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Hales, Thomas, "T.D."

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Ballinadee

Bandon, Co. Cork

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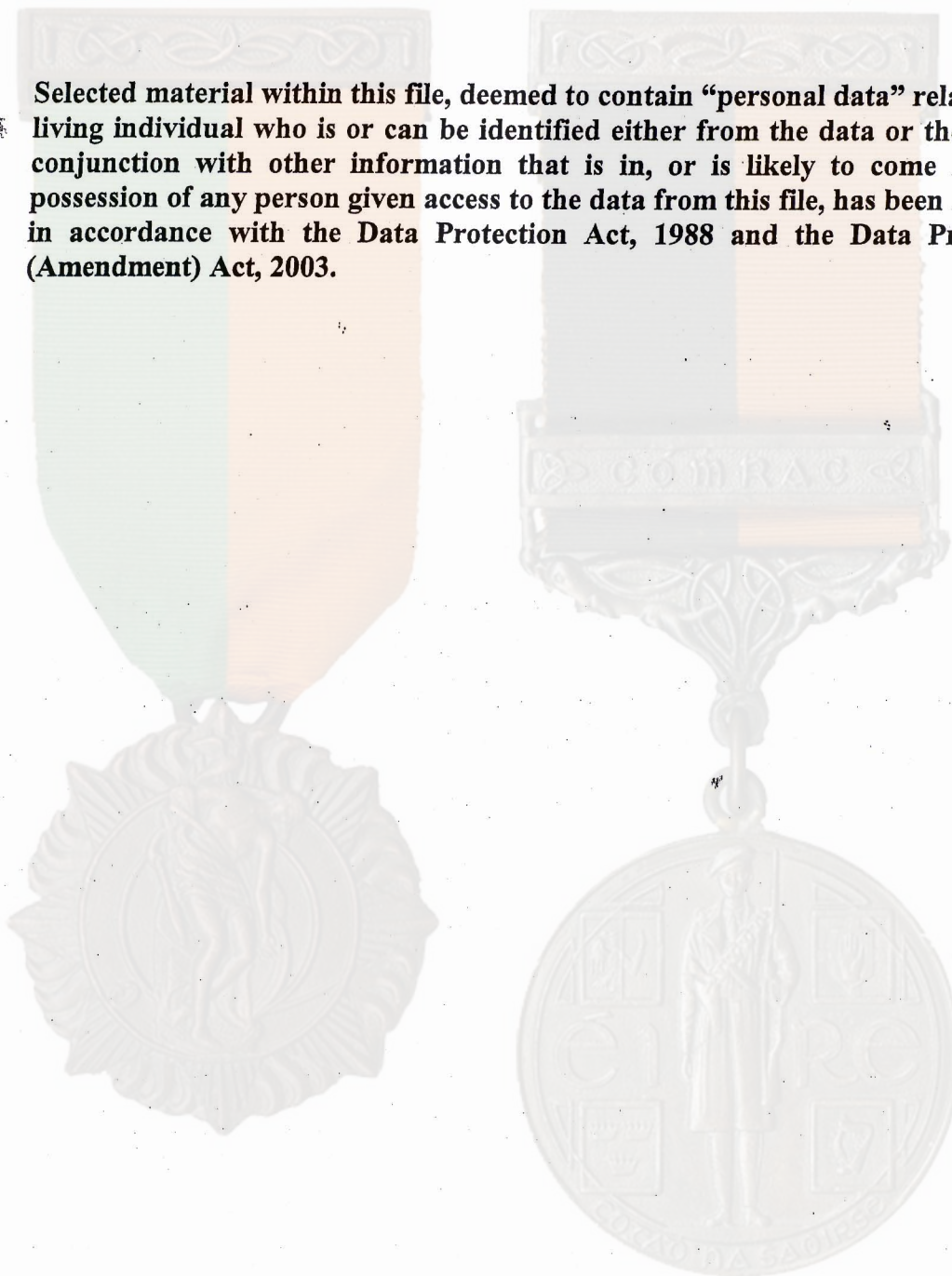
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Military Service (1916-1923) Pension Project

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Ref. No. 2044 Applicant's Name Stiles Thomas T.D. Address Knochnacura, Ballinadee, Dundon Co. Wick. Unit

