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3rd BRIGADE

(ARMAGH, LURGAN)

4th NORTHERN DIVISION

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R.O/434

8 April 1937

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(Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Referee to refer to the applications which have been received from former members of 3rd Bde. 4th N. Div I.R.A., and I am to request your Committee to be good enough to submit, at the earliest possible date, a certified statement showing - by Battalions - full particulars of the major operations carried out by each Battalion in the Brigade during each of the two qualifying periods: 1st April 1920 to 31st March 1921, and 1st April 1921 to 11th July 1921, and indicating :-

- (a) the name and nature of the operations;
- (b) the approximate dates on which they were carried out, and
- (c) the names and present addresses of the persons engaged in them.

If any delay is experienced in compiling the data requested at (c) I am to state that the particulars required at (a) and (b) should be submitted without delay when available, and the names and addresses of the persons engaged in the operations at the earliest possible subsequent date.

Mise, le meas,

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Seamus Uas. Ó Conghaile

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VI. Birches Bks. and Court House burned. This was a big job. The entire village was rounded up and held up while destruction was in progress. Parties came from big distances and had to cross the river in boats.

Irish Street Bks., Armagh, attacked. Mine used. Attack failed.

VII. Camlough Barracks Attack - Same night as Egyptian Arch ambush - serious fight at latter.

✓ Feb. 1922. Derrytrasna - Ambushed patrol - Six wounded.

Mar. 1922. Derrymacash - Ambushed Specials. Fired on for half hour.

May 1922. Ambush at Ballincury. Shooting lasted three-quarters of an hour. Four Casualties.

Todd's Corner - Attempted raid for arms - house heavily garrisoned - fierce fight - out-buildings burned.

Mr. Dopley

H. P. A. on

activities file. I

have put copies of
respective applications
for us.

8/24/34

attended to

W.D.

7/6/37

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| File No. | Name | Service |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| 17404 ✓ | Loughran Patrick | Transferred from Pianna 1919 Took part in General Raid For Arms Sept, 1920 Disarming Police Patrol at Ungola March 1921 Killylea Burnings Attack on B. Patrol Todds Corner June 1921 Second Period at Castleshane and Newbridge Camp |
| 17405 ✓ | Loughran Thomas | Similar To Above ✓ |
| 18483 ✓ | Brady Patrick | Joined 1919 Raid on Copes Drumilly 1919 General Raid for arms Sept 1920 Killylea Burnings March 1921 |
| 18816 ✓ | Garvey James | Attack on Middletown Barracks Feb, 1921 Attached to 1st Brigade Dundalk 1922 Joined 1917 Took Part in Raid on Tullydooy 1918 Copes Drumilly 1919 Attack on Police Barracks Armagh April 1920 General Raid for Arms Sept, Attack and Capture of Newtown Barracks 1920 Feb, & May 1920 Killylea Burnings & Todds Corner 1921 Castleshane 1922 (Brigade Q.M.) |
| 19086 ✓ | Loughran Patrick James | Joined 1918 Newtown Barricks 1920 Killylea Burnings & Todds Corner Castleshane 1922 (Brigade Eng) 1921 |

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| | Tullydoey | Bopus | Richill | Killylea | Todd's Comel. |
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| Tom Kerr | X | | | | |
| James Connelly | X | | | | |
| Pat Hughes | X | | | | |
| James Finn R.I.P. | | | | | |
| Charles McEleanan | X | O | O | O | O |
| John Allen | O | X | X | X | X |
| Joe Allen | O | O | X | X | O |
| Frank Hagan | O | O | X | X | X |
| Peter McBride | O | O | X | X | X |
| James Hackett | O | O | X | X | X |
| James McKee | O | O | X | X | O |
| John McBour | O | O | X | X | X |
| Frank Cullen | O | O | X | X | O |
| Mick Feaghan | O | O | X | O | X |
| Tom Donaldson | O | O | X | O | O |
| John Murphy | O | O | X | X | O |
| Gerald McElavoy | O | O | X | X | O |
| Peter Toal | O | O | X | X | O |
| Hugh Toal | O | O | X | X | O |
| John Brannagan | O | O | X | O | O |
| Dan Conroy | O | O | X | X | X |
| James Finn | O | O | X | X | O |
| John McBroy | O | O | X | X | O |
| James Mallon | O | O | X | X | O |
| Bernard McDonald | O | O | O | X | O |
| Pat Sheridan | O | O | O | X | O |
| James Sheridan | O | O | O | X | O |
| Charlie Dougan | O | O | O | O | X |
| David Tenneson | O | O | O | O | X |
| Edward Toner | O | O | O | O | X |
| Willie Murray | O | O | O | O | X |

