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HUNTER, Thomas.

HUNTER. Thomas. Castletown Roche, Co. Cork.

Description: - Height 5'9". Grey eyes. Slightly hooked nose.

Pale complexion. Dark brown hair. Stout build.

Dark brown moustache. Usually wears dark blue clothes and trilby hat. Looks like a business or commercial man. (W.I.S. 26-4-21).

Age, 35. (1921).

Occupation, Publican.

ELECTED SINN FEIN M.P. FOR NORTH EAST CORK, MAY 1921.

Vice Commandant, 2nd Southern Division, I.R.A. (Rev. O.of B.)

attached to Dire Staff, 13'8. Dwn. and "baised" with G. H.a. Dublin.

Commandant, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Cork Brigade. (W.I.S. 5-4-21).

Known as Capt. HUNTER. Has a large following. An extremist.

Commanded the A.S.U. of 3rd Battalion, 2nd (N) Cork Bde. (O.of B.)

Has been "on the run" for over a year.

Trusted friend of Michael COLLINS. - A vicious, determined man, - does not hesitate to resort to violence (Police Report).

Known to have taken part in several outrages.

Led an attack on a party of troops at Michaelstown on the eve of the Truce, July 1921.

Proceeded to Dublin to attend Meetings of the DAIL. (6th Div. Summary 22-8-21).

Boasts of his exploits in outrages, and desires the murder of every British soldier in Ireland.

Extract from "Irish Bulletin" Vol.5. No.20. dated 29-6-21. "Death sentence 1916 commuted to penal servitude for life. Imprisoned 1918-19 and 1920. Wanted".

In Command of a large number of rebels billeted in 4th Cork Bde Area. (Ref. 10/0243 dated 17-10-21).

Presided at a Meeting in his Public House 25-10-21 Collabelia.

Reported to be employed on the Staff of the 2nd Southern Division. (IX/0596 dated 25-11-21).

Voted against ratification of Treaty on 7th January 1922.

Re-nominated as a Republican Candidate for his present constituency. (Ex. 'Irish Times' dated 31.5.22.)

Defeated at Poll for 3rd Dail.

