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An Uimhir as Roinn Eile.

*Hickey, John  
Ballinattin  
Knocknagoshel  
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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

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*31849*

To :

THE REFEREE.

To :

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

*Hickey John*  
*Ballintin Knockroshel*  
for a Service Certificate.

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

*J. J. Morgan*

*28 OCT 1936*

Date.....

Date.....

(SIGNED) T. UA DÓMHNAILL

Referee.

REJECTION  
23 SEP 1941

1. Is the Applicant a person to whom the Act applies? *No*
2. If so, total actual service in the different service periods, as established.....
3. Total service for pension purposes as defined by Second Schedule of the Act.....
4. Grade or rank, quoting relevant paragraph of First Schedule under which allowed :—
  - (a) On first critical date.....
  - (b) On second critical date.....
  - (c) Was applicant a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921.....
  - (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.....  
or under sub-paragraph (m) of paragraph 4 of Rule I. of First Schedule, as a Medical Officer.....

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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 ?.....

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.....

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

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

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

(3) State—

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

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

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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

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(3) State—

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

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

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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

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

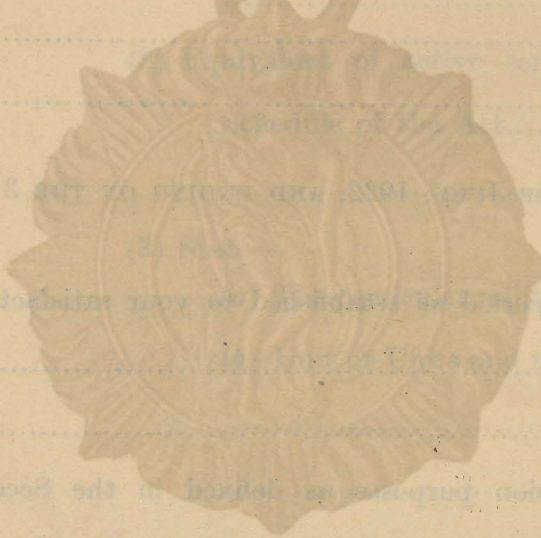
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(b) Unit or Units and the position held by applicant.....

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MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1934.

Form R.18.

i. No. 31849

APPLICANT'S NAME Hickey John

For Discussion with Messrs. J. M. O'Connell & G. Kennedy Date 13.3.41

| PERIOD | OBSERVATIONS ON SERVICE                     | PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENT               |
|--------|---|--------------------------------------|
| (1)    |   |                                      |
| (2)    |   |                                      |
| (3)    |   |                                      |
| (4)    |   |                                      |
| (5)    | <i>off. Brown, Robinson etc.</i>            |                                      |
| (6)    | <i>Brosna. A. ✓</i>                         |                                      |
| (7)    |   |                                      |
| (8)    |   |                                      |
| (9)    | <i>Headley's Bridge Ambush<br/>to fight</i> | <i>Yes<br/>Guarded &amp; awarded</i> |
| (10)   |   |                                      |

OBSERVATIONS ON RANK—

(a) First Critical Date..... (b) Second Critical Date.....

RESULT OF DISCUSSION.

SUMMARY of EVIDENCE - - JOHN HICKEY. (31849).

3rd NOVEMBER, 1939.

GRADE II.

Joined in 1917.

3rd Period - Usual activities.

4th Period - Ten or 12 raids for arms.

5th Period - Breen, Robinson, Treacy, and Hogan stayed in his house for about a week after the Knocklong escape. He did guard duty for them. Some time after that, a spy who had followed these men, was kept in his house for three weeks.

Helped to destroy Knocknagoshel Bks.

Did armed outpost at Knocknagoshel Parochial Hall in his turn for three months.

6th Period - Mobilised for an attempted attack on Brosna Bks.

June, 19th - Brosna Bks. attack:- applicant was armed with a shot-gun 25-yds. at the rear of the Bks. There were about 15 volunteers in this position. Applicant fired about 12 shots. The fire was returned. The attack lasted about five hours.

Lay in ambush at Headley's Bridge and at Brosna. He was armed with a shot-gun on each occasion.

Guarded men cutting roads six or seven times. Helped to destroy one bridge.

