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Patrick O'Keeffe - Speech at Charleville, Co. Cork.

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Capt. Duntroy -

Can you supply information required by Col Pyache?

16/5/16

Staff Lt-Col.

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D.A.G.

Address as on form attached.

F. Tudsbury Capt.
17/5/16.

D. A.G.

Patrick Pearse was a prot. spec. special in the G.P.O. He was arrested after the rising owing to his association with the Sinn Fein organisation and as being an undesirable character under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

He will not be tried by Courtmartial.

Apply Sec. for P.M.
18/6/16

A.S. Pyache
A.A.G.

17.

(S.S.(a)) Retain till for P.M.
27.5.16

Detain
Intern test A.

R.H. Shaw
Capt
for A.A.G.
17.6.16.

NOTE.—Inside sheets to be used for further minutes.

Mr O'Keeffe - a Post Office Clerk (Accountants Branch) an extremist of the most virulent type, and for years has been identified with every advanced movement in this country including Sinn Fein, Volunteers, and kindred associations.

RICHMOND BARRACKS,

DUBLIN,

27 June, 1916.

SIR,

I beg leave to transmit to you herewith correspondence relating to the case of :—

Name O'Keeffe T.

Address 21 Lr Camden St

Dublin

File No. 991a

A formal acknowledgment has been sent to the writer.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. Tudsbury Capt

Deputy Adjutant-General.

The Under Secretary of State,

Home Office,

LONDON, S.W.

991a

On the 19th June I was given an opportunity of filling in the form with reference to my release, but I declined to do so.

Signature of Prisoner P. O'Keffe
26, Camden st. Dublin

Countersigned D. S. Thomas Major
Commandant.

Place Wandsworth, Detention Barracks

Date 19. 6. 16

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DETENTION BARRACKS
No. 14626.
Date 19.6.16.
WANDSWORTH

P A T R I C K O ' K E E F F E.

----------oOo----------

This man is a native of Co. Cork and is employed as Clerk in the Inquiry Branch of the G.P.O.

He has been an active Sinn Feiner for the past 8 years and a member of the Executive body .

For years he has been hostile to British Government in Ireland and associated with T. J. Clarke,John McDermott, Bulmer Hobson and others.

He joined the Sinn Fein Volunteers at their inception and attended some of their most important meetings.

On 11/10/14 - Attended the Parnell Anniversary with 1,448 Sinn Fein Volunteers, being in uniform and carried a rifle.

On 22/10/14 - Attended an anti-Recruiting meeting at Sinn Fein Rooms, 6, Harcourt Street, at which Major McBride delivered a strong speech.

On 22/11/14 - Attended the Manchester Martyrs Anniversary, marching with Sinn Fein Volunteers.

On 12/2/15 - Attended a Conference of the Sinn Fein Volunteers at the Antient Concert Rooms, which was attended by leading Sinn Feiners.

Recently his activities have somewhat abated on account of he being warned by the Post Office Authorities to cease.

9/6/15 - Attended the Police Courts on occasion of the trial of John Milroy and F. Sheehy Skeffington who were being tried for an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act, when T. J. Clarke and others were present.

6/11/15 - Visited T. J. Clarke with Con Collins and others.

13/11/15 - Visited T. J.Clarke.

8/12/15 - Visited John McDermott with Con Collins.

20/12/15 - Attended at Rotunda with Joseph Plunkett, Michael O'Hanrahan ~~with~~ and leading Sinn Feiners.

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4/1/16 - Attended at Sinn Fein Drill Hall on the occasion of a Lecture by F. Sheehy Skeffington, James Connolly presiding and leading Sinn Feiners being present.

12/3/16 - Attended a meeting at 25, Rutland Square at which other Sinn Feiners were present.

31/3/16 - Attended a protest meeting at Beresford Place against the banishment of Sinn Fein Volunteers which was addressed by F. Sheehy Skeffington, Thomas McDonagh and other leading Sinn Feiners.

Witnesses:- Const. Coffey, G Divn.
,, Hoey. do.

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SIRS/

In answer to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to inform you that it is not proposed to try Mr. Patrick O'Keeffe by Court Martial. His case is now under investigation as to whether he will be for deportation or release.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) F A G Stanton
Lt Col
for Brig.-General,
D.A.G.

Messrs
Corrigan & Corrigan
3, St. Andrew St.
DUBLIN.