- (1) Ballinadee Coy.
(2) Dundon Battn.
(3) 60th Bn. Brigade

(a) Period	(b) Service claimed	(c) Active Service allowed	(d) Equivalent for pension purposes.	Remarks
(1) 23/4/1916-30/4/1916	Full period	nil	nil	
(2) (a) 1/4/16-22/1/15 (b) 30/4/16-31/3/17.	Full period	nil	nil	
(3) 1/4/17 - 31/3/18	Full period	Full	$\frac{1}{2}$	
(4) 1/4/18 - 31/3/19	Full period	Full	$\frac{1}{2}$	
(5) 1/4/19 - 31/3/20	Full period	Full	1W	
(6) 1/4/20 - 31/3/21	Full period	Full	2W	completing K.P.
(7) 1/4/21 - 11/7/22	Full period	Full	1W	12/4/22
(8) 12/7/21 - 30/3/22	Full period	Full	1W	
(9) 1/7/22 - 31/3/23	Full period	Full	2W	
(10) 1/4/23 - 30/9/23	Full period	Full	1W	

(a) First critical date; (b) Second critical date.

Rank claimed on
Rank allowed:-

Signed:-

Admiral

John Mc Coy

J. A. M. Coy

Total of column (d)

9 years

L.M. Stiles

Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

Ref. No. 345.1/2249

Ref. No. M.S.P./34/Referee - 2044

To:

To:

THE REFEREE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to transmit for report in accordance with Section 8 and the Regulations made under the Act the accompanying application of

I submit hereunder my report in this case.

McC *Hales, Thomas J. P.*

Knochnamus Ballinadee Bandon
for a Service Certificate. *no book*

The report should take the form of replies to the questions set out herewith.

J. J. Morgan

Registered 4⁵/₃₅ *J*
Recorded 2³/₅ *35*

(SIGNED) J. K. O'CONNOR

Referee.

Date. 26 FEB 1935

Date.

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? *Yes*
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established. *Nil (2) Nil*
 (3) Entire Period (4) Entire Period (5) Entire Period
 (6) Entire Period (7) Entire Period (8) Entire Period
 (9) Entire Period (10) Entire Period *✓*
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act. *9 years ✓*
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed: —
 - (a) On first critical date. *Grade B. Para. 1(2)(b). —*
 - (b) On second critical date. *Grade B. Para. 1(2)(b). —*
 - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921. *no —*
 - (d) Does applicant's case fall under either of the following sub-paragraphs, and, if so, which, viz., sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph 3 of Rule I. of First Schedule *no —*
 or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer. *no —*

Y *amuel*

5. Does the applicant state in his application whether he is at present in receipt of any remuneration, pension or allowance payable out of public moneys whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority? *Teaica Dala* ✓

6. Does the applicant state in his application whether he applied for or is in receipt of unemployment assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of his qualification certificate if given by him. *no* ✓

7. THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act. *nil* ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces. *Irish Volunteers*

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant. *Capt. of Ballinacree Coy.*

8. THE PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1916, and

(b) THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 1916, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1917.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

nil

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act. *nil* ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers* ✓
~~*Officer in Charge*~~

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

Capt. of Ballinadee Coy. ✓

9. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1917, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1918.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

1/2 of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers*
~~*Officer in Charge*~~

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

ofc Bandon Battn. ✓

10. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1918, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

1/2 of 1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces..... *Irish Volunteers* ✓

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

ofc Bandon Battn. ✓

11. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1919, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1920.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

..... *Entire Period*

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

..... *1 year* ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

..... *Oglais na h-Ulster*
Brigade ofc ✓
Cork III Brigade ✓

12. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1920, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1921.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

..... *Entire Period*

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

..... *2 years* ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

..... *Oglais na h-Ulster*
Brigade ofc
Cork III Brigade ✓

13. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1921.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

..... *Entire Period*

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

..... *1 year* ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Éireann
Brigade ofc
Interned

14. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1921, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1922.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.

1 year

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Éireann
Brigade ofc
Cork III Brigade

15. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1922, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.

2 years

3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.

Oglaigh na h-Éireann
Brigade ofc
Cork III Brigade

16. THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1923, AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(1) Duration of active service during the period as established to your satisfaction

Entire Period

(2) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined in the Second Schedule of the Act.....

1 year ✓

(3) State—

(a) The particular military body of the Forces.....

Dzlaiz na h-Éireann

(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

Interned. ✓

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SWORN STATEMENT MADE BEFORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY THOMAS HALES ON THE

4TH APRIL, 1935 - NO. 2074

1st Period. Q. Did you hand up your arms after 1916?

