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1804

G J Alexander & Co Ltd

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

3 NOV. 1916

Police returns  
on 29/11/16



1804.

TELEPHONE No 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

16. MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN. 23rd Decr., 1916.

*R to Govt 3 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>*

*100 <sup>12</sup>/<sub>27-26</sub>*

re Alexander & Co.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the  
22nd inst. returning Four Policies of  
Insurance, for which I am much obliged.

Yours faithfully,

*E. White*

The Secretary,  
Property Losses Committee,  
51, St. Stephen's Green,  
Dublin.

PARSHMENT

1804

TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS-  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

16. MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN. 20th Decr., 1916.

re

Alexander & Co.,  
Mary's Abbey.

Rto Govt: 3 1/6  
15th Dec

Dear Sirs,

Will you kindly return me the  
Policies of Insurance which I sent you  
in this.

Yours faithfully,

*Donegal 12/16*  
*E. White*

*no Blackboard*  
*20 value Policy*  
*9th*  
*24/12*

The Property Losses Committee,  
51, Stephen's Green,  
Dublin.

*Police's H d on 22 12/16 £.*  
*Norwich Union 4446725*  
*" " 1132800*  
*Lpool London 9968540*  
*" " 9968535*



# Assessors Report.

Claim No. 1804 Name of Claimant George John Alexander & Co.,  
Seed & Gunpowder Merchants.

Situation of Property 2,3,4 & 5 Mary's Abbey & Meeting House Lane, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Commissioners Valuation of Buildings	Assessors Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies
Contents.	264 1 10	14,500	...	200	200	NIL
TOTALS, £	264 1 10	14,500	...	200	200	NIL

Interests in the buildings.

*M. M. M.*

6TH OCTOBER 1916.

Award of Committee: Contents £200 WJG

do. Buildings

REPORT

COMMITTED



# Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

## Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I Maurice Veale Secretary to George John Alexander and Company Limited <sup>having their registered office</sup> ~~now residing~~

at N<sup>o</sup> 2 Mary's Abbey in the City of Dublin <sup>County</sup>

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—\* to goods stored in

N<sup>os</sup> 2, 3, 4 & 5 Mary's Abbey and Meeking House Lane at here

\* State situation of property damaged.

and such damage was occasioned to the best of <sup>my</sup> belief by \*\* the Military <sup>having occupied our premises from April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> using goods for shelter</sup> <sup>barriering consuming potatoes oats and Hay, upsetting sacks of seeds, seed</sup> <sup>thus used being mixed and rendered useless.</sup>

\*\* Here state cause of damage.

And <sup>I</sup> ~~We~~ further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were so destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case; that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage"; and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by <sup>me</sup> ~~us~~

as Secretary and on behalf of the Company; and that no person is interested in the said property except the Company

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

and that it is not insured by <sup>the Company</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>us</sup> or any other person, § ~~except as follows, namely:—~~

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

<u>Liverpool London &amp; Globe</u>	Company, Policy No. <u>9968535</u>	Amount <u>£1000</u>
<u>d o.</u>	<u>9968570</u>	<u>7500</u>
<u>Norwich Union</u>	<u>7746725</u>	<u>£4000</u>
<u>do.</u>	<u>7732800</u>	<u>£2000</u>

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

And <sup>I</sup> ~~We~~ make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 29<sup>th</sup> day of

August 1916, at No

11 College Green in the said City, County

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said County

John J. ... a Commissioner for oaths

Signature of Claimant } Maurice Veale  
of Claimants } Secretary to Claimant Company

A Commissioner to administer oaths for the Supreme Court of

NOTE—This Claim is to be furnished in duplicate, and should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.



# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed.		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
2 Cwt Champion Yellow Globe Mangold	6	2	6	4	2	6	Nil			4	2	6
1 " Mammoth Long Red Mangold	1	16	0	2	11	3	Nil			2	11	3
1 " Golden Tankard Mangold	3	16	3	3	16	3	Nil			3	16	3
1/8 " Lion Intermediate Mangold		10	11		10	11	Nil				10	11
3/4 " White Belgian Carrot	6	4	6	6	4	6	Nil			6	4	6
3/8 " Yellow Belgian Carrot	3	3	10	3	3	10	Nil			3	3	10
0.3.14 lbs Trifolium lucarnahoin	3	0	9	3	0	9	Nil			3	0	9
0.2.14 " Drumhead Savoy	4	1	6	4	1	6	Nil			4	1	6
5 3/4 Bushels Peas	4	16	10	4	16	10	Nil			4	16	10
11 Brls White Seed Oats & sacks	15	1	6	15	1	6	Nil			15	1	6
2 " Seed Barley & sacks	4	2	0	4	2	0	Nil			4	2	0
14 lbs Extra fine Curled Parsley	1	1	4	1	1	4	Nil			1	1	4
56 " Champion Purple top Swede	3	0	0	3	10	0	Nil			3	5	0
56 " Yellow Bullock Turnip	1	15	0	2	2	0	Nil			2	0	0
56 " White Globe Turnip	1	10	0	1	14	0	Nil			1	14	0
56 " Devonshire Greystone	1	14	6	2	4	6	Nil			2	2	0
5 Bags under above including 1 Overall		5	2		5	2	Nil				5	2
14 lbs Mammoth Long Red Mangold		6	3		6	3	Nil				6	3
4 " Golden Tankard Mangold		4	9		4	9	Nil				4	9
2 Bags under above		1	6		1	6	Nil				1	6
4 Bushels Devonshire Greystone Turnip		6	12		8	0	Nil				4	9
6 1/4 Cwt Alexander the Great Swede		46	19		56	3	Nil				52	4
1 1/4 " Eufield Market Cabbage		14	1		14	1	Nil				14	1
2 1/2 " Robinson & Shaws Cabbage		31	1		31	1	Nil				31	1
0.1.21 lbs Chicory		3	14		3	14	Nil				3	14
16 lbs Burnet		10	11		10	11	Nil				10	11
21 " Kidney Vetch		19	8		19	8	Nil				19	8
Carried forward.	172	19	6	186	17	9	- - -			181	16	3



# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. *(continued).*

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	142	19	6	186	17	9	-	-	-	181	16	3
2 Bushels Lincolnshire Red Globe Turnips	2	18	6	3	5	0	nil			3	1	6
1/4 Cwt Golden Yankard Mangold	1	0	0	19	8		nil			19	8	
1 " Alexander the Great Swede made up in sealed Bags	4	10	6	9	0	0	nil			8	8	0
150 Canvas Bags	5	8	4	5	8	4	nil			5	8	4
1 Counter Paper Cutter Steel	1	0		1	0		nil			1	0	
1 Large Nail Making Scissors	2	6		2	6		nil			2	6	
2 Hair Sweeping Brushes	6	0		6	0		nil			6	0	
1 Billiard Table Brush	2	0		2	0		nil			2	0	
1 Brass Scale Scoop	8	6		8	6		nil			8	6	
A quantity of Ammunition destroyed by the Military as a precautionary measure. Nett-Cost last Stock Taking -	23	2	1	23	2	1	nil			23	2	1
1 Ton Coal	1	15	0	1	15	0				1	15	0
40 Cwt-Seed Potatoes & Bags	10	16	8	10	16	8	nil			10	16	8
10 " Hay	3	15	0	3	15	0	nil			3	15	0
4 Bils Feeding oats & Bags	3	12	0	3	12	0	nil			3	12	0
5 Cwt Crushed feeding flax	6	12	6	6	12	6	nil			6	12	6
17/8 Bushels Kidney Beans and Bag under same	2	7	3	2	12	6	nil			2	7	3
1/2 Bushel Canadian Wonder	14	10		14	10		nil			14	10	
25 Cwt Clover seed spilled and mixed up to soften packages for sleeping accomodation, Estimate of loss in value -										6	5	0
25 Sacks slit open - Cost of repairing										6	3	
7 x 56 lbs Metal Weights used as props for Potato Boilers and thus rendered useless for weighing purposes -										1	8	0
Carried forward,	243	12	2	259	11	4	-	-	-	261	8	4



# PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIM. *(continued)*.

(TO BE GIVEN IN DETAIL.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.	Cost Price.			Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage.			Value of Salvage.			Amount Claimed.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward,</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	-	-	-	<i>261</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Damage to front door being broken by Military to gain entry</i>											<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cost of cleaning up and re-arranging stock.</i>											<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2 Cart Lamps.</i>											<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>1 Pair Opera Glasses.</i>											<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>2 Coats</i>											<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>
	<i>243</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>259</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	-	-	-	<i>264</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>



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MEMORANDUM



From

Capt. R.C. Melge  
Military Hospital for Officers  
Osborne  
Isle of Wight

From

R.C. Melge, Capt  
5th Bn. Leinster Regt

To

Adjutant  
5th Bn. Leinster Regt  
Curragh

ANSWER.

