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Markievicz Cts.

Ryan B.

Mc Hugh D.

Farrell Mc.

& others.

Sinn Fein demonstrations in

County Sligo etc.

TO BE KEPT FLAT.

Headquarters, Irish Command.

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Registry No. and Date

D.2/1821.

Attached Files.

See file 71 for Countess Markievicz

SUBJECT.

Defence of the Realm Regulations

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Sinn Fein Demonstrations in County Sligo &c.

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Mrs. Gabe A.
Markievicz Cts.
Ryan. B.
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& others

OFFICE OF ORIGIN U. S. 3/8/17.

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Schedule of Correspondence.

4-8-17	To U.S.	file returned.
8 " "	Fm H.Q. Mid Dist.	re Partridge
13 " "	To —:—	no action
17 " "	Fm —:—	Countess Markievicz
25 " "	To —:—	no action re "
1.9 "	Fm —:—	meeting at Cooloney
3 " "	To —:—	no action "
5-10 "	Fm —:—	drilling at Sligo
8 " "	To —:—	no proceedings.
11 " "	Fm U.S.	re meetg Clonakelty.
10 " "	To —:—	not case for G.H.

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(611.)Wt.1606—232.5000./617.

Inter-office Minutes.

Drilling in Co. Sligo

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See List No XIII
file 85-5-30 (9.2)
d/17/1/18.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
AG BRANCH
17 JAN 1918
NO.....
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Wm Gilmartin
James Kirby
Wm Pilkington

CHIEF SECRETARY.

I forward herewith police reports of drilling &c. in the Midlands & Connaught District. They almost all occurred on Sunday, 6th. January.

In case No. 2. 'Commandant' Frank Fahy of Kinvara, Co. Galway, delivered a lecture in the National School house at Abbey, Co. Galway, to between 40 and 60 persons on the life of P.H. Pearse.

Fahy was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude for his part in the Rebellion, but was released on 16th. June, 1916.

I draw attention to this use of the School house.

I also desire to draw attention to the remarks of the District Inspector, R.I.Constabulary, in case No. 12.

I do not propose to order the trial by Court Martial of the offenders in any of the cases in attached list. I, therefore, send them to you for consideration as to action by the Civil Authorities.

(Sd) B. Mahon.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in Ireland.

HEADQUARTERS,
IRISH COMMAND,
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

17/1/18.

D.R.R. Drilling at Cliffoney on 6/1/18
by William Gilmartin of Creevykeel. M.C. 401/152 D.C.

HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
10 JAN. 1918
No.....
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

To/ A2 Branch,
Irish Command.

Forwarded with reference to your letter No. A2/66315/38 dated 1st ult.

The G.O.C. does not consider this case serious enough for Court Martial.

HEADQUARTERS IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
11 JAN 1918
NO. a 2/18219.
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Curragh Camp,
Co. Kildare.
9th January 1918.

J. Milne Capt for
Major-General.
Comdg. Midland & Connaught District.

Illegal Drilling.

M.C. 408/152 D.C.

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To/ A. A. G. (2),
Headquarters,
Irish Command, Dublin.

HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
16 JAN. 1918
No. a.2/1821/10
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

James Kirby & William
Pilkington of Sligo.

Forwarded with reference to my M.C. 308/152 D.C. of the 6/12/17.

The G.O.C. directs me to state that he is still of opinion that these men should be tried by Court Martial.

HEADQUARTERS IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
16 JAN 1918
NO. a.2/1821/10
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Curragh Camp,
Co. Kildare.
15th January 1918.

J. Miley Capt for Major-General,
Comdg. Midland & Connaught District.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
12 JAN 1918
NO. 85530 (a/7)
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

CHIEF SECRETARY.
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See file 85530 (a.2) a/12/1/18 (List XII).

I forward herewith police reports of drilling etc., in the Midlands & Connaught District during the period 23rd. to 31st. December, 1917.

In case No. 1. Patrick Callinan and Edward Corbett, according to the police reports:———— these two men were drill instructors to the Clarinbridge Volunteers before the Rebellion, they took part in the attack on the police Barracks then on 25th. April, 1916, subsequently escaping with William Mellows to America. They have lately returned and are now starting illegal drilling again. They have considerable influence with the disloyal element and will give all the trouble they can if allowed to remain at large.

