

Tom Derric

DATES

Born, Westport, November 26th, 1897.
Joined Fianna Eireann, 1913.
Student, University College, Galway, 1915.
Captain, University Volunteer Corps, 1915.
Arrested and deported, 1916.
Rejoined Volunteers, joined Sinn Féin, 1917.
Imprisoned in Belfast, 1918.
Took out B.Comm., 1919.
Headmaster, Ballina Technical School, County Mayo,
1919.
Commandant, Westport Battalion, I.R.A., November, 1919.
Commandant, West Mayo Brigade, 1920.
Arrested and interned, 1921.
Elected Sinn Féin M.P., West and North Mayo, May,
1921.
Released, August, 1921.
Opposed the "Treaty," December, 1921.
Adjutant-General, I.R.A., Four Courts, June, 1922.
Adjutant, Dublin and Eastern Command, July, 1922.
Assistant Adjutant-General, I.R.A., autumn, 1922.
Captured and interned, 1923; Released, 1924.
Resigned teaching post, 1924.
Teacher, C.B.S., North Richmond Street, 1925.
Took out H. Dip. in Ed., 1926.
Fianna Fáil T.D., Carlow-Kilkenny, 1927.
Married Sinéad Mason, 1928.
Minister for Education, from 1932, except for short
period, 1939-1940, when acted as Minister for
Lands.
T.D. for Kilkenny, since 1933.

