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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

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**Witness**

Mr. Charles Walker,  
28 Joyce Road,  
Drumcondra,  
Dublin.  
**Identity**

Printer of "Irish War News" 1916.

**Subject**

Account of printing operations  
at the "Gaelic Press" Liffey Street,  
Easter Week 1916.

**Conditions, if any, stipulated by Witness**

Nil

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CHARLES WALKER, 28 JOYCE ROAD, DRUMCONDRA, DUBLIN.

I had an appointment with my father Matthew J. Walker, at the "Gaelic Press", Liffey Street, on Easter Monday, 1916. When he arrived, the fight was on, and he left me and went to the G.P.O. Later returned with instructions that a printing plant was to be taken over but not in the G.P.O. area. (Mr. Joseph Stanley afterwards told me that instructions were given by James Connolly). It was suggested that James O'Keefe's Printing Plant, Halston Street, be taken over, and it was agreed that this would be the best one.

I then went to 36 Parnell Street to see Mr. Stanley. I met there Mr. Michael McDunphy and told him what had happened. He was to let Mr. Stanley know that I was going to collect two Compositors who were employed by the "Gaelic Press" who could be trusted, Thomas Ryan and James O'Sullivan. We three went back to "Gaelic Press" and collected paper, ink, etc., and under Mr. Stanley's instructions brought them to Halston Street.

We all worked there. Mr. Stanley checked and read the proofs. My father, Matthew J. Walker, Ryan and O'Sullivan set up type and I printed the jobs. Mr. Stanley carried the printed jobs to the G.P.O. and collected "Extra Copy". During that week we printed "Irish War News" and four bulletins.

We had no food from midday Thursday. On Sunday morning we heard people passing to and fro outside and

were told that instructions had been issued by the  
"British" that Church Service could be attended.

We were glad to get out and go home.

SIGNED Charles Walker.

DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> April. 1949.

WITNESS Sean Brennan. Comdt.

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