They are dangerous suspects and Corbett in particular is very likely to organise a body of men for unlawful purposes————

Under these circumstances I propose to ask the Army Council for their consent to an Order prohibiting Callinan and Corbett from residing in County Galway, and restricting them to some other more suitable area.

I desire to know if you concur.

This course is being adopted at your wish in the case of Patrick Maher and John Larty - Government file 17616 - 10/1/18.

As regards the other cases now forwarded it will be seen that some of the men released owing to hunger strike, are again drilling. I do not propose to order the trial of any of these cases by Court Martial, and I therefore forward them to you, for consideration as to proceedings by the Civil Authorities.

(Sd) B. Mahon
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in Ireland.

Headquarters, I.C.,
Parkgate, Dublin. 12/1/18.

Illegal Drilling. M.C. 379/152 D.C.

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To/ A2 Branch,
Irish Command.

Wm. Pilkington of Sligo.

HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
4 JAN 1918
No.
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Forwarded with reference to your letter No. A2/66315/38 dated 1st ult, and in continuation of this office letter No. M.C. 308/152D.C., dated 6/12/17.

The G.O.C. does not consider this case serious enough for Court Martial.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
5 - JAN 1918
NO. a.2/1821/8
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

J. Milligan Capt for
Major-General.
Comdg. Midland & Connaught District.

Curragh Camp,
Co. Kildare.
3rd January 1918.

See List XII (a.2) file 85530 d/12/1/18.

James Kirby
Wm. Pickington

HEADQUARTERS. IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
8 - DEC 1917
NO. a-2/18217
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

UNDER SECRETARY.

Owing to the fact that persons recently arrested for drilling, hunger struck and were released before they could be put on their trial before a Court Martial, the G.O.C-in-C. considers it inexpedient to order trial by Court Martial in these cases and therefore sends them for the consideration of Government under their minute 16870/S. 30-11-17.

(Sd) H. Loppin.

Major,
for Brigadier-General, General Staff

8-12-1917.

Illegal Drilling. M.C. 328/152 D.C.

To/ A. A. G. (2),
Headquarters,
Irish Command, Dublin.

In continuation of this office letter No. M.C. 308/152 D.C. dated 6th instant, the approximate ages of the men referred to therein are as follows:-

James Kirby	26 years.
William Pilkington	24 years.

Curragh Camp,
Co. Kildare.
7th December 1917.

for Major-General.
Comdg. Midland & Connaught Dist.

Illegal Drilling.

M.C. 308/152 D.C.

A. A. G. (2),
Headquarters,
Irish Command, Dublin.

HEADQUARTERS. IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
7 - DEC 1917
NO. a.2/1821
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

James Kirby & William
Pilkington of Sligo.

Forwarded for instructions in view of the recommendation of the G.O.C. on attached Report.

The ages of these men are being obtained and will be wired on receipt.

Curragh Camp,
Co. Kildare.
6th December 1917.

J. McMoriarty Capt
for Major-General.
Comdg. Midland & Connaught Dist.

Illegal Drilling

Sligo. 26/11/17

A Sinn Fein procession left Sligo on 25/11/17. marched to a field at Magherboy, where they entered a field and broke up into Squads.

James Kirby, John St. Sligo - plumber, took charge of one Squad, numbering 27.

William Pilkington, Abbey St. Sligo, Jewellers Asst., took charge of another squad (25 men).

The two parties drilled in this field for 35 minutes.

The two men named have been acting as drill Instructors of Sinn Fein Volunteers for a considerable time past.

See C. R. form in Rebellion Books

W. Gilmartin
James Kirby
W. Pickington

Liot No. XIII.

HEADQUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
A2 BRANCH
18 JAN 1918
NO. 85530 (42)
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

HEADQUARTERS,
MIDLAND & CONNAUGHT DISTRICT,
CURRAGH.

Reference your M.C. 394/152, 396/152, 397/152, 398/152, 400/152, 401/152, 402/152, 403/152, dated 9th. inst., 405/152, 406/152, dated 10th. inst., 414/152 dated 12/1/18., 410/152, 413/152, dated 13/1/18., 417/168, 418/152, dated 14/1/18., and 406/152, dated 15/1/18.,

The above files have been forwarded to the Civil Authorities on 17/1/18, for action by them.

(Sd) W. T. Bucknill,
Captain,
for Brigadier-General Genl. Staff.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate, Dublin.
16/1/18.

16307/S.

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83435 S.

