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John David Curtin

REG NO: 783 and W127

BORN

05 October 1902

JOINED

14 April 1922

STATIONED

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS

Meelin, Newmarket, Cork

DATE OF DEATH

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RELIGION

Roman Catholic.

OCCUPATION/TRADE

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HEIGHT

5ft 9 1/2

CHEST

36, 35

IRISH LANGUAGE

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MARRIAGE

RECOMMENDED BY

SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

IRA RANK

Private

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

RIC RANK

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FOREIGN ARMY RANK

CID/PROTECTION CORPS

END OF SERVICE & REASON

NOTES & REFERENCES

REMARKS

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FURTHER NOTES

Sean Curtin was the son of David Curtin and Margaret Egan. he fought in the IRA during the War of Independence. He was promoted Sergeant in October 1922 serving in Donegal. Promotion to Inspector followed in June 1923, followed by a period attached to the Depot, Phoenix Park. He was promoted Superintendent on 1st July 1926 and served at Manorhamilton, Granard and Killarney. He married and was transferred to Tipperary. His transfer was made the occasion for special recommendation by the Urban District Council on his good police work in Killarney, involving the investigation of a bank robbery in Killarney (1927), the investigation of threatening letters and the enforcement of the Fishery Laws. On 21st March 1931, on returning from carrying out late night inspections, he stopped his car at the entrance to his home (Friarsfield House) in Greenane, Tipperary, to open the gates when he was ambushed and shot dead. he was the highest ranking member of the Gardai to be killed by the IRA in the history of the force.

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