**LIMBURG PHOTOGRAPH**

**Roger Casement photo turns up at WWI roadshow**

Have a look at this brief RTE film. Do you think it is him in the photograph?

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[**http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2012/1105/3429034-roger-casement-photo-turns-up-at-wwi-roadshow/**](http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2012/1105/3429034-roger-casement-photo-turns-up-at-wwi-roadshow/)

I was shown the photograph in the NLI Manuscript Room on 29 January 2013 by Tom Desmond and asked my opinion. I said the person was too young for Casement in 1914-16 and carried himself too casually. Angus Mitchell had been in a couple of days earlier and seems to have concurred as they said the general view was it wasn’t him. Angus is researching a book on Alice Stopford Green.

Jeff

From: jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com

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Subject: Limburg photograph

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2012 12:48:58 +0000

Detective O'Sullivan (below) is not convinced though agrees about the height aspect, as do I. Too young is my view also although it might be him 15 years earlier. He did wear white 'tropical' suits but perhaps not in Germany.

The hands in the jacket pockets look wrong too.

Happy New Year

Jeff

Date: Sat, 29 Dec 2012 11:14:53 +0000

Subject: Re: NLI release and Limburg photograph

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Jeff,

It certainly looks like him, though I would expect him to appear taller than the others.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hugh.

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Jeff

To be honest I would doubt it is him in the photograph.

This man has the hair and style of beard and even a tendency to wear bright "tropical"

looking clothes. However, he looks younger than Casement would have looked then.

There was a gauntness and weather beaten look that is lacking. Casement was about 6 foot

5 inches. This man is of a more average height when he is compared to other figures in the

photograph.

The photo is not optimal as regards detail and lighting.

Casement had big ears as contemporary photos show. But the ears of this character are smaller. Also Casement's nose was more pointed and prominent. At this time Casement had a noticeable grey tinge to his beard at the front. There is no sign of this in the picture.

All photos from this time show Casement with hair and beard lacking the lavishness and luxuriance displayed in the photograph of this man.

This man looks young and healthy. Casement was over 50 and not in good health.

Note the amount of space between the hairline and the eyes. Check this against photographic portraits of Casement from his time in Germany. They do not match.

German academics made recordings of the speech of some prisoners of war during WWI. I do not know if they used an early recording device or a written notation system. Maybe this is one of these academics caught by the camera in an unguarded moment. Who Knows?

This man has the same grooming style as Casement. That does not mean he was Casement.

Because of the quality of the photograph I can not be certain to an absolute degree. However, for the reasons given above I do not believe this is a photograph of the then Sir Roger Casement.

Regards

Tim.