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A. CAPIN,

I am in receipt of yours of 24<sup>th</sup> inst with enclosed.

I am sure you will appreciate that it's very difficult to give a vivid account of happenings over 30 years ago. The statements submitted by Mr Timothy McQuirk are quite accurate, as far as my memory goes.

On Good Friday evening 1916 - T. McQuirk informed me that we were to parade at Barley Hill Newmarket on Easter Sunday 1916, on Easter Saturday. I cycled to Kanturk to interview my brother Liam Deenchy who was then an Assistant in the firm of Messrs D. C. Daly, No Kanturk and was Captain of the local Volunteer unit - he is now in New York.

He informed me that the parade at Barley Hill next day was off, and I cycled to Newmarket, where I remained overnight with a Sister of mine, married to a National Teacher, Mr E. Jordan.

I sent word to Tim McQuirk that evening that the parade was off.

I attended last Mass at Newmarket on Easter Sunday and in the afternoon of that day, I met Patrick Murphy Sullyless carrying a Rifle - he was Capt. of that Coy. - later a Commandant in Cork No. 11 Brigade (now deceased) - When I arrived at Barley Hill a number of Volunteers, probably 100 were skirmishing in the wood, Capt. Paddy Barry was in charge - I was unarmed, and through no fault of theirs - there were no Volunteers present from the Keelien and Meenus Coys as far as I know.

Two of the Volunteers carried Rifles - the majority were armed with Shotguns - wore brown belts and Haversacks. There were quite a number of spectators present on that day, including the local District Inspector - Head Constable the local Sergeant and about a dozen R.I.C. men.

Volunteer companies being only in their infancy at the time, our contact with one another was nil, quite different to later years, when "Flying Columns" were formed, we knew each other from one end of the County to the other, consequently, I knew very few on that particular day. Patrick Murphy and John Deenchy Sullyless were there. Liam Deenchy in charge of Kanturk (this was the largest Coy.) Christie Sullivan in charge of Bherstree - Meelin was also represented - I don't know who was in charge -

On that Sunday evening about nightfall, I parted with Capt. Paddy Barry, Pat Murphy and Johnny Deenchy on the Meelin road. Capt. Barry stating he was going to Limerick City.

P.T.O.

\* Capt. Murphy informed me that he had no information that the parade was off. Kanturk too must have had later information.

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I am sorry I could not furnish fuller particulars  
but after a period of 32 years, having gone through  
seven or eight Ambushes in Cork - Kerry - Limerick  
& Waterford and in six different jails - need I say  
to day - my "Old Nut" can't be the yr. Sound.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

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