Folio No. 991

NAME, Okuppe Paul (see P. 6)

ADDRESS, 21 L? Camden St.

AGE, ... OCCUPATION, ...

WHEN AND WHERE ARRESTED, ...

IF RELEASED, WHEN, ...

IF TRIED, WHEN, WHERE AND SENTENCE, ...

IF DEPORTED, WHEN AND WHERE, Wandsworth 1/6

IF IN CUSTODY, WHERE, ...

CHARACTER, ...

REMARKS, ...

(268.) 3,000. 3. 15/5/'16. FALCONER, DUBLIN.

TELEPHONE No. 1669.
TELEGRAMS: CORRANDCORR, DUBLIN.

CORRIGAN & CORRIGAN,
SOLICITORS.

3, ST ANDREW STREET,
DUBLIN.

16th DAY OF May. 1916.

The Commandant,
Richmond Barracks,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

We have been instructed by Mr.P.O'Keeffe at present a prisoner at Richmond Barracks to defend him. We would thank you to let us know what is the charge against him; when his trial will take place, and if we will be allowed to appear at such trial on his behalf by Counsel.

To enable us to prepare our client's defence it is essential that we should have liberty to interview him in private, and we would be obliged if you would let us hear from you immediately giving us permission for such interview.

Yours faithfully,

Corrigan Corrigan.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
31 OCT 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN

Headquarters
6th Division.
Cork.

.....

Patrick Okeeffe was sentenced by District Court-Martialat Dublin on 25th ulto to 18 months imprisonment without hard labour.

(sd) H Topping

Lt Colonel A.A.G.(2)
for Major General i/c Adminstration

G.H.Q.I.
Parkgate Dublin
31st October 1919.

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Patrick O'Keefe

A. C. M at Ship St 25 Sept 1919.

Sentenced to 1 year & 6 mths impt without H.L.

(Sentence confirmed by G.O.C in C) on 1st Oct 1919.

357/i

R. I. Constabulary,
Charleville, Co Cork
25th Oct. 1919.

G. H. Q.

357/i

Forwarded re/ your A2/2144

May I be informed of result of this trial in order that any future inquiries of this nature may be dealt with by them H.Q.

30/10/19

Captain,
Intelligence Officer.
for Major General,
Commanding Southern District.

Conviction of Patrick O'Keeffe M. P. by Court Martial at Dublin on 25. 9. 1919

I request to be informed what was the sentence imposed upon the above named, who was convicted by Court Martial held at Ship Street Barracks, Dublin, on 25th ult. in respect of a seditious speech delivered at Charleville on 11th May 1919.

H Henderson
Dist Inspector

The C.M.A.
Southern District,
Cork.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
21 OCT 1919
NO. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND,

PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

21st October, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your /pc. dated 20th October, 1919, forwarding proceedings of a District Court Martial on PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P., civilian, I am directed to say that the sentence was communicated by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Ireland, to the Speaker of the House of Commons on 9th October, 1919.

The proceedings are returned herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd) H Toffyn

Lt:Colonel, A.A.G.(2)
for Lieut:General Commanding -in Chief, Ireland.

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,
68 VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Number _____

The above number should be quoted in any further communication on this subject and the letter addressed :—

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,
68, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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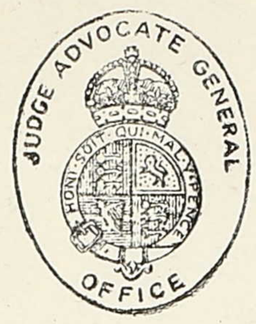

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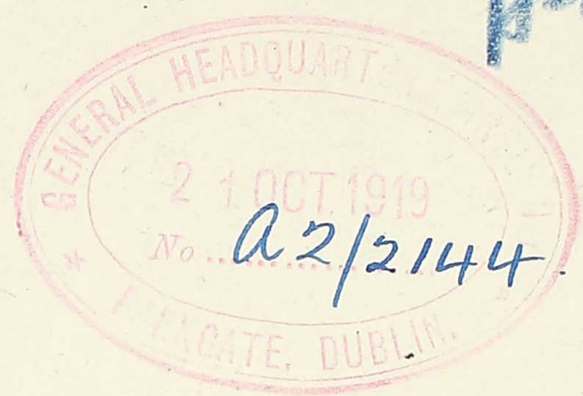

Sir,

With reference to a Court Martial on Patrick O'Keefe the proceedings of which are enclosed herewith I am directed by the Judge Advocate General to say that if you have not already communicated the sentence to the Speaker of the House of Commons you should do so now in accordance with the practice in such cases. Kindly return the Proceedings to this Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Kenneth Macmorran

Captain,
S/C.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.