Royal Irish Constabulary Dublin Castle

Subject: Sinn Fein Demonstration at Clonakilty on Sept 27.

Octr 6 : 1917.

a2/1821/6.

M.S

I am directed by the g.O.C in C to say that he does not consider this to be a case fit for Court Martial

a.T. Bucknill
Capt
for. Brig Genl
General Staff

10.10.17

M.S

Submitted copy of report sent to D.M.a

The language used by J. Cullinane and John Collins was an incitement to fresh rebellion when possible.

J. Byrne D.G.

Asst adj Gen (2)

For submission please to the g.O.C in C

WPB

8/10/17.

Crime Special

Demonstration at Clonakilty to protest against the murder of Thomas Ashe.

To Cork

Clonakilty 1:10:17.

I beg to report that on night of 27th inst a demonstration took place at Clonakilty to protest against the murder of Thomas Ashe, and that it was as follows

At about 8 pm a procession formed outside the band room (Sinn Fein Bandroom) at Clonakilty. It consisted of fifty sections of fours, 25 sections being men; 8 sections women and twelve sections of boys and children.

Sinn Fein flags with black crosses painted in the centre were carried. The procession marched towards the 98 monument the band playing the dead march, on arriving at the monument a halt was called by John. W. Nyhan who gave the command "Volunteers dismiss"

Two speeches were then made to the crowd which numbered between 300 & 400, they were made by Joseph Cullinane a young Solicitor and John Collins a farmer and an extreme Sinn Feiner, this Collins is a dangerous man, whose brother is Secretary to the Sinn Feiners at Hd Qrs and who is also an organiser of Sinn Fein Clubs etc he was principal man at funeral of Ashe. Prayers were recited for the repose of the soul of Ashe all kneeling down, after which the assembly dispersed quietly

All was orderly throughout, and there was hardly any shouting or groaning. I annex notes and particulars from certain members of the police force directed to be present and taken mental notes

J Rowan 1/DI

G.O.C Cork.

Bandon 2 Octr 1917.

Please say is this a copy of
the report sent to C I. a.

Greer
1/DI for C.I
on leave

D. I.

Clonakilty
3/10/17.

Yes. I beg to state it is - It was
omitted to mark it "Copy"

C. I.
Bandon.

J Rowan 1/DI

Bandon 4/10/17.

Submitted for information

Greer
1/DI for C I
on leave

I. I.

Notes taken from a speech delivered by J. M. Cullinane Solr Clonakilty at Clonakilty on 27. 9. 17.

Co of Cork
Clonakilty
1: 10. 17.

Men of Cork this is a sad day for Ireland. The last meeting I addressed of 10,000 Sinn Feiners the sun was shining on the meeting, it was also shining in through the bars of a small window in Mountjoy Prison where Mr Tom Ashe was confined who now lies dead in Dublin murdered by England Mr Tom Ashe devoted his life to the cause of Ireland.

Mr Tom Ashe and 26 men defeated 52 men employed by and in British Government pay, and what Mr Tom Ashe did that day at Ashbourne: I am willing to do any day.

Any Sinn Feiner showed not allow the West Cork Eagle in their house and any shop keeper who sold it was not a friend of the cause

Sgt Jackson.

John Riordan Son
64220

Notes taken from the speech of
John Collins Woodfield made on
27th Sept 1917 at Clonakilty

Co Cork

Clonakilty 29/9/17.

I am a believer in physical force but what can the leaders do unless they are backed up by a strong & determined resistance. I visited the place at Ashbourne hallowed to the memory of Thos. Ashe, and when there I made a vow that while my right hand swings I am prepared to follow the example of Thos Ashe, who with 26 Volunteers defeated 52 police. Some newspapers stated there were 300 volunteers, and that the police fired their last cartridge

That was not true as I saw the 52 rifles and 300 cartridges which are still in the hand of the Volunteers

H. Jackson Sgt
5/11/19.

D. Inspr.

A.2/1821/5.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,

MIDLANDS & CONNAUGHT DISTRICT,

CURRAGH.

Reference your 156/152.D.C. dated 5/10/17 enclosing attached Police reports, the G.O.C.-in-C directs that Court Martial Proceedings shall not be taken in this case, having regard to the date and the special circumstances attending the funeral of Ashe.

(Sgd) A. T. Bucknill

Captain,
for Brigadier-General General Staff.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate, Dublin,

8/10/17.