7th Period - Blocked roads. Kept the bridges open.

Did armed guard for Brigade Headquarters and for men reconstructing an old canon about two days a week for about three months.

Lay in ambush at Knockeencrean and Clounsharoon.

Made black powder on one occasion.

8th Period - Three weeks in Knocknagoshel camp. Three weeks in Brosna. No Bks.

9th Period - Usual activities until the Free State came into the district.

Took part in the attack on Free State troops advancing from Castleisland. He was armed with a rifle. Fired about twenty shots at a range of about 500-yds.

~~Had no other fight during the Civil War period.~~

Was not a member of a column.

Claims he was evading arrest.

Did armed guard for Humphrey Murphy and members of the column when in the area.

Stores mines all during this Period.

10th Period - Same type of activities until the Cease Fire.

After the Cease Fire stored mines and some rifles.

PM/GH.

SWORN STATEMENT made by JOHN HICKEY on

3.11.1939.

File No. 34849.

Statement handed in.

Q. When did you join the Volunteers?

A. In 1917.

3rd Period: Q. You had the usual parades and drills?

A. Yes.

4th Period: Q. You had parades and drills and collected anti-conscription fund?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you raid for arms that year?

A. I did - went to about ten or 12 houses.

5th Period: Q. You did outpost duty for Breen, Treacy, etc. who were at your house?

A. Yes.

Q. How long were they at your house?

A. For a week.

Q. Did you do guard for them all that week?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you be armed?

A. Yes.

Q. You helped to burn Knocknagoshel Bks.?

A. Yes.

Q. It was empty?

A. Yes.

Q. You detected a spy in 1919 who was later shot in Newcastle?

A. Yes.

Q. You had him under observation for about three weeks?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he stay in your house?

A. He did.

Q. For how long?

A. Three weeks.

Q. Why did he stay in your house?

A. He was following Seamus Robinson around. He was brought by Timothy O'Connor. He was supposed to be an I.R.A. man following these men and stayed in the house after they had left. He was brought on to my house. I told McCarthy he looked like a spy when he brought him to the house. And I took him to a pub. and he took out notes, - gave himself. I told the officers.

Q. You did armed outpost at Knocknagoshel Parochial Hall for about three months in your turn?

A. Yes.

6th Period: Q. You mobilised for an attack on Brosna Bks., which was called off?

A. Yes, the 6th June.

Q. Were you in the attack on Brosna Bks.?

A. Yes.

Q. Why had you not that in your Form?

A. I thought I had.

Q. You say you were in a prepared attack on the 6th June and 19th June.

A. Yes.

- Q. Were you in the attack on the Bks.?  
 A. Yes, armed with a shot-gun about 25-yds. from the Bks., at the rere.
- Q. Were you in a house or behind a wall?  
 A. Behind a wall.
- Q. How many of you were behind that wall?  
 A. About 15 in all.
- Q. Who was in charge of that bunch?  
 A. He was a stranger. I did not know him.
- Q. Who brought you to the Bks.?  
 A. The Capt., Dan Flannery.
- Q. Did you fire any shots that night?  
 A. About 12.
- Q. Was fire returned?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. How long did the attack last?  
 A. About five hours I think.
- Q. Were there explosives or bombs used?  
 A. There were.
- Q. Did they go right up to the Bks.?  
 A. ~~Yes~~. Some of them went off near the Bks., I think, but I would not be positive.
- Q. Explosives?  
 A. Bombs.
- Q. Did they use any gelignite?  
 A. I do not think so - no.
- Q. You did not capture it?  
 A. No.
- Q. You lay in ambush at Hedley's Bridge - is that right?  
 A. Yes, in October.
- Q. What were you armed with?  
 A. A shot-gun.
- Q. Who was in charge of that?  
 A. Timothy O'Connor.
- Q. How long were you there?  
 A. About four hours.
- Q. You lay in ambush at Brosna on 31st Octr.?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you there?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. What were you armed with?  
 A. A shot-gun.
- Q. You guarded men cutting roads?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you do that often?  
 A. Six or seven times altogether.
- Q. Did you help to destroy any bridges or do guard for men doing that?  
 A. Yes - at one bridge I did guard for them.
- Q. Did you help to make powder too?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. How many times did you do that?  
 A. Once I gave a hand at it.
- Q. ~~xxxxx~~ Chlorate of Potash?  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Why had you not these things about Headley's Bridge on your Form?  
 A. I could not think of all the things at the time.

