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STATEMENT OF TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN, REALLEN, KISKEAM,
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PERIOD: MARCH, 1915 to MAY, 1916.

UNIT: REALLEN AND MEENS COMPANY, I.V.

Captain Daithi Barry was organising the Volunteers in North Cork during 1915 and he called to me several times between the Spring and November of that year. We got a small Company of six or eight men going early in 1915, but it was very difficult to get men to join. We could not make any headway in Kiskeam Village. The lads there would not change from what they were - Redmondites or O'Brienites. The O'Brienites were the strongest party in these two parishes, and the men who joined the Company were supporters of his. They got cool about O'Brien after the recruiting speeches he made in Cork after the start of the war. Peadar O'Hourihan was teaching Irish classes in Kiskeam and Glashakeenleen at the time. ~~Some~~ all members of the Gaelic League joined the Volunteers.

There was no election of Officers in the Company. In a way there was no one with any authority over the rest, but I drilled them and was accepted as being in charge. Parades were held once a week. We paid into a fund out of which we bought belts, haver-sacks and badges. By the end of 1915 we were all in possession of these.

P. Dennehy and I attended the Manchester Martyrs' Commemoration parade in Cork in November, 1915. I used to get "Irish Freedom" and I saw that all Volunteers were invited to attend. I was armed with a revolver and Dennehy with a shot gun on that occasion.

By Easter, 1916, there were ten or twelve in the Company. On Good Friday Daithi Barry called and gave me instructions that we were to parade at Barley Hill on Easter Sunday. Some time on Saturday night word came that the parade on Sunday would not be held. I do not remember how the word came; it may have been through Paddy Dennehy. We did not mobilise at all on Easter Sunday.

There were no arms in the Company at the time other than those that had been in the district since long before the Volunteers were established. I had a .45 revolver and about 50 rounds which I had for years. Anyone who had not got a shot gun of his own could have got one from a neighbour; it would have been possible to arm every man with a shot gun.

No orders came to us during Easter Week, 1916. There were no arrests, and no arms were seized or surrendered in the area.

There were no I.R.B., Fianna or Cumann-na-mBhan organisations in the area before Easter, 1916, but I think there was some Fianna organisation in Boherbue.

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