A. No.

Q. You were not arrested after 1916?

A. No. I was on the run the whole time.

2nd Period Q. Until Christmas?

A. We were raided after the others were released. I was in the "Hue and Cry" for taking an active part in the Rebellion at the time.

3rd Period Q. No actual engagements - this was the whole Brigade area?

A. In '18 there would be practically no engagements in a sense.

4th Period Q. O.C. Cork No. 3 Brigade on its formation. Were you the first Brigade O.C.?

A. I was.

Q. It was all one Brigade before that?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was the O.C. of Cork?

A. Thomas McCurtain. Sean Hegarty came along then. It was divided before Thomas died.

Q. The British gun boat - did you raid for this?

A. We went to capture the 18-pdr. gun. The Captain was armed - the preparations were not right. The munitions and rifles were captured - a lot of Winchester stuff was taken.

Q. Held locked 25 armed R.I.C.?

A. Snugmore Castle.

Q. Were they armed?

A. They were all armed with rifles.

Q. Did you take all the arms from them?

A. No. They were locked in; the barracks were 300 yards away: the intention was to keep them cut off from the military. The first that came along was disarmed and he was seen being disarmed. In the evening we decided to charge them. They were along the road in a more or less careless fashion; the military were about 100 yards away. If it had gone ahead there would have been some slaughter.

Q. Successful settlement after by Republican Court?

A. I agreed by the decision of the Republican Court.

Q. Whole-time visiting and organising the Battns. That was a big area?

A. Yes. 90 miles.

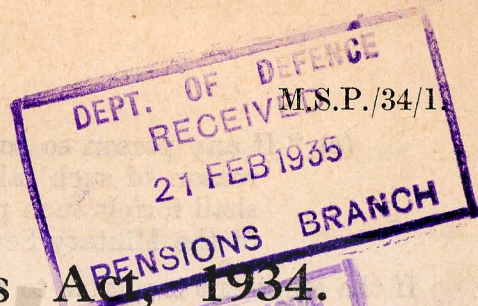
Q. Surprise attack on 14 armed R.I.C.?

A. Yes. That was the best strategical thing done. I had three or four men; we had a few guns. I lined up at the house and gave orders; they rushed out to find us and while that was going on outside he bolted through and the military came on then and we withdrew. That was the general German Plot round-up; they were caught napping.

- 5th Period. Q. Disarmed military patrol at Kilbrittain. Was that a cycle patrol?
 A. No, foot patrol.
- Q. Were you armed?
 A. Yes. Small arms, only a few.
- Q. Anything more in that period?
 A. We were making the new gun-powder continually from '18.
- 6th Period. Q. Organised and in charge of 120 picked men to rush and disarm a section of British military which failed to turn up?
 A. They came every Sunday but this time.
- Q. You were arrested near Bandon in July '20. You were sent to Pentonville?
 A. Yes.
- Q. Who was arrested that time with you?
 A. Harte. He got a fearful blow of the but-end of a rifle. We got a bad time in Cork.
- Q. What was the name of the Intelligence Officer?
 A. Captain C.J.Kelly.
- Q. You were not released until?
 A. Christmas 1921.
- Q. Was Cork No. 3 divided when you were released?
 A. No. Not until 1922.
- Q. Ted Sullivan was in charge when you came back - after Deasy going to the Division?
 A. Ted was never O.C. of Cork No. 3.
- Q. Who was O.C. Cork No. 3 when you came?
 A. Liam.
- Q. Was he not gone to the Division?
 A. Not officially. A despatch received the night after the Truce was signed by Liam Deasy, 3rd Cork Brigade. Ted may have been. The appointment was definitely made. I believe he was Vice Commandant.
- 8th Period. Q. After your release did you go into the barracks when they were taken over?
 A. We went into the barracks then. I was very bad for a couple of months.
- 9th Period. Q. Christmas 1923 - released from Hare Park?
 A. Yes.

Sworn before me on...4/4/35.....

.....*Joseph K. O'Brien*.....
 REFEREE.



Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a Service Certificate, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 31st day of December, 1935. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in
block capitals).

Hales
SURNAME.

Thomas
CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS.

(to be written in
block capitals).

