

Mr. Walshe:- What is the name of the Guard he identifies?

Witness pointed out the Guard, but his name was not mentioned. Continuing witness said :- I saw another guard here this morning. I don't know his name, but I could point him out.

Mr. O'Connell:- Have you anybody to corroborate this story of the terrible treatment you got?

Witness:- I think the person who will corroborate it for me is Guatá McDonough, presently in Dublin.

Why is he not here? I suppose the Commissioner finds other duties for him.

Mr. O'Connell:- I think you have no corroboration.

Witness:- The camp happened to be in the hands of a lot of wild men with the result that the men I could really get to corroborate it I dare say would be more or less frightened to tell it - several chaps who were in the Section with me, and in fact took sides with me. I don't know their names myself. There is one of them who comes from Tipperary. I forget their names. I had them in the line. These chaps would corroborate it but I dare say they would be frightened.

Mr. McAuliffe:- We don't want opinions, please, just answer the questions.

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EVIDENCE OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN KEANE

Supt. John Keane examined by Mr. Walshe.

Keane, were you attached to the Depot here in Kildare?

Yes, sir.

Were you here in May when this thing occurred? Yes, sir.

On that day, the 15th May, where were you? I was present in the Depot. I attended the general Parade for officers and men. The Parade was addressed by the Commissioner. All I can say is to go over the statements that have been made here.

You have nothing further to add to what has been stated?

Nothing to add

Mr. Walshe:- The Parade was dismissed in the ordinary way?

Witness:- The parade was sent off to their company lines.

When did you leave this Depot? I left the Depot on the 18th about 3 o'clock or 3.30.

Did you go alone, or did anybody go with you? I went alone.

You had no difficulty in leaving? I got away easy enough.

Commandant Ring had some consultation with two of the Committee at the window. We were besieged in this house.

Were you with Commandant Ring? I was with Commandant Ring. We could get no information from anybody. ~~We~~ were there three of four days, from the 15th to 18th. ~~We~~ wanted to get in touch with somebody outside, and we decided that one of us would try to get through. As it was impossible to get out of the gate and get in touch with Commissioner Staines while Commandt Ring was having this parley with the men out through the window. Guard Jim Staines and I went to the back. There were three sentries on at the time. I went to the wire to get out and two sentries came running down. Guard Staines held the two sentries up, and I got to the wire and got out. I had some difficulty in getting to the train. Supt. O'Neill was there on the platform, also there was a brother of the Assistant Commissioner's in uniform. I got one of the Guards on the Railway to get a ticket for me, so I got a train without being seen and got to Dublin. I met Commissioner Staines in the Clarence Hotel that evening. He told me there had been arrangements made with the Asst-Commissioner to allow Commandt. Ring to leave the Depot ~~with~~ these men, and that they were also to be given a transport to bring them to Dublin. Then I didn't bother any further. I remained in Dublin since.

Mr. O'Connell:- Do you remember the evening of the 18th?

Yes.

Were you in the Asst-Commissioner's apartments on that day?

I cannot remember.

You didn't go in to look out through the window at the back?

No. I did not.

Mr. O'Connell:- Do you remember speaking to me?

Witness:- That is where he sleeps, not his office.

Mr. O'Connell:- Yes.

Witness:- I was in that room, I thought you meant his office.

Mr. O'Connell:- When you came back again we were standing at the door. Do you remember any remark you made there?

Witness:- What nature was the remark?

Mr. O'Connell:- Did you make a remark to the effect that there was a guard outside at the back with rifles?

Witness:- So there was.

Then did you make any other remark? I said we were well guarded at the rear.

Is that all? Did you pull a bomb out of your pocket?

Yes. I had a bomb in my hand.

And you made a remark that you would make pieces of some one? I said I was going to defend myself.

Are you sure "I will make pieces of some of them" is not correct? I never made that statement.

THE ENQUIRY ADJOURNED TO SATURDAY July 15th