?

What was the consensus of opinion?

Was there any opposition or dissent, and if so

Cannot say

6. Was the question of confining the Rising to Dublin ever proposed or considered?

Cannot say

If so, when, where, who were present, and what was the result?

If such a decision was made, when and in what circumstances was it altered?

7. What was the influence of the I.R.B. in bringing about the Rising?

*I.R.B. largely responsible
believe
through Volunteer Units
Officers mostly*

How was it exercised?

8. Were the plans specifically approved by the I.R.B.? *Cannot say*

9. Was the date decided on by that body? *Very probably*

10. What Authority decided upon the Rising, and of whom did it consist?

Final decision was made at taking that late on date Sunday (as far as I can recollect) by I.R.B. Chiefs and Senior Volunteer Officers

When, where and who were present?

at Teachers' Hall of which I was secretary. I'm think I'm not sure. James Connolly, but not James J. McLaughlin, and got to that with I.R.B. meeting but kind of late Sunday

11. What was the relation of that Authority to

(a) the Supreme Council of the I.R.B. in North-Edinburgh Street for

(b) the Military Committee of the I.R.B. *intention regarding*

(c) the General Council of the Volunteers *intention of my Company and got to that with*

(d) the Central Executive of the Volunteers, and Sunday and Leeds *Volunteers late on*

Cannot say

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at Dublin's Hall of the Supreme Council of the I.R.B. on North Frederick Street for

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(b) the Military Committee of the I.R.B. ;

(c) the General Council of the Volunteers ;

(d) the Central Executive of the Volunteers, and

(e) G.H.Q. Staff of the Volunteers

Cannot say

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Mulligan's letter

and Sunday and early on Sunday Morning

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12. Did that decision commit the Volunteers alone, or did it bind also the four other independent bodies which took part;

The Irish Citizen Army

Fianna Eireann

The Hibernian Rifles

Cumann na mBan.

*Cannot say
I was only concerned
with my company of
Volunteers.*

13. If so, how was this unified decision arrived at?

14. If not, who decided separately for these four bodies?

When, where and how were the separate decisions and the organisations to which they applied, coordinated?

15. What steps were taken in your Brigade, Battalion or Company to prepare for the Rising?
On receipt of information regarding Rising I had instructions issued to Co. Wickliffe and Galloghly is member of the myself.

16. Was the approval of Clan na Gael in the United States sought for the Rising or any aspect of it?

If so, what are the particulars and what was the result?

Cannot say

17. Can you give any information as to funds or any other form of help sought from or provided by Clan na Gael or any other body in the United States or elsewhere?

No.

18. Were any proposals made or considered for the importation of arms from Germany or the United States as part of the preparation for the Rising?

I understood there were some contact with other units of the British Army.

If so, where, when and in what circumstances?

19. According to available information, the following was

(a) the composition of the Supreme Council, and (b) the personnel of the Military Committee of the I.R.B. immediately before the Rising:—

(a) Composition of the Supreme Council: Chairman.

A representative of each of the following seven areas, one of whom was Chairman

- Leinster
- Munster
- Ulster
- Connacht
- North England
- South England
- Scotland

The Secretary and the Treasurer

Can you say who were the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer respectively?

Who was the representative of each of the seven areas just before the Rising?

When were they appointed or elected?

It is understood that there were certain co-options. Can you give any information, including the dates of co-option?

(b) Personnel of the Military Committees:

The following is believed to have been the personnel. Can you confirm or correct this?

Eamonn Ceannt—Appointed by the Supreme Council, May, 1915.

Pádraig Pearse—Appointed by the Supreme Council, May, 1915.

Joseph Plunkett—Appointed by the Supreme Council, May, 1915.

James Connolly—Co-opted January-February, 1916.

Thomas McDonagh—Co-opted April, 1916.

The Secretary of the Supreme Council, Seán McDermott, and the Treasurer, Tom Clarke.

These seven signed the Proclamation of 1916.

No available information

20. Was it the Military Committee of the I.R.B. which decided upon the Rising?

I believe it was some committee with G.H. & office of volunteers

21. Was it in any way responsible or subordinate to the Supreme Council of the I.R.B.?

Cannot say

22. Had its decisions to be approved or ratified by the Supreme Council?

23. How did it secure compliance with its decisions by--

(a) the Irish Volunteers, who were technically an independent organisation, subject only to their Central Executive and their General Council, and

(b) the other independent bodies which took part in the Rising, viz.---

- The Irish Citizen Army
- Fianna Éireann
- The Hibernian Rifles, and
- Cumann na mBan.