(H. C. MURPHY'S STATEMENTS).

Illegal Drilling. SLIGO 30/9/17.

I am a Head Constable in the R.I.C. and stationed at Sligo No. 1. Barrack. In consequence of information received from Sergt. Patrick Kearns of Wine Street at 3¾ p.m. on above date, Constable Arthur McGurk, 62886 and I proceeded on our bicycles and we went first to Ardone and then to Colgagh . When I arrived within, roughly about 50 yards of the R.C. Chapel there I saw a crowd of men being drilled in a field to the right of about 50 yards from the public road. I distinctly saw the men in the ranks moving, and heard shouts apparently words of Command. There were four men in front of andfacing the party that was being drilled, namely -

Benny Ryan, Painter, Sligo.
Dominick McHugh, teacher in the Sligo Technical School.
Michael Farrell, painter, Sligo.
and
a fourth man whose name I do not know

On coming closer to the party I heard Benny Ryan give the Command - "Form Fours" Other commands which I was unable to grasp were also given, but by whom I could not say. Obeying apparently one of these commands at least 4 men of the party in different parts of the ranks held up one hand each in a perpendicular fashion over the head. Const McGurk and I were then seen and Ryan immediately gave the commands - "right turn, by the right, quick march" and the party marched on to the public road , on reaching which the command "left wheel" was ~~as~~ also given by Ryan. The party marched about 100 yards in the direction of Sligo.

Const. McGurk and I cycled on in front . At this time McHugh, Farrell and Ryan were on the road and on the left of the party. The moment Const. McGurk and I got in front Ryan gave the command "right turn" the party obeyed this order and marched back to the Chapel gate when the command "left wheel" was given, the party marched into the Chapel yard where on the invitation of one of the instructors the party knelt down and recited the Rosary for the repose of the soul of THOMAS ASHE . This ceremony being over, the party fell in on the public road ø in front and were marched from right to left on Ryan's command . There were exactly 21 in the front rank and 21 in the rear rank.

Ryan then gave the command "Form Fours" by the right quick march" . The party marched on in the direction of Sligo, Ryan, who had a stick in his hand and Farrell both passing to the rear. McHugh who on the way in gave the command "March at ease" assuming command. On arrival at the Sinn Fein Club, Sligo, McHugh gave the command "Halt left turn", then after a pause, "Right turn, Dismiss" The party halted, turned to the right and saluted with the right hand. I beg to add that I can identify a number of the people who were in the ranks.

(Sgd.) T. MURPHY.
H.Const. 49573.

(COPY)

From/ Headquarters,
Southern District
CORK.
4th. October, 1917.

To/

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
DUBLIN.

Forwarded for your information. Incidents such as these are happening somewhere or other in the District almost every day.

(Signed) S. Doran,
Major-General,
Commanding Southern District C.M.A.

AEIRADHEACHT at DUNMANWAY. Illegal Drilling.

County of Cork. W.R.

Clonakilty, 2nd. October, 1917.

I beg to submit annexed file relative to above. There is no doubt J.W. Nyhan and Cornelius Ahern showed a great deal of audacity in their attempts to drill. Ahern is an ex lieutenant of the Irish Volunteers having been trained at the School for instruction of Officers set up by the Volunteers at Cork before the Rebellion.

He has also been prosecuted under Criminal Law and Procedure Ireland Act for unlawful assembly (Sinn Feinism) at Dunman-way and sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment, which is again coming on appeal on Saturday next at Barton.

Nyhan is the son of a publican at Clonakilty, a foolish dissolute character, who has broken away from the control of his parents, and assumes the character of a Commander of the Volunteers at recent gatherings. He is becoming very audacious.

(Sgd.) JOHN ROWAN.
I.D.I.

The General Officer Commanding at Cork.

Aeridheacht at Dunmanway 30/9/17. D.R.R. (9.a.a.) C.M.A. Order 25/7/17 wearing uniform of a military character and D.R.R. 9.E. Military Exercises and Drill (Ireland) Order 1916. Illegal drilling at Dunmanway on 30th. Sept. 1917.

C O R K. W.R.
Dunmanway. 1st. Oct. 1917.