- Q.  
7th Period: Did you keep the roads blocked and the bridges open?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Were you doing armed guard for the men on the roads?  
A. Yes.
- Q. You gave armed protection to members of the Brigade who were constructing an old cannon?  
A. Yes.
- Q. How long were you guarding them?  
A. about 2½ months - Mr. Cooney and Fleming, or 3 mths. or more.
- Q. How many days a week did you guard them for?  
A. About two days a week in my turn.
- Q. Did you do armed outpost at the Brigade H.Q. too?  
A. Yes.
- Q. For that 3 or 4 months how many nights a week would you be guarding the Brigade and guarding the men making the cannon?  
A. Yes, altogether.
- Q. How long were you in ambush at Knockeencrean?  
A. For two days.
- Q. What were you armed with?  
A. A shot-gun.
- Q. You made a quantity of black powder mixed with chloride of potash?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Once?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Are these the kind of activities you had then?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you lie in ambush at Glounsharoon, or is that the same as Headley's bridge?  
A. No, that was different.
- Q. How long did you wait there?  
A. Four hours or more.
- Q. Was it a shot-gun you had?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Is there anything else in the Tan time?  
A. No.
- Q. Were you active up to the Truce?  
A. Yes.
- 8th Period: Q. Did you go into camp when the Truce came?  
A. We had signal camps - I was innone at Knocknagoshel for about three weeks, and three weeks at Brosna.
- Q. Did you go into any Bks.?  
A. No.
- Q. You had just the usual activities then?  
A. Yes.
- 9th Period: Q. Had you the usual activities until the Free State troops came into Castleisland in August?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Did you attack the Free State when they were advancing from Castleisland to Abbeyfeale?  
A. Yes.
- Q. What were you armed with?  
A. A rifle that day.
- Q. How long did that fight last?  
A. A couple of hours, I think.
- Q. How far were you from them?  
A. About 500-yds.

Q. Did you fire many shots?

A. About twenty shots.

Q. Had you any other fight after that?

A. I do not think so. I cannot remember anyway.

Q. You were not "on the run" after the fight when the troops were advancing from Castleisland?

A. I was partly "on the run." I would go home an odd time, but would not sleep at home.

Q. You were not a member of a column?

A. No.

Q. You did armed guard for Humphrey Murphy and others?

A. Yes.

Q. How often did you do that?

A. Once in a fortnight sometimes, and once a week sometimes even.

Q. You took charge of mines - how long had you those?

A. All along the Free State time, up to the end.

Q. Was that the kind of activities you had in that period?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you block roads then?

A. Yes, once, a couple of days before they came in from Castleisland.

Q. Your principal work was guarding Humphrey Murphy and members of the column?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you rifles and bombs in the dump?

A. Yes.

Q. That was after the Cease Fire?

A. Yes.

Q. You were just guarding Humphrey Murphy and storing mines until the Cease Fire?

A. Yes.

Q. After the Cease Fire, did you store some of the rifles too?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there anything else you wish to add?

A. I cannot think of any more.

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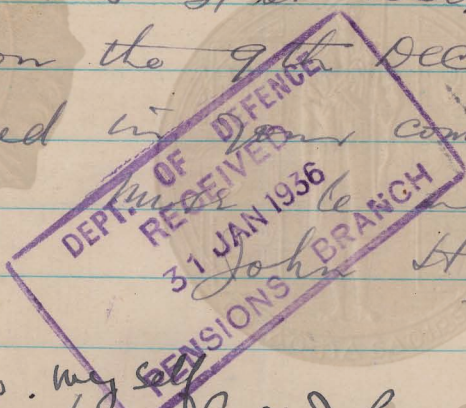
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Ballinatten  
Knocknegoshel  
Co Kerry  
Jany 29. 1936.

Alara

With reference to enclosed received by me to day I beg to state I made application under act of 1934 & that my application was forwarded ~~on~~ before the latest day for making application which was on 31st Dec 1935. and not on the 9th Dec 1933. as mentioned in your communication



P.S.