24. Who drafted the Proclamation of 1916?

No

definite

25. On what authority was this done?

information

26. On what authority did the seven signatories purport to sign on behalf of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic?

27. Who were the members of the Provisional Government?

Did they include the seven signatories?

How were they appointed?

28. Who was to be the President of the Republic, or the head of the State under any other title?

29. How was he selected, and how was he appointed or to be appointed?

Cannot say

30. Have you any information as to the circumstances in which the Countermanding Order was issued by Eoin MacNeill?

31. Did he at any time consent to be associated with the Rising either before or after the issue of his Countermanding Order?

How was he selected and how was he appointed or to be appointed?

Serviced with Reg. Co. - Church St. Army of ...

15. What military posts were decided upon for occupation, and what was their military purpose?

16. Were all these posts occupied and, if not, why not?

Detailed account - given by me in Summary of participants reports submitted to Bureau in October 1947

17. What units of the various organisations were allotted to each post?

18. In the event of inability to hold the city, were there any plans for withdrawal to the country?

If so, to where, in what manner and to what purpose?

19. How were the activities of Dublin and the rest of Ireland linked up?

20. How were the country units made aware of the plans?

What orders were carried to the country from

(a) The Volunteer Executive;

(b) The I.R.B.

on Thursday, Friday, Saturday of Holy Week, and on Easter Sunday and Monday?

Who brought them?

By whom, to whom and where were they sent?

On what dates?

How did the couriers travel?

Sean McGeary of ... might help in this ...

21. Were there written despatches?

If so, are copies available?

If not, can you recollect or reconstruct what any of them contained?

22. When the Volunteers were mobilised for "manoeuvres" on Easter Sunday, were you aware that a Rising had been planned for that day?

23. To what extent did Eoin MacNeill's Countermanding Order disorganise or disrupt the plans:

(a) generally?

(b) as far as you were concerned?

24. How did you deal with the situation so created?

25. In view of the fact that Eoin MacNeill's Order was issued by him as Chief of Staff, what was your personal reaction to it in your capacity as a Volunteer or as a member of any of the other organisations?

On what grounds did you make your decision? Do members of I.R.B. & Irish Volunteers

26. To what extent were the rank and file of the Volunteers as a whole, and of other organisations which took part in the Rising, aware that they were going into action—

(a) when they actually mobilised on Easter Sunday before the publication of the countermanding order and again on Easter Monday after the publication;

(b) Beforehand. Not many I believe - but practically all were ready for any eventuality

See at 20

Yes

Disorganisation - practically

See at C 10

Surprise and disappointment

perhaps by me

majority

27. Had the Leaders of the Rising any real hope of a military victory

(a) Before the Countermanding Order? *Cannot say*

(b) After that Order? *Not much I believe in view of numbers who had part in the Rising or were they satisfied that a serious effort should be made, even if it were doomed from the beginning I believe, yep to be a military failure?*

28. What was the strength of the Volunteers in Ireland at the date of the Rising? *Cannot say*

There were 40,000 in Dublin - about 100,000 in the rest of the country

29. In the event of the Volunteers throughout the whole country being mobilised, what percentage was expected would turn out? *on basis of 1916 census*

30. What was the arms situation generally throughout the country? *Most - generally*

Were any units wholly or partly armed with Pikes? *None in Dublin as far as I know*

Was there a standard Pike prescribed?

31. How and to what extent was it hoped to remedy lack of arms by—

(a) Landings. *Just before the outbreak of the*

(b) Captures. *A few numbers were seized in raids and purchases made from individual members of the British forces in Dublin from the outbreak of the*

E.—MISSIONS ABROAD.

1. When and where was the decision to seek external aid first mooted?

By and to whom was it made, and in what circumstances?

What were the original proposals and in what way were they subsequently altered or developed?

What action was taken?

2. Were there missions at any stage to the United States or elsewhere in connection with the proposals for the Rising, either with information or in search of aid?

If so, who were the envoys?

3. By whom and to whom were they sent?

4. What messages did they carry?

Were they written, and, if so, are originals or copies extant?

5. What were their instructions?

What reports or material were they expected to bring back or secure and what did they bring back?

6. How did they travel?

How did they secure passports and for what ostensible purposes?

Cannot say

7. Were any of these envoys intercepted or arrested?

If so, what are the facts within your knowledge?

Was there any leakage of information as a result, and what were the results?

8. Were there any communications between the I.R.B. and the Clan na Gael in America regarding Roger Casement?

If so, to what purpose?

Are there any originals or copies of correspondence extant?

9. Did Roger Casement know of negotiations for external aid when he went to America in 1915?

10. Was Roger Casement a member of the I.R.B.?

If so, by whom, when and to what Circle was he sworn in?

