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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

DOCUMENT NO. W.S.109.....

Witness

Thomas Murphy -

Identity

Member of Irish Volunteers, Cork

Subject

Seizure of British ammunition from
railway wagon.

Conditions, if any, stipulated by Witness

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STATEMENT OF THOMAS MURPHY, THE BRAKEHOUSE,
RATHPEACON, CORK.

I was employed as a porter on the then Great Southern and Western Railway at Kilbarry, near Cork, in the Winter of 1915-16. I was a member of the Irish Volunteers and I knew that ammunition was badly needed by the Cork Corps. I was constantly on the watch for an opportunity to secure some from the consignments which went by rail to British posts.

Near the end of 1915, or early in 1916, a special train came from Fermoy to Cork with Military Stores. There was an unsealed wagon of ammunition on it. The train stopped at Kilbarry about 7 p.m. I took five boxes of ammunition from the wagon and shifted it from the running road to a stationary wagon in a siding. About ten minutes afterwards I went down to Con Delaney, Dublin Hill, and told him. He came at once with me to Kilbarry and we shifted the five boxes to Smiddy's field where we hid them until Con Delaney made arrangements for the removal of the stuff elsewhere. I opened one box. It contained .303 ammunition in canvas slings. There were 1,000 rounds in each box.

SIGNED:

Thomas Murphy

DATE:

March 19th 1948

WITNESS:

Florence Donoghue