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ARMY PENSIONS ACT, 1923.

DEPENDANT'S ALLOWANCE OR GRATUITY.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR AN ALLOWANCE OR GRATUITY BY A DEPENDANT OR PARTIAL DEPENDANT OF A MEMBER OF THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IRISH CITIZEN ARMY, 1916, WHO WAS KILLED BEFORE 1st APRIL, 1922, OR WHOSE DEATH IS DUE SOLELY TO A WOUND RECEIVED BEFORE 1st APRIL, 1922, WHILST PERFORMING HIS DUTY AS SUCH MEMBER.

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NAME of APPLICANT (TO BE WRITTEN IN) DE S MOND, BRIDGET (Surname) (Mr., Miss, or Miss) (Christian Names)
Address 17 Commissioners Buildings Midleton Colork
Nearest Police or Civic Guard Station. Midleton.
Name of deceased Member Michael Desmond
Rank in { Irish Volunteers Vol. Muchael Dermond Section Command-er
Rank in { Irish Citizen Army, 1916
Unit B. Company 4th Batt 1 st book Brigade IRA.
Name and Rank of Commanding Officer Gomdt. J. Hurley (Decline)
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Note.—Before answering any of the questions below, the applicant is to note that the statements made will be checked by official records.

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If the applicant is unable to read, the above notes should be read to him (or her) by the witness.

1. State your relationship to the deceased.

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(If you are the father of the deceased and claim to be over 60 years of age, your Birth Certificate must be forwarded.)

- 3. (a) When and where was the deceased killed? (Certificate of death must be attached.)
 - (b) If the deceased died as a result of refusing to take nourishment while detained in prison, or died by violence while a prisoner, give details of the date, place and circumstances.
- 4. If the deceased, whilst on active service, received in the course of duty a wound or injury which was the sole cause of his death subsequently, state:—
 - (a) the nature of the wound or injury;

(b) the date upon which the wound or injury was received;

- (c) the district in which it was received; and
- (d) any other circumstances within your knowledge.
- 5. State whether the deceased was married.
- 6. Give the names and addresses of any hospitals the deceased was in, or doctors who attended him *since* the receipt of the wound or injury mentioned in your reply to above question 4.

7. State whether you were at the date of the death of the deceased, wholly dependent on him. If not wholly dependent, state the extent to which you were dependent.

8. (If the applicant is the brother or sister of the deceased, or the father of the deceased, and under 60 years of age) state whether, and if so, how far you are incapacitated by illhealth.

(Certificate from your doctor must be attached).

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10. State whether any decree for compensation under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts, 1919 or 1920, has been made in respect of the death or the wound or injury mentioned in reply to above questions 3 or 4. If so, give full particulars.

11. State whether any compensation has been paid from or on behalf of any person alleged to be responsible for the Act which caused the death, wound or injury referred to in your reply to above questions 3 or 4. If so, give full particulars.

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(a) British.
(b) Australian.
(c) New Zealand.
(d) South African.
(e) Canadian. (f) American (U.S.A.).
(g) Royal Irish Constabulary.
14. Give particulars of any payments you have received from Army Funds since the death of deceased.
15. If you are supporting any children of the deceased, give particulars as follows:—
(a) Where the deceased was an Officer:
Full name of each son under 18. Date of Birth.
Full name of each daughter under 21. Date of Birth.
(Birth Certificates must be attached.)
(b) Where the deceased was a soldier:
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16. State amount expended within the past 12 months in educational fees on each of the children over 12 years and under 18 years mentioned in your reply to question 14.

Name of Child.

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(Receipts for school rees should be attached.)

The above statement has been read over to me: I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed Budget Desmond Address 14 Commissioners Dhildings
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Signed* Mr. Dreen Address Civio Station medleton

Qualification of Witness Suff Jana Scholer Date 18 December 1923

* To be signed by one of the following:-

A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.

A Permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 and on a scale rising to not less than £300.