11. Was his visit to Germany authorised or approved by the Volunteer Executive, by the Supreme Council or the Military Committee of the I.R.B., by Clan na Gael in America, or by any other body in Ireland?

12. To what extent were the I.R.B. or the Volunteer Authorities aware of his intended mission to Germany?

13. Did they approve?

14. Where did he get his funds?

Cannot

May

15. Who arranged his transport to, and his contacts in Germany?

16. Did he carry with him any credentials, and, if so, by whom were they signed and to whom were they addressed?

If there any authentic copy available?

17. To whom did he report on his mission, and how were his reports transmitted?

18. Have you any other information on that matter?

19. What did those who sent him, if he was sent, hope to secure as a result of his mission, whether the form of:

(a) arms;

(b) a military and/or naval expedition;

(c) personnel to train or direct the Volunteers either before or during the Rising?

(d) military or naval aid elsewhere to relieve pressure in Ireland;

(e) post-war diplomatic or other advantages.

20. Was Casement aware of the mission of the German arms ship the "Aud," when he decided to return to Ireland for Easter Week?

Cannot

May

F.—THE VATICAN.

1. Was there any proposal to approach the Vatican beforehand in regard to the Rising?

2. If so, where, when, by whom and in what circumstances was it made?

What decision was arrived at?

3. What approaches, if any, were made? In what form, to whom, and when?

4. Were they made by letter or by envoy?

5. If by letter, to whom was it addressed, and by whom was it signed?

Could you say if a copy is extant, or if the text could be reconstructed?

6. If by envoy, who was he and what were his instructions?

7. Had he credentials or any other document?

If so, what was it?

By whom was it signed?

To whom was it addressed?

Is a copy extant?

If not, could you reconstruct its contents?

8. Are copies of any other relevant documents available?

9. There is evidence that Count Plunkett was in Rome from 13th to 17th April, 1916.

Had this any relation to the question of an approach to the Vatican?

No information of that contact

G.—THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RISING.

1. How and when were you first mobilised?
Was your unit subsequently dismissed and re-mobilised?
Was there a falling off in the attendance at the remobilisation?

If so, to what extent?
Were you aware of the purpose for which you were mobilised, viz., an armed rising?

3. In what military post or outpost were you in the Rising?
Were there with you any members of organisations other than your own, e.g.:

- The Irish Volunteers?
The Irish Citizen Army?
Fianna Éireann?
The Hibernian Rifles?
Cumann na mBan?
Were there any members of the National Volunteers?

5. How did such a mixing of forces arise?
6. What was the total garrison of your post?

How many were in uniform and of what organisations?
Were they put into operation and were they effective?

7. To what Battalions, Companies, or other units did they belong?

8. From whom, and in what manner did you receive your instruction to occupy the post or posts you did?

9. Was it in writing? If so, have you the order or a copy of it, or can you reconstruct it?

If verbal, what were its terms?

10. What was the military purpose of your post?

What steps were taken to put that purpose into effect?

11. What steps were taken to fortify and defend the post itself?

12. What street barricades were built, where, and of what materials?

For what particular purpose? How were communications between your post and outposts and with other posts?

14. Were they put into operation and were they effective?

Handwritten notes and answers for questions 7-14, including details of military units, instructions, and the construction and use of barricades.

15. If there was a breakdown, what was the cause?

16. What were the consequences?

17. Can you say what were the civilian occupations of the members of your unit who were out in the Rising?

For the whole Four Courts Garrison Area, the total number of participants was approximately 340. This was obtained from the Roll of Names List which was compiled by the Garrison Cde of which I acted as Hon. Secretary.

H.—ARMS.

1. How were the members of your unit armed in Easter Week?

Could you give an estimate as to the numbers who were armed with—

(a) Service or other rifles firing .303 ammunition, including carbines;

(b) Howth rifles;

(c) Other rifles of calibre other than .303;

(d) Shotguns;

(e) Revolvers and automatic pistols;

(f) Pikes.

2. How many had bayonets?

Were there any shot-gun bayonets?

3. What types and quantities of explosives including grenades were in your unit?

How were they intended to be used?

How and when were they actually used?

4. If any members were armed with shotguns, was that due to shortage of other weapons, or were they so armed for a particular purpose?

5. Were there any ammunition or grenades made during the Rising?

If so, how, when, where, by whom and with what equipment?

My unit consisted of about 20 people 3 revolvers and 1000 rounds. About 10 or 12 had service revolvers. Ammunition available for .303

About 6 with limited supply of Ammun. Nil

Nil

3 or 4

Nil

About 6

Nil

No explosives

No grenades

A few grenades made in Dublin area - but were found by the police

6. What percentage of the total available arms in your unit was actually brought out in the Rising?

All available rifles and some

Common, arms from enemy force held long during the fighting.