Curragh 4-7-1916.

Messrs G. J. Alexander & Co  
2 Mary's Abbey, Dublin  
have claimed a sum of  
£263-6-2 the amount of  
the value of their goods (Seeds  
& ammunition) which were  
used and destroyed by a  
Detachment of the Leinster Regt.  
during the rebellion. As you  
appear to have been in charge  
of this Detachment, will you  
please let me have a report  
as to what became of the  
seeds and ammunition,  
and to whom you handed  
over the same.

7.7.1916.

With regard to the damage etc  
done to goods the property of Messrs  
Alexander, the policy is of explanation  
gone. The information being given me  
that the premises owned by Messrs  
Alexander had been used by Sir  
Percival for the manufacture of  
Cartridges & that it contained a  
quantity of powder, I had the premises  
searched and a quantity of ammunition  
found as that used by the Sir Percival.  
This I had destroyed, ~~the same~~  
except value £5 - I saw very  
few seeds damaged, only one  
or two small sacks of Turnip  
seed value about £3, there  
was also some oat spill &  
some was used for two stony  
bases I brought in, the value  
of damaged & that used would  
not be more than £10 - all being  
outside. After my prob

Adjutant R. C. Melge  
5th Bn. Leinster Regiment



high in the premises  
practising the whole of the  
Lewins Rf in Dublin were  
Billed there:

R. Chetys Capts  
St. Lewins Rf





MEMORANDUM.

From ADJUTANT  
5th BR. LEINSTER REGT.

From *Major Kelly*

To Major R H Mclige  
Johnstown  
Kilcarine  
Navan.

To *Capt. G. Hunter*

ANSWER.

Curragh 30-6-1916.

Johnstown  
Navan 2-7-1916.

Can you throw any  
light on the attached  
please.

Not unless I have details  
of damage done.  
There was a seed store  
we occupied as a  
central barrack &  
a certain amount  
of ammunition was found  
there and handed over  
to the Ordnance Dept  
Post Marshal  
*Mr. Kelly*  
*5th Leinster Regt*

*Capt. Farrell* Captain.  
Adjutant, 5th. Batta. Leinster Regiment.

A

*MR*



No. 862 / 27 / A. *(mirrored bleed-through)*

Officer Commanding, *(mirrored bleed-through)*

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5th Batt., Leinster Regiment.  
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*(mirrored bleed-through)* Forwarded for early report to this office.

Curragh Camp,

29.6.16.

*W. M. Ditt*

25th (Irish) Reserve Infantry Brigade.

Captain,  
of Brigade Major.

*WMD*



64153 (Q).



General Officer Commanding Troops,

Curragh.

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Attached letter is forwarded for report as to how  
the damage <sup>complained of</sup> was caused.

*E. J. Smyth*

Dublin,

Major,

24/6/16.

for Major General i/c Administration, I.C.



CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
9620 -- 7 JUN 1916  
167 MOLESWORTH STREET,  
DUBLIN

1804

TELEPHONE NO 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

DUBLIN. 6th June, 1916.

re  
Alexander & Co. Claim.  
7775.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 10th ult., I shall be glad if you will let me have a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

*E. W. H.*  
*mm*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*say the claim appears to be one*  
*I Ack. and send copy of terms*  
*of reference to Committee.*  
*which shd. be addressed to the Mill Bath*  
*II Answer to Feb.*

*done 5/16*  
*D.H. 4/8/16*

*PC 7/16*  
REGISTERED  
- 8 JUN 1916  
6 - 16.



Erre/-

1804

TELEPHONE No 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-  
"ALBA, DUBLIN"

16. MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN. 29th. Augt., 1916.

1804

re  
Alexander & Co.

Dear Sir,

I now enclose you claim of  
Messrs. Alexander & Co., Ltd., duly  
completed. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

White-

MB

The Secretary,  
Property Losses Committee,  
51, Stephen's Green,



7942

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TELEPHONE N<sup>o</sup> 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

16, MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
9th June 1916.