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A Minister of Religion (denomination to be stated).

A registered Physician or Surgeon.

Managers, Secretaries, Chief Cashiers and Accountants of Banks and Officials in charge of Branch Banks.

An Officer of the Civic Guard or Dublin Metropolitan Police not below the rank of Inspector or Station Sergeant.

A Postmaster or Postmistress in actual charge of a Post Office.

Head Teachers of Secondary or National Schools.

A Secretary of a Registered Friendly Society.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

ARMY PENSIONS DEPARTMENT,

34, Molesworth Stroet,

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To/Socretary,

Ministry of Finance.

An application for Allowance under the Army Pensions Act 1923 has been received in respect of the following;

Name Michael Decompled 1/ Commissioners Bld.

Army No.

Rank Sect. Comm.

Date of Wound; Injury or Death

Circumstances etc. Liked in action

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Will you please state below whether any award in respect of malicious injury has been made or is being considered by you in this case.

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Finistry of Finence file To. 653/101 forwarded to Army Finence Officer.on 14th Fovember 1923.

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NAME of APPLICANT (TO BE WRITTEN IN) D. E. S. M. O. N. D. B. R. I. D. G. E. T. (Miss) (Surname) (Mr., Mrs., or Miss) (Christian Names)
Address
Nearest Police or Civic Guard StationMidleton
Name of deceased MemberMichael nesmond
Rank in { Irish Volunteers Vol. Michael Desmond Section Commander. Irish Citizen Army, 1916
Irish Citizen Army, 1916
Unit "B"Company, 4th Batt. 1st Cork Brigade, I.R.A.
Name and Rank of Commanding Officer Comdt. J. Hurley, (Deceased)
Next in command Condt. J. Aherne.
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Full name of each son under 18. Date of Birth. Full name of each daughter under 21. Date of Birth. (Birth Certificates must be attached.)

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Full name of each son under 16.

Date of Birth.

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Name of Child.

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(Receipts for school fees should be attached.)

The above statement has been read over to me: I agree to it, and have nothing further to add.

Signed Bridget Besmond, Address 17. Commissioners Buildings, Midleton.

Signed* Thos Porcen, Address Civic Station, Midleton.

Qualification of Witness Supt. Date 18th December, 1923.

* To be signed by one of the following:—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Free State Army.
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M.P.W.-Wt. 3648.-2,500.-11/'23.

My Ref: M/3875/11. Yours: A/3383

Command Headquarters.

16th January, 1924.

Adjutant General, G.H.Q. Parkgate, DUBLIN.

SUBJECT: - Claim - Miss Bridget Desmond, 17, Commissioners' Buildings, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Reference your A/3383, applicant's statements in respect of the deceased, Michael Desmond, are correct.

Deceased, Michael Desmond, was a member of the Irish Volunteers, and was attached to "B" Coy. 4th Battalion, 1st Cork Brigade, I.R.A. He was a member of the A.S.U. attached to the 4th Battalion during the Anglo-Irish War.

On 20/2/21 the Battalion Commandant and several other members of the A.S.U. were in a house at Garrylawrence, Clonmult, when they were surrounded by British Military. A fierce engagement took place in which twelve of the I.R.A. were killed and several wounded.

Deceased was killed in the course of his duty while on active service, and his death was not due to negligence or misconduct on his part.

Applicant Bridget Desmond, was wholly dependent on deceased at the time. As far as can be ascertained she received no grant from any Relief Organisation.

There is no objection to applicant being compensated under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, please.

P. J. COLONEL.

D. A. A. G: CORK COMMAND.

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL,

General Headquarters,

PARKGATE.

DUBLIN. 21st January 1924.

Ref. A/3383.

Ministry of Defence, Army Pensions Department. 34. Molesworth St.



ARMY PENSIONS AOT, 1923, in the case of:

Michael Desmond, 17, Commissioners Buildings,
Midleton, Co. Cork.

