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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



John Collins

REG NO: 2226

BORN
07 July 1893

JOINED
07 November 1922

ADDRESS
Port, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick

PERSONAL INFORMATION

STATIONED
KERRY (Cahirciveen), GALWAY (Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Ascaragh), WICKLOW (Aughrim), TIPPERARY (Clonmel), DUBLIN (Rathfarnham), CORK (Union Quay, Bandon)

DATE OF DEATH
14 December 1990

RELIGION
Roman Catholic

OCCUPATION/TRADE
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HEIGHT
5ft 11 1/2in

CHEST
39/36

IRISH LANGUAGE
—

MARRIAGE

—

RECOMMENDED BY

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SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

Chief Superintendent

IRA RANK

Private

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

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RIC RANK

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FOREIGN ARMY RANK

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CID/PROTECTION CORPS

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END OF SERVICE & REASON

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NOTES & REFERENCES

REMARKS

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FURTHER NOTES

John Collin was the son of Denis Collins (a Farmer). Married Elizabeth 'Betty' O'Donoghue on 20th July 1943 in Knocknagoshel, Brosna, County Kerry. He was the first Garda to be awarded 2 Scott medals for bravery. The first time was in January 1940 when D/Sgt. Collins and D/Gda. Denis Teahan spotted a wanted man called Thomas McCurtin while on patrol in Cork City. In the violent struggle that followed D/Gda. John Roche (Reg No. 4905) was shot dead by McCurtin who was arrested after a violent struggle and later sentenced to death, which was commuted. Collins and Teahan were awarded gold Scott medals for bravery on 9th October 1941. The second time was on 23rd March 1941 D/Sgt. Collins discovered a live bomb hidden by the IRA in a bicycle saddlebag outside Union Quay Garda Station in Cork City. Collins moved the bicycle to safety and helped to evacuate the Garda Station, during which a second bomb was found. Collins and his colleague Sergeant John Driscoll were awarded bronze Scott medals for bravery on 2nd November 1942. Collins was an Inspector in Clonmel, Superintendent in Rathfarmham and finsihed as Chief Superindent in Bandon. Retired in 1968. Resided in Parkmore, Roscrea, County Tipperary. Died on 14th December 1990. He is buried in Knocknagoshel Burial Ground, Brosna.

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