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**Casement to German Minister of War on John McGoey being taken out of service for other duties i.e. being sent to Ireland to get the Rising called off.**

**23 March 1916**

Draft **[in Casement's writing]**

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at Munich

Sir,

With reference to the undertaking signed by John McGoey on 2nd December last, whereby he volunteered to join the Irish Soldiers at Zossen, ~~to serve on the same terms and under the same conditions as applied to the rest of the men~~ with the proviso that if at any time I should require his services for duty elsewhere he was to have full and immediate liberty to comply with my request, I now have the honour to inform you that I have withdrawn the said John McGoey from the Irish Camp at Zossen and have despatched him upon service elsewhere.

I instructed Lt. Monteith, the officer commanding the Irish Corps, to make application through Major von Baerle, for the discharge of private McGoey within the terms of this proviso and this was done by letter dated 28th February addressed by Monteith to Major v. Baerle - a copy of which I beg to transmit herewith.

As no reply has been received to this communication up to the 17th March, I decided to dispense with further formality and acting on the terms of my letter to Major v. Baerle of 2nd Dec last I withdrew private McGoey from the Irish Camp at Zossen on the 18th instant from which date his duties there have terminated.

The matter has, perhaps, the less importance from a military point of view as Private McGoey had not been furnished with a uniform, despite the fact that he had served at Zossen for three months and sixteen days and that he had entered the camp on the written understanding that he was “to serve on the same terms and under the same conditions” as applied to the rest of the Irish soldiers.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

(sgd) Roger Casement

The Minister of War etc etc