3571 (i)

SECRET

No. 3571 (i)

Date 13.10.19.

HEAD QUARTERS,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT (IRELAND)
CORK.

General Headquarters,
IRELAND.

Reference recent trial of P.O'Keefe M.P.
May I be informed of result of trial in order that it may be communicated to the Speaker of the House of Commons?

Wm. C. Lovett
Capt for

Major-General,
Commanding Southern District.

CORK.
13-10-1919.
AG.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
14 OCT 1919
No. A2/2/44
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Headquarters,
Southern District.

Reference your 3571(i) of 13th. inst., the SPEAKER was informed on 9th. inst., from these G.H.Q. of the result of the Court Martial on PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P.

(sd) H Toffari
Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
14. 10..1919.

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HEADQUARTERS. IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
9 - OCT 1919
NO. 242144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL,
68 Victoria Street,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Sir,

I beg to forward to you herewith proceedings of a District Court Martial held for the trial of the following civilian:-

PATRICK O'KEEFE,

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(sd) H Topp

Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Lieutenant-General Commanding-in-Chief
IRELAND.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.
9. X. 1919.

Received from The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Ireland, Court-Martial proceedings in case of Patrick O'Keefe, civilian

F. H. Berkeley-Johnson
for J.A.G.

68, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.
10. X. 19

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
9 - OCT 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE,

UNDER SECRETARY:

Government files 24211/S and 24212/S in the case of PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P. are returned.

O'KEEFE has been tried by D.C.M. and the Speaker is being informed of the finding and sentence of the Court.

(sd) H Topper
Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.
9. x. 1919.

HEADQUARTERS. IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
8 - OCT 1919
NO. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND,

PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

9th. October, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Mr. PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P. for North Cork, who was arrested on 12th. September, 1919, under a direction issued by the General Officer Commanding Southern District, Ireland, has been tried by District Court Martial in Dublin and sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for one year and six months , for the following offences under the Defence of the Realm Regulations:-

(1) under Regulation 42, for making statements calculated to cause sedition among the civilian population.

(2) under Regulation 27, for making statements likely to prejudice the discipline of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

The sentence has been duly confirmed and the accused committed to prison.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd) F Shaw

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding-in-Chief IRELAND.

TO:-

THE Rt. HON.,
THE SPEAKER,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
LONDON. S.W.1.

HEADQUARTERS IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
9 - OCT 1919
NO. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Under Secretary and all Papers. Belfast. Dublin & Cork.

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I am directed by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Ireland, to inform you of the result of a Court Martial held for the trial of the following civilian:-

PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P. for North Cork, was tried by District Court Martial in Dublin on 25th. September, 1919, on charges under Regulations 27 and 42, Defence of the Realm Regulations, in respect of a seditious speech delivered at Charleville, Co. Cork on 11th. May last, and was sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for one year and six months.
Evidence was given showing that the accused declared that he was out for an Irish Republic and would not take anything less, and urged all unmarried men between sixteen and thirty to join the Irish Volunteers, practise drill, and obtain arms and ammunition. In the same speech he advocated a social boycott of the R.I.C.

Ltd/ H Topping

Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.
9. X. 1919.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND
8 OCT 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

General Headquarters,
Ireland.

Headquarters,
Dublin District.

483/2/10.A.

No.....

Reference your No.A.2/2144 of 7/10/19.

The proceedings in the case of Patrick O'Keefe, civilian, are returned herewith.

These proceedings had to be returned to the Unit concerned for amendment of the minute of promulgation.

The Unit has now been instructed in the matter, and has been called upon to furnish an explanation of the delay in making the amendment.

Owen B. Wallis Capt
For Brigadier-General,
Commanding Dublin District.

Lr. Castle Yard,
DUBLIN, 8/10/19.

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HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
7 - OCT 1919
NO. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Headquarters,
Dublin District

With reference to G.H.Q. minute A2/2144 dated 1-10-19., please expedite the promulgation and return of the proceedings in the case of PATRICK O'KEEFE, civilian.

(sd) H Toffin
Lt:Colonel, A.A.G.(2)
for Major-General i/c. Administration.