Knocknacurra Ballinadee
Bandon - Co. Cork

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that :

- (a) This form is divided into three parts. Part I. is to be completed where the applicant had, in addition to the required pre-Truce Service, Service in the Forces in the period commencing the 1st July, 1922. Part II. is to be completed where the applicant's qualifying service in the Forces was pre-Truce only. Only one of those two parts is to be completed by any one applicant. Part III. is of general application and should be completed by all applicants.
- (b) Before completing particulars as to rank the applicant should read carefully the First Schedule to the Act and also the definitions of the expressions "first critical date" and "second critical date" which are appended to this form for the information of applicants. He should then complete his replies to the questions in the terms of Rules 1 and 2 of the First Schedule which are applicable to his case, e.g. :—

was "a Divisional Adjutant" or

was "a Battalion Quartermaster whose Battalion was (at the critical date) not less than one hundred in strength," or

was "an officer of Fianna Eireann commanding one hundred members or more."

If applicant's case falls within either Rule 3 or Rule 4 of the First Schedule full particulars of the claim as required by those Rules should be given, if necessary, in a separate statement.

- (c) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated, and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.
- (d) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act, makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 19 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

- (e) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 19 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934).

If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.

SERVICE IN THE FORCES, THAT IS IN THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BODIES, OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN (IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY) OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES OR IN CUMANN NA mBAN.

For each of the periods set out in Parts I. and II. in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three reputable references who can verify your service.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service:—

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder;
- (b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921;
- (c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of the First Dail Eireann or of the Second Dail Eireann;
- (d) Absence from duty while under arrest, as a result of activities as a member of the Forces.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

PART I.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHO HAD PRE AND POST TRUCE SERVICE IN THE FORCES * AS FOLLOWS:—

- (a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
- or
- (b) who served in the Forces continuously during either of the following periods, the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1920, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1921,
- or
- (c) the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,
- and in addition
- who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923.

* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces," viz.:—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army) or
the Irish Volunteers, or
the Irish Citizen Army, or
Fianna Eireann, or
the Hibernian Rifles, or
Cumann na mBan.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING ON THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916. If so, from what date in that week? *Yes. 23rd to 30th*

(b) Unit or Units... *O.C. Ballinadee Coy including all sections in & around Bandon area*

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service... *From the 23rd to 30th Recorded in the Hurler's Police Gazette changed with taking an active part in Rebel*

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Ballinadee and her orders (voluntarily) issued by me to units as far as Dunmanway. Requesting volunteers to come out on our own & follow definite orders from Cork*

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Self under Thomas McCurtain*

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service... *Mobilised all units and marched to Macroom under definite orders. as stated in page 16*

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week... *Forwarded horses carts and men to Cork to bring rifles out of city. Held up. Searched & disarmed*

(h) Absence from duty and cause... *an I.R.C. patrol. Gave down posters of not absent*

(i) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Gen. Donoghue</i>	<i>Rathvout Ballinadee, Bandon</i>
<i>John Corbery</i>	<i>New Rd Bandon</i>
<i>Wm Hales</i>	<i>Knocknacura Bandon</i>

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916, and

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units... *O.C. Ballinadee and area*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *whole time Intensive incursions up to 22nd April Macroom on the 23rd*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *Ballinadee on Sunday April 30th Constant communication maintained with all units*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Self under Thomas McCurtain*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *as heretofore stated. escaped arrest rallied, organised and saved. Capture & surrender of arms*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Continued from May 1916 to March 1917 on a whole time job of Re. organising*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Michael Hyde	Tooreen Innishannon
Genus O'Donoghue	Rathvout, Ballinadee, Bandon
John Corkery	New Rd Bandon

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units... O.C. Bandon Batt area

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... whole time

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... Bandon Batt area, Ballinacorney, and the Cuthbert Coy areas

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Self under Cork - H.Q.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Rallied the forces, and forwarded suggestions for authorising open drilling June 1917

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... No actual engagements, open drilling carried out in the following Coys forming the Batt. Ballinadee, Bandon, Kilbrittain, Finsale, Barryroe, Clogagh, Kilpatrick, Newcastle, Jinkes Cross, Greenpound

(g) Absence from duty and cause... not absent

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Liam Healy	Rossmore, Co Cork
James Mahony	Glendareen, Kilbrittain
Florie O'Donoghue	16 Cook St. Cork

(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units... O.C. Bandon Batt

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... whole time

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... Ballinadee, Finsale area - (actual operations) continued to disorganise and organise the Batt. Elected Brigade O.C. Cork no 3 brigade - formation at Kilbrittain, Ballinadee on the 6th Jan 1919

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance...