I did not sign my ~~self~~ as John J. Hickey but John Hickey. Would there be a mistake.  
J. H.

GUTHAN 21681  
(TELEPHONE)

UIMHIR THAGARTHA  
(REFERENCE NO.)

32/L/1012

ROINN COSANTA,  
(DEPT. OF DEFENCE),  
GEATA NA PAIRCE,  
(PARKGATE),  
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.  
(DUBLIN).

28 January 1935.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to your application for consideration under the Army Pensions Act, 1932, and to state that the latest date for making application, as laid down in the Act, was the 9th December, 1933. The Minister has no discretionary power to accept an application made after that date. He regrets, therefore, that your application cannot be considered under existing Army Pensions legislation.

Mise, le meas,

*Domhnaidín*

t/c. Rúnaí.

*Mr. John J. Hecker,  
Ballinattin,  
Knocknagoshel,  
Abbeyside.*

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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF JOHN HICKEY

Ballinatin, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry

Second Period to 31st March 1917.

The Company was organised in Feb 1917 We were marched to Castleisland for review March 17th by Brigade O/C Dan O'Mahony.

Third Period - April 1917 to March 1918.

Drilling and training in the use of Arms.

Fourth Period - April 1918 to March 1919

Regular Drill, Raiding for Arms. Had collection taken up for Anti-Conscription Fund. Paraded to Abbeyfeale July 18th

Fifth Period - April 1919 to March 1920.

I did armed outpost for Dan Breen, Seamus Robinson, Sean Tracy, Sean Hogan, who were at my house after the Knocklong affair. Burned R.I.C. Barracks Knocknagoshel 11th March. I was the first to detect the spy that was shot in Newcastle as I had him under observation for 3 weeks in my house. I collected an arms fund. Did armed outpost at Knocknagoshel Parochial for about 3 months in turn.

SIXTH PERIOD - April 1920 to March 1921.

Mobilised for attack on Brosna Barracks June 6th. I was in the attack June 19th armed with shotgun. I gave armed protection at Fealesbridge. Took part in laid ambush at Headley's Bridge Oct 4th. Laid ambush for Tans at Brosna on the night of Oct 31st General Order from G.H.Q. I gave armed protection to the men cutting roads and knocking bridges. ~~I was on the road about Christmas.~~

SEVENTH PERIOD - April 1921 to 11th July 1921.

I gave armed protection to members of Brigade who were constructing an old cannon brought into the area. I did armed outpost in turn three nights a week for three months as the Brigade had H.Q. in this area.

I was at Knockeencrean laid ambush 5th and 6th July. I made a quantity of black powder mixed with chloride of potash.

EIGHTH PERIOD - 12th July 1921 to 30th June 1922.

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After the Truce I took on signalling and spent two periods in Camms three weeks at a time.

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NINTH PERIOD - 1st July 1922 to 31st March 1923.

Had an engagement with Free State Soldiers in advance from Castleisland in Aug. armed with rifle. ~~xxxxxx~~ Did armed guard for Brigade O/C H. Murphy and other members of Column on various occasions. I took charge of mines and stored them in dumps.

TENTH PERIOD - 1st April 1923 to 30th Sept 1923

Did armed guard on several occasions for A.S.J. while having a sleep. Took their rifles and stored them to safety. I was in charge of a dump of mines and grenades, rifles and ammunition and coils.

Rank (if any) on the 11th July 1921      Private.

Rank (if any) on 1st July 1922.          Private.

We hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

*Sergeant W.A. Cunniff*  
*D.L. E. Coy. 1st Batt.*

*Kerry No. 2 Bgde old I.R.A.*

*David McCarthy*  
*O/C Castleisland Batt.*

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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1934.

## APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

P. S. M. 1934  
OIRIE AN RÉPÚBLICA  
D.F. 1936  
DÓN ÚI CRÍOCHTA

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). ~~JOHN~~ HICKEY JOHN  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES.