With reference to your circular memorandum of 1/1/24
I have made enquiries in the case of the above-named, and I am now in a position to certify as follows:-

(1) That deceased was killed on 20/2/21.

(2) That he was an Officer in the Private Irish Citizen Army.

Private

(3) That deceased was killed in the course of duty, and that his death was not due to any serious negligence or misconduct on his part.

For your information I attach you copy of report received from the Adjutant, Cork. Command. Form A.P. 6 returned herewith.



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GENERAL.

STRY OF DEFENCE.

PORTOBELLO BARRACKS,

DJBLIN.

2nd February 192 H.

Certified that the late Michael Desmond

was a member of the Irish Volunteers that he was

killed or wounded on 20 & February 1921. (before

1st April 1922) whilst performing his duty as such member:

and that death er wound was not due to any serious negligence or misconduct by deceased.

The rank in the forces which most closely corresponds

to the rank held by deceased in Irish Volunteers Trish Citizen Arm

(provided that any applicant who was killed or wounded in the rising of April and May 1916 shall be deemed to rank as an officer), Mamanan

Minister for Defence,

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1/D/20. 34. Molesworth Street,

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Professor O'Rahilly, T.D. University College, C O R K.

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With reference to your communication directed to the Minister for Defence relative to the case of Miss Desmond, Commissioners Buildings, Middleton, Co., Cork. I have to inform you that an award has been recommended by the Pensions Board and is awaiting the sanction of the Minister for Finance.

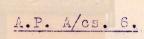
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To/
Secretary.





Re your file number //A/21 in the case of Miss Bridget Assmond

14. Commissioner's Buildings. Bergkindly note that, I have extracted, and am retaining Form No. 2/

and have on this date opened an Account under Ref.

No. \$\frac{\pmax}{58}\$, in this Claimant's name. The Claimant was notified to day of the award made to her Your file is returned herewith.

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Miss Bridget Desmond. 17. Commissioners Bldgs. Midleton, CO., CORK.

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with reference to your claim for an Allowance or Gratuity in respect of your brother, the late Vol. Michael Desmond, please find attached. Death Certificate forwarded by you in connection therewith.

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appeal Reference. 1/D /20 his Bridget Desmond appeal by the Rev. Fr. Dennehy on the grounds of necessity & Special concumstances see 1/D/2-Patk ahern note f 75 amonded sister Many Ellen in respect of another brother Military Service sions Collection

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Your file is returned herewith.

34, Molesworth St.,

11th September, 1924.

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R. O'Hegarty Bsqr.

President's Office:

In reference to your telephone conversation a few days ago concerning the victims of the Clonault ambush, I am to inform you that the claims in connection with the deceased have now been reconsidered by the Army Rensions Board with results as shown below:

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1/D/2. Fk. Ahern. 1/D/20.Miss B. Desmon 1/D/194 " M. E. " 1/D/19. Dnl. Dennehy. -1/D/46. Jhn. Hallihan.	275. 230.	2100. 2100. 2100. 2100.	

The amended recommendations are being passed forward for the Minister's approval and when same is received arrangements for payment will be made without delay.

3rd October.

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President's Office.

In reference to your letter Ra.3672/24. the five cases mentioned in my letter of the 11th ulto. do not represent all the claims where death resulted in the Clonmult Ambush. Nine claims in all were received and the following awards made:-

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1/D/2 1/D/20 1/D/194 1/D/19 1/D/46 1/D/99	Patrick Aherne. Miss B.Desmond. " M.E. " Dnl.Dennehy. Jhn. Hallihan. Mrs.M.O'Sullivan	£30. £26. £75. £30. Nil.	£100. £100. £100. £100.
1/D/3 1/D/84 1/D/44	Miss M.H.Aherne " Agnes " Mr.Mchl.Moore. Mr.Mm.Glavin.		Payable in six monthly instalments of £10.

It will be observed from the foregoing that only five cases were reconsidered. These cases were reviewed owing to representations made on their behalf by Rev. Father Dennehy to Mr. O'Hegarty. We have received no appeals against the decision of the Board in the other cases.