G.H.Q.Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.
7-10-19.
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Patrick O'Keefe - MP for North Cork

Charges Regs 42 & 27 - seditious speech. 1st 2nd & 3rd charges alternative - advocating an Irish Republic & inciting young men to join the volunteers & drill & get arms and ammn.

4th charge - advocating boycotting of police

Evidence of 2 police witnesses

no defence.

Finding guilty on 1st & 4th charges.

No finding on 2nd & 3rd (alternative) charges: finding of not guilty should have been recorded.

Proceedings otherwise in order.

Sentence 1 yr 6 months impt without H.L.

Arrest not proved in evidence: arrested on 12.9.19 at 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin.

Medical certificate on office file: fit for impt with or without H.L.

No separate police character.

Appears to have evaded arrest since May 1919.

File

FOR OFFICIAL USE.

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS,
1917, No. 1219.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM.
Ministry of Food.

THE MANUFACTURE OF FLOUR AND BREAD ORDER (No. 2), 1917, DATED 27TH NOVEMBER, 1917, MADE BY THE FOOD CONTROLLER UNDER THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

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2. The proportion of imported flour in the mixture shall not exceed 25 per cent. except—

(*a*) when sold by retail in Scotland; or

(*b*) when used in Scotland for some purpose other than the manufacture of biscuits intended for wholesale sale,

in which cases the proportion shall not exceed 50 per cent.

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Rhondda.
Food Controller.

27th November, 1917.

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HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
1 - Oct 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Headquarters,
Dublin District.

Reference your No. 483/2/10 A of 29th ult:-

Herewith proceedings of D.C.M. on Patrick O'KEEFFE, civilian, duly confirmed by the G.O.C-in-C.

Please have promulgation made, and a Commitment Order issued for the prisoner forthwith, and the proceedings returned with minute of promulgation endorsed.

(sd/ H Toffen

Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
1. 10. 1919.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND
29 SEP 1919
No.
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

S E C R E T.

Head Quarters,
Dublin District.

General Headquarters,

I r e l a n d.

No. 483/2/10A.

Proceedings of District Court-Martial in the case of Patrick O'Keefe, civilian, are returned herewith in accordance with your No. A. 2/2144 dated 26th September 1919.

The finding on the 2nd and 3rd. charges have now been recorded.

Owen B. Wallis. Capt.
for Brigadier General,
Commanding Dublin District.

Lr. Castle yard,
D u b l i n.
29/9/19.

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Headquarters,
Dublin District.

Please request the President of the District Court-Martial to record the finding on the 2nd. and 3rd. charges.

Please have the proceedings sent herewith returned as soon as possible.

(sd) H Toppin
Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
26. 9. 1919.

***** M E D I C A L C E R T I F I C A T E. ******

I CERTIFY that Patrick O'Keeffe

is fit to undergo his trial.

.....Medical Officer,
H.M.Prison, Mountjoy,

TRANSMITTED.

.....Governor.H.M.Prison,
Mountjoy.

The Competent Military Authority,
Dublin District,
Lower Castle Yard.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND
26 SEP 1919
No.....
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Summary of Evidence in the case of Patrick O'~~Keef~~ Keefe Member of Parliament for North Cork (civilian).

1st Witness Head Constable Charles Sweeney R.I.C. of Charleville being duly sworn states

On the 11th May 1919 I accompanied by Sergt Martin Durkan attended a public Aerudheaghl ~~at~~ held in a field ~~near~~ about 3/4 of a mile from Charleville County Cork. The meeting started about 4 p.m. There would be about 2000 people present. There was a platform from speeches were made. Amongst the speakers was Patrick O'Keefe Sinn Fein Member of Parliament for North Cork. He made a speech and I made a mental note of it & on returning to barracks at the end of the meeting I —

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wrote down what I remembered of the speech. I produce my note book containing my note of the speech. Accused said amongst other things. "All young unmarried men between the ages of 16 & 30 should join the Irish Volunteers & be drilled and equipped with all the ammunition they can get. Know the distances to the surrounding mountains & have a good local knowledge. There is a garrison in this country that is the Royal Irish Constabulary that we must get rid of. They are not a police force they are a force of spies. They must be socially ostracised they are sucking your blood they have already sucked a good deal of my blood. No man or woman should speak to them. The Chief Secretary

said, They are a semi military force I say they are a whole military force. In the district that I come from some farmers daughters & school teachers have joined the Royal Irish bonafide Army in matrimony this must stop & stop all over Ireland.

