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STATEMENT OF EUGENE O'KEEFFE, BRUAGHNA,
ENNISKEANE, CO. CORK.

PERIOD: MARCH, 1916, TO EASTER, 1916.

UNIT: ARDFIELD COMPANY, I.V.

Ardfield Company of the Irish Volunteers was started in March, 1916. There was no Volunteer organisation in the district up to that time. Seán Hales and some other men from Ballinadee came to attend the first meeting, and I was Chairman. Twenty-four men joined at that meeting, and all of them continued as members of the Company up to Easter, 1916. That was our strength at that date. After 1916 we formed another Company in Kilkerranmore.

I was elected Captain of the Ardfield Company at its formation, and Tim Hurley of Kilkerran was elected 1st Lieutenant. We had no other Officers. Jim Walsh of Lyre came and drilled us a few times between the start and Easter, 1916. We had no arms except a few shot guns, owned by the men individually.

In the week before Easter, 1916, Tom Hales sent us orders to mobilise on Easter Sunday and be ready for any move. We mobilised and stayed at Ardfield during Easter Sunday, expecting some order to come but none came. Having no orders, there was nothing we could do, and we did not move from our own area.

The following men paraded on Easter Sunday, 1916:-

Eugene O'Keefe.
Tim Hurley.
James Hurley.
Tom McCarthy.
James White.
Pat McCarthy.
Dan O'Keefe.
John O'Keefe.
Charles Galwey.
Pat Sullivan.
Dan Harte.
James Harte.
Jerry Sullivan.
Denis Sullivan.
Dan Sullivan.
Michael Donovan.
John Driscoll. (*Duncan*)
John Driscoll. (*Muckross*)
John White.
Edward Roche.
Michael Crowley.
Dan O'Regan. (*Ballyduane*)
Dan O'Regan. (*Granagobeen*)
John Long.

SIGNED: Eugene O'Keefe

DATE: 12th Dec 1947

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