X Represents present, O not present

@ others not knowing

There may be one or two who had been on one or other of these jobs that I may have forgot about.

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1918 Police work at south Armagh Bye-Election

Oct " Arms Raid on enemy House Tullydoey Blackwatertown(Procters)

" " Arms Raid Enemy House Lisnadill (Foy's)

Jan 1919 ARMS Raid on Two Enemy Houses Drumcullen(Stinsons, Wilsons)

August " Arms Raid On Enemy House Loughgall (Copes)

Oct, " Arms Raid Two Enemy Houses Tigarve (Andersons Milligans)

Feb. 1920 Attempted Capture Newtownhamilton Barracks

" " Assistance Lent in Capture of Ballytrain Barracks

X April " Attack on Irish St. Barracks Armagh

" " Arms Raid Two Enemy Houses Kilmore (Donnellys Mackles)

" " Blackwatertown Barracks Burned

X May " Newtownhamilton Barracks Captured

" " Middletown Courthouse Burned

" " Arms Raid Enemy House Clady (Rocks) Got Two Revolvers

" " " " five Houses Lisnadill (MacBrides Beatties Drennans)

August " Wires Cut Between Russel St. and Irish St. Barracks Armagh.

July " Charlemont Fort Burned

Sept " Arms Raid Enemy House Armagh (Baileys)

" " Engine Driver (Stutt) Tarred at Armagh

Oct, " Arms Raid Enemy House Killylea (Hansons)

" " " " " (Murphys Tullynacreive)

" " Keady Railway Blocked

" " Raid on Mails at Keady

Roads Blocked Derrynoose Area (Attack on Carrickmacross Bar)

Nov, " Arms Raid Enemy House Cashel (Galloglys)

" " Breadvan Burned at Middletown

" " General Wirecutting over the area

" " Two Breadvans Burned at Derrynoose

" " Raid on Mails at Derrynoose

X " " Attack on Police Patrol Armagh (Srgt, Camp Wounded)

Dec, " Keady Railway Station Burned

" " Roads Bocked for Attack on Glasslough Barracks.

" " Arms Raids on Enemy Areas (Carnagh and Drumhillery)

" " Raid on Mails at Armagh

" " Assistance lent at Annayalla Ambush(One Tan Wounded)

Jan 1921 Raid on Mails at Tassagh

" " Roads Blocked and Wires Cut over the Area

" " Arms Raid Enemy House Tullyroan (Gilbins)

" " Enemy Agent Shot at Derrynoose(Part)

X Feb, " Attack on Middletown Barracks

" " Raid on Mails at Derrynoose

X March " Police Disarmed at Ungola Armagh (One Volunteer Wounded)

" " Arms Raid Enemy House Armagh (Bavlies)

X " " Rich-Hill Railway Station Burned

" " Arms Raids on Enemy Houses at Clady Milltown

" " Keady Train Searched (Boycott Operation)

" " Raids and Reprisal Burnings at Killylea

X April " Attack on Lisnadill B. Patrol

" " Roads Blocked at Armagh

" " Attempt to Blow up Moy Rd, Bridge Armagh

X May " Raid on Tassagh P.O.

