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G.P.O. GARRISON PARADES AGAIN: SIGNIFICANT GAPS

A panoramic group assembled at Hill 16 in Croke Park early yesterday morning provided watchers with a problem. Here and there through the group there were many odd little gaps. It was a case where absence was eloquent, for the vacant places represented the dead of that gallant company which manned the G.P.O. in 1916, the survivors of which were photographed yesterday.

Altogether 350 members of the garrison which first paraded for action twenty-two years ago assembled at Croke Park. The group included four Ministers of the Government and an ex Seanaschal.

Absentee names on the roll include many now exiled in U.S.A. and other countries.

In addition to the photograph a Movietone film was made of the scene.

Mr. Diarmuid Lynch (Kinsale), oldest surviving Officer of the G.H.Q. garrison, was unavoidably absent.

Others of the surviving officers present were Mr. P.J. McGrath, who was Adjutant of "D" Co., 2nd Battalion Dublin Brigade, and his son who lost an eye in the fighting.

The members of the Cumann na mBan and the Clan na Gael Girl Scouts – the gallant women who stood by the men in the thick of the fighting made a brave show.

Amongst those present were: Mr. S. T. O'Kelly, an Tanaiste: Mr. S. McEntee, Minister for Finance: Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture: Mr. Oscar Traynor, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs: Mr. J.J. Walsh, Domhnall O Buachalla, ex-Seanaschal.