7. Did shortage of ammunition occur during the Rising?

Yes

If so, what weapons were affected by the shortage?

Rifles

Small and hold breeching

What was the effect on the military effectiveness of your post?

What was the effect on the military effectiveness of your post? 6 lbs arms, 10 lbs arms, 10 lbs arms on Saturday.

8. Were any arms lost in action?

No - but mostly because imperfectly stored but not missing before re-assembly of post.

9. Were any arms captured from the enemy?

Yes. Little arms of various, but a few of the rifles and small arms.

10. What, and through what channel, were the contacts with Germany which led to the despatch of the arms ship, the "Aud"?

Rifles and small arms (see report of personal recollection)

11. What was the extent of its cargo?

No

12. What areas or units was it intended to arm with the weapons which it carried?

Information

13. If these arms had been landed, what do you think would have been the result of the military effectiveness of the Rising?

I.—WIRELESS.

1. Were arrangements made before or during the Rising to use wireless for the purposes of:—

- (a) Broadcasting news of the Rising to the world;
- (b) Contacting the German arms ship;
- (c) for any other purpose.

2. Who was responsible for these arrangements?

3. How was equipment procured or to be procured?

4. Was there trained personnel to operate it?

Can you give details?

5. It is understood that the mission of the party which met with the accident at Ballykissane Pier, Killorglin, on Good Friday night, 21st April, was to remove the equipment from the Wireless School at Cahirciveen for use elsewhere and to set fire to the building.

Have you any information on this mission?

No Information

J.—ENGINEERING.

1. In Dublin, party walls between houses were broken through to facilitate communication and movement, and loopholes were also made.

Who selected the points for these purposes, and who did the actual work?

All four party walls were broken through in my street. I got the idea of this by seeing the wire fence pulling down in the street.

2. What training was there in preparation for this?

No.

3. Were these communication or loophole points, or any of them, selected before the Rising, or were decisions made on the spot?

Decisions made on the spot.

4. What equipment was used? How and where was it acquired? Was any of it prepared beforehand and brought in?

A few iron bars brought locally.

5. It has been stated that an effort was made to blow up Nelson Pillar.

Is this true?

If so, was it part of any plan?

What was the purpose?

What precautions were taken to prevent damage to the G.P.O. and other occupied buildings in the immediate vicinity?

6. What was the reason the attempt failed, if it were, in fact, made?

Cannot say

K.—FLAGS.

1. Was any flag hoisted over any building or elsewhere in your area?

2. If so, what was its design, e.g., tricolour of green, white and orange, or green flag with harp, etc.?

One tricolour of green, white and orange flag was hoisted about

3. If a tricolour, were the bands

(a) vertical, or

(b) horizontal?

Colour of orange.

In the case of (a), which colour was next to the pole?

In the case of (b), which colour was on top?

4. Where was the flag obtained, or who made it?

5. What were its approximate dimensions?

6. Of what material was it made?

Cannot say

7. Who brought it into the Rising, and to what organisation or unit was he or she attached?

8. Who hoisted it?

9. Where exactly was it hoisted?

In the case of a building, give the exact spot if possible.

10. Was there an existing flag pole, or had one to be improvised?

11. What happened to the flag at the termination of the Rising?

Was it left flying, and what was its ultimate fate?

Was it taken away, and if so, by whom?

Is it still in existence, and can you say where it is now?

Cannot say

L.—RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING.

1. Were there any plans to immobilise the railways in Dublin or other various points in the country?

By what means was it proposed to do this?

To what extent were the plans carried out and to what extent were they effective?

2. Was it proposed in any circumstances to use the railways as part of the Rising?

3. Were there any plans to seize or immobilise shipping, or to prevent the approach of shipping during the Rising?

If so, what were they and to what extent and to what effect were these plans put into operation?

No information

M.—FOOD.

1. Were the Volunteers and others instructed to bring rations or food with them when mobilised for the Rising?

2. Was this order generally complied with?

3. For how long was this supply expected to last? How long did it last?

No
Not generally
a few days

5. What medical and surgical aid was provided for in advance as regards equipment, supplies and personnel?

Very little medical or surgical aid was provided for in advance as regards equipment, supplies and personnel. No. The only medical aid was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

Were these arrangements carried out? Were they effective?

6. Was any medical or first-aid assistance sought or received from outside organisations, or from individual doctors or first-aid personnel?

None. The only medical aid was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

Was it refused in any instance?