" " Roads Blocked and Wires Cut at Armagh

" " Raid on G.N.R. stores at Keady

" " Raid on Mails at Derrynoose

June " Roads Trenched at Blackwatertown

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June 1921 Arms Raid Enemy House Armagh (Boyles)
 " " Raid on Derrynoose P.O.
 " " Middletown And Keady Mails Taken
 " " X Attack on B. Patrol House (Todds Corner Armagh)
 " " Arms Raid Two Enemy Houses (Erskines)
 " " Raid on Arms Shop (Whittsitts Armagh)
 " " Arms Raid on Cootes Armagh (B. Special Comd)
 July " X Attack on Bebburb Barracks
 " " Raid on Armagh P.O.

Training Camps Operated At Killeavev, Derrynoose, and Tullyguinigan.
 During August September and October 1921

Oct. 1921 Mill Burned at Lisnadill (Foyes)
 March 1922 X B. Patrol Attacked at Todds Corner (one killed)
 April " X G.N.R. Waggon Burned at Keady
 " " B. Special shot at Tassagh.
 May " X B. Patrol Ambushed at Roughtan Keady
 " " X B. Patrol Bumbed at Moy Station
 " " B. Special Disarmed At Lislea Armagh
 June " X B. Patrol Attacked at Charlemont
 " " X Ambush on B. Patrol at Derrynoose (One killed One Wounded)
 " " X B. Patrol Attacked at Keady (TWO Wounded)
 July " X Ambush on Police Lorry at Derrynoose (Hd Constable Killed)
 " " Raid On Mails at Armagh.
 " " X Ambush on Police Lorry Derrynoose (One Wounded)
 Augst. " X Ambush on Patrol Going to Quarry Derrynoose
 Oct. " X Attack on Police at Carrickaclogher Keady.

Early 1923. Attempted rescue of Miss N. Arken from Armagh Jail.

see J. Donnelly 17/1/36

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Easter
June 9.

I.R.A. Parade and Fianna at Proclaimed meeting.
Flag erected outside barrack.
Beechpark raid. Arms captured. 2 Volunteers captured and identified. Sentence for same. Arrangements made to deal with witness who was removed to Belfast under police protection.

1920 Easter. Raid on Allen's cancelled.

Sept. General raid for arms. Volunteer wounded. Transferred to Belfast Hospital. (Good many arms captured). Volunteer wounded in Belfast. Escorted to Manorhamilton. Frank O'Hagan's car.

1920 to 1922. Boycott enforced (very important).

1920 Dec. 9. Birches Barrack and Courthouse burned.

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Mch. 3 Train held up and mails captured three miles outside Lurgan
May 5 Aghalee mails taken from Postman Malone
May 19 Breadvan burned at Derrymacash - Driver J. Hughes.
McKeown's motor breadvan burned off Aghagallon Road.
Inglis' breadstore and vans raided and damaged. Alarm raised - job not completed.

June 3 Cars seized for election purposes and later returned to owners. Three "B" Specials held up for arms - one revolver taken. Special held up for arms, resisted, was shot and died later. Armed escort sent with employees of Filbin Bros. to Dungannon. Raid on Ruddell's for utensils for dump construction. Utensils taken from G.N.R. for Battalion work.

1921 - July)
to) Threatening letters received by Nuns. Volunteer guard
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1922. Jany. Town under guard - arrangements to derail train if pogrom commenced.

Feb. Wholesale kidnapping plans. Vol. Robinson shot dead at Derryloiste.

Apl. 23 X Patrol ambushed at Derrytrasna - three wounded.

May 14 X Patrol ambushed at Derrymacash - three wounded.

Aug. 15 X Dundalk captured. - Distribution of Divisional arms.

Sept 11 North Louth explosions. Four bridges wrecked. Border plans. Active service unit formed.

Nov. 4 Language collection. Laying of mine on Lurgan-to-Derrymacash Road. Raid on Heaney's for arms.

1923. Barrack burned by Fianna.

1921. Feb. Raids on B. Specials' homes. Derrytagh North (Bay Shore) Resistance by occupants led to fight.
Dispatches continuous from 1918. Wire cutting continuous from 1920. Entire town isolated end of May or early June 1921.