PRESENT ADDRESS (to be written in block capitals). BALLINATTIN  
KNOCKNAGOSHEL CO. KERRY

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

- (a) Unit or Units..... *Knocknagoshel*
- (b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *continuous*
- (c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Knocknagoshel*
- (d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *Paul Mahoney*  
*Timothy Douvan*
- (e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... *Obeysing all orders of superior Officers*
- (f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Parades to C Island for*  
*Review on March 17.*
- (g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not*

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

| NAME.          | ADDRESS.                   |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Lamense Hickey | Knocknagoshel              |
| John O'Connor  | Bannaskela East Island     |
| John Carmody   | Ballinacourn Knocknagoshel |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... E Coy 1st Batt Kerry 2 Bde

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

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service ?..... By obeying all orders of superior officers

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

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... No

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

| NAME.          | ADDRESS.               |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Lamense Hickey | Knocknagoshel          |
| John O'Connor  | Bannaskela East Island |
| John Carmody   | Knocknagoshel          |

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

(a) Unit or Units..... E Coy 1st Batt Kerry 2.

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

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

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

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

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

*Knocknagoshel*

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

*Humphrey Murphy, R.I.P. David Meath  
John Carmody*

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

*By fighting*

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

*was in prepared attacks on Brossna  
Blo June 19 + Bks June 6th. Burning of Knocknagoshel Bks.  
Gunnsheroon prepared ambush. Making powder.  
Chlorate of Potash.*

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

*Not*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*David McCarthy Breahig, Basteisland  
Jack Carmody Knocknagoshel.  
Lawrence Hickey "*

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

(a) Unit or Units.....

*Knocknagoshel*

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

*Continuous*

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

*Basteisland Batt Area*

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

*John Carmody*

(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.....

*By orders of Humphrey Murphy with Denis Walsh were in attendance + did armed guard in connection with Constingham Cannon. Bgde Officers were constantly at this work visiting my house. I was also in knocknagoshel ambush. Manufacture of Chlorate of Potash.*

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

*Not*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

Dr Andrew Cooney Dublin  
 David McCarthy Brehig Easterland  
 John Bamody Ballinahown Keshel

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Knockneshel Coy

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

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

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

(e) In what way do you claim that your service was active service?..... By obeying all orders of superior officers

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... was at all training camps for signalling

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

David McCarthy Brehig Cplend  
 John Bamody Knockneshel  
 James Donnan

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

(a) Unit or Units..... Knockneshel Coy

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

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... Rem No. 1.

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... James Donnan  
David McCarthy

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

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period. *Engagement against F.S. troops in advance from G. Island Aug 1922.*

*Did armed guard for beds etc. & for other members of the A.S.U. several times. Took charge of mines & stored them in dump.*  
(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *Not absent*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*David McCarthy Brebig Castlehead:*  
*James O'Connor N.T. Knockreeghel.*

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

(a) Unit or Units..... *E. Coy. 7 Batt Kerry No 1*

(b) Duration (giving dates) of service..... *whole period:*

(c) District or Districts in which active service was rendered..... *Castle's land Batt area*

(d) Officer Commanding in each instance..... *James O'Connor*

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

*Active engaged in helping A.S. Column: Sleeping at home only occasionally*

(f) Particulars of any military operations or engagements or services rendered during the period..... *Did armed guard for A.S. Unit several times. In charge of dump of rifles & ammunition: wire etc.*

(g) Absence from duty and cause..... *None*

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

*James O'Connor N.T. Knockreeghel*  
*John Kerin Battadj. Customs Off. Cork*  
*David McCarthy Brebig Castlehead*  
*John Walsh Kyle Fermanagh Kerry*

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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.

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(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.

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.

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(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.....

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(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.

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(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.....

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

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

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(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.....

(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.

Rank B

(b) On second critical date.

Rank F

References who can testify as to your statements:—

| NAME.        | ADDRESS.        |
|--------------|-----------------|
| James Donnan | Russell Kneppel |
|              |                 |
|              |                 |

(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.

No

(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.

No

(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.

No

(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 .....

No

(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

(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.....

No

(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.

No

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

If so, give details.....

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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.

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Signature (or Mark) of Applicant... *John Hickey* .....

\* Witness to signature or (where applicant is unable to write) to mark of applicant. } *S. Donohue* .....

Address of Witness... *Care of Casual Carriage* .....

Qualification... *Private 6th S.M.* .....

Date... *30/11/35* .....

\* 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.

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## 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.