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The attached letter from the Secretary to the minister for Posts & Telegraphs is forwarded herewith as same would appear to refer to cases which have been dealt with by the army Pensions Board Munaghar Compensation (Personal Injuries) Com! Dublin 25/11/24.

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(MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.)

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A compensation award was granted to a Mrs. Desmond, Cork, in respect of two of her sons who were killed in the Clonmult Ambush. The amount paid has been spent in paying off debts due. One of the boys killed was the main support of the family. The mother has recently died and it has been brought to Mr. Walsh's notice that a daughter about 19 years of age has got into serious trouble. To tide her over this trouble and to avoid disgrace to the dead boys' name, a sum of £70 is urgently required.

If it would be possible to increase the original award, which Mr. Walsh has been given to understand was comparatively small, or to grant a further award, the money would now come in very useful to help this young Desmond girl in her terrible plight.

The Minister would be glad if the case be given sympathetic consideration as the circumstances are exceptional and of a very urgent nature.

The Minister does not know what the amount of the The Secretary, Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee.

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The Secretary, Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee.

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The Secretary to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.
Merrion Street.
Dublin.

A Chara.

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst.

addressed to the Secretary, Compensation (Personal Injuries) Committee, I beg to inform you that a sum of £100 each was awarded to Miss

M.E. Desmond in respect of her late brother

David Desmond, and to Miss B. Desmond in respect of her late brother Michael Desmond.

Total dependency was not established, and the two payments of £100 were the maximum grants that could be made under the Army Pensions

Act, 1923.

It is regretted that no further grant can be given to Miss B. Desmond who is apparently the sister referred to in your letter.

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21st September, 1929.

A Chara.

With reference to your recent letter, addressed to the Minister for Finance, relative to the claim for compensation of Miss Mary Desmond, Midleton, in respect of the death of her brother, the late David Desmond who was killed at Clonmult in February, 1921, while serving with the Volunteers, I am directed by the Minister for Defence to inform you that the claim was dealt with under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, and the maximum gratuity, viz. £100, admissible under the Act, where the deceased ranked as a Private, was awarded to Miss Desmond.

The Minister desires me to state, for your information, that payment of an allowance under the Act to the sister of a deceased member of the Forces is admissible only in cases where it has been clearly shown that the claimant was totally dependent on the deceased at the date of death and was permanently invalided. Payment of a gratuity is made in cases of partial dependency, but then only in necessitous or special circumstances. Investigations in Miss Desmond's case showed that she was not totally dependent on her deceased brother at the date of his death, nor was it established that she was permanently invalided. The Minister has no power, therefore, under the terms of the Act to grant her an allowance, and as she has already been awarded the maximum gratuity, it is regretted that no further action can be taken in the case.

The Minister desires me to add that a gratuity of £100 was also awarded to Miss Desmond's sister, Miss Bridget Desmond, in respect of her deceased brother, Michael.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

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M.J. Corry, Esq., T.D., Leinster House, Dublin.

Issued. 19. 5. 33

A Chara. With reference to your letter of 30th March. I append the information requested by you.

Application made by J.P. Hallahan - father of deceased Michael Hallahan - under the Army Pensions Act, 1923.

The original decision in this case was a "Nil" award, as necessitous circumstances were not On appeal the Board reconsidered the case and awarded a gratuity of £100.

Michael and David Desmond (Brothers).

Under the Army Pensions act, 1923, a gratuity of £26 was awarded to Miss Bridget Desmond. sister of deceased, in respect of Michael Desmond. This award was subsequently reconsidered and increased to £100.

Under the Army Pensions Act, 1923, a gratuity of £75 was awarded to Miss M.E. Desmond in respect of David. This was increased to £100.

Miss B. Desmond and Miss M.E. Desmond are sisters.

The awards in the above cases were the maximum awards.

Allowances were not admissible as total dependency was not established.

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