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Enclosed
is list of activities carried
out by Lurgan Batt.
This may be required in
connection with hearing
of claims of Lurgan men
on Monday.

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1919. I.R.A. and Fianna parade at proclaimed meeting.

1920
Easter Attempted raid on Allens, Lough Road.

June 9 Raid on Watsons, Beechpark, arms captured, 2 Volunteers captured and sentenced to Imprisonment.

August, Sept and Oct.) During these months there were local raids continually in
and Novr) addition to two General Raids, during one of which resistance
by occupants led to fight at Tannaghmore North and one
X Volunteer was wounded and removed to a Belfast Hospital.
X Resistance by occupants of a house at Derrytogh North also
led to a fight but no casualties. Boycott operations
commenced during this period also.

December 8th Birches Barrack and Courthouse burned. Special held up for arms, resisted and was shot.

1921
January Aghagallon Mails raided.

February Mails raided in Derrymacash and Montiagh districts several times and further raids for Arms.

March Train held up and Mails raided at Ballynemooney. Wire cutting and road trenching.

May Aghtlee Mails taken.
Breadvan burned at Derrymacash. Driver J. Hughes.
Mails raided on several occasions.
Breadvan burned at Derrymacash. Driver J. Smyth. and
continuous boycott operations.
Raids on Mails at Maghery.
McKeown's motor breadvan burned at Aghagallon road.
Inglis' store and breadvans raided and damaged.

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June Breadvan burned at Clanrolla. Driver disarmed and revolver captured.

Three B. S. Specials held up and one revolver taken.
Raids on G.N.R. and Ruddells for material for dump construction.
Armed guard sent with messrs Filbins' lorries to Duncannon.
During the months immediately prior to the Truce roads were
trenched and communications were destroyed regularly.

July 12. Armed guard placed on Lurgan Convent and continued until April 1922.

Aug. Sept,) Division 1 Brigade and Battalion training camps.
Oct. Novr) During these months Volunteers were warned to train for the
and Decr) renewal of hostilities, as a result the Battalion and Company
Staffs were practically employed full time training, trying to
procure arms, preparing dumps, dug outs, etc., also during this
period first supplies of munitions were received from G.H.Q.
and the handling of these also entailed considerable work.

1922
January X A large part of Belfast Orangemen visited the town
threats towards the Nationalists. All Nationalist
were placed under Volunteer guard, when leaving the
attack was made on a Nationalist quarter by a
men in a train. The fire was relieved to by Volunteer.
several Orangemen were killed and wounded.

February X Volunteer Robinson, Adj. Maghery Coy, was shot
at Derrykoiste when returning from a training camp. Patrol
ambushed at Derrytrasna, 6 wounded.
During the months of February and March large quantities
were received and distributed. This entailed an enormous
amount of work as dumps etc., had to be constructed and
distribution of arms and construction of dumps were carried

out under very great difficulties.

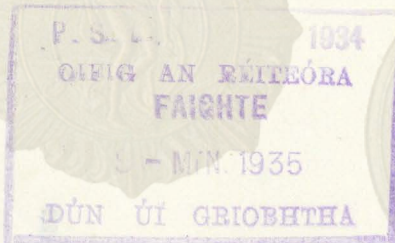
July X Enemy patrol ambushed at Derrymacash (4 wounded)
Sniping at enemy patrols and an attack on an enemy guard at Lurgan
Waterworks.

July, X } Volunteers took part in many of the activities in County Louth
Aug and } including attacks at Omeara, Dundalk, etc.,
Sept
1923

May Barrack burned at Derrytagh South

Feb.- Wholesale kidnapping plans of prominent B. Specials were arranged
and men were actually on the job when it was cancelled. This
necessitated a large amount of work for over a week, arrangements
for a prison for those captured, commandeering of cars etc.,

April During this period arrangements were completed for big attack
on North, also for destruction of factories, business places, etc.,



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