Chas Sweeny
Head Constable

Accused declines to cross examine

2nd Witness Sergt Martin Durkan RIC stationed at Charleville ~~state~~ being duly sworn states. On the 11th May 1919 I attended an ~~eat~~ Aeridheaght held in a field near Charleville. I was with Head Const. Sweeney. There were about 2000 people there. There was a platform & public speaking from it. One of the speakers was Patrick O'Keefe MP for North Cork. I made a mental note of his speech. On returning to barracks I wrote out ~~what he~~ ~~the~~ those portions of the speech that I took a mental note of & that were objectionable. I produce the ~~it~~ note on writing. The accused Patrick O'Keefe said. "This is my first visit amongst you and I may say the first time I have appeared on a public platform since I left

Gloucester Prison. I am out for an Irish Republic. I will not take anything less. The members of the Irish Republic could not do everything. The assistance of the people is required. For this purpose I will divide the people into three classes. class I unmarried men between 16 & 30 years. these should join the Irish Volunteers. The volunteers should drill & have arms & ammunition they should know their districts such as from one point to another. class 2 between 30 & 50 parents of families going to school these people should keep their children to school & have them taught their Irish history. class 3 the old people who should nurse the youngsters & teach them their Irish language. There is one other matter I feel it my painful duty to refer to but no matter how painful a

duty I must discharge it to my constituents. The matter I now refer to is the garrison we have in Ireland the R.I.C. We must get rid of this garrison. They must be socially ostracised. I advise every person not to speak to them or own them. In my part of the country they ~~are~~ were usually connected with farmers daughters & teachers. I now advise every girl not to speak to them and also every man woman & child. They are not a police force but military spies. Accused then read a question put in parliament about the police not being allowed to join the union and also Mr MacPherson's reply which stated that the R.I.C were a semi military force. 'I say they are wholly a military force & they are sucking your blood they have a good deal of mine sucked already.

Martin Durkan. Sergeant R.I.C

P.T.O

Accused declines to cross examine
Accused declines to make any statement

Taken down by me at ~~the~~ Mountjoy Prison Dublin in the presence of accused this 16th day of Sept 1919.

I certify that the evidence contained in this summary of evidence has been taken in accordance with the provisions of the Army Act and the rules of procedure made thereunder and that the requirements of rules of procedure 4 (c) (d) & (e) have been complied with.

Wm. C. Lovey
Capt.
attd H.Q. Southern District

Dated 16th Sept 1919

D E T E R M I N A T I O N.

By virtue of the powers conferred on me under Regulation 56 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations,

I, BRIGADIER-GENERAL J. E. S. BRIND, C.M.G., D.S.O., being a Competent Military Authority under the said Regulations, having investigated the case of :-

PATRICK O'KEEFFE, of 6 HARCOURT STREET,

in the CITY OF DUBLIN, who is alleged to be guilty of offences against Regulations 27 and 42 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, at CHARLEVILLE, in the County of Cork, on the 11th. May, 1919;

DO HEREBY DETERMINE that the said PATRICK O'KEEFFE is to be proceeded against, and that the offences are of such a character that they cannot be adequately dealt with by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

Brigadier-General,
Competent Military Authority.
25th. September, 1919.

I further direct that PATRICK O'KEEFFE shall for the purposes of the provisions of the Army Act relating to offences, be treated as if he belonged to the 2nd.BN. THE WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Brigadier-General,
Competent Military Authority.
25th. September, 1919.

Am

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND
23 SEP 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

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Head Quarters,
Dublin District
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Headquarters,
Southern District.

General, Headquarters, (Ireland,) for information in accordance with No.A.2/2144. dated 18th September, 1919.

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Reference your No.3571(i) dated 19th September, 1919, I beg to inform you that a District Court Martial will assemble at Ship Street Barracks, Dublin, at 1000 hours on Thursday, 25th September, 1919, for the trial of Patrick O'Keefe, M.P., civilian.

The accused has been warned for trial and the necessary documents passed to him, he is attached to the 2nd Bn. Worcester Regiment, for the purpose of trial.

The Charge Sheets received were in duplicate, not triplicate, please.

Ewen B. Wallis. Capt
for Brigadier-General,
Commanding Dublin District.

Kr. Castle Yard,
DUBLIN, 22.9.19.

3660 (i).

Headquarters,
Southern District.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Parkgate,
Dublin.

Reference your A2/1814 of 18th. inst.