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Organized and seized ammunition & rifles from British Gunboat at Malmaenon April 1918. Organised in charge of over 120 picked men, guarding the ploughing of a quiet farm - Held sleep in 25 armed Co. Captured and disarmed one who attempted to communicate with military. H.Q. only 500 yds. away - Successful settlement after by Republican Court. Whole time visiting and organising the 5th Battalion, comprising Cork no 3 brigade area. Finsale, junction to Castleblawney - 80 miles

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during

the period *as stated at (e) and including a surprise*
decoy attack on 14 armed R.T.C. attempting to arrest
Seane Hales in Home / Knocknacurra June 16 1918. 12 R.T.C.
one estimated strength. Some pushed far down - two put
 (g) Absence from duty and cause *engaged in house physical engagement*
not absent

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Liam Heary</i>	<i>Rossmore Ballinacree</i>
<i>Seane Buckley</i>	<i>Bandon</i>
<i>Wm Hales</i>	<i>Knocknacurra Bandon</i>

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units *O.C. Cork no 3 Brigade area*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *whole time*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered *Cork no 3 Brigade*
in conjunction with Cork no 1

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance *Self under G.H.Q.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Continued*
extensive organisation in Brigade area secured
in person small arms from G.H.Q. issued orders to Bath
regarded R.T.C. saboteurs. hovering around were to be

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during

the period *ordered. Sanctioned the successful disarmament*
of a British military patrol (6 soldiers) Kilbrittain
June 1919 organised and took charge of a
specialty selected number of men on two occasions to bring

(g) Absence from duty and cause *off a small cut in a large scale*
Attack on Tinnelague R.T.C. Mount Pleasant
Barracks 25 Feb 1920 Personally in charge of latter

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
<i>Seane Hegarty</i>	<i>Rock Lawn Terrac Douglas Cork</i>
<i>Liam Heary</i>	<i>Rossmore Ballinacree</i>
<i>James Mahony</i>	<i>Glendareen / Kilbrittain</i>

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units *Cork no 3 Brigade*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service *whole time - organised*
secret. aid in engineering manufacture
of munitions & the quick dispatch of Code
messages (enemies) per H.Q.

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... *3rd Cork Brigade in conjunction with Cork no-1*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Self under J. H. Q.*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Continuous intensive organisation. Held regular Brigade meetings. Visited almost every unit ordered general offensive. Suggested in writing to the late Gen. Collins that all IRA men then on run should be mobilised into active service units. (May 1920)*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *Bandan Police ambush Dec 1920 / Dublin area. Similar ambushes extending throughout Brigade area. were ordered. Took place on Customs offices - mails. General Banning at all abandoned R.T.C. Barracks. April 3rd 1920 organised and in charge of over 120 IRA picked men. Rush & disarm a section of British military - military failed to turn up as usual. Battle order. Released A. Collins.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *Further communication from Col Gen. Michael Collins to travel to Dublin if humanly possible for meeting. Decided to travel disguised. arrested near Bandan on 7th July 1920. Beaten and tortured for over 10 hours. Shifted to Cork Hospital. Released after a month.*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above: *1. Sentenced to two years hard labour Pentonville Prison*

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Florie O'Leary 16 Cook St. Cork
Jam. Healy Rossmore. Ballinacorney
James Sullivan Limerick Co. Cork

(7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921

(a) Unit or Units... *O.C. I.R.A. prisoners - Pentonville*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *organized prisoners in Sept 1920. to stage an escape. - Failing same to strike for Prisoner of war treatment*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered...

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance... *Self*

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? *Intelligence H.C. Dublin. Complete list of torture gang. Full account of same. Requested in return - Refused orders - Decided on escape*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *All plans ready for escape on a Sunday. But - outside command altered plans at last moment. Decided to break up. Prison discipline. to a well thought out plan of action. Fight started (intensive) about Xmas 1920. Continued until release.*

34. of the prisoners were three months without clothes (Coats, vests, caps) (g) Absence from duty and cause... not absent. to Portsmouth. Succeeded in getting I.R.A. prisoners there to fall in with plan of campaign. Released Xmas 1921

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Jesne Hegarty	Rocklawn Terrace Douglas Rd Cork
Cpt. W. Funt - Byrne Mullingar	
Any of the prisoners (addresses not known)	

(8). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

- (a) Unit or Units... O.C. Cork no. 3 Brigade from Spring of 1922
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... Health low water after release under doctors care for three months - accepted O.C. 3 Brigade again - in about March 1922
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... Cork no 3 area & in prison
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Self - under Gen. Lynch
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Continued to rally and discipline forces.
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... This was the take over period, activity and discipline was most necessary at this stage to check undesirable action and deal with the criminal end.
- (g) Absence from duty and cause... not absent

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Cpt. Jesne Lelane	Cork
Sam Heary	Rossmore Ballineen
Jim Hurley	Lab. of Clonabiltys

(9). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1922, TO 31ST MARCH, 1923.

