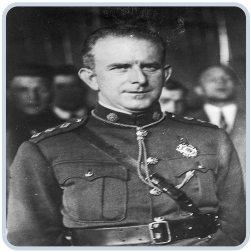
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RESEARCHING AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA/ CIVIC GUARD ANCESTORS OF IRELAND



Eoin O'Duffy

REG NO: Commissioner

BORN
28 January 1890

JOINED
1922

ADDRESS
Castleblaney, County Monaghan

PERSONAL INFORMATION

STATIONED
—

DATE OF DEATH
—

RELIGION
—

OCCUPATION/TRADE
—

HEIGHT
—

CHEST
—

IRISH LANGUAGE
—

MARRIAGE

—

RECOMMENDED BY

—

SERVICE & RANK INFORMATION

GARDA RANK

—

IRA RANK

—

NATIONAL ARMY RANK

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RIC RANK

—

FOREIGN ARMY RANK

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CID/PROTECTION CORPS

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END OF SERVICE & REASON

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NOTES & REFERENCES

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FURTHER NOTES

Born as Owen O'Duffy, he was the son of Edward Duffy (a farmer) and Ellen Quinn. Actively involved in Sinn Fein and the IRA during the Irish War of Independence. After resigining from the Irish Army, he became the Second Commissioner of the Civic Guards, succeeding Michael Staines in September 1922. Was credited with making An Garda Siochana the disciplined and physically fit police force that was needed at the start of the Irish Civil War. Held the position for almost a decade until he was dismissed by Eamon Devalera when Fianna Fail came to power in 1933. Formed the Blueshirts and travelled with 700 Irishmen to Spain to fight for General Franco in the Spanish Civil War. He never married or had children. His health declined over the years of the Second World War and died on 30th November 1944 in Dublin. He is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery

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