Witnesses have been communicated with and it is hoped tp take Summary of Evidence on Wednesday 24th. inst. and on following day to proceed with trial of Patrick O'Keefe. If possible trial of Blythe will be arranged for Friday 26th.

(Sd) Wm. C. Gower
Capt. for

Major General,
Commanding, Southern District.

Cork.
19-9-1919.

3571c (i).

Headquarters,
Southern District.

G.H.Q. Ireland,) for information.
Dublin.)

Headquarters,
Dublin District.

Reference H.H.Q. letter A2/2144 of 18th. inst. sent to you for information.

Herewith charge sheets in triplicate and original summary of evidence and copy thereof. Will you please cause charge sheets to be signed as directed in above mentioned letter from G.H.Q. and serve charge sheet and copy of summary on accused.

Thursday, the 25th. inst. is suggested for trial and if this date is convenient to you, please warn accused for trial on that date. Captain Gover, attached to this Head quarters, will attend as prosecutor.

Please notify place and time of trial.

Wm. H. Gover
Capt for

Major General,
Commanding, Southern District.

Cork.
19-9-1919.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
AG BRANCH
18 SEP 1919
No. Q2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

HEADQUARTERS,
Southern District.

Copy to:- HEADQUARTERS, Dublin District, for information.

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With reference to your minute of 17/9/19, in the case of PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P., civilian, herewith draft charge sheet in triplicate and summary of evidence.

The trial of O'KEEFE by D.C.M. at Dublin should be arranged in communication with Headquarters, Dublin District. Headquarters, Dublin District, will on your request arrange for a Court and for service of the accused, and your Headquarters should secure the attendance of witnesses for the prosecution and detail a prosecutor.

The charge sheet will be signed by the O.C., the Unit with which the accused is deemed to be in custody in Dublin, and the direction for trial by the G.O.C., Dublin District as Convening Officer.

A copy of any minute addressed by you to Hd.Qrs. Dublin District in connection with this case, should be forwarded to these G.H.Q. for information.

(sd) J. W. E. Toynbee
Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
18. 9. 1919.

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Headquarters,
Southern District.

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C H A R G E S H E E T.

The accused PATRICK O'KEEFE, of 6 Harcourt Street, in the County of the City of Dublin, member of Parliament for North Cork, civilian, is charged with:-

1st.Charge. Reg. 42. D. R. R. Doing an act calculated to cause sedition among the civilian population, in contravention of Regulation 42 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations,

in that he

ON 11TH. MAY, 1919, AT CHARLEVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CORK, EAST RIDING, SPOKE AND PUBLISHED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS THEN AND THERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING WORDS OR WORDS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT:-

" I am out for an Irish Republic. I will not take anything less. 'The members of the Irish Republic cannot do everything: the 'assistance of the people is required. For this purpose I will 'divide the people into three classes. In class one are the 'unmarried men between the ages of sixteen and thirty years. 'These should join the Irish Volunteers. The Volunteers should ' drill and have arms and ammunition. They should know their 'districts and the distances from one point to another"

2nd.Charge. (Alternative). Reg. 42. D. R. R. Doing an act calculated to cause disaffection among the civilian population, in contravention of Regulation 42 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations,

in that he

AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN THE PARTICULARS TO THE FIRST CHARGE, SPOKE AND PUBLISHED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS THEN AND THERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER THE WORDS SET FORTH IN THE PARTICULARS TO THE FIRST CHARGE OR WORDS TO THE SAME EFFECT.

3rd.Charge. (Alternative). Reg. 27. D. R. R. Making by word of mouth statements likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty, in contravention of Regulation 27 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations,

in that he

AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN THE PARTICULARS TO THE FIRST CHARGE, SPOKE AND PUBLISHED THE WORDS SET FORTH IN THE PARTICULARS TO THE FIRST CHARGE OR WORDS TO THE SAME EFFECT.

