

friend of mine, Paddy Moran.

When I spoke to Aidan Corri I told him I intended to get someone to answer to his name. Before I could approach anyone to do so, a prisoner named Owen Slowey, Drogheda, came to me to say he had been arrested before he had a chance of doing anything for the country. He asked to be given some task. I had enquiries made about Slowey but there was no information to be had on him. No one in Camp knew anything about him. I spoke to him several times after the first interview. I concluded that Slowey was made of the same stuff as Oliver Ryan who came into the Rebellion. I finally decided he would be a good "Aidan Corri" and I arranged the exchange of names.

Some few weeks after Whelan had been taken away Williams entered the Camp seeking Corri. I asked again what he wanted Corri for. He was a lucky one who was being released, he said. I reminded him of the way Whelan was released. I said "I will give Corri for release. If he is not released I will not produce any other man". He gave me his word Corri was for release. I called Corri. Owen Slowey stepped forward and was taken away. Slowey was taken to Arbour Hill for an identification parade. From thence to the Castle. He was interrogated. He remained Corri. He was subjected to the most vile treatment from the Auxiliaries, including cold baths, cold water hosing and innumerable beatings. He remained Corri for over a month and until he was identified by an R.I.C. man from Drogheda.