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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

DOCUMENT NO. W.S. 112

Witness

Joseph Rossney

Identity

Co-operative worker. Not a member of
I.V.

Subject

- (a) Gun-running, Kilcoole.
- (b) Arrangements for transport of German arms, Easter 1916.

Conditions, if any, stipulated by Witness

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ORIGINAL

32 Barclay Square
Sandy Hook

On Easter Saturday 1916 I

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was informed by J P Murphy who was in charge of transport, that I was not to go anywhere as he expected I would be wanted to do some run that night about 9pm taxi called at house to say I was wanted at garage when near garage taxi pulled up as J P Murphy was at corner of Shaw St, I went over to him he said to me do you see man walking at recruiting office I said yes, he said that is your man to take orders from Murphy had told me I was to look to tow a car home that had broke down near Kells, when I got into touch with party who was looking after it he informed me that I was on a long journey and to get whatever petrol I could and that we were to be at Philborough at 12 midnight well there is no use going into details, I got going out of garage and picked up my man as it was too early I came to where I live had something to eat left at 11.45 hr at back

Philston at 12 midnight
picked up two other men and
proceeded to to Limerick where
we arrived at 4am

I then put up boys in Gary's
yard at Factory & proceeded
on foot to Volunteer Hall
where I had a rest I
was told to get boys out
about 3pm that evening
and some time after we
were told things were off
that we might go home
I returned to Dublin with
two of my passengers where
we arrived about 3-40am
on the Monday morning

I left off my passengers at
the old police barracks
at and soon after arrived in
garage, where I had interview
with Detective Brookes of
of Carriage Dept, who was
very anxious to know where
I had been and what was
I doing I told him that I
was looking for car on road
to Limerick he said car on Kells
road I said no that it was
on road to Limerick and that
I could not find it, he gave
me a lot of trouble for some
time after but it was no use
I was still looking for the car

I was employed as Lorry
+ Charabanc driver, Thompson
Motor Car Co Brunswick St

On a Saturday about the 20th
of August 1914, I was told off
to pick up party from
144 Pearce St for a run to
Powerscourt Waterfall,
We left the city + went
by the Scalp to Enniskerry
thence to Waterfall
rocky valley, and ~~to tower~~
towards Glen of the Dawns
before we came to the
Glen we turned up road
to left and remained
until about 11 pm

We then proceeded on our
journey to Kilcool Railway
station, at where we got
load of rifles + ammunition
on our return journey
at Droghda road + Bray
about 500 yards from
Jimmy Bank, this was
a crash, the back axle had
broken the noise of the
crash woke up some of
inhabitants near by, one of
whom I knew Michael Fortune

he gave permission to put the
rifles & cases into his house
I then proceeded by side car
of motor bike into city to garage
where I got a lorry and saw
several taxis to bring the
goods to their destination
When I arrived back at Bray
to get Charabang off the road
Mr. Thompson was on the
scene, he wanted to know
why I did not go to Guards
barracks and get his apt.
from them as they know
where he ~~was~~ resided
(what a hope)

Joseph Rosony

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Dublin

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Statement by Mr. Joseph Rossney.

I was employed as lorry and charabang driver, Thompson Motor Car Co., Brunswick St.

On a Saturday about the 20th of August 1914, I was told off to pick up party from 144 Pearse St. for run to Powerscourt Waterfall. We left the city and went by the Scalp to Enniskerry, thence to Waterfall, rocky valley, and towards Glen of the Downs. Before we came to the Glen we turned up road to left and remained until about 11 p.m. We then proceeded on our journey to Kilcool Railway Station, at where we got load of rifles and ammunition. On our return journey at Dargle Road, Bray, about 500 yards from Sunny Bank, there was a crash; the back axle had broken. The noise of the crash woke up some of inhabitants nearby, one whom I knew, Michael Fortune. He gave permission to put the rifles and cases into his house. I then proceeded by side-car of motor bike into city to garage where I got a lorry and several taxis to bring the goods to their destination. When I arrived back at Bray to get charabang off the road, Mr. Thompson was on the scene. He wanted to know why I did not go to Guards Barracks and get his address from them as they knew where he resided (what a hope).

JOSEPH ROSSNEY,
32 Havelock Square,
Sandymount,
Dublin.

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Sandymount.

On Easter Saturday 1916, I was informed by T. P. Murphy who was in charge of transport, that I was not to go anywhere as he expected I would be wanted to do some run that night. About 8 p.m. taxi called at house to say I was wanted at garage. When near garage taxi pulled up as T. P. Murphy was at corner of Shaw St. I went over to him. He said to me, "Do you see man walking at recruiting office?" I said, "Yes". He said, "that is your man to take orders from". Murphy had told me I was booked to tow a car home that had broken down near Kells. When I got into touch with party who was looking after job, he informed me that I was on a long journey and to get whatever petrol I could and that we were to be at Phibsborough at 12 midnight. Well, there is no use going into details. I got lorry out of garage and picked up my man. As it was too early I came to where I live, had something to eat, left at 11.45 p.m., at Phibsborough at 12 midnight, picked up two other men and proceeded to Limerick where we arrived at 7 a.m.

I then put up lorry in garage yard at factory and proceeded on foot to Volunteer Hall where I had a rest. I was told to get lorry out about 3 p.m. that evening, and some time after we were told things were off, that we might go home. I returned to Dublin with two of my passengers where we arrived about 3.40 a.m. on the Monday morning. I left off my passengers at the old Police Barracks, and soon after arrived in garage where I had interview with Detective Inspector Kerr of Carriage Department, who was very anxious to know where

I had been and what was I doing. I told him that I was looking for car on road to Limerick. He said, "car on Kells road". I said, "No", that it was on road to Limerick, and that I could not find it. He gave me lot of trouble for some time after but it was no use. I was still looking for the car.

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