4th.Charge. Reg. 27. D. R. R. Making by word of mouth statements likely to prejudice the discipline of a Police Force, in contravention of Regulation 27 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations,

in that he

AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN THE PARTICULARS TO THE FIRST CHARGE, SPOKE AND PUBLISHED WORDS LIKELY TO PREJUDICE THE DISCIPLINE OF THE ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY, NAMELY THE FOLLOWING WORDS OR WORDS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT:-

"The matter I now refer to is the garrison we have in Ireland, that is, the Royal Irish Constabulary. We must get rid of this garrison. They must be socially ostracised. ~~I advise every person not to speak.~~ I advise every person not to speak to them or own them. Inmy part of the country they are usually

4th.Charge. (continued).

usually connected in matrimony with farmer's daughters or school teachers. This must stop and stop all over Ireland. I now advise every girl not to speak to them and also every man, woman and child. They are not a police force but a force of military spies. I will read an answer which Mr. Macpherson gave to a question in Parliament. The Chief Secretary stated they were a semi-military force. I say they are wholly a military force. They are sucking your blood. They have already sucked a good deal of mine".

Signature.....

@ The Unit with which the accused is in custody

@ Commanding.....

Place.....

Date.....

TO BE TRIED BY DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

Place.....

Date.....

Brigadier-General,
Commanding Dublin District.

Head Quarters,
Dublin District.
483/2/191A

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

No. ..... I certify that Patrick O'Keeffe, M.P. for North Cork, is in a .....good..... state of health and is .....fit..... to undergo imprisonment with or without hard labour and that his present appearance and previous medical history as far as same is known to me both justify the belief that hard labour employment will neither be likely to originate nor to re-produce disease of any description.

B. Blackett
Medical Officer.

Transmitted

P. Harding
Deputy Governor,
H. M. Prison, Mountjoy,
Dublin, 15th September 1919.

The Competent Military Authority,
Commanding Dublin District,
Lower Castle Yard,
DUBLIN.

(COPY).

No. 25928/S.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE. IRELAND.

SUBJECT:- Arrest of Patrick O'Keeffe and Ernest Blythe at 6 Harcourt Street on 12th. Sept. 1919.
Chief Commissioner requests instructions.

Major-General i/c Administration.

Will you be so good as to communicate at once with the C.M.A. Cork.

(Sgd) J.J.T.
12. 9. 19.

Under Secretary.

C.M.A. Dublin District issued detention orders to Mountjoy against both these men last evening, and it is understood that they have been committed accordingly.

To avoid sending them to Cork, it is intended to arrange for their trial in Dublin.

(Sgd) H.Toppin, Lt-Col.
A.A.G.(2),
for M.G.i/c A.

13. 9. 1919.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
13 SEP 1919
No. a2/1814
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

(COPY).

25928.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Detective Department.
Dublin. 12th.Sept.1919.

SUBJECT:- Arrest of Patrick O'Keeffe and Ernest Blythe.

I beg to report that Patrick O'Keeffe and Ernest Blythe whose arrest was ordered some time ago by the C.M.A. Cork, were apprehended on this date in 6 Harcourt St., and are now detained at the Bridewell.

Instructions awaited with regard to their removal.

(Sgd) N. McFeely,
Inspector.

The Superintendent,
Det. Dept.

Submitted.

A 'phone message was sent to the R.I.C. (special Branch) at 1.p.m. to-day informing them of the arrest of these men.

(Sgd) P. Murphy, Chief Inspr.
for Supt.

the Chief Commr.

The Under Secretary.

Submitted. The sooner these men are charged and remanded to a safer place than the Bridewell, the better.

(SgD) W.E.Johnstone, C.C.
12. 9. 19.

SECRET & PRESSING.

Headquarters,
Southern District, Cork.

Reference A2/2144 of 21st. May last in the case of PATRICK O'KEEFFE, M.P. for North Cork:-

This man was arrested yesterday in Dublin. It was considered inadvisable to send him to Cork. He was, therefore, committed to Mountjoy Prison.

Please have the summary of evidence taken at Mountjoy. It will be necessary for your Courts Martial Officer to come here for this purpose.

The minute above quoted should be followed generally, as should the minute of even number of 30th. May.

(sd) H Topping

Lt-Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for Major-General i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
13. 9. 1919.

TO THE GOVERNOR OF HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON AT MOUNTJOY.

W H E R E A S PATRICK O'KEEFFE, M.P. for North Cork is to be proceeded against under the Defence of the Realm Regulations:- NOW I, the undersigned, being the Competent Military Authority within the meaning of the said regulations do hereby request and require you to receive the said PATRICK O'KEEFFE, into His Majesty's Prison aforesaid, and therein to detain him as a prisoner committed to the said prison for trial for felony and to produce him, as and when required, for the purpose of his trial in pursuance of the said regulations and until he be delivered from your custody in due course of law.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1919.