I beg to report that an aerideacht was held at Dunmanway on 30/9/17. at 2½.p.m. Cornelius Ahern lately interned prisoner, was outside the R.C. Athole Hall, and when the Clonakilty fife and drum band

was approaching he blew a whistle, waved his arm and about 40 men followed him into the Hall. After a while they came out and formed in "fours", Ahern giving the command "Company Halt" These formed up with others outside, all numbering about 120 After he had them formed in fours, he gave the words "Battalion attention" "Battalion by the left, quick march". He paraded the town and suburbs being in charge of the party and ended by marching them to the field where the Feis was to be held.

The procession was followed by Sergt. Coghlan, Const. Mullane of Roscarberry and Const. O'Neill of Ballineen. After the Feis was over, John W. Nyhan of Clonakilty shouted- ~~"fall in and form fours", which they did~~ several times - "Volunteers fall in and form fours" which they did. He then ordered a woman who was selling apples in the field to remove her goods, to allow him march away his men. He gave the words "Volunteers Attention" "Volunteers by the left, quick march". He halted them on the road and gave them - "quick march". He remained in charge and gave them the "Dismiss" on the square.

About 400 persons attended the Feis and altogether in the town for the occasion there were about 800. No hurleys or arms were carried by any of them.

(Sigd.) C. W. WILSON, R.C. 51759.

A.2/1821/3

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Confidential

HEADQUARTERS,

MIDLAND & CONNAUGHT DISTRICT,

THE CURRAGH.

Encls.

Police reports.

Reference your M.C/153/6 (D) of the 1st inst, the G.O.C.-in-Chief does not consider this a case in which the Competent Military Authority should take any action.

(Sgd) A. T. Buckmill.

Captain,
for Colonel,
A.A.G.

Head Quarters,
Irish Command,
DUBLIN 3-9-1917.

M.C./153/6. (D.)

Sinn Fein meeting. Coollooney.
Co. Sligo. 26th August, 1917.

Headquarters,

Irish Command, Dublin.

The attached Police Report from the County Inspector, R.I.C., Sligo, dated 30th August, 1917, is forwarded for favour of instructions, please.

Kindly return Police Report.

Curragh Camp,
Co., Kildare.
1st September, 1917.

O'Moriarty, Captain,
for Major-General,
Commanding, Midland and
Connaught District.

N O T E.

Alex. McCabe of Ballymote held a meeting outside the Chapel Gate after Mass and addressed about 200 of the congregation. He was supported by Martin Savage of Streamstown, Ballisodare, an ex-Interned prisoner. 38 men were enrolled as members of the Club.
McCabe was previously prosecuted under the D.R.R. for an offence committed in Sligo.

McCabe told those present that if they wished to resist conscription they should be ready for it, and have recourse to weapons such as were used by the men of Easter Week.

A.2./1821/1

Confidential

HEADQUARTERS,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, CORK.

Encls
2 files with Police reports
(i) Aerideacht Skibbereen
(ii) Feis at Glandore.
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Reference your 1523 (i) of the 29th Aug.

The G.O.C.-in-Chief has directed that no proceedings are to be instituted in this matter, or with regard to the Glandore Aerideacht on the 19th instant.

(Sgd) ~~T.H.~~ A.T. Bucknill,
Captain,
for Colonel,
A. A. G.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,

DUBLIN, 31-8-1917.

CONFIDENTIAL.

1523 (i)

HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

HDQRS. QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND
30 AUG. 1917
No.
DUBLIN

a2

HEADQUARTERS

IRISH COMMAND.

Forwarded for instructions. File B relates to similar meeting on 19th inst, in which the names of O'Hourihane and O'Hurley are prominent.

Cork.

29/8/17.

Major General,

Commanding Southern District.

(1) Free

Speeches at Skibbereen

addressed by

Count Plunkett.

Peter O'Hanrahan

Jno O'Leary

Jno. Collins.

Jno Kennedy

Florence Begley

Geo Sullivan.

(2) Free re

Fenis at Glandore

1918

See A.2/1795/90
for lecture by the
countess at Emiss de

Countess Markievicz
& ors.
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A.2./1821/1

Confidential

HEADQUARTERS,

Southern District, CORK.

The G.O.C.-in-Chief has decided that no action shall be taken in this case.

Sgd) A. J. Buckwell
Capt.

for Colonel,

A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS,
Irish Command,

DUBLIN, 25th Aug., 1917.

