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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

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Witness

Edward F. Hegarty

Identity

Member of I.V. Cork, 1916.

Subject

Personal activities - Cork
Easter, 1916.

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STATEMENT OF EDWARD HEGARTY, CARRIGEEN
PARK, BALLINLOUGH ROAD, CORK.

At Easter, 1916, I was a member of the Killarney Company, I.V., but, being in Cork for some weeks before Easter Sunday, I was parading with 'B' Company, Cork City. I was mobilised in the usual way for the parade of the City Companies on Easter Sunday. I was under the impression that it was a normal mobilisation, as we were having frequent test mobilisations at the time. I was under promise to a friend to help him with an important piece of business which had been arranged a long time previously and which meant a trip to Toamies at the mouth of the river Laune.

I left Cork on Saturday evening and when I arrived in Killarney I reported to Dick Fitzgerald, who told me there was a parade in the morning. I think it was later that night I was told the parade was cancelled, but I am not quite clear as to whether I was told that night or on Sunday morning. But I know that I asked either Dick Fitzgerald or Mick Spillane what was wrong, and was told that Con Collins and Austin Stack were prisoners under a strong guard of police and had been seen in a train at Killarney Station. On hearing this I asked if it would be alright for me to go to Toamies, and was told that I could go.

I arrived in Killarney on Monday just in time to catch a train to Cork. When I reached Cork I went straight to Pat Harrington's house on the Skahabeg Road, intending to get a bike from him and get in touch with 'B' Company. I had heard some talk of fighting on the train. I met Pat Harrington in Capwell. He informed me the Volunteers were back in Sheares' Street and I reported there. I was brought before a group of Officers, which, I think, included Tomás MacCurtain, Terence MacSwiney and one of the Hales. To them I related the information given above. It was after 8 o'clock on Monday night when I was called before these Officers.

SIGNED: Edward F. HegartyDATE: 3/2/48WITNESS: Florence O'Donoghue