9824 - 10 JUN 1916

OFFICE

9260.  
re Alexander & Co.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th. and note that the claim is one which should be addressed to the Military Authorities, but I have already communicated with them, and in their letter of the 9th May, they stated that they did not admit any liability, and that the matter should be passed on to the Civil Authorities.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

*Under Secretary.  
Submitted.  
C.W.S.  
12.6.16.*

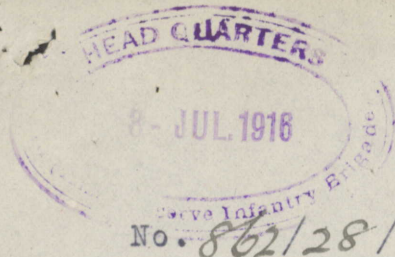
*White. mrc.*

*Major Tarry  
For the favour of  
any inf. available  
to check claim*

The Under Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.

*R.C. 17/6/16*





No. 862/28/A.



Officer Commanding,

5th Batt., Leinster Regiment,

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With reference to this office memo 862/27(A, dated 29th June 1916, with reference to claim by Messrs G.J. Alexander & Co, 2 Mary's Abbey, Dublin.

Will you kindly furnish me with a reply as early as possible.

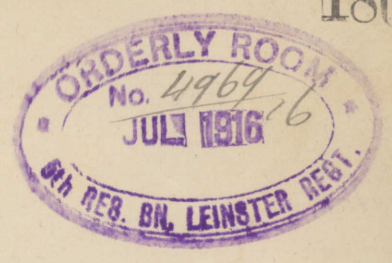
Curragh Camp,  
13.7.16.

*W. M. Ditt*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
25th (Irish) Reserve Infantry Brigade.



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Headquarters,  
25th (Irish) Res Infy Bde,  
Curragh Camp.



With reference to attached correspondence, I now submit statements marked A & B respectively from Major R.H.Metge & Capt R.C.Metge of this battalion. I have made careful enquiries into the case & so far as I can ascertain, the seeds were in bags & were used mainly to build a barrier in St Mary's Lane and partially to feed several starving horses which I understand were in Messrs G.J.Alexander & Co's yard & were the firms own property.

Curragh Camp.  
8th July, 1916.

*mm*  
*W. Duggan*

Major,  
Commanding 5th Bn Leinster Regiment.

No. 862/29/A.

Headquarters,  
Irish Command,



Forwarded with reference to your No. 64153 (Q), dated 1.7.16.

Curragh Camp,  
10.7.16.

*D. Hammond*

Brigadier General,  
Commanding 25th (Irish) Reserve Infantry Brigade...

*Pend*

*Sent to D.M.P for report 11/7/16 T.J. O'Connell*



TELEPHONE No 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
7775 -- 9 MAY 1916  
16. MOLESWORTH STREET.  
OFFICE 19 16.

DUBLIN. 8th May

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Sir,

On behalf of Messrs. G. J. Alexander & Co.

2, Mary's Abbey, Dublin, Seed & Ammunition Merchants, I beg to claim the sum of £263: 6: 2 the amount of the value of their goods (of which I shall be prepared to furnish full details) which were used and destroyed by Military Detachment (Leinster Regiment in charge of Major Johnson and Sergt. Plunkett) on the occasion of their occupying the premises during the period from 26th April to 1st inst., inclusive.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

E White

Mr

The Chief Secretary.  
Dublin Castle.

I. Ack

II. Sample.

I done  
P.P. 10  
to 9. V. 16  
J.H.T.

REGISTERED  
10 MAY 1916

I done 19/5

X



COPY.

16 Molesworth Street,  
Dublin, 8th May, 1916.

Sir,

On behalf of Messrs.G.J.Alexander & Co.  
2 Mary's Abbey, Dublin, Seed & Ammunition Merchants, I beg  
to claim the sum of £263.6.2. the amount of the value of  
their<sup>c</sup> goods (of which I shall be prepared to furnish full  
details) which were used and destroyed by Military Detachment  
(Leinster Regiment in charge of Major Johnson and Sergt.  
Plunkett) on the occasion of their occupying the premises  
during the period from 26th April to 1st instant, inclusive.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Sd.) E.White.

*mm*

The Chief Secretary,  
Dublin Castle.



TELEPHONE NO 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-  
"ALBANY DUBLIN."