7. Were there first-aid stations set up in your area? Where were they located? How were they equipped? How were they manned?

None. The only medical aid was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

8. Were there any efforts to contact hospitals, and with what result?

Were there any refusals by hospitals to receive casualties or otherwise to render aid?

9. Was there any instance of failure on either side to respect the Red Cross through misunderstanding or otherwise?

None. The only medical aid was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

10. Were there any cases of refusal to give medical aid?

None. The only medical aid was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

Q.—LOOTING.

1. Did looting occur in your area to an extent which required action by the garrison?

No. The only looting was by members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

2. If so, what action was taken?

R.—PRISONERS.

1. Were any prisoners captured by the British?

No. The only prisoners captured were members of the British Red Cross who worked at the Mater Hospital.

If so, how and where and in what circumstances?

To what units did they belong?

What were their ranks?

Were any of them wounded?

2. Were any British military captured?

Develop this as in 1.

Where were they kept until the surrender?

Only non-combatants from Mater Hospital. The building was set on fire. Some suspects were executed but released from Mater Hospital before end of war.

S.—VOLUNTEERS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

1. To what extent was the Conscription Act in Great Britain responsible for the coming to Ireland of volunteers from Liverpool, Glasgow, London and other centres in Great Britain?

2. Are there any figures and names available?

3. Did they come to Ireland on instructions? If so, from whom?

Cannot say.

4. How were they absorbed into the general body of the Volunteers in Ireland?

5. What was their relation to the Kimmage garrison in Dublin, which seems to have been comprised largely of such men?

6. What was the purpose of that garrison?

What were its relations to the general organisation?

7. When they decided to come to Ireland, were the plans for the Rising so far advanced that they could have had knowledge that the Rising was to take place and the approximate date of it?

8. How did they learn these things?

Refers to
IV Antichain
Leafields
Kimmage Area

T.—THE SURRENDER AND AFTERWARDS.

1. How did you first learn of the surrender of posts other than your own?

2. Who brought the message?

To whom was it given?

If in writing, is it extant?

If not, is there a copy available or could you reconstruct it?

From the
Church Street
Talbot who
brought forward
Charles O'Neil
to Surrender
that year only
Account Daily and
Old Irish. Office

3. Is the story of the surrender or demobilisation of your Unit on record?

If so, where?

If not, could you put it on record for the Bureau? *See reference in my personal recollections*

4. Is the story of subsequent events up to the general release from prison on record?

If so, where is it to be found?

If not, could you put it on record?

} Cannot say

Cannot give
for the whole
from 1845 to 1849

U.—CONVERSATIONS, etc., WITH EXECUTED LEADERS.

1. Had you any conversations or correspondence with any of the executed Leaders prior to or during the Rising, or after the surrender, which, in your opinion should be placed on record as part of the history of the period?

Have you any of the correspondence, or do you know where it can be obtained?

At Richmond Road
Not name involved
with Ben Mellows
John, Michael, & others
was very quiet until
and the first week. Then
during the week. By which
time after the trials! But
was quite cheerful about it
perhaps. Not that of Mellows
at Richmond on night before the
execution. He fairly sang

V.—THE STORY OF YOUR UNIT and reply in full evening paper. This fact in the morning. Is there any authentic account of the happenings in your area in 1916 published or unpublished, or elsewhere on record?

If so, where is it and would you consider it necessary, in the interests of accuracy, completion or clarification, to supplement it or comment on any aspect of it?

This is agreed
account in Antichain
what was published
by national Army
Authority a few years after Rising.

2. If there is no such record extant, would it be possible for you to prepare such a record for the Bureau?

(City of Antichain
relating to the
County area is
forwarded)

W.—MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Would it be possible to give any estimate of the proportion of the members of the Irish Volunteers who took part in the Rising who were also members of non-military National organisations, such as the Gaelic League, G.A.A., etc.?
The Gaelic League was the majority of the members who took part in the Rising. In my mind some half of the members were in the Gaelic League and at least a third in the G.A.A. — very little
2. To what extent was written or oral Irish used in the Volunteer and allied organisations:
 (a) in official communications or orders;
 (b) in training;
 (c) in ordinary conversations;
 (d) at meetings of the General Council, the Executive, G.H.Q., or of Brigade, Battalion and Company officers.
Extensive use.

X.—DOCUMENTS.

1. Have you any original documents or photographs of such documents, bearing on any aspect of the Rising?
No. of Landlords after Easter week destroyed anything I had bearing on the Vol. or Easter Rising. I had Landlord in mind and found (copy) and going away for a few days in Dublin. I must come back to check things from what I had.

In this connection see the Bureau's Leaflet of January, 1948.