D. R. R. 42.

A Sinn Fein meeting was held at Clonakilty: Co. Cork on 12th August 1917. and was attended by some 8000 people. Countess Markievicz and Cornelius O'Donovan of 5 St. Vincent St. Berkely Road. Dublin made seditious and anti recruiting speeches. The police made mental notes which they wrote down soon afterwards.

O'Donovan was sentenced to death in connection with rebellion of 1916. but sentence was commuted & he was released on 16. 6. 1917.

Major General Doran recommends that action be taken against Countess Markievicz.

Cornelius Donovan

D.I. Rowan	Hd Const. Kenny	Sgt Hussey	Const. Linnane.
The most despicable men in this country called themselves Irishmen. Men who were in the uniform of England called themselves Irishmen. But we do not recognise them as Irishmen. They were helots and despicable slaves.	Men who were in the uniform of England called themselves Irishmen — they were helots & despicable slaves.	Dont join the army, navy, or police, they are helots & our enemies	Men who were in the uniform of England called themselves Irishmen but they did not recognise them as Irishmen, they were helots and despicable slaves.
He realised ~~that~~ in their welcome to the Countess Markievicz and their march in military formation that they were ready to defy England	I realized in your welcome to Countess Markievicz, Your march in military formation, you are ready to defend Ireland against England.		
	We have nothing to get from England unless we shoulder our gun or at the point of the bayonet. It is a noble thing to go out & shoot down the hereditary enemies of our race.	You will get nothing from England unless at the point of the bayonet	The only way to get anything for this country is by the rifle and sword.

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D.I. Rowan

At the Peace Conference we will have the support of the Central Powers. Germany & Austria, our allies.

It was better to starve in Ireland than to fight for England.

You shoned be afraid to die and face Your God if you died in the uniform of a Soldier or policeman.

The people, men and women, shoned spread the light, form Sinn Fein Clubs, Volunteers and Boy Scouts with the view of stopping recruiting for the Fleet and the army.

I know every word I am speaking is seditious

Countess Markievicz

Sergt. Hussey

At the Peace Conference we will have the support of the Central Powers, Germany and Austria, our allies.

It was better to starve in Ireland than to fight for England.

You shoned be afraid to die and face your God if you died in the uniform of a Soldier or policeman.

The people shoned form Sinn Fein Clubs, Volunteers and boy Scouts and stop recruiting for the army & Fleet.

I know I am speaking sedition

Const. Linnane.

At the peace conference we will have the support of our allies, the Germans and the austrians. Do your best to prevent recruiting for the Army & Navy.

It was better to starve in Ireland than to try to win the war for England.

I dont know how any man wearing the uniform of a soldier or policeman & who dies in that uniform can face his God.

Weld yourself together in Sinn Fein Clubs Cumann na Ban & Boy Scouts and be ready as I am certain you will to fight for Ireland. Let no one go to the munition works of England as then you release some young men there to fight for England.

— over —

1471 (i)

Headquarters, Southern Dist.
Cork.

17th Aug. 1917.

Headquarters,
Irish Command, Dublin.

The attached reports relating to

Countess Markievicz's

visit to Clonakiltym and speeches by her,

Cornelius Donovan &

Peter O'Hourihane,

I recommend that action be taken against her. She has now left Cork.

At present we are only prosecuting the dupes for wearing uniform and exercising in petty drilling whilst the pribcip-les such as these go free.

B. DORAN Major Genl.

W. P. Partridge's funeral

M. C./518 (D.R.R.,)

Headquarters,

Irish Command, Dublin.

Forwarded for favour of instructions with reference to Order of the 25th July, 1917, by the G.O.C.-in-C.

Curragh Camp,
Co., Kildare.
8th August, 1917.

T. Stuart Walley

Major-General,

Commanding, 65th Division &
Midland & Connaught District.

a2/1821/2 Headquarters

Midlands & Connaught District

Curragh

The order made by the g.o C in C on the 25 July was not distributed throughout the Country until after the 28th July, the date of this occurence

No proceedings should therefore be taken

It appears that this report was forwarded to you on the 30 July, and only forwarded for instructions on the 8th inst. It reached here on yesterday. 12 inst.

Please note that promptness is very desirable in dealing with D.R.R cases.

H Q 3 C
13/8/17.

(sd) F H. g Stanton Ae
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M. C/518 D. R. R.
Crime Spl.