- (a) Unit or Units... O.C. Cork no 3 Brigade
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service... active service up to my arrest in 1922 (Nov)
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered... Cork no 3 area
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance... Self under - Gen. Lom Lynch
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service? Ten months in charge in person, with Gibbs Ross, O.C. Cork nos 3 & 4 Brigades, on the occasion of the attack and capture of Skibbereen Barrack held then by treaty forces) at Ballineen (Sam Heary & Tom Barry in charge) several other minor engagements - 1. @ Newcestown - 13 and on

NOTE Skibbereen fight took place on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd July 1922 J. H.

In command of the 3rd Brigade, P.A. Force

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period... *as stated - vs. Skulbecken. etc. O.C. Harehark Camp. for a period - during 14 days hunger strike, and compulsory digging*

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Jim Hurley -

Clonakilty

Sam Heary

Heary Rossmore

Robert C. Barton Annamoe House Glendalough

(10). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1923, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

(a) Unit or Units... *O.C. Harehark Camp*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service... *Released at*

16. mar. 19. 23

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.

(g) Absence from duty and cause... *not absent*

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

R.C. Barton

Annamoe House Glendalough

Tom Walsh

(Brennon & Walsh, upper O'Connell St)

Ratrick Fleming

Sweet Office

PART II.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WHOSE QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FORCES* WAS PRE-TRUCE ONLY, i.e.:—

(a) who served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,

or

(b) who served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921.

(1). ACTIVE SERVICE AT ANY TIME DURING WEEK COMMENCING ON 23RD APRIL, 1916.

(a) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916? If so,

from what date in that week.....

(b) Unit or Units.....

(c) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(d) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(e) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(f) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

(g) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the week.....

(h) Absence from duty and cause.....

* The following Military Bodies, and those only, are included in the term "the Forces," viz.:—

Oglaigh na h-Eireann (Irish Republican Army), or
the Irish Volunteers, or
the Irish Citizen Army, or
Fianna Eireann, or
the Hibernian Rifles, or
Cumann na mBan.

(i) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(2). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD COMPRISING :—

(a) period from 1st April, 1916, to 22nd April, 1916 ;

(b) period from 30th April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(3). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(4). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(5). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(6). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

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(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

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(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(7). CONTINUOUS ACTIVE SERVICE DURING PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service.....

.....

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered.....

.....

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance.....

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?.....

.....

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period.....

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(g) Absence from duty and cause.....

.....

(h) References who can testify as to your statements above :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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PART III.

GENERAL.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

- (1). State in terms of the First Schedule to the Act the rank and nature of appointment held on the first and second critical dates, respectively:—

(a) On first critical date.

O.C. Cork no 3 Brigade. up to 27th July 1920
 arrested on the 27th July 1920.

(b) On second critical date.

O.C. Cork no 3 Brigade

References who can testify as to your statements:—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Cpt. Seane Lehane Administrative Officer Cork
 Jim Hurley. Clonabiltz Co. Cork
 Seane Hegarty. Rocklawn Ferraco Cork

- (2). Did you serve in the National Army as well as in the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date. If so, did you apply for a certificate of military service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result. If you did not so apply, give your reasons for not doing so.

- (3). If you did not serve in both the National Army and the Forces on the 1st July, 1922, or on any subsequent date—state whether you applied for a Certificate of Military Service under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and, if so, with what result.

(4). Did you apply for a wound or disability pension under any of the following Acts?—

Army Pensions Act, 1923.

Army Pensions Act, 1927.

Army Pensions Act, 1932.

If so, with what result. _____

(5). Have you applied for, or are you in receipt of Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933? If so, quote the number of your qualification certificate _____

(6). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July,

1921? If so, give the dates between which you served. *no. but was a member of the Supreme Council. I.R.B.*

Elected - Centre for Cork 1917
Elected Centre for Cork Kerry & Waterford
on S.C. 1918 attended all meetings
of S.C. Dublin - up to my arrest 27th July 1920

(7). Are you now, or were you at any time during the period for which you claim service, in receipt of any remuneration, or allowance payable out of public moneys, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor

rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details. _____

I was elected. T.C. for West Cork
last general election and still
represent West Cork constituencies

(8). Are you in receipt of any pension in respect of service:—

- (a) As a member of the Civil Service.
- (b) As a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) As a member of any other Police Force.
- (d) As a member of the Prisons Service.
- (e) As a National School Teacher.
- (f) As a Secondary School Teacher.