1804

1804

Q

16. MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN. 8th May

19 16  
64153  
9 MAY. 1916  
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

Sir,

On behalf of Messrs. G. J. Alexander & Co.,  
2, Mary's Abbey Dublin, Seed & Ammunition Merchants, I beg to  
claim the sum of £263: 6: 2 the amount of the value of their  
goods (of which I shall be prepared to furnish full details)  
which were used and destroyed by Military Detachment (Leinster  
Regiment in charge of Major Johnson and Sergt. Plunkett) on the  
occasion of their occupying the premises during the period from  
26th April to 1st inst., inclusive.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

E. White

*With CSO letter 7942*

*mm*

The G. O. C. of the Forces in Ireland.  
Head Quarters.  
N. C. R.

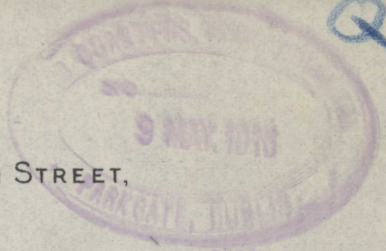
Dublin.



TELEPHONE No 946.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-  
"ALBA, DUBLIN."

16. MOLESWORTH STREET,

DUBLIN. 8th May 1916.



Sir,

1804

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2, Mary's Abbey Dublin, Seed & Ammunition Merchants, I beg to  
claim the sum of £263: 6: 2 the amount of the value of their  
goods (of which I shall be prepared to furnish full details)  
which were used and destroyed by Military Detachment (Leinster  
Regiment in charge of Major Johnson and Sergt. Plunkett) on the  
occasion of their occupying the premises during the period from  
26th April to 1st inst., inclusive.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

E. White

The G. O. C.  
Head Quarters.  
Parkgate.

Dublin.

MR



CHIEF SECRETARY'S  
12722 - 25 JUL 1916  
OFFICE

1804

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(1858.) Wt. 5333—66.4000.12/14. A. T. & Co., Ltd.  
(6559.) Wt. 3103—96.20,000.8/15.

Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."  
Telephone No. 22.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Detective Department,

Dublin, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916

Subject, Messrs Alexander & Co. Mary's Abbey.

Referring to attached I beg  
to state that the firm of Messrs  
Alexander & Co. Mary's Abbey  
is engaged in the whole sale  
seed business in an extensive  
scale, and also licensed under  
the Explosives Act, but for the  
past number of years only stock  
a very small quantity of  
blasting powder in order to  
accommodate about five of  
their customers who are resident  
in the County Dublin, and in  
every transaction relating to  
sale of such powder a permit  
is obtained. No other class of  
explosives or ammunition are  
The Supt. G. Divn.

The S.M.I.

Transmitted.

W. J. Hurstone

C Comm 14/7

Intelligence Branch, General Staff,  
Headquarters, Irish Command.  
Date 22/7-16  
No. ....

LEAD QUARTER  
24 JUL 1916  
No. ....  
PASSED

Under Secretary  
To see reference  
your memo of 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1916

W. J. Hurstone Major  
for Maj Gen & Admn  
L. B.

Mr. Kealy  
Sgt.  
25. VII. 16.

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are stocked in the place or dealt  
with by the firm.

This is a most respectable  
loyal concern established since  
since 1845 and comply in  
every respect with the Order of  
25th Feby. 16. The register is  
inspected by me at least twice  
weekly. Mr. Alexander the  
principal of the firm is an  
officer in the army at present  
on active service, and the  
business is looked after by  
Mr. Veil, managing director.  
I may add also, that all  
the employees are respectable  
and above suspicion.

J. J. O'Neill  
Det. Sergh.

Submitted.

Owen Bowen  
Supt

The Chief Comms  
14.7.16

James Richardson

mm



**SECRET**

1804

Intelligence Branch, General Staff, Headquarters, Irish Command.
Date <u>11.7.16</u>
No. ....

S.  
3414  
D.M.P.

Messrs Alexander  
Marys Abbey

Chief Commr. D.M.P.

It is reported that this firm  
are ammunition merchants.

Please inspect and ascertain  
whether a proper register is  
kept in accordance with order  
of 25th Feb. 1916, and report  
generally on this branch of  
the firms business.

*Supl. Edm.*

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*C Comm 12/7*

*J. J. D. Atkinson*  
*Captain*  
*for D.M.P.*

11.7.16

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