D. R. Regs – appearing in I Volunteer uniform at the Funeral of Wm Partridge at Ballaghadeereen on 28 July 1917

I beg to report that the under mentioned appeared in I V uniform on this occasion and marched in a funeral procession of 400 persons

(1) Countess Markievicz of Dublin
(2) Wm Madden Corrahoggil North 30 yrs of age farmers Son.
(3) John Mulrennan of Kiltymaine 28 years of age farmers Son

Also three other men who came from Dublin with the Countess, and whose names are unknown to us, but who were ciphered by the D M. P. who can give their names.

Evidence can be given of the wearing of the uniform by.

H Con. Connolly.
Sergt Sheehan
Con Jinks
} of Ballaghadeereen

The three Dublin men whose names are unknown can be identified by the police above named.

J. Connolly H C
59/48.

D. I.

Co Roscommon

Boyle 30/7/14.

It is presumed the Dublin Met Police will report the facts in connection with those men who appeared in D V uniform and who are unknown to us.

J Kearney D I
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Secret

Royal Irish Constabulary Office Dublin Castle

Subject :- Funeral of suspect Wm Partridge of Dublin - at Ballaghadeeran 28/7/17. Attendance and Speech of Countess Markievicz

15354/S to D. M. P for report 1/8.

1/8/17.

M.S

Submitted

The Countess Markievicz was accompanied from Dublin by ald. Thos Kelly, Wm O'Brien, P.T Daly John Lawlor & 20 other Sinn Feiners some wore Citizen Army uniform. The Countess was in uniform and with 7 clergymen preceded the funeral cortege

About 1000 persons were present and the republican colours were much in evidence

J. Byrne D.I.

The Under Secretary.

The G.O.C. in Chief decided that no action should be taken in this case.

(Sd) A.T. Bucknill
Captain
for Col. A.A.G.

26-8-17.

M.S

Submitted for orders as to reference to the wearing of Volunteer uniform at Partridge's funeral on the 28th contrary to Order of the 25th ulto. The remarks of the Countess at the graveside call for no attention

WPB. 2/8.

A.E.D 3/8/17

Asst Adj Genl. (2)
WPB. C
4/8/1917

To G.O.C in C
C.S.

WPB
2/8

Funeral of William Partridge

To Roscommon Ballaghadereen 28/7/17.

I beg to state that this funeral took place here today at 2pm. The body was taken from the Cathedral where it had lain since 8pm 27th inst to the local graveyard a mile outside the town. The hearse was preceded by 7 R.C Clergymen The Countess Markievicz, and a Dublin man whose name I do not know. 400 young men and women (the latter numbering 100) wearing crape surmounted by Sinn Fein colours in fours followed, and after that about 600 persons not in marching formation

Roscommon 31/7/17. Submitted.

Public notice dated 25th inst, re wearing of uniforms of military character received here today

The language of the Countess will undoubtedly cause a bad impression on the minds of ignorant people.

The coffin was covered with a large Sinn Fein flag. The procession was orderly. The entire funeral party was local save the Countess & 24 others who arrived from Dublin by 11.20 a/m train today. Of this party the Countess and 3 men were in I V uniform. They were ciphered by the D.M.P. who stated these four were in uniform. From this I presumed that the whole party were seen by, and well known to the D.M.P, who can if necessary supply their names. The Countess is well known here, and regarding the others I and others of this party noted them carefully and we can identify them again. Save the Countess who remained in Mr Doyles, the Dublin party left by the 3.40 pm train and I ciphered as follows to "Damp Dublin" party left here 3:40pm train look out for and identify those in uniform if not already known" Two of the local party wore I Volunteer uniform namely William Madden Cornacoggil North & John Mulrennan of Kellymaine

F.R.St.L Tyrrell
D.I. C.I.

in Loughglynn Sub Dist. Const Jinks of this station know them well. I attach a short summary of this matter, should it be considered necessary to bring the matter to the notice of the C M. A. In my humble opinion such a course would give these 2 boys a local standing which they ought not to get.

At the graveside the Countess spoke. Her speech was entirely a ~~panegyns~~ Panegyrics on deceased, save the following sentence which I considered objectionable, as did Sergt Sheehan whose mental note of it I also attach. There is nothing further respecting this funeral requiring notice. The sentence referred to above I attach in ¾ margin.

J Connolly H. C 59/18.

The D. I.

P.S.: Regarding the Countess Markievicz being in uniform with 3 others from Dublin as the matter is within the knowledge of the D. M. P, and as the offence according to this cipher must have been committed there also, I make no separate report pending instructions and an application for their names.