J. Maxwell.

MAJOR-GENERAL,
COMPETENT MILITARY AUTHORITY.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
30 MAY 1919
No. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Headquarters,
Southern District, Cork.

With reference to G.H.Q. minute A2/2144 dated 21/5/19, the arrest of Patrick O'KEEFE, M.P., as soon as it is effected, should be reported by you to the Speaker of the House of Commons. A draft form of letter is attached.

(sd) H Toppin
Lieut:Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for General Officer i/c Administration.

G.H.Q.I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
30/5/1919.

The Rt. Hon.
The Speaker,
House of Commons, LONDON.S.W.1.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on the.....day of.....Mr. P.O'Keefe, M.P., for North Cork, was arrested under a direction issued by me, and committed to .....Prison there to await his trial by court martial for an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

.....
Major-General,
Commanding Southern District, IRELAND,
Competent Military Authority.

SECRET

Headquarters,
Southern District.

With reference to your 3571(i) dated 14/5/19, and attached Government files 24211/S of 20/5/19 and 24212/Secret of 19/5/19, please make a determination for the trial by ~~District~~ District Court Martial of PATRICK O'KEEFFE, N.P., as indicated by the Attorney General in his minute of 19/5/19. The Police should be instructed to effect the arrest of O'KEEFFE and a detention warrant issued against him. Please have the summary of evidence taken as soon as possible after his arrest, and forwarded to these G.H.Q. together with the Government file.

(sd) H Toffin

Lieut:Colonel, A.A.G.(2),
for General Officer i/c Administration.

G.H.Q. I.,
Parkgate, Dublin.
21/5/1919.

24211/S

Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland

Subject	Minute
Co. Cork E.R. Mallow Dist.	Thro. Dr Wynne attorney General. Please adorse (sd) J.J.T. 16-5-19.
Sinn Fein aendacht at Rathboggan, near Charleville on 11th May 1919. Inflamatory speech by Patrick O'Keefe, M.P. J.G. submits case with recommendation for a prosecution.	attorney general (sd) H.A.W. 17-5-19.
	O'Keefe should be prosecuted by Court Martial under D.R.R. 27942. (sd) A.W.S. 19-5-19.
a report of same occurrence has been received from Military Headquarters for consideration. (24212/S)	General Officer i/c Admn. (sd) J. McM. 20-5-19.

Co. Cork . Charleville . Sunday. 11. 5. 19.

Aeridheacht.

Speech by Patrick O'Keeffe . S.F. M.P. for North Cork.

2000 persons present.:-

He said.

All young men should join I. V.

& be drilled & equipped with all the ammunition they could get.

~ Know the district & surrounding mountains

'We must get rid of' the R I C

They are a force of spies

Young women must not marry them.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
15 MAY 1919
NO. A2/2144
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

UNDER SECRETARY

The attached police reports as to a speech made by Mr. PATRICK O'KEEFE, M.P. for North Cork on the 11th. instant at Charleville are forwarded for consideration.

(sd) H Toffrey
Lt:Colonel, A.A.G.(2)
for G.O. i/c. Administration.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Parkgate, Dublin.
15-5-19.

CONFIDENTIAL. 3571/(a)

Headquarters,
Southern District.

G.H.Q. Ireland,
Dublin.

Forwarded as this is a Press offence .

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Passed to
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, IRELAND
15 MAY 1919
No.....
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Wm. C. Lovett
Capt.

Cork.
14-5-1919.

Major General,
Commanding Southern District.

Police Report dated 17-5-19 of a Gaelic League meeting held at Charleville, Co. Cork on 18-5-19, containing portions of a speech by Patrick O'Keefe, M.P. for North Cork :-

" I have now a painful duty to discharge, but no matter what duty I have to perform in the cause of Ireland I will do it. There is a garrison in this country, that is the Royal Irish Constabulary, that must be got rid of. They are not a police force; they are a force of spies. They must be socially ostracized. They are sucking your blood; they have already sucked a good deal of my blood. No man or woman should speak to them. To show you they are not a police force I will read for you the Chief Secretary's reply in the House of Commons to Captain Redmond - "the gallant captain - (He produced a slip of paper and read Captain Redmond's question re the R.I.C. becoming members of a union and the Chief Secretary's reply.) The Chief Secretary said they were a semi-military force, I say they are a whole military force.

In the district that I come from some farmer's daughters and school teachers have joined the Royal Irish Constabulary in matrimony. This must stop and stop all over Ireland."