- (g) As an Officer of any Local Authority.
(h) In any other employment.

If so, give details.....

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars and to submit any evidence which the Minister for Defence, or the Referee appointed under the Military Service Pensions Act, or any person or persons duly authorised by them may require in connection with this application for a Service certificate. In this connection attention is directed to the fact that Section 8 (4) of the Act prescribes that the onus of proof shall rest on the applicant.

Careful consideration will be given to any documentary evidence which you may wish to submit herewith. You may also at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance in determining your application.

12-1916

Orders received in person from Tomas Curtain, O.C. Cork County Brigade, on Wednesday the 19th April to mobilise and take charge of all the Cops. & units in my area. To proceed to Macroom on Sunday morning with full equipment to provide if possible but to engage or arrest any ~~any~~ enemies. I.C. Hahels & Militars who would definitely try to intercept our line of march. This was the position until further orders from himself. This position remained until cancelled in person by the late Ferrone McSwiney who was arrested in my house 3rd May 1916.

Signature (or Mark) of Applicant..... Thomas Hales.

* Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant.

Padraig O'Leary, P.C.

Address of Witness..... 3, Leinster Rd.

Qualification..... Peace Commissioner.

Date..... 20 Feb 1935

* Witness must be one of the following:—

- A Commissioned Officer serving in the Defence Forces.
- 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.
- A District Justice.
- A Peace Commissioner.
- A Barrister-at-Law, a Solicitor, or a Commissioner for Oaths.
- 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.
- A Member of the Garda Síochána.
- 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.
- A Notary Public.
- A Consul-General.
- A Consul.
- A Vice-Consul.

Michael McCarthy was killed in Delmickail and
Aut. Con. A. Horn. Cummonway
- n.s. can. of forty this to be true

On leaving of Proclamation and action
in Dublin I ordered muster of Ballinacree
Companies and all units of Battalion for active
service, which order was obeyed by all armed
men, and protected camp formed. On Tuesday
night. 25th April 1916

I was dispatched officially from Cork
of the rising but no order to strike. I
demanded from Cork the order to strike
on Wednesday but this was not given
I strengthened outposts against
surprise from Bandon, Linsale and
sent final dispatch to Cork. at not
receiving the order. I dispatched Michael
McCarthy O.C. Cummonway to get in
touch with Macroom. I leave if possible
to find out how land lies. - if fighting. I
was prepared to join them with 13th Batt
I dispatched Cork to gain rifles and
men willing for the enterprise to join
my force. and awaited results. which
forced me from its import to
abandon Plan. of action.

J. Hales

APPENDIX.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

RULES FOR DETERMINING NOTIONAL GRADES OF RANK IN THE FORCES HELD BY PERSONS SERVING IN THE FORCES.

1.—(1) Any person who at any date was either Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, a Divisional Officer Commanding, or Quartermaster General shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank A.

(2) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a General Headquarters Officer acting as Director of any one of the following services, namely Organisation, Intelligence, Engineering and Munitions, or
- (b) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank B.

(3) Any person who at any date was either—

- (a) a Brigade Officer Commanding whose brigade at that date was less than one thousand in strength, or
- (b) a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, or
- (c) a Divisional Adjutant, or
- (d) a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (e) a Battalion Commandant whose battalion was at that date not less than three hundred in strength, or
- (f) a Brigade Vice Officer Commanding whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (g) a Brigade Adjutant whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (h) a Brigade Quartermaster whose brigade was at that date not less than one thousand in strength, or
- (i) a Column Commander whose column was at that date not less than thirty in strength, or
- (j) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services, or
- (k) a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of any Service, other than that of Medical Services, or one of the Services mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding paragraph,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank C.