J. C. HB.

Boyle 30/7/17.

Submitted. I beg to state that I am reporting the facts to the C M. A, as to the wearing of uniform by all those who attended the funeral and who are known.

J. Kearney 3/D

Co Roscommon. Dist of Boyle

Sub Dist of Ballaghadereen.

Particulars and Summary of Evidence against the undernamed in accordance with M.S cir 30/4/15

No.	Name & age of accused	Address	Overt Acts	witnesses	Remarks
1	Countess Markievicz	Age & Address omitted as she is well known	Speaking at the graveside of Wm Partridge on 28.7.17. language calculated to cause disaffection to His Majesty	H.C Connolly. Sergt Sheehan Please see Statements attached.	

The D. I.

J. Connolly HC 59118.

Head Const J. Connolly's evidence mental notes of remarks made by Countess Markievicz at the graveside of Wm Partridge on 28. 7. 17 at Ballaghadereen when he was being buried

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Countess Markievicz:- William Partridge was murdered just as truly as Pearse and Plunkett and Connolly and the others were murdered, with this difference, that while they were murdered by English soldiers in Khaki with their backs against a Barrack wall, he was murdered minute by minute, hour by hour day by day, and month by month by starvation in an English Prison.

J. Connolly HC59148
28 July 1917.

Notes of speech made by Countess Markievicz
at the burial of the late Wm Partridge on 28.7.17.

Co Roscommon.
Ballaghadereen 28/7/17.

Countess Markievicz:- Councillor Wm Partridge was murdered just as truly as Pearse and Plunkett and Connolly and the others were murdered with this difference that while they were murdered by English Soldiers in Khaki with their backs against the a Barrack wall. He was murdered minute by minute, hour by hour day by day and month by month by starvation in an English prison.

T. Sheehan Sgt 56866

The H C.

a.2/1821

~~A.2/1859~~

THE UNDER SECRETARY.

The G.O.C.-in-Chief directs me to return File No. 15388, which he has read, and to say that he does not consider that there is a clear case of a breach of Reg. 9.E. Defence of the Realm Regulations, and that he does not consider it possible to institute proceedings in this case under the new Order, dated July 25th made under Reg. 9.A.A., D.R.R., which came into operation after the case in question.

Encls. R.9.C. large file

(Sgd) F. H. G. Stanton.

Colonel,
A. A. G.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
DUBLIN, 3/8/1917.

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R. I. C Office Dublin Castle

Visit of Madame Markievicz to Sligo on 23 July 300 men with sticks marshalled by Alex McCabe I.V organizer

1 Aug 1917.

M.S

Submitted for orders
The matter referred to in B of the C.I.'s report of the 28th ult would seem to come within the G.O.C in Crecent order of the 25th ult. prohibiting the carrying of weapons of offence in public rather than the Order of the C.S. of the 28 Nov against drilling, the offence was committed on the 23rd ult. before issue of the G.O.C in C's order.

WPJB. 2/8/17.

Report to G.O.C in C.

WPB.

Col Staunton
For submission please accdly.

WPJB 3/8/17.

M.S

Submitted. The local police apparently in doubt as to whether the action of McCabe and his 300 men was a breach of Reg 9E, have not reported the matter to C.M.A. As it shows the performance of certain drill movements and exercise of a Military character I would suggest that the file be sent to the G.O.C in C for perusal and for consideration as to the advisability of a prosecution with a view of stopping the spread of the tendancy to practice military movements

J. Byrne
DG.

Govt- file 15272/5.

R. I. C. " 798/80703

Conferring freedom of Sligo on

Countess Markievicz

Count Plunkett	M. P.	Were with the Countess and addressed 2,000 persons in front of the Town Hall, Sligo, on 24/7/17.
Ed. de Valera	"	
L. Ginnell	"	
Joe McGuinness	"	
D. Figgis	"	

A.2/1821/4.

HEADQUARTERS,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,

C O R K.

Reference your 1666 (i) of the 4th. inst., enclosing attached reports, the G.O.C.-in-C. considers that Court Martial Proceedings should not be taken with reference to these cases, having regard to the special circumstances connected with the death of Ashe.

(sgd) A. J. Bucknill

Captain,
for Colonel,
A.A.G.

Headquarters,
Irish Command,
Parkgate, DUBLIN.

5/10/17.