(4) A person who at any date—

- (a) was a Battalion Commandant whose battalion at that date was less than three hundred in strength, or
- (b) was a Company Captain whose company at that date was not less than sixty in strength, or
- (c) was, at that date, a Captain on the General Headquarters Staff or on a Divisional Staff, or
- (d) was, in the case of a company which at that date was not less than one hundred and twenty in strength, where the company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or, where the company had at that date two Lieutenants only, one or other of such Lieutenants, or, where the company had at that date three or more Lieutenants, one or other of the two Lieutenants who were at that date respectively second and third in command, or
- (e) was, in the case of a company which at that date was less than one hundred and twenty in strength but not less than one hundred in strength, where such company had at that date one Lieutenant only, such Lieutenant or where such company had at that date two or more Lieutenants, the Lieutenant who was at that date second in command, or
- (f) was a Brigade Officer, other than a Brigade Officer who is deemed by virtue of paragraph (2) or (3) of this Rule to have held at that date either Rank B or Rank C, or
- (g) was a Battalion Vice Officer Commanding whose battalion at that date was not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (h) was a Battalion Adjutant whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or
- (i) was a Battalion Quartermaster whose battalion was at that date not less than one hundred in strength, or

- (j) was a General Headquarters Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who was at that date acting as a Director of any Service, or
- (k) was a Divisional Officer other than a Divisional Officer Commanding, a Divisional Vice Officer Commanding, a Divisional Adjutant or a Divisional Quartermaster, or
- (l) was a Column Commander whose column at that date was less than thirty in strength, or
- (m) was a Medical Officer other than a General Headquarters Officer who at that date was acting as Director of Medical Services,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D.

(5) Any person who complies with the following conditions, namely :—

- (a) was at any date an officer, and
- (b) is not deemed by virtue of any of the preceding paragraphs of this Rule to have held at that date any grade of rank,

shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act to have held at that date Rank E.

(6) Any person who at any date held the rank of non-commissioned officer or private shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

(7) None of the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall apply to any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or of Cumann na mBan and was not at any date a member of Oglagh na hEireann (Irish Republican Army) or of the Irish Volunteers, and in lieu thereof the following provisions shall have effect in relation to any such person, that is to say :—

(a) any person who at any date :—

- (i) was a member of the headquarters staff or executive of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan, or
- (ii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies, or
- (iii) was an officer of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan senior to an officer of either of those bodies commanding one hundred members or more of either of those bodies,

shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank D, and

- (b) any person who at any date was a member of Fianna Eireann or Cumann na mBan and who is not deemed by virtue of the foregoing sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph to have held Rank D, shall be deemed to have held at that date Rank E.

2. Where an officer whose grade of rank at any date is, under Rule I of this Schedule, to be determined both by his actual rank in the Forces and the strength of the unit to which he belonged at that date, and such officer is, at that date, absent from duty by reason of imprisonment on account of his activities as a member of the Forces, the following provisions shall, for the purposes of the said Rule I, have effect in relation to such officer, that is to say :—

- (a) such officer shall be deemed to have held at that date the actual rank in the Forces which he held at the date of his arrest, and
- (b) such unit shall be deemed to be at that date at the same strength as it was at the time of his arrest.

3. Where the case of any person does not fall within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, the Referee may determine the particular grade of rank which such person is to be deemed to have held on any date, and in so determining the Referee shall have regard to the following matters, that is to say :—

- (a) the appointment held by such person,
- (b) the services performed by such person,
- (c) the principles of grading set forth in the said Rule I.

4. Where any person, whose case at a particular date falls within the provisions of Rule I of this Schedule, was, at that date, engaged in service of a special character, the Referee may, in making his report under this Act in relation to the grade of rank held by such person on such date, report that the grade of rank held by him on such date is a grade of rank higher than the grade which, but for this Rule, would be the grade of rank held by him on that date.

DEFINITION OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CRITICAL DATES.

1. In the case of a person who served in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923,

The expression "the first critical date" means the 11th day of July, 1921; and the expression "the second critical date" means:—

- (a) in the case of a person who served in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, the 1st day of July, 1922 and
- (b) in the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces on the 1st day of July, 1922, but who served in the Forces at any time during the period commencing on the 2nd day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, the date during that period on which such person first served in the Forces.

2. In the case of a person who did not serve in the Forces during the period commencing on the 1st day of July, 1922, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1923, but who has either:—

- (a) served in the Forces at any time during the week commencing on the 23rd day of April, 1916,
or
- (b) served in the Forces continuously during the period commencing on the 1st day of April, 1921, and ending on the 11th day of July, 1921,

the expression "the first critical date" shall be construed as meaning the date during the said week, or if he did not serve during the said week, during the said period, on which he first served in the Forces in such week or such period (as the case may be), and

the expression "the second critical date" shall be construed as meaning the earliest date in the period between the first critical date in respect of such person, and the 12th day of July, 1921, on which such person held his highest rank in such last-mentioned period in the Forces.

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